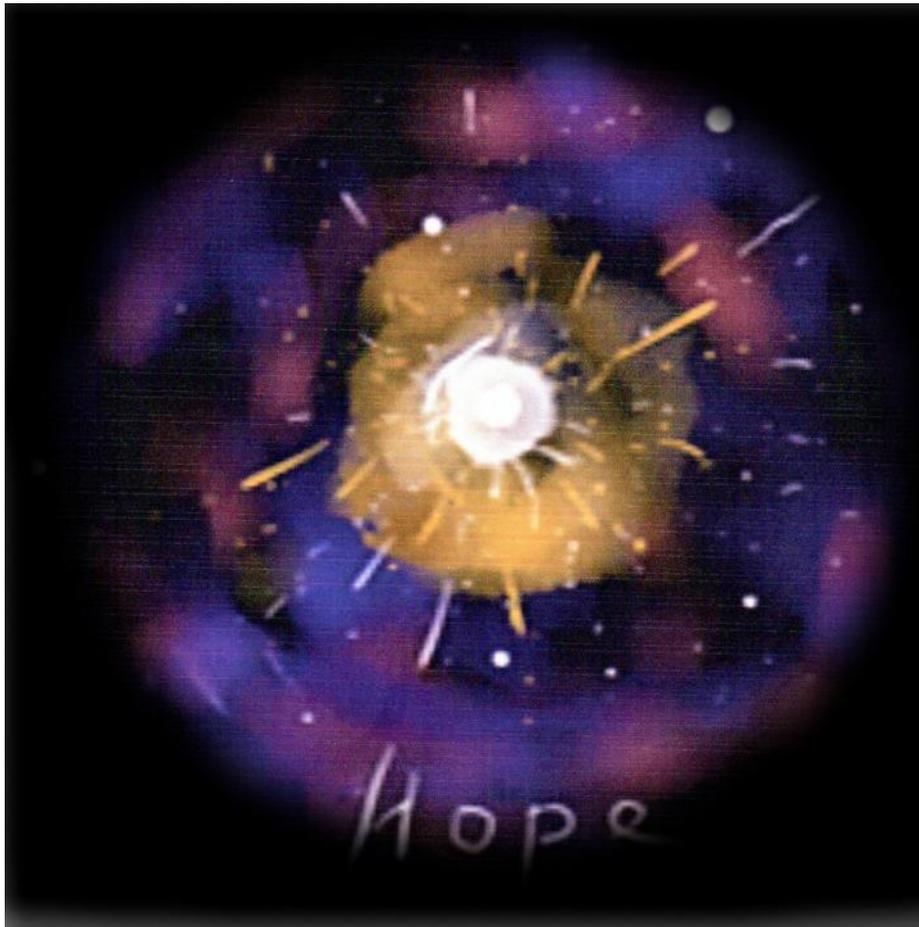




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## Editorial

I waited patiently for the Lord,  
He turned to me and heard my cry.  
He lifted me out of the slimy pit,  
Out of the mud and mire,  
He set my feet on a rock  
And gave me a firm place to stand.  
He put a new song in my mouth,  
A hymn of praise to our God.  
Many will see and fear the Lord  
And put their trust in Him.

*Psalm 40 : v. 1 - 3*

Well here we are in 2021 and still in lockdown and it is tough going. Keith and Benjamin deserve all our mega thanks for all their efforts and hard work in making St. Michael's services available on line whilst we are in lockdown.

The painting of Hope on the front cover of this month's magazine was created by Mouse, one of my oldest friends. We studied together at The Ruskin School of Art and shared houses together both in Oxford and in London, and that was fifty years ago!! We lost contact for some time, but the Lord has put us back in touch, which is great.

Thank you to Bill for, 'Looking for the Light.' Bill is such a great contributor to the magazine and I am very thankful to both Bill and Maggie MacKenzie for their support. I am also pleased to be able to include Quentin Letts' article in this edition. It is like adding a good shaking of cayenne pepper into the mix.

This is the last edition of the magazine that I will be editing. I have gained so much from receiving people's stories and their testimonies which have all encouraged, energised, and motivated me and I hope, you. As Psalm 40 says, "Many, Lord my God, are the wonders you have done, the things you planned for us". A big thank you to all of you who have helped me with the magazine's production over this past year, including the Rector and Sarah, for all their help getting the magazine presentable and up online.

"For I am not ashamed of the gospel  
because it is the power of God that brings salvation to everyone who believes"

*Romans 1:16*

and

"All people are like grass and all their glory is like the flowers of the field;  
the grass withers and the flowers fall,  
but the word of the Lord endures forever"

*1 Peter 1:24-25*

*Helen l'Anson*

## Rector's Reflections

Thank you Helen! For a great job as editor of the magazine; for your good humour and perseverance, for giving us an interesting and varied read month by month, sometimes in the face of challenges and discontent. When the PCC learned of your resignation, it recorded its sadness and appreciation. Thank you for editing this last parish magazine.

Thanks also to Andrew Beech under whose excellent eye, the church's rainwater goods are being replaced. The old, tired and leaky plastic guttering and downpipes are being replaced with metal. At the time of writing, the south and east sides of the church have been completed, are more effective and are looking beautiful. Church neighbours have commented how much more attractive these utilitarian and often unnoticed features are.



We are grateful for a generous bequest from Alan Meikle, that with Barbara's agreement has covered much of the cost. Several header-hoppers commemorate Alan, such as the one shown in the accompanying photograph.

Thanks too, to all the people who have been working to keep life going as much as possible. Thanks to all those manning our local vaccination centre in particular, along with medics and support staff everywhere.

The gospels tell us that in the midst of one of life's storms, when the disciples were feeling weary from long hours of struggle and effort, Jesus came to be with them. Jesus told them to take heart and not to be afraid because He was with them.

It's good to remember that Jesus is with us in this storm of life and it too will end.

Lent is usually a time when we pause amidst life's rush and reflect; a time when Christians recall, with thankful sorrow, all that Christ suffered for our benefit and freedom, for our forgiveness, salvation and life.

As we enter Lent 2021, this year is probably one to do something new or different rather than give something up, as we've had to give so much up one way or another already.

How about thanking God for something each day? What about drawing up a list of people that you will encourage and appreciate – maybe seven, maybe forty – one for each day?

Heavenly Father, this Lent,  
may we hunger for Your Word and thirst for Your Spirit and receive Your nourishment so we may live by every word that proceeds from Your mouth. Help us to use our time to grow in our faith in Jesus and grow in wisdom and prayer, so we may witness to Your gracious, saving and sustaining love. Amen.

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

(A WOMEN LED, GLOBAL, ECUMENICAL MOVEMENT)

### **Build on a Strong Foundation**

Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean) have prepared this year's service. The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fishes, lovely birds, fruits and nuts in the forest, all make the islands a pristine environment but they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

World Day of Prayer is an international, inter-church organisation which enables us to hear the thoughts of women from all parts of the world; their hopes, concerns and prayers. The preparation for the day is vast.

An international committee is based in New York and there are national committees in each participating country. Regional conferences meet to consider the service and then local groups make their plans.

Finally we hope that at St Michael's on Friday 5 March 2021 people from all the churches in Ledbury will gather to celebrate the service prepared by the Christian women of Vanuatu. The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 170 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world – through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 39 hours later.

This is not a day of prayer just for women; everyone is welcome to attend the service.

We are aware that this year will be different, but we hope that there will be a chance for those with internet access to visit YouTube to join in the service and we may be able to project the service in St Michael and All Angels' Church on Friday 5th March at 2.00 p.m.

Please see the website and pew sheet for further details.



### **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

(Women Led, Global Ecumenical Movement)

**Friday 5th March 2021**

**St Michael and All Angels' Church**

**Ledbury**

**2.00 pm**

**This service was prepared  
by the Christian women of Vanuatu**

**Do come and join us**

**Men, women and children are all welcome**

*We do hope that this service can take place in church*

## LOOKING FOR THE LIGHT

For many people the Coronavirus epidemic is deeply disturbing and fearful; even here in this delightful rural area of Herefordshire and town of Ledbury we are feeling the effects of Lockdown and have seen the impact of the virus. In the leader of a prayer diary, Dr Clifford Hill writes, "Everywhere, there is fear of the future because we do not understand what is happening. There is unseen danger, and we do not know how to cope with it. Neither we, nor our fathers in recent history, have ever had to deal with a situation like this."

He likens us and the nations to Jesus parable of the Prodigal Son. We are a nation that once gloriously took the Gospel to the ends of the earth but then abandoned our faith in pursuit of what ultimately leads to the pigsty! Reading Israel's early history and the many times they suffered in their fall from grace, their situation would get ever darker... until they woke up and cried out to the God they had abandoned! Is that where we, the once Great Britain, are now standing and will we ever cry out to God - in true repentance - or remain locked in the path of rebellious decline?

Dr Clifford Hill points out that the Prodigal Son had to return to his father in repentance and it is the Father who ran to him and embraced him!

Clifford Hill says that this is a basic truth about the nature and purposes of God. "It is found in the prophets of Israel writing nearly 800 years before Jesus – in the words of Isaiah: 'How gracious He will be when you cry for help! As soon as He hears, He will answer you. Although the Lord gives you the bread of adversity and the water of affliction... whether you turn to the right or to the left, your ears will hear a voice saying, "this is the way: walk in it"' From Isaiah 30:19-30

How much darker must it get before our leaders, both Church and State, summon the nation to cry out in repentance that the Light and blessing of God may fall on us again?

But before I take it out on our leaders, what am I doing??? This nation urgently needs prayer and this is the greatest gift, we the church, can bestow upon our people in our current situation. Paul urges the Thessalonian Church (who stood fast under severe persecution) to 'Rejoice always and pray without ceasing' 1 Thessalonians 5:16-17

Before we get too pessimistic, as Paul urges us, we should rejoice that there is much light breaking through the darkness. There are so many examples we could reflect on and here are but a few.

Thirty years ago, in Burleson, Texas 10 students gathered round their flagpole to pray with the slogan 'Return, Restore, Revive'. This has become an annual event on 4th Sunday of September with a worldwide following when young people gather and pray!

On the 6th September last year The Free in Jesus Christ Association in Thailand baptised 1,435 new believers in a single event!

In Israel a messianic churches prison ministry has led 400 prisoners to faith!

According to a Durham University research team spiritual hunger has increased rather than diminished by the pandemic and many, young and old are keen to engage online. “This way, Covid 19 may be a necessary slap in the face to re-awaken the church to her mission and calling. In fact, church leaders from around the world see more opportunity than threat in the current pandemic.”

There are many examples of great things happening in this nation with churches supporting local schools, communities and food banks etc. So let us not be discouraged but stand firm in our faith knowing that as Paul says, ‘For those who love God, all things work together for good...’

Finally, let us with confidence remember Jesus words, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”

*Bill Mackenzie*

## **Quentin Letts writes from “Sedition Corner”**



WELCOME to sedition corner. How well do you think the Church of England responded to coronavirus? What is the point of churchgoing? Why do some generous souls devote so many hours to the flower-arranging rota, the choir and even the parish magazine? In short, what is the point of Anglicanism and has it, after the ruination of covid, a future?

This is sensitive territory and there will be as many theories as congregants, if not more. Plenty of non-churchgoers have an attachment to the C of E and its cloisters. What follows is my raw, subjective view. Please disagree. Or are the fire’s embers completely grey?

The decision by Canterbury and York to close our churches in Lockdown One horrified me. Government ministers were amazed that the archbishops proved such a pushover. This is one decision that cannot simply be blamed on Boris.

I love churches. Have done since I was a choirboy at Colwall in the early 1970s, singing under the musical direction of Guy Harland. I love the smell of flagstones melded with old candle wax. I like the grimed agelessness of pews. I find it easier to ‘find God’ (if I ever really do) in an empty country church than in a packed cathedral, or even in an archbishop’s kitchen.

In 2002 my wife and I moved to the Ross area. With our young family we attended How Caple church and its BCP services. The congregation was down to about eight, plus a few bats and mice. It wasn’t long before I was cajoled into joining the PCC. My wife became the organist. How Caple’s church wardens slowly revived the congregation

and by the start of 2020, with the services still very much BCP, the congregation was seldom below 25, with an occasional choir and a much plumper bank account. That did not happen without a mountain of unheralded work, plus innumerable bottles of post-match sherry. Now all that effort has been undone.

At the end of Lockdown One I thought 'hooray, we can return to proper services'. Not so. The benefice imposed stern conditions, filling our church with red tape (literally – pews were sealed off, as at the scene of a crime) and banning prayer books. We were not allowed to light candles. Then came the demand that we wear masks during services. I quit the PCC and I have stopped going to How Caple church. Writing those words fills me with heaviness. Some silly politician said that the pandemic created an opening for her party. It might be clumsy to say covid gave the Church an opportunity but it certainly accentuated its duty to offer comfort to the bereaved and to others who were worried about the crisis. MPs and doctors and priests are in a better position to know this than most of us, but I suspect there was and is a widespread craving for normality. I would have liked to see Anglican leaders providing that normality. That would have meant keeping churches open and keeping to established routines. Keep calm and carry on, as the t-shirts used to say. What a pity British officialdom so wetly failed to live up to that aspiration.

How Caple is a small church – a fraction of the magnificence of Ledbury church – but even with our trebled congregation we could have managed to social-distance perfectly well. We could have belted hymns without any real risk of infection. We could even probably have gathered in the graveyard afterwards for throwaway schooners of sherry without giving each other the plague. All it needed was a can-do attitude. The C of E's managers refused even to try. And when we did have drinks after one lay-led summer matins (let me stress that we followed government rules against gaggles of more than six), someone sneaked to the Rector and he said it must not happen again.

When Lockdown Two happened, my wife and organists elsewhere in the diocese were told they were not required. My wife offered to play, free, music at the start and end of services. Nope, said some incumbents. Too risky. Risky? How? Did they think the air from the organ pipes was going to circulate the virus?

I don't know about you, but life without hymns and canticles feels less worth living. Life without the rhythm of Sunday worship tastes cheaper. When I look at church spires and towers, I now feel sadness where once I felt pride. I wonder if the House of Bishops (I do not aim this at Hereford's new bishop, who needs and deserves our support) wants to close country churches. It grieves me – actually, it fills me with shame – that our generation is the one that has dropped the ball and allowed the Church in England to sink so close to death.

All those centuries, parishioners kept our churches open. Why have we been so feeble?

## To 'Make you Smile'

Found and provided by John and Nina Hainsworth

### The following appeared in church bulletins or were announced at church services.

The sermon this morning: 'Jesus Walks on the Water.' The sermon tonight: 'Searching for Jesus.'

Ladies, don't forget the rummage sale. It's a chance to get rid of those things not worth keeping around the house. Bring your husbands.

Don't let worry kill you off – let the Church help.

Miss Charlene Mason sang 'I will not pass this way again', giving obvious pleasure to the congregation.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

The Rector will preach his farewell message, after which the choir will sing 'Break Forth Into Joy'.

Irving Benson and Jessie Carter were married on October 24 in the church. So ends a friendship that began in their school days.

Potluck supper Sunday at 5pm – prayer and medication to follow.

The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hostility.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be 'What is Hell?' Come early and listen to our choir practice.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

Low Self-Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm. Please use the back door.

The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new tithing campaign slogan last Sunday: 'I Upped My Pledge – Up Yours.'

This being Easter Sunday, we will ask Mrs Lewis to come forward and lay an egg on the altar.

Compiled by Max Bowen

## **KINDERGARTEN KIDS**

e-mail from Revd Canon Jackan Waweru, Vicar.

Greetings from St. Michael and All Angels, Mtwara Parish.

St Michael and All Angels Kindergarten School calendar will start on 4th January 2021. We have over 350 kids and the majority of them are Muslims and are coming from very poor families because 96% of Mtwara people are Muslim and they do depend on farming especially in cultivating other people's land.

Of these kids we had the privilege of baptising 150 (all of them Muslims) during the Christmas service and they were baptised by Bishop Oscar Mnuga.

The cash crop of these people is Cassava and Maize and this year things have been worse as there was a terrible drought in the Southern part of Tanzania. Food distribution this year at the Kindergarten will be:

Morning:	Maize Porridge
Lunch:	Ugali with Kales, or beans.
Supper:	Maize with Beans or Makande in Kiswahili.

Financial year of 2021 will be a bit tough for the Church and Parents, so keep us in prayers so that all will go well as per planned by the Church and the School Committee.

Brian Bowers and Elaine Toyer.  
Ledbury Deanery Mtwara Committee.

### **Revd. Robert Sharp**

"I have been asked to write a little about Bob (Robert) Sharp. "

Many of you know Bob or of him. You have supported him and his family with your prayers over the long time he was ill. Thank you.

Bob was born on June 24th 1936 - St. John the Baptists Day and also Midsummer Day. He was an only child. During the war his father was a Desert Rat for five years, so he was brought up by his mother and her sister. He was educated in Bradford and afterwards at Negas Commercial College where he emerged as top student. Bob worked as an audit clerk in one or two firms, went to night classes to study for his qualifications, did his deferred National Service where he was posted to the Pay Corps in Newcastle after his square bashing in Devizes.

Bob was a choir boy and eventually confirmed. As he joined the confirmation classes halfway through the course, the Vicar would not allow him to go forward for confirmation.

Bob returned the following year and made it! Many years later he met the Vicar and reminded him of the story.

During the years Bob learned to play the piano and also took elocution lessons (As they were called then) and gained his F.L.C.M. He took me to meet his teacher. We missed the last bus back so my glad rags became sad rags after trudging through the rain.

I first met Bob because of his love of tennis. He learnt that the young lady in digs across the road went to Bradford Cathedral Youth Group. He wanted to arrange a tennis match. I was not known for my athletic skills and my friends found it very amusing. But they did their best to create a match. (Double entendre intended!) Our first date was to the new Coventry Cathedral.

In 1965 we booked our wedding for 30th July 1966. How popular did that make us!

Bob went to St. Aiden's Theological College 1964 - 1967. His curacy of three years was in Shipley in the Bradford Diocese. In that time Sarah and Ruth were born. He stayed in the diocese moving to Thwaites Brow Keighley.

May 1977 saw Bob moving to the Hereford Diocese to become part of a Group Ministry. He was Vicar/Rector of four villages - Ford, Alberbury, Cardeston and Wattlesborough which is where Val Tait went before coming back to the Hereford Diocese but she had two more villages added on.

As we moved at the time of the Queen's Silver Jubilee celebrations, the new Vicar and his family became the 'star' attraction at celebratory events - meet the new Vicar and his family, becoming the 'star' turn!

Bob's last parish before retirement was Claverley. During that time he became Rural Dean of Bridgnorth, Prebendary of Hereford Cathedral and for one year was Chaplain to the High Sheriff of Shropshire. In 1994 the parish celebrated the 900th anniversary of the present church building by holding one celebratory event each month organised by the '900 girls'.

On June 18th 1997 we retired to Ledbury. Bob told me he'd do nothing churchwise for six months. He lasted three weeks before he went to see Colin Beevers! He received permission to officiate and the year 99 - 00 he became curate of Stoke Lacy, Moreton Jeffries with Much Cowarne etc. When Colin Beevers retired, he and John Atkinson held the fort at St. Michael's during the interregnum. They made a good team.

We came to know Ledbury when Bob did locums for John Williams; our way of having a holiday break with the girls. So that is how we came to retire to lovely Ledbury.

Now Bob is at peace.

Thank you again for enriching our lives, and may we continue with the friendship.

*With love,  
Hilary*

## Books for Lent

The Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book this year is 'Living His Story'  
Revealing the extra ordinary love of God in ordinary ways.

How can we convey the love of God to our neighbours in a post Christian world that has largely forgotten the gospel of Jesus Christ?

In 'Living His Story' Hannah Steele uncovers liberating and practical ways of sharing the Gospel afresh. With warmth and encouragement she shows us how we can live Jesus' story in our own lives, simply by being the people God made us and to be drawn to Him through our natural gifts.

'Living His Story' is a Lent devotional that will change the way we think about evangelism, show how ideally suited it is for the world we live in and fill us with confidence in sharing God's love with the people around us.

The author, the Revd Dr Hannah Steele is Director of St Mellitus College, London. She has spent time, as well as in her academic work, engaged in mission and evangelism among students in central London as a staff worker with University Colleges Christian Fellowship (UCCF). She is a very lively character, married to a medical doctor, has three sons and is very involved with her local church in Peckham. She is also one of our daughter Anna's best friends as they worked together for UCCF.

Because Lockdown One came last year in early Lent ,  
we have quite a selection of other Lent Books that weren't put out.  
There should be something for everybody and they will be on the bookstall in early February.  
Do have a look.

*Maggie and Bill*

## QUOTES

"God will not look you over for medals, degrees or diplomas, but for scars"

*Elbert Hubbard*

"God will wreck your plans when he sees that your plans are about to wreck you"

"There is nothing too big for God's power or too small for God's heart"

*Craig Groeschel*

"The function of prayer is not to influence God, but rather to change the nature of the one who prays"

*Soren Kirkegaard*

"Let God use you without consulting you"

*St. Theresa of Calcutta*

"I sought to hear the voice of God and climbed the topmost steeple, but God declared Go down again - I dwell among the people."

*John Henry Newman*

## SUB FOR MAX AND THE MARKET

As sadly we have no Max or Market at the moment, I thought that instead of a 'fishy' recipe I would offer up cake recipe this month, a recipe which uses the lovely pink forced rhubarb that we shall soon start to see in the shops  
(Chestnut flour gives a nutty taste and light texture)

### Rhubarb Polenta Cake

500g rhubarb  
300g castor sugar  
150g chestnut flour  
1 teaspoon bicarbonate of soda  
1/4 teaspoon salt  
1 teaspoon ground cinnamon  
155g. fine polenta  
2 large eggs  
1 teaspoon vanilla extract  
125g softened unsalted butter  
125g mascarpone or soft cream cheese  
125g crème fraiche

Syrup:- made with sugar and lemon/orange juice and maybe some rhubarb liquor.  
I have also used the left over saffron syrup from poaching pears, very good.  
Lined and buttered 23cm Springform tin.  
Oven 180C Gas mark 4

Wash and dry rhubarb and cut into 1/2 cm slices.  
Put in to a china bowl and add 100g of the sugar.  
Mix together the dry ingredients and beat the eggs with the vanilla essence.  
Beat together the butter and the rest of the sugar and then add the beaten eggs.  
Add the flour mixture along with the cheese and cream  
and then fold in the rhubarb and its juices.  
Pour into prepared tin and bake for approximately 1 hour until it is springy to touch.  
Pour half the syrup over the cake for the last five minutes of cooking.  
Pour over the rest of the syrup and let the cake cool in the tin on a wire rack.,  
Serve warm as a pudding with ice cream or crème fraiche,  
or cold with a cup of coffee, tea or hot chocolate.



### Stop Press!

"Since writing this Max is back with his van on a Tuesday  
and so please go and by lots of lovely fish"

## FOOD BANK NEWS

This month we owe a lot to “George”. Not the George of George and the Dragon, but a young enterprising lad with a new bike who set out to raise money for our food bank. Inspired by Sir Tom Moore, he decided to do 200 sponsored laps on his new bike around his home. His equally enterprising great aunt Georgina got friends and family to sponsor him, and he raised £230. This touching story came to the attention of the Ledbury Reporter who published an article about George and the money he had raised.

“Hey presto!”, and the story got out and more money flowed in from places as far away as London. In the end George raised over £500.

George’s money will not solve any of the food bank’s problems on its own, but it does one very important thing: it reminds everyone that the food bank is there and in need of money. And that really does solve problems!

The food bank is now feeding some 50% more clients than it was 12 months ago. That we can cope with that increase is thanks to George, the people of Ledbury and local businesses. With that money we can go out and buy stacks of fresh fruit and vegetables as well as such things as cheese, bread, bacon and butter, and give our clients a balanced diet. Most food banks only give out tinned and packaged food. Ledbury Food bank is proud that with the financial help it gets it can do better.

Recently younger local volunteers have come forward to help with the running of the food bank at a time when the more elderly vulnerable have been unable to do so.

## GIVING TREE 2020



Thank you for your wonderful and generous support for the St Michael and All Angels Parish Church Giving Tree 2020.

As a result of your kindness over 70 children and parents, via Ledbury Primary School and 20 older people in the Community Hospital and Nursing Home will have had a happier Christmas and know that someone has thought about them and shared love at Christmas time.

Thank You xxxx



**RECOLLECTION OF THE FEEDING OF THE FIVE THOUSAND  
FOLLOWING THE NARRATIVE OF ST MARK  
(WHO MAY WELL HAVE BEEN PRESENT),  
BY A DISCIPLE.**

We had been shaken by the dreadful news of John the Baptist's execution and there had been much coming and going and anxiety for the safety of Jesus. He had decided that we should take a boat to a secluded place not far away to "rest awhile". When we reached the chosen spot, and got ashore, two of us were going to go to the nearest village to buy some food – we had not eaten that day – and we would have gathered under some trees to rest and talk through the situation.

But it wasn't to be! Many people had spotted our movements and made their way on foot – some even running – to intercept the Teacher whose amazing words singled him out a prophet.

In spite of hunger and fatigue Jesus gave Himself to the people, driven by compassion to teach the Way of Life and to heal some who were sick. A few of us crept away to find a quiet place to rest. Those who remained with Him listened to His words and occasionally helped an enquirer to understand what had been said.

But now the time was passed, the sun going down and chill winds starting to lift the hems of people's garments. Some of the listeners were tired and hungry. We bustled about getting the people ready to move off. But a voice, gentle but firm, intervened –

THEY NEED NOT DEPART

But, but, but.....they are tired and hungry.....some are faint...

Again the voice, the voice as of a shepherd, the voice we loved:

YOU FEED THEM

We collected whatever little food we could find, just five loaves and two fishes and brought them to Him. He told us to make the people sit down in groups. Then He raised the loaves in a gesture of thanksgiving and broke the bread and kept handing it out to us to distribute to the people until they had all been fed.

Now we are picking up the bits. We reckon that there must have been 5,000 men there, as well as women and children. And He kept on handing out the food – enough for everybody! We shook our heads in wonder. Where had all that food come from?

"It was just as though He had created it..."

someone muttered as we filled the twelfth basket with left-overs.

*John Crossley*

## EPILOGUE

A few final words of wisdom from John Henry Newman:-

"God has created me to do Him some definite service. He has committed some work to me which He has not committed to another. I have my mission: I never may know it in this life, but I shall be told it in the next. I have a part in His great work. I am a link in a chain, a bond of connection between persons. He has not created me for naught. I shall do good, I shall do His work. I shall be an angel of peace, a preacher of truth in my own place, while not intending it, if I do but keep His commandments and serve Him in my calling."

John Henry Newman



*God Bless and Go Well*  
-Editor-



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