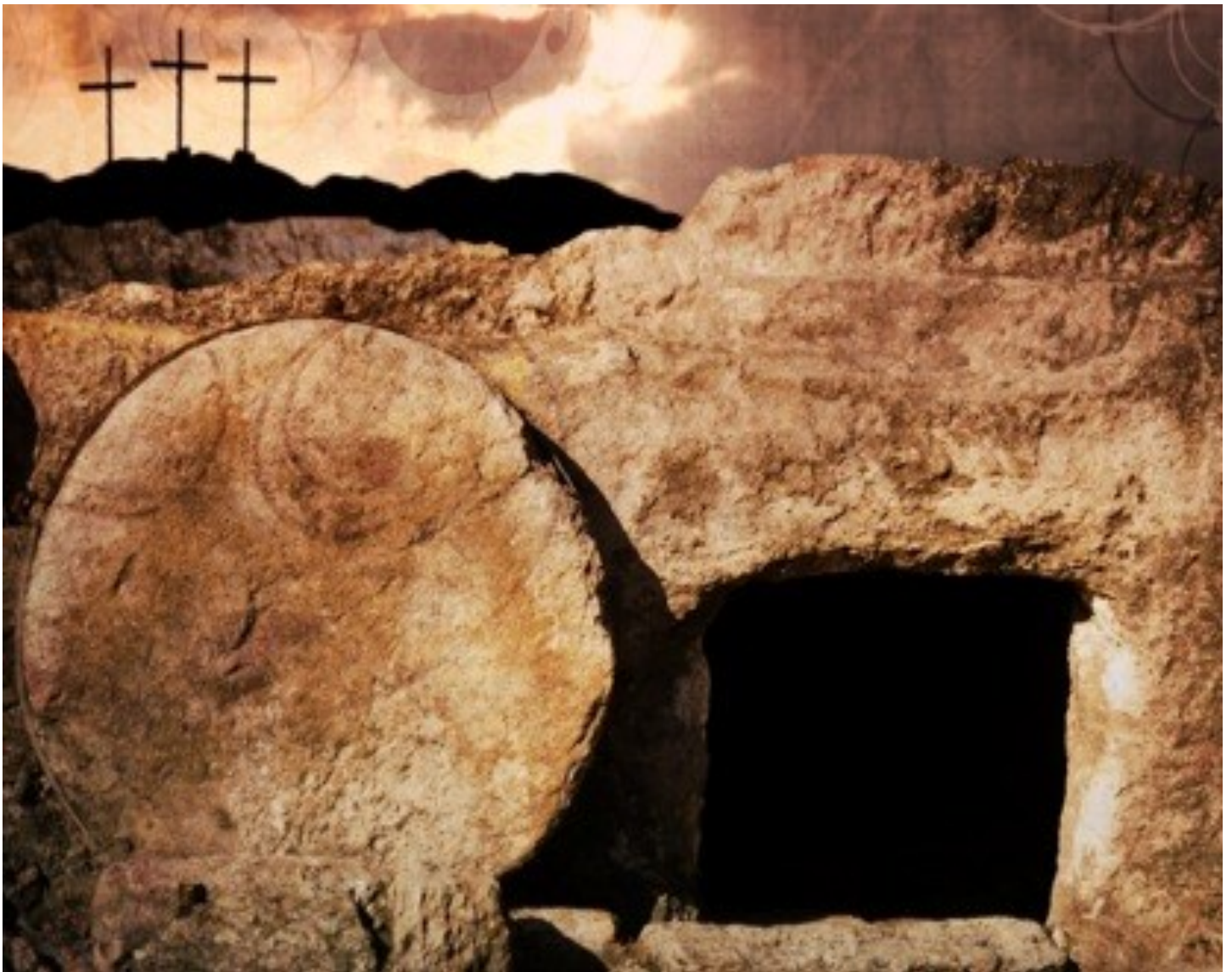


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Holy Trinity Church

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20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

Holy Trinity Church

Heather Bateman

**There is a moment** in John's Gospel that gets me every Easter. Mary Magdalene stands weeping outside the empty tomb, her grief so thick she can barely see. She mistakes the risen Christ for the gardener. And then he says her name — just that, just *Mary* — and everything changes.

April is the time of year when the garden speaks again. The bare soil that looked so final in February begins to contradict itself. New shoots break ground, new leaves begin to clothe the trees. The light lingers longer. The world, without fanfare, begins its quiet rising.

It is easier, in April, to believe in resurrection.

And yet. The Christian faith does not ask us simply to feel uplifted by springtime. It asks us to reckon with something more demanding and more wonderful: that death itself has been undone. Not avoided, not softened, not dressed up — *undone*. Easter morning did not pretend Good Friday never happened. The wounds were still there. The scars remained. But Christ rose, and in His rising, exposed the grave's claim to be the final word as a lie.

St Paul puts it starkly: *What is sown perishable is raised imperishable. What is sown in weakness is raised in power*. These are not pretty sentiments for the season. They are the testimony of a man who met the risen Christ on a road, and could not afterwards pretend that death was a full stop.

The seventeenth-century poet George Herbert understood this welcome as something deeply personal. In his poem *Love*, a soul arrives at heaven's door — guilty, ashamed, certain it has no right to enter. And Love — gentle, persistent, irresistible — draws near, takes the soul by the hand, and simply says: *You must sit down and taste my meat*.

Not *you may, if you earn it*. *You must*. A command of grace. Sit. Eat. Receive as a gift what you cannot hope to earn.

That is the invitation of Easter. Not to those who have sorted themselves out, but to those who know they need bread.

This month, as the hedgerows come back to life and the evenings stretch and the garden begins again its patient work — I invite you to hear Jesus speaking your own name in the quiet and still of morning. Perhaps even to pause, two or three times through the day, and simply be still long enough to let him.

And when you are ready, come and join us at the table. We would love to welcome you. We are gathering on Easter Sunday at All Saints and St Michael's, Breinton at 9.30am, and at Holy Trinity at 11am. Come as you are. There is room.

**He is risen. He is risen indeed. Alleluia.**

Jonathan

## Down Memory Lane 3

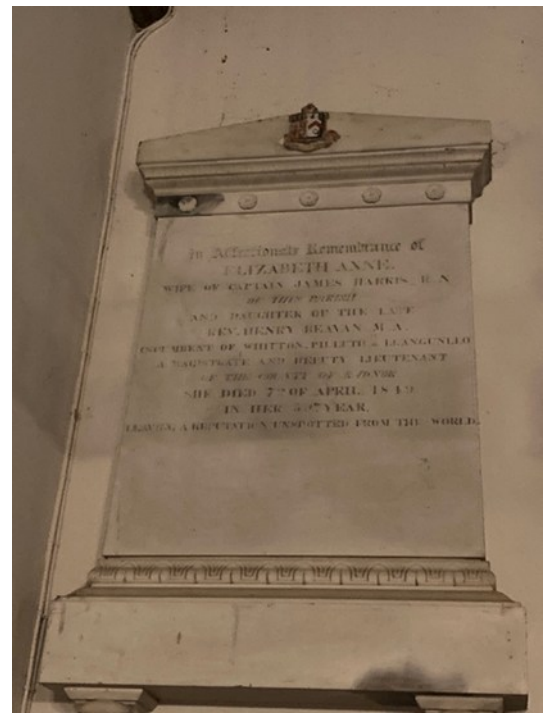
There is a fascinating memorial to 'Elizabeth Anne wife of Captain James Harris R.N. of this parish' on the west wall of St Michael's. I found it fascinating because there is very little about her except 'Leaving, a reputation unspotted from the world' for there is far more information about her father. Neither is her husband's death recorded on the memorial, nor is there any mention of children. However, what is good for a researcher is that Elizabeth Anne has both her maiden name and her married name on the tablet, so she is easy to find on Ancestry.com.

Her father Henry Beavan we are told on the memorial was Rector of Whitton, Pallet & Llangollen. Whitton is a small village in the valley of the Lugg north of Presteigne in what was then, Radnorshire. The Old Rectory which Henry and his family would have lived in was rebuilt after a fire in 1772 and it was here that Elizabeth grew up. The 1870-72 John Marius Wilson's Gazetteer describes Whitton as a Post Town, population 115 and 24 houses. 'The living is a rectory in the diocese of St Davids. Value £126. Patron the Bishop of St Davids. The church is tolerable.' No wonder she had a 'reputation unspotted by the world' for unless she attended a private school elsewhere, she would have had a very limited education about 'the world' living in such a small community. In the Oxford University alumni lists Henry is given as the son of Samuel Beaven of Newchurch, who attended Jesus College and matriculated aged 20 in May 1781. He married Elizabeth Winchcombe from a village in Gloucestershire in 1785 and came to Whitton, where I suggest they lived in Whitton Rectory until he died. He must have been born in 1761 and possibly died well after 1804 (Clergy of the Church of England Index 1540-1835) but he was able to be 'A Magistrate and Deputy Lieutenant' according to the memorial and according to his son-in-law's naval history he was Rural Dean in the Diocese of St David's (British Naval Biographical Dictionary).

I found Elizabeth's marriage to James Harris in Leominster on 31<sup>st</sup> July 1821. I suggest that Elizabeth and her mother went to live in Leominster after Henry's death, and there she met James Harris - Commander Harris or Captain Harris as he liked to be called - who had lived a completely different and adventurous lifestyle to Elizabeth. James was the second son of Joseph Harris solicitor in Leominster, who went to sea in 1803 at the age of 12. He sailed to 'West India, Home, and North and South America stations', he helped in the capture of three privateers, he received various wounds in subsequent events including a 'splinter in his left leg'. He supported Wellington's troops by sailing as far as he could up the Tagus and received the rank of Commander on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June 1815. 'Commander Harris has not been afloat since the attainment of his present rank.' (British Naval Biographical Dictionary). Coming back to Leominster at the end of 1815, he didn't marry Elizabeth until 1821.

They both were 30 years old and they had one son, James Henry Beresford Harris who was a clergyman at Canon Gate near Hythe at the time of his father's death in 1870. Elizabeth had died in 1849 aged 58 in Breinton. I have been unable to find them in an 1841 census and so assume that they moved to 'The Lodge', Breinton shortly before she died. James is living at 'The Lodge' in the 1851 and the 1861 censuses and has married a lady called Selina. Although Elizabeth and James are not mentioned together on the memorial in church, they are buried together at grave no.188 and James is described as 'Royal Navy Captain late of The Lodge, Breinton'.

Jean Thomson





As we reach the end of the first quarter of the 1351st year of the life of the Diocese, I find myself reflecting in a rather “Life of Brian-ish” kind of way on what the anniversary actually means. ‘What’ one might wonder, ‘has Christianity ever done for us?’

Apart from define the character and culture of each one of our villages and towns visually, spiritually and ethically; apart from instil timeless rhythms of life and worship that have fitted hand in glove with those of land, weather and season; apart from put this place surprisingly often at the epicentre of national history through those called to serve under God in church, state and commerce; apart from inspire us to creativity in art and music and poetry and to endeavour in caring for others and offering freedom, education and sometimes just bread to all in need.. what has Christianity ever done for the people of this place?

Christianity has had a tangible impact on countless lives and wellbeing in these parts and has been part of the warp and weft of life. Sometimes it has led to terrible things, but mostly it has been the making of us, and though there is alarming and rapid change and apparent decline at present, it will prevail. In the last 1350 years, a pageant of nobles and peasants, artisans and farmers, businesspeople, clergy and laity have lived out life’s joys, sorrows and unpredictabilities within these inherently Christian communities, which have sometimes flourished and sometimes not.

But all this stems from a single event and a single man. The man who was God came to show us what God is like and how much he loves us. He modelled love and peace and justice and wholeness such as no one had ever known, showed us that we are not alone in this difficult and wounded world and filled hearts with yearning for a promised Kingdom and with passion to see it fulfilled. His teaching captivated the needy and the pure in heart and made the powerful afraid and very dangerous. They nailed him to the cross in the most brutal of criminals’ deaths and his friends tenderly laid his corpse in a tomb.

On the third day, he rose again from the dead and changed our relationship with life and death, sin and righteousness forever. For 1350 years, Christians here have celebrated that day which is the heart of our faith and the hope of all creation. Those early saints who brought the faith here 1350 years ago brought us Jesus and Easter and the hope and desire for eternal life under our God on earth as it is in heaven.

1350 Easter celebrations later, we can still say ‘Alleluia’

The Very Revd Sarah Brown

Dean of Hereford

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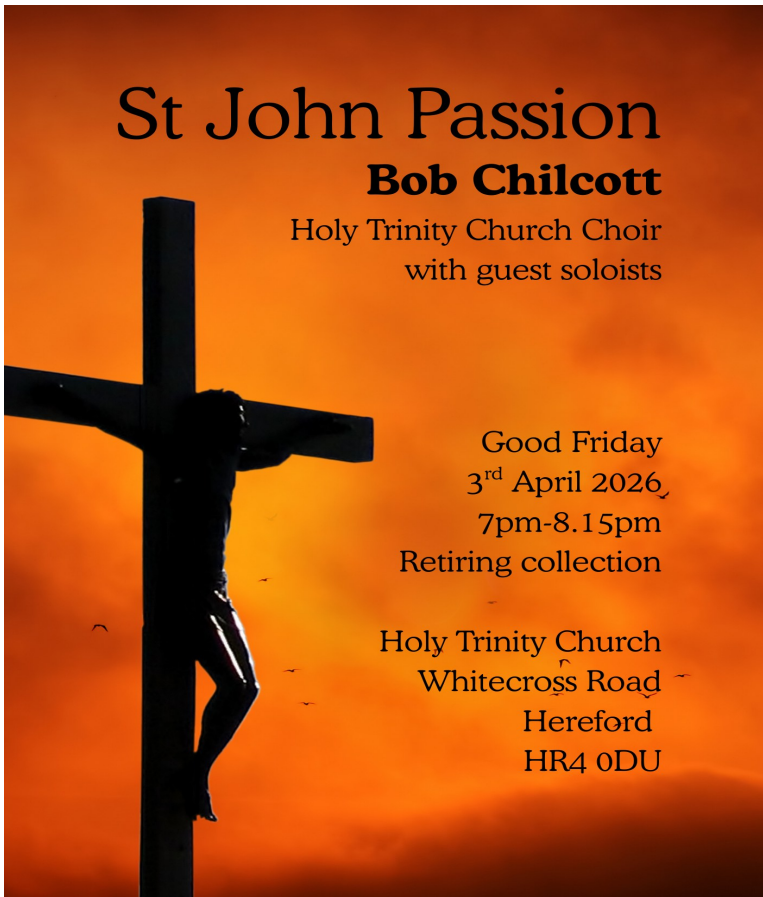
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# Jesus is risen Come and see



## Holy Week & Easter



### **Palm Sunday (29/3)**

**9:30am - Holy Communion**  
(Breinton)

**9:30am - Parish Mass**  
(All Saints)

**11am - Parish Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Monday (30/3)**

**12:10pm Rosary of Peace**  
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### **Tuesday & Wednesday (31/3 & 1/4)**

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(All Saints)

### **Maundy Thursday (2/4)**

**10am Holy Communion**  
(Holy Trinity)

**12:10pm Low Mass**  
(All Saints)

**7:30pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper** (Cathedral)  
followed by a procession to All Saints

**8pm Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Good Friday (3/4)**

**9am The Stations of the  
Cross** (All Saints)

**10:30am Walk of Witness  
around High Town**  
(from St Peter's)

**2pm The Last Hour**  
(Breinton)

**7pm Chilcot's St John's  
Passion**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Easter Sunday (5/4)**

**9:30am Holy Communion**  
(Breinton)

**9:30am Parish Mass**  
(All Saints)

**11am Parish Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)



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We are three churches from the heart of Hereford to Breinton on the western edge – All Saints, Holy Trinity, and St Michael's – and this Easter we'd love to welcome you. Whatever you're carrying, whatever questions you have, you are more than welcome. Come and encounter the risen Jesus for yourself.

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## Becoming — How to really change.



Most of us want to change — to be more patient, more present, less anxious, kinder to the people who push our buttons. We make the promises and mean them. Then February arrives.

This series isn't about trying harder. It's about how human beings actually transform, and the resources — some of them surprising — that make it possible.

Not by straining. By training.

*Last month we explored how real change comes not from trying harder in the moment, but from training over time. This month we look at how small habits reshape our hearts*

### Part 2: The Power of Habits

There's a story — possibly apocryphal — about a monastery where the monks filed into chapel each morning at dawn for prayer. For centuries, they'd pause at a particular spot in the corridor and bow deeply before continuing. No one quite knew why.

Eventually, a historian visited and solved the mystery. Hundreds of years earlier, there had been a statue of the Virgin Mary at that exact spot. Long since removed, long since forgotten — but the habit remained. The monks were bowing to empty space, bodies remembering what minds had lost.

It's a strange image, but it captures something true: our habits shape us far more than we realise. We become what we repeatedly do, whether we're paying attention or not.

### The Liturgy of the Ordinary

Every life has a liturgy — a set of repeated actions that form us. The word "liturgy" usually means a church service, but it comes from Greek words meaning "the work of the people." It's the pattern of things we do together, over and over, until they shape who we are.

But liturgy isn't only what happens on Sunday morning. It's also what happens every morning: reaching for your phone before your feet touch the floor (for many of us, that glowing screen is the first 'icon' we worship each day). It's the route you take to work, the way you brew your coffee, how you speak to yourself in the mirror, whether you eat at your desk or sitting at the table, what you do when you're anxious or bored or hurt.

These small rituals — we barely notice them — are quietly forming us. The question isn't whether we have a liturgy. It's whether our liturgy is shaping us into the people we want to become.

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## Micro-Habits That Reorient the Heart

The good news is that habits work both ways. If thoughtless patterns can form us badly, then intentional patterns can form us well.

This isn't about grand gestures or dramatic overhauls. It's about what some call "micro-habits" – tiny practices, so small they seem almost trivial, repeated until they rewire us from within.

A man I know struggled with chronic anxiety. His mind raced constantly, always three steps ahead, never where he actually was. Someone suggested he try this: every time he walked through a doorway – any doorway – he'd pause for one breath. Just notice the threshold. One breath in, one breath out. Then continue.

It seemed absurd. What could one breath do against years of anxiety? But he tried it. After a month, something shifted. Not that the anxiety vanished – but he'd created dozens of tiny moments each day where he came back to himself. Little reset buttons scattered through his ordinary hours. "It sounds daft," he said, "but those doorways became... I don't know, almost sacred. Little mercies."

## Starting Smaller Than You Think

The problem with most New Year's resolutions isn't that we lack motivation. It's that we aim too high, too fast. We decide we'll pray for an hour each morning, then feel like failures when we can't sustain it past January.

Better to start so small it feels ridiculous. Want to develop a practice of stillness? Don't commit to thirty minutes of meditation. Try two minutes. Just two. Want to read Scripture more? Don't vow to read three chapters daily. Try one verse. Actually read it. Let it sit with you whilst you brush your teeth.

The point isn't the quantity. It's the repetition. You're not trying to achieve something impressive. You're laying down a track in your brain, training your body to expect this pause, this turn towards something beyond yourself.

Once the habit takes root – once it becomes part of your liturgy – you can let it grow. But if you start too big, you'll give up before the roots go down.

## What's Shaping You Now?

It's worth asking: what's your current liturgy? Not the one you wish you had, but the one you're actually living.

What do you reach for when you're afraid? When you're bored? When someone criticises you? What stories do you tell yourself about who you are? What do you do with Sunday evenings, with the gap between waking and rising, with the ten minutes before sleep?

These aren't neutral moments. They're forming you, one repetition at a time, into someone. The question is: who?

And if you don't like the answer, what one small habit might you change? Not five things. One. What could you do tomorrow – something so small you can't fail at it – that might reorient your heart by a single degree?

A degree doesn't sound like much. But hold that course for a year, and you'll end up somewhere entirely different.

## The Impossible Made Possible

For over twenty years, I've read through the Bible each year. It sounds like a grand commitment – and it is – but I only ever do it one day at a time. Some mornings it's alive, illuminating. Other mornings it's just words on a page, and I'm going through the motions. I keep showing up anyway.

What surprises me isn't the good days. It's looking back and realising that somehow, through all those repetitions – the electric ones and the dead ones – I've been shaped. Those daily returns have formed something in me I couldn't have built by trying. The discipline creates the space. What happens in that space isn't up to me.

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That's the gift of faithful repetition. Something that seems impossible – reading the entire Bible – becomes possible when you show up each day with a manageable portion. The colossal is achieved not through heroic effort, but through humble dailiness.

## The Gift of Repetition

There's a reason liturgy has always been repetitive. The same prayers, the same rhythms, year after year. It's not because we lack imagination. It's because repetition does something trying never can.

When we repeat something faithfully – even when it feels dry, even when we can't see the point – we're participating in our own formation. We're making space for grace. We're cooperating with that power beyond ourselves we talked about last month, the Holy Spirit working in us to will and to act according to God's good purpose.

We're becoming people who pray, not because we always feel like it, but because prayer has become part of us. People who pause, who notice, who give thanks. Not perfectly, not constantly, but really.

And that kind of becoming only happens through the gift of repetition – the liturgy of the ordinary, faithfully kept.

*Next month: The Role of the Body – why “becoming” isn't only a matter of the mind.*



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## When We Cannot Say Goodbye: Finding Comfort When a Funeral Cannot Be Attended

You may have noticed the advertisements on television lately for direct cremations. They're presented as a simple, affordable option, and for many families facing financial pressures, they offer a practical solution at a difficult time.



But there's something these adverts don't always prepare us for: the profound sense of loss we can feel when there is no funeral to attend, no moment to gather and say goodbye.

Recently, I experienced this myself when my uncle chose a direct cremation. Like many people, he'd made his wishes clear, perhaps not wanting to be a burden or simply preferring something straightforward. We respected his choice, of course. Yet when the time came, the absence of a funeral service left a space that was harder to bear than I'd anticipated.

There was no church filled with familiar faces, no moment to stand together in our grief, no coffin to focus our prayers upon. The finality felt almost too abrupt. How do we mark such a profound loss when there's nowhere to go, nothing to do?

If you've found yourself in similar circumstances, please know that your feelings are entirely natural. Grief needs somewhere to go. We need rituals and moments that help us acknowledge what has happened and begin to let go.

The Church of England recognises this. Within our liturgy, there are beautiful prayers specifically for those times when we cannot be present at a funeral. These aren't a substitute for the funeral itself, but they offer a framework for our grief, a way to bring what we're feeling before God when circumstances have denied us the goodbye we needed.

When we gathered as a family to use these prayers for my uncle, something shifted. We lit a candle, we spoke his name, we remembered him before God. It didn't erase the sadness, but it gave our grief a place to rest. It reminded us that even when we cannot be physically present at a funeral, God is present with us in our loss.

*If you're struggling because a loved one had a direct cremation, or because you couldn't attend a funeral for any reason, please don't carry that burden alone. The prayers are there for you. I'd be more than happy to say them with you, whether in church or in your home. Sometimes just a simple act of remembrance, done with intention and care, can bring more comfort than we might expect.*

*You're not being silly. You're not making a fuss. Your need to say goodbye matters, and there are ways we can help you do that, even now.*

Rev Jonathan Widdess  
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## April Saint of the Month: Anselm (21 Apr)

Anselm (1033-1109) became Archbishop of Canterbury in 1093 (having the crozier forced into his hands). He stood up to powerful Norman kings asserting the right of the Church to appoint its own bishops and was exiled twice as a result. Despite this tough stance, he was a monk and a scholar, developing some key aspects of Christian theology such as the ontological proof of the existence of God and the satisfaction theory of the atonement. We still read his works and I particularly enjoy the personal tone and emotion of his meditative prayers which contrast with his intellectual theology and tough politics:

*My Hope, my Light, sweet Lover of mankind;  
True God and Christ, the Life, the Health, the Peace,  
The Crown of all Thine own; fain would I tell  
What for their saving Thou didst undergo,  
Flesh of our flesh, bonds, cross, wounds, death,  
and grave;  
Whence issuing in three days victoriously,  
Death trodden under foot, Thou didst appear  
To Thy disciples, strengthening their frail hearts;  
Then, forty days elapsed, didst mount high heaven,  
Where now Thou liv'st and reign'st for evermore.*

### **Collect**

*Eternal God,  
who gave great gifts to your servant Anselm  
as a pastor and teacher:  
grant that we, like him, may desire you with our  
whole heart  
and, so desiring, may seek you  
and, seeking, may find you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
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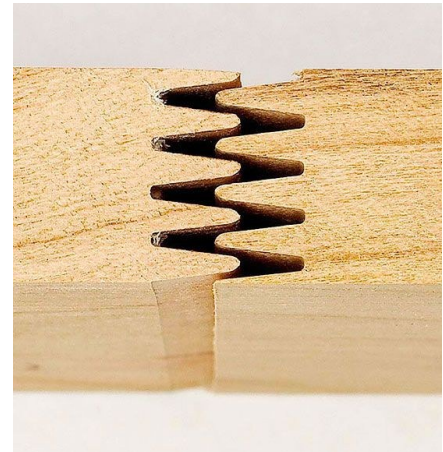
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## Eco Thought for the Month

Have you ever thought about how much food you waste? Well perhaps this year it will be worth the effort to do something on **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> April which is Stop Food Waste Day.**

**Here are some facts from [stopfoodwasteday.com](http://stopfoodwasteday.com):** 45per cent of root crops, fruit and vegetables produced globally is lost or wasted per year and that is far too much waste when so many people are hungry. If food waste were a country it would be the third largest greenhouse gas emission producing country in the world. Almost 50 per cent of all fruits and vegetables produced is wasted every year globally which is equivalent to about 3.7 trillion apples. If 25 percent of food currently lost or wasted were saved, it would be enough to feed 870 million hungry people.

There are so many ways to reduce daily food waste by freezing, buying less and donating. Look at [stopfoodwasteday.com](http://stopfoodwasteday.com) and perhaps feel inspired to have a go at making banana peel biscuits, veggie meatballs or bread and butter pudding. The small changes which we can make in our homes can help others and the world in which we live.





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Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**In the grave they laid Him, Love who had been slain,  
Thinking that He never would awake again,  
Laid in the earth like grain that sleeps unseen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**Forth He came at Easter, like the risen grain,  
Jesus who for three days in the grave had lain;  
Quick from the dead the risen One is seen:  
Love is come again like wheat that springeth green.**

**When our hearts are wintry, grieving, or in pain,  
Jesus' touch can call us back to life again,  
Fields of our hearts that dead and bare have been:  
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**John McLeod Crum (1872 -1953)**

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On 2 March, Revd Jonathan, led a Lenten Reflection based on 1 Kings chapter 19. Afterwards we felt refreshed and ready for our own Lenten Journeys, we are all waiting for Revd Jonathan's return visit on Monday 30 March when he will lead an Easter Reflection.

At the meeting we made the decision that most of our meetings would now take place at the Price's Chapel, at the slightly earlier time of 2.15 pm, do join us if you can.

On Sunday 9 August 2026, when we celebrate Mary Sumner day, and our 150 year anniversary, we are having a celebration service and tea at Colwall, watch this space for more details – if you would like to join us for this celebration please contact me.

On Sunday 23 August we are celebrating in Hereford Cathedral during the Evensong service which will have a Mothers' Union theme.

### April

- Fri 3 Good Friday
- Sun 5 Easter Sunday
- Thurs 9 Midday Prayers, Cathedral
- Mon 13 Trustee Meeting, Hereford
- Thurs 23 2.00 Blessings Service and Reflection, Forbury Chapel, HR6 8NQ

### May

- Mon 4 NO MEETING
- Thurs 14 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

### June

- Mon 1 2.15 MU meeting, Price's Chapel Bricknell Close
- Mon 8 - Wed 10 Wave of Prayer  
Yambio, South Sudan, Garissa Kenya, Mbamili Nigeria, Willochra Australia, Thailand, Hereford England
- Wed 10 5.00 pm 150 Celebratory Service - St Paul's Cathedral, London
- Thurs 11 Midday Prayers, Cathedral  
10.30 Annual Gathering - The Emmanuel Centre (next to Mary Sumner House, London).
- Mon 15 Diocesan Council, Kimbolton



### July

- Mon 6 2.15 MU meeting, Price's Chapel Bricknell Close
- Thurs 9 Midday Prayers, Cathedral

### August

- Mon 3 No meeting
- Sun 9 Mary Sumner Day Service, Colwall Church, followed by refreshments.
- Thurs 13 Midday Prayers, Cathedral,
- Sun 23 Evensong, Hereford Cathedral

16 Days of Activism 25 Nov to 10 Dec

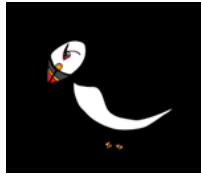
Please see church notice sheets for updates about meetings and just our theme says

Join Us and Join In

If you want more details please contact me: 07988 750673, annenewman57@hotmail.com, or just turn up at one of our meetings!

Anne Newman, Branch Leader





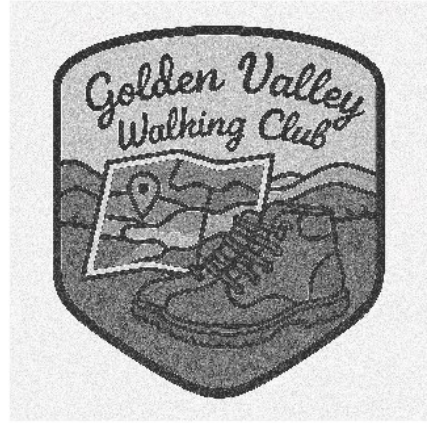
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## Holy Week & Easter



### **Palm Sunday (29/3)**

**9:30am - Holy Communion**  
(Breinton)

**9:30am - Parish Mass**  
(All Saints)

**11am - Parish Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Monday (30/3)**

**12:10pm Rosary of Peace**  
(All Saints)

### **Tuesday & Wednesday (31/3 & 1/4)**

**12:10pm Low Mass**  
(All Saints)

### **Maundy Thursday (2/4)**

**10am Holy Communion**  
(Holy Trinity)

**12:10pm Low Mass**  
(All Saints)

**7:30pm Mass of the Lord's  
Supper** (Cathedral)  
followed by a procession to All Saints

**8pm Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Good Friday (3/4)**

**9am The Stations of the  
Cross** (All Saints)

**10:30am Walk of Witness  
around High Town**  
(from St Peter's)

**2pm The Last Hour**  
(Breinton)

**7pm Chilcot's St John's  
Passion**  
(Holy Trinity)

### **Easter Sunday (5/4)**

**9:30am Holy Communion**  
(Breinton)

**9:30am Parish Mass**  
(All Saints)

**11am Parish Eucharist**  
(Holy Trinity)



### **Here, For You**

We are three churches from the heart of Hereford to Breinton on the western edge — All Saints, Holy Trinity, and St Michael's — and this Easter we'd love to welcome you. Whatever you're carrying, whatever questions you have, you are more than welcome. Come and encounter the risen Jesus for yourself.

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Further to the report by John Hull we publish a full list of Parish Council Meetings for Breinton  
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### BREINTON PARISH COUNCIL

#### PARISH COUNCIL MEETING DATES 2025 – 2026

Breinton Parish Council meetings are to be held in the Village Hall all at 7.00pm unless otherwise advertised. All meetings are subject to change and cancellation at short notice.

Wednesday 13th May 2026 Annual Parish Meeting

Annual Parish Council Meeting <https://breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/> [clerk@breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk](mailto:clerk@breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk)

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Planning meetings will be arranged separately when required and advertised accordingly.

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This is a Voluntary Service for people who no longer drive or who have never driven a car.

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Ann Powell(01432 266432)

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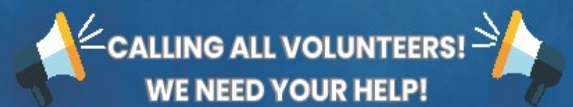
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# Breinton History Group

Will be holding their AGM

On

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At

7.30pm

## Breinton Village Hall

This is your chance to have your say and to make suggestions of anything you would like to see, and to let us know what you enjoyed the most.

It is also the time of year to renew your membership and to get your new program of events for the upcoming year.

A year of membership is only £10 per person, that includes free entry to any talk we have at the village hall, and this also includes refreshments and biscuits.

So come along and join our friendly group and have some fun.

**Everyone Welcome.**

# Breinton History Group

A Talk by

**Bill Quan**

**“Modern Day Farming”**



**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May 7:30pm**

**Breinton Village Hall**

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Grahame Sherfield, Treasurer, St Michael's, Breinton

## Breinton Parish Council – Reporting Flooding and Potholes

Breinton Parish Council would like to remind residents that recent wet weather and winter conditions have resulted in localised flooding and an increase in potholes on roads across Herefordshire. These issues can create hazards for drivers, cyclists and pedestrians, and reporting them quickly helps ensure they are assessed and repaired as soon as possible.

While the Parish Council raises concerns with the county authority where appropriate, the most effective way to ensure issues are logged and prioritised is for residents to report them directly to Herefordshire Council through their online reporting system.

Residents are encouraged to report problems such as:

Potholes or damaged road surfaces

Flooding on roads or footpaths

Blocked drains or gullies

Standing water creating dangerous driving conditions

Other highway defects affecting safety

Reports can be submitted online via the Herefordshire Council website at:

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/travel-and-transport/roads/report-a-road-problem/>

The system allows you to pinpoint the exact location on a map, describe the problem and upload photos, which helps the highways team assess the issue and schedule repairs.

**For urgent highway problems such as severe flooding, fallen trees or dangerous obstructions on the road, residents should contact Herefordshire Council directly on 01432 261800, which operates 24 hours a day.**

***Breinton Parish Council encourages residents to report any issues they encounter. Your reports play an important role in helping keep our parish roads safe and well maintained for everyone.***

### The Long Field

There is a field I've walked awhile,  
its soil is harrowed, patient, bare,  
where I have knelt upon the earth  
and hung my longing on the air.

The seed I planted in the dark  
has not yet died nor broken through —  
it lives somewhere beneath the frost,  
a small green fist grasping the dew.

How long, O Lord — the oldest prayer,  
worn smooth by countless lips before,  
The cry the psalmist raised aloft  
that still finds an unopened door.

Down through the years the prophets felt  
this ache, this in-betweening fast —  
that what is promised often waits.  
The love that carries often lasts.

And hope is stubborn as the weed  
that cracks the paving, finds the  
light —  
it finds me when I've given up,  
and simply rises, overnight.

So I will hold what I can't have,  
and tend what's not yet come to  
be,  
and trust the field to Farmer God,  
Who mends the things I cannot  
see.

*Jonathan Widdess*



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## Breinton Parish Biodiversity Action Planning

This is a brief introduction to some recent work on Biodiversity Action Planning (BAP) for Parish Councils.

I was asked by my Parish Council in Breinton to investigate the need for a plan and the process of writing a local biodiversity action plan. While researching the detail, I was asked to produce some guidelines for Herefordshire Tree Wardens and Herefordshire Wildlife Trust volunteers to enable more Parish Councils to prepare biodiversity action plans.

After several years of observing the decline in our local wildlife on the river Wye, through impacts of climate change and agricultural practise, I was motivated to help the Parish and Countywide networks of volunteers to better understand and stop the decline.

I was genuinely shocked to learn just how rapidly our national natural capital is declining in this country, particularly insects and most importantly pollinators. I felt duty bound to spread the word and encourage non-specialists to start the conversations and begin planning to avert the well documented collapse in biodiversity.

As I delved into government reports and research, the emerging picture of ill health was disheartening, to say the least. Just dip into the State of Natural Capital for England by DEFRA 2024, for a snapshot of our current dilemma.

In Herefordshire we have some of the finest English Countryside and rivers of our Nation. That natural capital is worth protecting. That is why, with collaborative help from the Herefordshire Tree Warden Network, I generated this outline of the steps to follow:

[https://www.htreeforum.co.uk/sitefiles/77/3/5/773556/HTWN\\_BAP\\_guidance.pdf](https://www.htreeforum.co.uk/sitefiles/77/3/5/773556/HTWN_BAP_guidance.pdf)

Following the initial research on the duty and required content of parish biodiversity action plans, I was inspired to generate a pathfinder biodiversity action plan for Breinton Parish.

You can download the adopted Breinton Parish pathfinder Biodiversity Action Plan from the Parish website here:

<https://breintonparishcouncil.gov.uk/>

Please consider joining our Breinton Parish BAP working group or start one in your area, please join us for public meetings and send your comments to [cllrmorfett@gmail.com](mailto:cllrmorfett@gmail.com).

Emil Morfett

## The Long Field – A Reflection On Waiting

Six months into my ministry here in the West Hereford Team, I am still in that particular liminal space of not-quite-arrived — present, committed, and yet still learning the ground beneath my feet. It is, I am discovering, a country with its own strange grace. And there is a phrase in the book of Proverbs that has lodged itself in me, stubbornly, for as long as I can remember: hope deferred makes the heart sick. Lately, I have been living inside it.

Most of us know this country. The thing prayed for that does not come. The relationship that does not mend. The diagnosis still pending. The door that will not open. We live, much of the time, not in the drama of arrival or loss, but in the quieter, harder country in between — waiting, holding, not quite giving up.

I wrote the poem opposite on a recent morning walk. It began as a personal reckoning and became, in the writing, something larger — a conversation with the Psalmists who cried how long, O Lord, with the prophets who held promises they would not live to see fulfilled, with everyone who has ever knelt on uncertain ground and found no easy answer waiting there.

What I have come to believe — slowly, reluctantly, and only because I have had to — is that deferred hope is not the absence of God. It is one of the places God is most quietly present. The field that is harrowed is not abandoned. The seed beneath the frost is not dead. And hope, I have found, does not reward persistence so much as it simply appears — unbidden, overnight — when we have almost stopped looking for it.

That is not a comfortable theology. But I think it is an honest one.

Jonathan

## Breinton news

### Teamtalk Distribution.

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### QUIZ

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On

### Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April

At

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### MANY THANKS.

Anne and Phil Chapman have recently stepped down from their roles on the Breinton Village Hall Committee due to personal circumstances.

We would like to offer them both our heartfelt thanks for everything they have done for the Hall and the village.

Their help, commitment and willingness to get involved have been greatly valued and they have made a positive contribution to village life.

The Committee and Parishioners thank them both for all they have done and wish them the very best for the future.

## Breinton History Group

A Talk by

### Penny Thompson



### Hatching, Matching and Dispatching

The story of the work of a registrar  
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The Village Hall is a community asset, run by volunteers and available to hire for events such as birthday parties or weddings, wakes, community events or meetings. For more information and details of regular events visit

[www.breintonvillagehall.co.uk](http://www.breintonvillagehall.co.uk)

Breinton Village Community Page on  
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**A Big Thank you!** ... to everyone who came along to the coffee morning on 7<sup>th</sup> February.  
We raised £120 towards village hall funds.

**Welcome** .... to our new Bookings Secretary, Sara Beck. If you are interested in booking the Village Hall please do get in touch with Sara if you have any questions. First, check the Calendar of Events page to check if your proposed date is free - this is automatically updated as bookings are made. You can either book the hall directly via the website or contact Sara by e-mail at [breintonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com](mailto:breintonvillagehallbookings@gmail.com) or by phone on 07758 162268. Reduced rates for Breinton village residents.

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We will be once again hosting Richard Evans from Tea&Tech will be at the coffee morning on Saturday 11 April at the village hall from 10.30am. He has 25 years' experience of working within I.T. including the hands on supporting of all



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## UPCOMING EVENTS

11th April @ 10.30am

Spring Coffee and Chat also hosting Tea&Tech  
(in aid of Community First Responders)

13<sup>th</sup> April @ 7.30pm

Breinton History Group AGM & programme of events for the upcoming year.

[Full details of all events can be found on the Village Hall website or in Teamtalk]



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**SERVICES FOR APRIL 2026 Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> April 2026 – Maundy Thursday**

Time	Church
7:30pm	Cathedral Eucharist followed by procession to All Saints where Vigil in the garden will take place until 10pm

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April 2026 – Good Friday**

Time	Church	Service Type
9:00am	All Saints'	Stations of the Cross
2:00pm	St Michael's Breinton	At the foot of the Cross
7:00pm	Holy Trinity	Chilcot's St John's Passion

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April 2026 – Easter Day**

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	Holy Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	Morning Worship
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Morning Worship
6:30pm	Online (see over for details)	Evening Prayer

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	BCP Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	Eucharist
6:30pm	Online (see over for details)	Evening Prayer

**Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

Time	Church	Service Type
9:30am	All Saints'	Parish Mass
9:30am	St Michael's Breinton	Holy Communion
11:00am	Holy Trinity	All-Age Eucharist
6:30pm	Online	Evening Prayer

**Online Services**

**Evening Prayer, 6.30pm every Sunday**, except the first Sunday of the month. Follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82460018059?pwd=eWUxRW1KM1FXRVNtYlkvK3o4WlpyUT09>

Meeting ID: 824 6001 8059 Passcode: 072124

**Morning Prayer, 8.30am Monday – Friday**. Follow this link: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84352782015?pwd=OU1PNGNZV09OZzExUUo0OGJGajVsdz09>

Meeting ID: 843 5278 2015 Passcode: 985657

**Midweek Services** 8.:30am Tuesday - Friday – Morning Prayer Online (see above for details)

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