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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

Dear Friends

We've all been enjoying the Indian summer of late, which when you are able to read this might well be a distant memory. It does however remind us that we are never in control of the weather. Sadly, we do have some control over the climate.

October is when we celebrate St Francis' day (the 4th). What we know about this poor man from Assisi is that he held a deep reverence for all God's creatures and for the earth herself. He sought to make all of us honour our Lord's creation deeply, and to express our love for all that God has made, and over which we have been made stewards.

This stewardship is what is at stake. For many years we have exploited the earth's resources so much that we are beginning to run out of some of them, and we have burnt and destroyed much of what we call the lungs of the earth – the great forests which in the hours of darkness take the carbon dioxide that we have produced and convert it into life-giving oxygen. Instead, loggers are clearing vast swathes of Brazil and Alaska, and such places, in order to plunder other resources. But unless we replace these trees we will be in big trouble. Then there's us -

We talk about reducing our carbon footprints, and so we should, but I don't think many of us fully understand how we can do this, or even know what the terminology actually means. Ponder the following:

²⁷Consider the lilies, how they grow: they neither toil nor spin; yet I tell you, even Solomon in all his glory was not clothed like one of these. ²⁸But if God so clothes the grass of the field, which is alive today and tomorrow is thrown into the oven, how much more will he clothe you – you of little faith! ²⁹And do not keep striving for what you are to eat and what you are to drink, and do not keep worrying. ³⁰For it is the nations of the world that strive after all these things, and your Father knows that you need them. ³¹Instead, strive for his kingdom, and these things will be given to you as well. Luke 12:27-31

Yes, consider well, but we must all play what part we can in preserving the earth and all that she holds, because we owe it to the generations to come after us.

Yours in Christ

Fr Alan

BISHOP JOHN'S LETTER

2020 and beyond

Starting in what is known as 'The Kingdom Season' before Advent the 2020 Group will be encouraging all Church communities in the Diocese to reflect on how they are measuring up as a sign and symbol of God's Kingdom and also to identify those things that hinder or prevent us from making progress in this role and I want to set what is being suggested in context here.

When I arrived in this Diocese I stated my priorities as 'mission, mission, mission'. I spoke in terms of the enormous privilege we have been given of playing a part in God's great mission to reconcile the whole creation to himself in Jesus, a vision glorious articulated in the first chapter of the letter of Paul to the Colossians.

Within my first year here Bishop's Council came to the decision that, in focussing upon mission, we should concentrate upon three priorities:

- The deepening of prayer
- The renewal of (public) worship
- Equipping people to share their faith

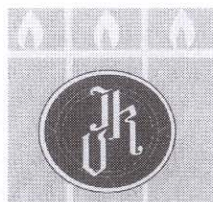
To address the first, a Diocesan Spirituality Group, chaired by Bishop David, has been established to work with the Diocesan Spirituality Adviser, Paul Hunt. Doug Chaplin, as Diocesan Worship Adviser has been working with others on the second and David Sherwin, as Diocesan Evangelism Adviser on the third. I see these three priorities as essential in preparing the ground for our full participation in God's mission to the world.

A year ago the '2020 Group' was set up to consider what playing our full part in God's mission might require as we look to the year 2020 and beyond. From the very first meeting, conversations in the Group have focused upon what should be, as Christians, our core conversation: the Kingdom of God. Mission and Kingdom are two sides of the same coin: God's mission is to reconcile the creation to Himself and, in so doing,

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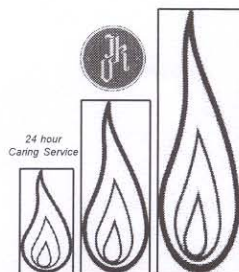
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inaugurate the Kingdom, the reign, of God. When the creation is reconciled to God in Christ every knee shall bow to God's rule, whether in heaven or in earth or under the earth, and every tongue confess that Jesus is Lord. The Church is called to be God's chosen instrument for his mission in the world and the effective sign of the inauguration of His Kingdom here on earth, that Kingdom for whose coming we pray in the words that Jesus taught us.

I hope that all of us, individually and corporately, will want to join together to reflect deeply on our part in God's plan to inaugurate the Kingdom - to celebrate what we are doing and reflect upon ways in which we can widen our hearts to allow God's grace to work through us to build His Kingdom.

GENEROUS GIVING FOR LIFE

Even in challenging financial times, giving what we can to help the mission and ministry of the church is an important part of our Christian commitment. The Church of England wouldn't exist without the generous gifts of church members - clergy can be paid, houses provided and churches maintained.

The diocesan Stewardship Committee is working with many churches in the diocese to help them look at giving using the 'Giving for Life' programme. St Leonard's, Beoley, near Redditch, is just one of the churches which has embraced the scheme and has benefited from the support of the Stewardship team.

Canon David Rogers, vicar of St Leonard's and Team Rector of the Holy Trinity Team, says, 'We have accepted that the principal of reviewing our annual giving is a spiritual discipline, not just a practical necessity.'

The Diocesan team offers three presentations in church in successive weeks, outlining the programme to the congregation. David Rogers was particularly impressed and grateful for the generous gift of time that the team of volunteers was prepared to invest in helping St Leonard's get to

grips with 'Giving for Life'. David said, 'Alan [Hughes, the volunteer head of the stewardship team] came to many meetings and helped us to understand the process from the outset.'

Some members of the congregation were hearing the message about stewardship and giving for the first time and others were being reminded of how what they give to the Church can help to ensure God's word is heard both locally and in the world. David was delighted that many people responded to this message and the church has seen a very positive uplift in new giving.

Giving for Life, is a nationally devised giving programme, endorsed by our Diocesan Synod as the successor to from 'First to the Lord' which puts squarely before us in our congregations four 'vital concepts' -

Discipleship, Lifestyle, Mission and Generosity

Discipleship - The claim of Giving for Life is that how we handle money, wealth and possessions is a central part of our discipleship.

Lifestyle - teaching that generous giving cannot be from our spare cash.

Mission - Our giving of time, money and talents resources God's mission in the world.

Generosity - one of the values that should mark us out as Christians - whether the generosity in giving money shown by the widow's mite, the generosity of the Good Samaritan in engaging with the needs of strangers, or our generosity in time or talents.

David concludes, 'Giving for Life is about releasing the generosity of the people of God' - which seems to have worked very well in Beoley. If you wish to find out more about 'Giving for Life' please go to <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/givingforlife/>

THE CONTINUING QUEST OF THE LONELY TRAVELLER

by Martin Taylor

Northumbria & Co Durham

On the whole the week spent in the North East of England was quite a spiritual affair, in spite of the outrageous behaviour of some of the locals and my own imaginings about some of the hotel staff (being a single male and available for romance!).

Firstly what do I mean about the behaviour of the locals? Not every day of the week but most days were spent out travelling by train via Newcastle Central Station I do not know what they are taking up here, but they seem to like to dress up and misbehave in public. The lads like to dress up as pirates with swords and so on and the ladies like to dress up in pink fairy costumes with unmentionable messages on their tee shirts and every so often expose bits and bobs in public. And all the Transport Police did was to stand about doing nothing as if it was a regular daily occurrence on Newcastle railway station. Well I do not experience such activities on Stourbridge Junction waiting for trains to concerts!

Upon arriving at Newcastle I had lunch in the old station's original tea room that is now a restaurant bar. My room was waiting for me; the senior chambermaid opened the door and just in case I became cold during my stay when the central heating was not on presented me with an electric heater. The room was very spacious with all the digital channels on the TV. The food was out of this world; in fact you saw the chef preparing dinner in front of your eyes. Breakfast was a matter of where to start, what with all the choices available. The Thistle chain of hotels is to be recommended when travelling! I know where I'll be staying when I go to Scotland in 2014!

The spiritual experience: On the first afternoon, I found that the hotel's position is in the middle of the two cathedrals in the city. Around the corner from the hotel is St Mary's Catholic Cathedral, so I duly took part in their midday Mass. I walked a bit further down the road to St Nicholas' Anglican Cathedral and took part in their midday Mass! Onwards to the Castle Keep after eating, finally walking to the Monument in the centre of the city, which is their version of Nelson's column.

The next day I went to Berwick-upon-Tweed. Holy Trinity is the most northerly Anglican Church in England. Inside the Organist was practising. The church is of strange design since it was the only one built during Cromwell's rule. Holy Trinity was at the end of Church Avenue, where was also to be found St

Andrew's Church of Scotland Kirk and opposite was the Methodists and further along the Baptists, then the United Reformists and finally the Roman Catholics. They were all represented here. Opposite the Anglicans was the Berwick barracks and museums. Berwick Castle's remains are where the Railway Station is now. It seems it was the site of the Great Hall of the castle where the Union of Scotland and England was signed.

The third day I was off to Middlesbrough, where I found the landmark Transporter Bridge. I did attempt to locate the ancient St Hilda's Church by the old town hall, but since that and all the surrounding houses were all boarded up I thought I better get out of this area quick. There was no one about.

Back in the centre of town I made enquiries at the Information Centre about the following:

Q Can you tell me where the nearest HSBC Bank is please?

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Q Then can you tell me does Middlesbrough have a British Home Stores?

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Q Is there HMV here?

A I do not know I do not buy CDs or DVDs

Useless Tourist Information Centre you are.

Well it just happens that around the corner from the new town hall I came across the bank I wanted. And what did I see at the beginning of the shopping centre: a BHS where I had Lunch. While looking for the facilities in the centre I found an HMV. Opposite the entrance of the loos was All Saint's Parish Church, where I was able to share in their lunchtime Mass. At first I wondered why the people in the Mass just nodded to each other but did not talk. After the service someone came up to me and explained that sorry for not welcoming me before Mass but the priest has 'banned' them from talking beforehand. He says that if people want to talk and find out how people are, that should be done out of church by the door, or wait until the service has ended. (He may have a point [Yes he does. Ed]).

By the way Middlesbrough is applying to become a City like Dudley next year for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. I must say that from what I saw of Middlesbrough, Dudley deserve to get city status rather than them.

The following day was spent in Durham. On the way to the Cathedral visited St Nicholas Church which outside looks very old indeed and they were perhaps around the same time. But inside you can tell it is a very modern form of worship. Next door to the church is the indoor market. I went in and bought calendars for next year. Onwards up to the Palace Green. There's an awful lot of

building work going on here particularly with the Castle so unfortunately it was closed to the general public.

By the side of the Cathedral is the Heritage Centre where I visited a former chapel of one of the University's colleges. The Cathedral itself was magnificent. While sitting there peacefully I almost fell off my chair when the organist began performing and the whole place shook when he played his 32ft trumpet stop at full blast. What an experience! He was giving a demonstration of the organ for some Japanese tourists. I had the honour of attending the midday Mass at the Shrine of St Cuthbert, and I followed this with a cream tea for my lunch in the cathedral's undercroft.

In the shop there I bought a 2012 diary and guess where the book marker was? On my birthday!

The fifth day of the week I was off to Sunderland. I visited the Minster, which has a strange history. Firstly it was the parish church. Then it became a minster, but folk didn't like it, so it reverted to being the parish church. That did not last long either, and now it is known as the Minster Church of St Michael & All Angels, and St Benedict Biscop. (What a mouth full!). I had lunch in the winter gardens. While there I also visited the museum within the gardens.

I went to St Mary's Catholic Church and joined in with their Mass. I did visit the arts centre but I am not really into modern art and did not really impress me at all.

The rest of the Week was spent in Newcastle on Sunday duly took part in Morning Mass at St Nicholas' Anglican Cathedral. Then walked to Riverside Quay where a Sunday Fair was taking place. Continued along the Riverfront walked across the Gateshead Millennium Bridge and visited the Sage music complex where I was greeted by a group of Northumbrian pipes. When I returned to the other side of the River via the Bridge I was greeted by Scottish Pipes and Drums. Further along the River there was a series of folk groups.

The next day I returned to the Bridge to see its midday rising above the river – which attracts numerous sightseers each day. I took lunch in one of the riverside restaurants. Finally, I went to look at St John's the Baptist Church also just around the corner from the Hotel.

Then it was time to come home.

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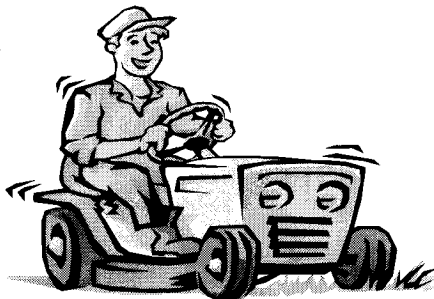
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A TIME TO REMEMBER: BABY MEMORIAL SERVICES

The Department of Spiritual and Pastoral Care from the Worcestershire NHS Acute Trust offers a very special service as part of their invaluable work across the NHS. The baby memorial services are offered to all those who have been affected by the loss of a baby. The short informal service of poems and music includes the opportunity to light a candle in memory of a baby or mark what would have been a special birthday of their child had they survived. Afterwards there is time to meet other bereaved parents over tea and biscuits.

The services, which in Worcester are devised in partnership with The Miscarriage Association, National Childbirth Trust, and The Cedar Tree (Pregnancy Crisis Centre) are an opportunity to come to a safe place where people can set time aside to reflect on the loss of a baby and begin to understand their loss and remember their baby who lives on in their love. People of all faiths and none are all very welcome, immediate or extended family or friends; many people come to mourn a child lost many years before.

Chaplain at the Worcestershire Royal Hospital in Worcester, the Revd Dr David Southall, said: "We meet many parents who have lost babies through early or late miscarriage, still birth or neonatal death and we felt it was important to give them an opportunity to pray for each other and their babies. Everyone is welcome, wherever they are on their path of loss and healing."

There is also a Baby Memorial Garden at the Alexandra Hospital, which the Bishop of Worcester, the Rt Revd Dr John Inge, re-dedicated in 2009. It is a garden designed in twelve sections, one for each month, where parents who have lost their babies through still birth or miscarriage are able to scatter ashes or plant shrubs in memory of a loved one. At the re-dedication, Bishop John said, "It is painful to imagine losing a child, perhaps especially a longed -for baby, and it is wonderful that grieving parents are able to come to this memorial at the Alexandra Hospital which I pray will

help them in their loss." In the hospital's Multi-Faith Prayer Room is a Memorial Book where babies' names can be entered and visited.

Chaplains minister across the three hospitals in the Worcestershire Acute Hospitals NHS Trust: The Alexandra Hospital, Redditch, Kidderminster Hospital and Worcestershire Royal Hospital, Worcester. They help NHS Trusts fulfil their obligation to ensure that the privacy, dignity, religious and cultural beliefs of their patients are respected. Chaplains offer support at times of crisis or distress, regardless of your faith, beliefs or situation. They also offer support for the emotional and spiritual well-being of patients, visitors and staff.

**The 'Time to Remember' service will be held on
Saturday 15 October 2011, 2.00pm – 2.45pm
St Peter's Baptist Church
(Eden Close, St Peters Drive, Worcester WR5 3TZ)**

and

**The Baby Memorial Service
Saturday 29 October 2011, 11am - 11.45am
St Peter's Church, Ipsley, Redditch**

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HOLY BAPTISM

4 September

Olivia Julie SIMMONS
Dean Close age 3 months
Finley Oliver JONES
Rosemoor Drive age 4 months

18 September

Callum Michael WILLS
Batchelor Close age 18 months
Matthew Noah WILLS
Batchelor Close age 4 months
Logan Lewis GOODALL
Claycroft Place age 4 months
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Delph Road age 11 months
Callum Michael PARKER
Gayfield Avenue age 10 months

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

James Robert TOLLEY and Lucy TROMANS
both of this Parish
To be married at St. Thomas, 8th October

Matthew William PARSONS and Lucy Kathryn BYTHEWAY
both of this Parish
To be married at St Mary, Aldridge on 15th October

Tony THOMPSON and Tracey Belinda AMOS
both of this Parish
to be married at Holy Trinity on 28th October

THE TWENTY-THIRD PSALM FOR BUSY PEOPLE

The Lord is my Pace-setter,
I shall not rush

He makes me to stop
and rest for quiet intervals

He provides me with images of stillness,
which restore my serenity

He leads me in ways of efficiency:
through calmness of mind and His guidance is peace

Even though I have a great many things to accomplish each day
I will not fret.

For his presence is here, His timelessness,
His all importance will keep me in balance

He prepares refreshment and renewal
in the midst of my activity

By anointing my mind with the oils of tranquillity
my cup of joyous energy overflows.

Surely harmony and usefulness
shall be the fruits of my hours

for I shall walk in the pace of my Lord
and dwell in His House for ever.

*Toki Miyashina – a Japanese woman
From MU Book 'Time to Pray'*

HEROES OF THE FAITH

The Calendar of the Church (spelt in the old-fashioned way later in the magazine, with a K) celebrates many people whose lives have impacted on the Church over the centuries. There follows an outline of two of them who we commemorate this month.

9 October

**Robert Grosseteste, Bishop of Lincoln,
Philosopher, Scientist, 1253**

The Bishop of Hereford died in 1192, and Grosseteste's life becomes difficult to trace with any certainty from that point on until 1225, when he was given a parish in the diocese of Lincoln. In 1229 he was made Archdeacon of Leicester, became a canon in Lincoln Cathedral, and taught theology in Oxford. Grosseteste became seriously ill in 1232, and took this to be a sign of divine displeasure at his holding more than one office at the same time. He resigned all his positions, except that of canon at the cathedral.

When Hugh of Lincoln (not to be confused with his predecessor commemorated on 17 November) died in 1235, the cathedral chapter elected Grosseteste as his replacement. He remained bishop of the largest diocese in England for the next 18 years. He wrote on many subjects including liberal arts, astronomy and cosmology and played a pivotal role in the introduction of Aristotle to scholastic thought, writing commentaries and translations of his works. His theological works include a tract on the theology of penance and confession. Grosseteste aimed to produce theology that was not only useful to the ordinary parish priest but that also met the intellectual standards of academia.

As the diocese of Lincoln at the time contained Oxford, Grosseteste had responsibility for the oversight of theology teaching within the university. Through this link he was able to influence many students, particularly by his translations of Scripture and his emphasis on the necessity of understanding the Greek text.

Grosseteste was known as a brilliant but demanding church leader. His high standards for Christian practice and ministry landed him in a number of disputes with various parts of his diocese and his own cathedral chapter. When the chapter refused to allow an inspection of the cathedral in 1239 the only way Grosseteste could achieve his aim was via a lengthy court case. In the course of this court case he wrote a comprehensive manual of church leadership with particular emphasis upon the authority and role of leadership within the Church. Grosseteste clashed with the Archbishop of Canterbury on more than one occasion and was happy to lecture the Pope over the complacency and lethargy of the papal office

when he appeared before the papal court in 1250. Grossteteste saw the Archbishop of Canterbury as the principal cause of the then unhealthy state of the Church in England.

Robert Grosseteste was an intellectual visionary, unafraid to confront others when he saw the need, who was a figure of immense importance to the thirteenth-century Church.

31 October

Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

At some point between 1512 and 1515 Luther had his so-called 'Tower experience' which marked a fundamental shift in his theology and faith. Through studying the Scriptures – notably Romans 1.17, 'the righteous shall live by faith' – he came to believe that Christians are saved not through their own efforts but by the gift of God's grace, which they accept by faith. Once he had grasped this truth he was transformed from someone fearful of God's wrath into a fearless critic of a Church that was failing to teach this fundamental truth.

Luther's increasing disillusion with the Catholic Church was brought to a head by the indulgence controversy which resulted in his Ninety-Five Theses, published on 31 October 1517. What was intended to initiate an academic debate quickly got out of hand and Luther was excommunicated in 1521. But his views struck a chord with others, and a bloc of anti-Catholic states began to emerge in Germany. By 1529 the word 'Protestant' had been coined to describe their beliefs.

Though reform not schism was his aim, Luther stuck to his beliefs when Rome declined to reform itself, even along the conservative lines favoured by Luther. In addition to the doctrine of justification by faith he asserted the priesthood of all believers, the concept of national Churches, vernacular Scripture and liturgy, the use of hymns in worship and the freedom for clergy to marry.

Luther was successful in challenging the might of the Catholic Church partly because the intellectual changes of the Renaissance made such challenges acceptable, partly because the political situation in Germany was favourable to a new religious dimension, and partly because the technology to disseminate his ideas (the printing press) had recently been invented. But, most importantly, it was his personal courage and

willingness to risk his life for the truth that allowed the Reformation to be born and to develop. He died at Eisleben in 1546.

A very human being who spoke from the heart – often in violent and earthy imagery – Luther saw life as a constant spiritual struggle in which he was only able to be victorious through Christ's grace freely bestowed on him. His hymns often reflected this sense of battle, as in these translated verses of a hymn in German from 1529:

With our own might we nothing can,
Soon are we lost and fallen;
But for us fights the righteous man,
Whom God himself hath called.
Ask ye, Who is this?
Jesus Christ it is,
Our sole King and Lord,
As God of Hosts adored;
He holds the field forever.

Though earth all full of devils were,
Wide roaring to devour us;
Yet fear we no such grievous fear,
They shall not overpower us.
This world's prince may still
Scowl fierce as he will,
He can harm us none,
He's judged; the deed is done;
One little word can fell him.

JESUS

Why do I feel the way I feel
When my heart cries out to you?
Why do the tears begin to fall
When I know you love me too?

Why do I feel so humbled
When I think of all you've done?
You took away my guilt and shame
When you died, Gods' only son.

When desperate in the garden
You cried to God above
"Take this cup away from me"
You showed such amazing love.

In obedience to your father
You said 'Your will be done',
What lessons you have taught us
That's where my heart was won.

You took my sin upon that cross
You did it all for me
My debt to you is priceless -
You suffered to set me free

So I would come to know you
And learn of Gods' perfect grace
And know the promise of eternity
Meeting You face to face.

Until that time you have my life
To do with as you choose
To mould me, break me, make me whole
And in your love, renewed

That's why I feel the way I feel
When my heart cries out your name
My gratitude is so immense
My life cannot be the same

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- 1 Sandwich
- 2 Looe
- 3 Blackpool
- 4 Deal
- 5 Hereford
- 6 Hull
- 7 Evesham
- 8 Newcastle
- 9 Mansfield
- 10 Dover
- 11 Dorchester
- 12 Whitchurch
- 13 Barnstable
- 14 Weston
- 15 Salisbury
- 16 Slimbridge
- 17 Hyde
- 18 Holyhead
- 19 Ramsgate
- 20 Leeds

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Thomas Owen | Clifford Morris (1980)
Dorothy Edna Barratt (2004)
Harry Gardener
Fanny Cooper |
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| 14 | John William Mullany (2009) | |
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| 26 | Fred Porter
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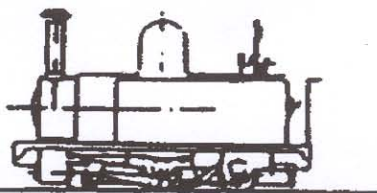
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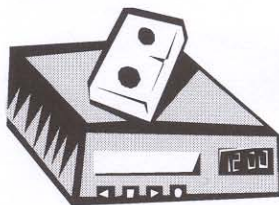
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CHURCH KALENDAR FOR OCTOBER

- 1 Remigius, Bishop of Rheims, Apostle of the Franks, 533 /
Anthony Ashley Cooper, Earl of Shaftesbury, Social Reformer, 1885
- 2 *Feria*
- 3 **The Transitus of St Francis of Assisi**
- 4 **FRANCIS OF ASSISI, DEACON, FRIAR, FOUNDER OF THE FRIARS MINOR, 1226**
- 5 *Feria*
- 6 William Tyndale, Translator of the Scriptures, Reformation Martyr, 1536
- 7 *Feria*
- 8 *Feria*
- 9 **THE SIXTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER TRINITY**
- 10 Paulinus, Bishop of York, Missionary, 644 /
Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674
- 11 Ethelburga, Abbess of Barking, 675 /
James the Deacon, companion of Paulinus, 7th century
- 12 Wilfrid of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709 /
Elizabeth Fry, Prison Reformer, 1845 / Edith Cavell, Nurse, 1915
- 13 Edward the Confessor, King of England, 1066
- 14 *Feria*
- 15 Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582
- 16 **LUKE, PHYSICIAN AND EVANGELIST**
- 17 Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c.107
- 18 **Luke the Evangelist**
- 19 Henry Martyn, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary in India and Persia, 1812
- 20 *Feria*
- 21 *Feria*
- 22 *Feria*
- 23 **BIBLE SUNDAY**
- 24 *Feria*
- 25 Crispin and Crispinian, Martyrs at Rome, c.287
- 26 Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar, 899 /
Cedd, Abbot of Lastingham, Bishop of the East Saxons, 664
- 27 *Feria*
- 28 **Simon and Jude, Apostles**
- 29 James Hannington, Bishop of Eastern Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885
- 30 **ALL SAINTS' SUNDAY**
- 31 Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

READINGS FOR OCTOBER AND NOVEMBER

MASS	EVENSONG
2 OCTOBER	S FRANCIS OF ASSISI
Micah 6.6-8	Psalm 136.1-9
Psalms 100	Proverbs 2.1-11
Galatians 6.14-end	I John 2.1-17
Luke 12.2-34	
9 OCTOBER	TRINITY 16
Isaiah 25.1-9	Psalm 139.1-11
Psalms 23	Proverbs 3.1-18
Philippians 4.1-9	I John 3.1-15
Matthew 22.1-14	
16 OCTOBER	LUKE THE EVANGELIST
Acts 16.1-12a	Psalm 103
Psalms 147.1-7	Isaiah 61.1-6
2 Timothy 4.5-17	Colossians 4.7-end
Luke 10.1-9	
23 OCTOBER	BIBLE SUNDAY
Nehemiah 8.1-12	Psalm 119.89-104
Psalms 119.9-16	Isaiah 55.1-11
Colossians 3.12-17	Luke 4.14-20
Matthew 24.30-35	
30 OCTOBER	ALL SAINTS' DAY
Revelation 7.9-end	Psalms 148, 150
Psalms 34.1-10	Isaiah 65.17-end
I John 3.1-3	Hebrews 11.32 – 12.2
Matthew 5.1-12	

MASS	EVENSONG
6 NOVEMBER	3rd SUNDAY BEF ADVENT
Amos 5.18-24	Psalm 82
Psalm 70	Judges 7.2-22
I Thessalonians 4.13-end	John 15.9-17
Matthew 25.1-13	
13 NOVEMBER	REMEMBRANCE
Zephaniah 1.7,12-end	Psalm 89.12-29
Psalm 90.1-8	I Kings 1.15-40
I Thessalonians 5.1-11	Revelation 1.4-18
Matthew 25.14-30	
20 NOVEMBER	CHRIST THE KING
Ezekiel 34.11-16,20-24	Psalm 93
Psalm 95.1-7	2 Sam 23.1-7
Ephesians 1.15-end	Matthew 28.16-end
Matthew 25.31-end	
27 NOVEMBER	ADVENT SUNDAY
Isaiah 64.1-9	Psalm 25.1-9
Psalm 80.1-8	Isaiah 1.1-20
I Corinthians 1.3-9	Matthew 21.1-13
Mark 13.24-37	
4 DECEMBER	ADVENT 2
Isaiah 40.1-11	Psalms 40.12-end
Psalm 85.8-end	I Kings 22.1-28
2 Peter 3.8-15a	Romans 15.4-13
Mark 1.1-8	

WEEKLY WORSHIP

SUNDAYS

8am	Low Mass
10am	SOLEMN MASS (<i>inc Baptisms 3rd Sunday of the month</i>) (2nd Sunday of the month – PARADE MASS)
12noon	Holy Baptism (1st and 3rd Sundays of the month)
5pm	alt.worship Mass on last Sunday of the month
6pm	Solemn Evensong (4th Sunday of the month includes Benediction)

WEEKDAYS

Morning Prayer	9.00am:	Mon, Tue, Wed, Sat
Evening Prayer	4.30pm:	Mon, Tue, Wed, Thur
Low Mass	11.00am:	Monday
	9.30am:	Wednesday

Other occasions as announced

OTHERS

2nd Tuesday at 11.15	Mass in Comberton NH
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 11.30	Mass in Brettell Lane Day Centre.
3rd Tuesday at 11.00	Mass in The Brambles NH
3rd Tuesday at 2.15pm	Service in Hollybush House NH

MAJOR FEAST DAYS

Solemn Mass at 7.30pm followed by Buffet Reception.

REGULAR EVENTS

Bell Ringing	Friday 7.30pm.
Choir practice	Some Fridays at 7.30pm
Trinity Toddlers	Thursdays in term time 1.30pm in the Hall.
Mothers' Union	3rd Thursday in the month as per schedule
Amblecote Ladies Club	1st Wednesday in the month at 7.45pm in the Hall.
Kneeler Group	2nd Monday of the month at 2.00pm.
	See notice in Church for whereabouts.