

Church Life Matters
March 2025



A word from Andrew - Lent 2025

This year we're asking everyone to read a daily testimony, each one from a different person around the country. It's called '40 Faces 40 Places' and it's from LICC (London Institute of Contemporary Christianity). Each one gives a different take on what whole-life discipleship means for them. Each one also contains a short bible passage, a reflection and a prayer. I've been checking it out and am thoroughly enjoying the insights and perspectives. The LICC exists to help Christians in the UK discover these 3 simple truths:

- Wherever we are, we can join in with what God is doing
- The tasks we do matter deeply to God
- We can be fruitful in all kinds of ways

And you'll see immediately how '40 Faces 40 Places' helps us with all three. If you have the YouVersion App of the bible on your phone, you will find this 40-day study already there. Open up the plans section and put the name of this course in a search. Or you can receive it as a daily message to your inbox by going to licc.org.uk then go to 'resources' and then 'prayer journeys' and you can sign up for it there as a free resource.

You can do this as an individual study through the 40 days of Lent, but we are also encouraging Homegroups to use it in the meetings to gain experience from the previous week's entries.

Prayer

In the February's Revival meetings, we've been looking at Ephesians 3:20 'Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.' I encourage you to listen to the talks 'God in a box 1 & 2' available on our website or Spotify.

One of the things we looked at was the power of 'collective imagination'. In the story of the Tower of Babel Genesis 11:6 God says, 'If as one people speaking the same language, they have begun to do this, then nothing they plan to do will be impossible for them'. Here, collective imagination (several people agreeing on a joint vision) is being misused/misapplied, but God understands its power, and it is huge. What if we had whole churches coming together in prayer meetings and having a vision which was like collective imagination. The power that is in collective imagination fuelled by the power of faith, would see a big vision realised. Would that give a reason to come to a church prayer meeting? God is looking for churches who believe in Him as a big God able to accomplish immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine!

Blessings, Andrew

News from All Saints – Great Chalfield

The Quiet Garden – a time for personal reflection

Do you need ?

Time to reflect,
Space to be alone,
Somewhere to pray,
Someone to listen,
Or a quiet place?

We offer

Peace and stillness,
Solitude, a beautiful garden,
Someone to talk to, if you wish,
Shelter from the elements in the
medieval parish church.

Invited Speakers 2025

March 4th

Revd Katie Jackson, Rector of North Bradford on
Avon & villages

April 1st

Canon Andrew Evans, Rector of Broughton Gifford,
Great Chalfield, and Holt St Katharine

May 6th

Local Speaker



The Quiet Garden at Great Chalfield provides a welcoming space in which we can leave our normal lives behind for a while. Here we can pray, rest in God's presence, hear from Him and have an encounter with Jesus in this beautiful place.

Although the Quiet Garden is a Christian organisation, we welcome everyone. A donation to cover our expenses is greatly appreciated. Hot drinks will be available and served on the day, though you may still bring your own, plus please bring your lunch.

Anthony Matthew

A bouquet of pink and white fringed tulips is positioned on the left side of the card, extending from the top to the bottom. The flowers have a delicate, fringed texture and are set against a light green background.

*Mothersing
Sunday*

30 MARCH

10:00

**ALL SAINT'S CHURCH
GREAT CHALFIELD**

News from St. Mary's

What a joy it is to welcome a new member into the church. The christening of Eliza Childe filled the church with villagers, many of whom stayed after the service for coffee and a chat. For many of them it was the first time they had been in the building and there were a number of comments as to how enjoyable the service had been, how beautiful the building was and how warm the welcome was. Let us hope that we shall see a number of them again.

It is also a joy for the Open the Book team to go into the school on Tuesday afternoons. Beamed up on the screen is the message "Open the Book Assembly" and we join them after our performance in a song. The message of Jesus is spread widely throughout the school and no-one can doubt its status as a church school.

Entering through the lych-gate, one is aware of two gaunt posts sticking up. These bear witness to the past presence of the notice board, which, for various reasons has been dismantled. It is rumoured that it will soon be on its feet again, but (possibly) in a new location.

Plans for our July celebration of the 820th anniversary of our parish have now been taken on board by the Parish Council, who will be organising some form of exhibition in the Village Hall on the Saturday. The school also wants to be involved. Sadly, Bishop Andrew cannot stay for lunch on the Sunday, after he has preached in church, but it seems we will have a busy weekend.



On the social side our February Coffee Morning was its usual success giving us all the opportunity to have a good chat and raising £116. The next coffee morning is on 1st March.

As for our quizzes, the one due just after I finish writing this was, for the first time, fully booked ten days before the event.

Christopher Fielden & Annette Stone

Ash

Wednesday

5 MARCH @ 7:30PM
ST MARY'S CHURCH,
BROUGHTON GIFFORD

Worthing
Sunday

30 MARCH

10:00

ST MARY'S CHURCH
BROUGHTON GIFFORD



February Supper Evening at St. Katharine's Church

A recipe for a brilliant time begins with food and company. Throw in an amazing, impactful story of how encountering the living God can change lives and you are on course for a thrilling ride on the road to salvation.

Saturday 1 February saw 50 lovely people - half of them our invited guests, all with their own stories to share, come together and enjoy the contents of the above paragraph. Eli and Daniella from Iris Ministries Glastonbury were our guests. Their mission statement is 'We stop for the one'. On that evening, we know one person did have a change of direction as Christ was received and a whole new journey began. What we don't know was how other guests were impacted by the testimony of Eli or the folks they sat with around the tables that will spark them on to further explore the love Jesus has for each of them.



Can you be a signpost for a friend, relative or neighbour who needs to know how precious they are to Jesus? Our next invitation supper will be a good place for them to start. Look out for the flyers for the next meal in due course and invite them along. The worst that can happen is they might say no.

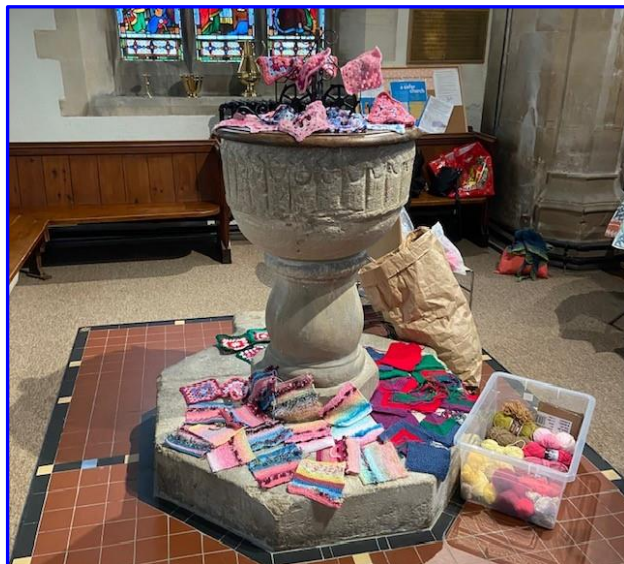
Enormous thanks to those who cooked the delicious cottage pies for the meal on Saturday, and for the team who ran the evening smoothly. And to our wonderful Saviour who graced us with His presence.

Terri Dauncey

Coffee Morning at St. Katharine's Church

The Coffee morning isn't all about the numbers but on 15 February we had 70 guests walk through the doors, which is something of a record for us!

Holt Crafters had a regular dozen-ish sat with their yarn, and draped their crocheted and knitted squares over the font. We met some new faces from the village, who have vowed to come again next month.



It's such a lovely environment for catching up with friends, making new ones, and boosting your mental health socially. There's always a good buzz of chat and excellent cakes, marmalade and scones on the cake table. We sold all the cakes. I guessed the January calorie-crackdown might have eased for February! Yvonne made us some delicious herb and cheese scones 😊. Readers, I ate one (Terri).



At the next coffee morning the donations for refreshments will be going to Transform Trade and the annual Big Brew. Hope to see you there.

The St. Katharine's Coffee Morning Team

JOIN THE ST. K'S WORSHIP TEAM FOR



OPEN WORSHIP

ST. KATHARINE'S CHURCH
THURSDAY 20 MARCH 2025
19:45 ONWARDS

HOT DRINKS SERVED
EVERYONE WELCOME



Worshiping Sunday

30 MARCH

10:30

ST KATHARINE'S
HOLT

Eco Church

Thank you to those already using the Recycling Boxes in St. Katharine's for your empty pill blister packs, ink and toner cartridges and bras. The latter go to African countries to be used in the training of seamstresses learning to produce bras for local women. If you already have a way to recycle the pill packs (at Superdrug) and cartridges please do that, leaving space for those who can't.



A while ago we had a collecting box for used pens. Sadly, TerraCycle have ceased to take them so what can we do? Imagine every pen you have ever used, all in Landfill with billions more disposed of every year. Bic has sold over 100 billion disposable pens since 1950!

So, let's be more mindful of the writing implements we use. I still enjoy using a fountain pen, especially the one I inherited from my grandma in 1970. There are some lovely modern refillable pens with fibre tips, and propelling pencils. Why not ask for one for a birthday present. There are also pens made from recycled plastics.



And for the children and artists among you (ask Fiona), go for coloured pencils that just need a sharpen now and again. I found this lovely set in Bath Abbey shop...they have bible verses printed on them too!

- A request please. Is there someone who could do repairs on some of our Altar and Communion linen? Please let me know, thank you.

Jane Scheuber

Please send content for the April issue of Church Life Matters via email to Dawn by Friday 21 March.

United Benefice of Broughton Gifford, Great Chalfield & Holt St Katharine

Services March 2025

Date	Sunday	Holt St. Katharine's	Broughton Gifford St. Mary's	Great Chalfield All Saints
2 nd		10:15 Kids Worship 10:30 Café Church	10:00 Parish Communion	18:00 Evensong
5 th	ASH WEDNESDAY Lent begins		19:30 Holy Communion	
9 th		10:30 Outdoor Church 10:30 Parish Communion 18:00 Revival Meeting	10:00 Morning Worship	10:00 Holy Communion
16 th		10:30 Café Church 18:00 Revival Meeting	10:00 Parish Communion	10:00 Matins
23 rd		10:30 Outdoor Church 10:30 Morning Worship 16:00 Evensong	10:00 Morning Service	10:00 Holy Communion
30 th	MOTHERING SUNDAY	10:30 Morning Worship	10:00 Morning Worship	10:00 Holy Communion

Donations

To set up a standing order or make a donation to any of the three churches in the Benefice please find all the information below:

St Katharine's PCC of Holt Sort code: 30 98 75 A/C: 01525597

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