

THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,  
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND  
ST.BEDE THE VEN. KINGTON, HR5 3DW  
TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



“The master praised the unjust steward for his astuteness.”(Lk 16, 7) After Quentin Massys c.1534.

### THE PARISH

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**NEW Zoom ID 356 505 3411. Passcode: x55Ftu**

### TWENTY-FIFTH WEEK OF YEAR C

Sat.Sep. 20 **Mass of Sun.25C** K'ton. 6.00

*John Cochrane.*

**JOHN COCHRANE DIED PEACEFULLY AT HOME AT 6.30pm.on Saturday, Sept.13<sup>th</sup>.** His

**Requiem and cremation will be on Monday October 6<sup>th</sup>., time to be decided.**

Sun. 21 Mass of Ord. Sun Yr.C

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

*Int: John Cochrane R.I.P.*

Mon. 22 NO Mass (Monastery chapter)

**Morning prayer each day 9.40, courtesy of Zoom \***

Tues 23 Mass,Weob.10.00. *S.Pius of Pietrelcina\**

Wed. 24 NO Mass,K'ton Our Lady, Walsingham\*

Thur. 25 NO Mass. *Morning prayer \**

Fri. 26 Mass, Weob. 4.00\* *SS.Cosmas+Damian*

Sat. 27 **Mass of Ord.Sun.26<sup>th</sup>.6.00pm. K'ton**

Sun. 28 **26<sup>th</sup>. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30**

**Today: HOME MISSION SUNDAY** (*evangelii gaudium.*— *Special 2<sup>nd</sup> collection*)

### URGENT PRAYERS

**For political and social justice in the U.S.A.**

**For permanent peace between Sudan and Dafur.**

**And between India and Pakistan.**

**For the immediate release of remaining Israeli Hostages. That the political leaders of Israel and members of Hamas will begin to obey God's fifth commandment: "Thou shalt not kill". For the survival of Gaza and the native Palestinians and that these peoples may have food, freedom and the right to decide their own future,**

**That the accord struck between King Charles, Sir Kier Starmer and President Donald Trump may bear fruit for the whole world.**

**That President Trump will observe the rights of Ukraine and Gaza to their own territory.**

**That our young people will be drawn away from the cult of knife-crime.**

### PARISH INTENTIONS

**For those in our parish or known to us who are sick or in need of special prayers:** John & Vicky Tanner, Graham Vaughan, Melita Denaro, Vivian Brooke, Claire Burrows, Sarah Murkin, Roger Nichols, Bill Davies, Kath Morgan, Ann Clarke, Julia Evans. Tricia Carter, Louise Wright.

**For parishioners, relatives and friends recently dead:** Sheila Mundy, John Cochrane.

**We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time:** Diana Hereford (S.2012), Alyson Brown (M.'80), Agnes Mary Morgan (T.'68), Ann Morgan (W.'72), Sylvia Ann Bedford (Th.), Martin Gudge (Th.2014),

**For King Charles III and Queen Camilla. May they always set the highest standards of leadership for our country. We also pray for our government, especially our Prime Minister, Sir Keir Starmer and his cabinet. May they govern with integrity following the religious beliefs and social needs of our country. And we pray for the leaders of all the other countries of the world, esp.President Zelenski of Ukraine and conversion of the Russian leaders.**

### KEEP PRAYING FOR LIFE

**1. Against our ever-relaxing abortion laws.**

**2. for the defeat of the proposed Assisted Suicide bill.(Local M.P.s: Ellie Chowns voted in favour of the Bill. Jessie Norman against. Work on Ellie Chowns. House of Lords vote: 33% for, 67% against.**

**START YOUR DAY WITH MILLIONS THROUGH-OUT THE WORLD WITH "PRAYER OF THE CHURCH" as practiced by the Apostles and called for in Vatican II. Just down-load a programme called 'UNIVERSALIS' for every day. PRAYER IS FUN.**

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## **SERMONETTE – THE TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C.**

Today's readings centre upon social justice, a theme which has been at the core of Christianity from the earliest times.

### **FIRST READING from the Prophecy of Amos (Ch.8, vv.4-7)**

Amos would not have gone down “big” with President Trump. He was “a nasty person”. Although the King of Israel was Josiah, a good king, yet, c.640 b.C., the rot had set in and every kind of economic oppression and double-dealing was practised in Israel. Amos could see that in the eyes of Yahweh this was deplorable. Amos is known as the prophet of social justice: never a popular theme under any regime. The first line of attack is mockery. After that comes physical and mental intimidation, then comes violence and murder. Amos and other prophets knew them all for the cause of setting people in the paths of true justice.

### **SECOND READING from Paul's first letter to Timothy. (Ch.2, vv.1-8).**

If we thought that our first reading would bring discomfort to President Trump, perhaps this letter from Paul may calm him down. This brief passage from Paul is interesting in that it is addressing the matter of liturgical prayer, how the new Christians were to pray when they were together. Timothy was a young believer whom Paul had appointed to be ‘*episcopos*’ (overseer or bishop) in Crete. As *episcopos*, Timothy would have led and been responsible for all community matters, especially prayer and the Breaking of Bread. Paul's appeal for peace and loyalty contrasts with what was happening in the wider world where Christians were being martyred in large numbers by mad emperors such as Caligula, Nero, Vespasian, Titus and Domitian. Christians were never a group of zealots or revolutionaries. They simply followed Jesus Christ, the Lamb of God who went willingly to his own slaughter.

### **THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel according to Luke. (Ch.16, vv.1-11)**

Luke never ceases to surprise us, even shock us by the parables that he records from the mouth of Jesus. Today's story is about a fraudulent employee who has been ‘ripping off’ his employer in no uncertain terms. Strangely, so corrupt is his world that, when the master calls him up and threatens to sack him, the steward cannot face the indignity of demotion or even poverty so he simply gathers his underlings and cronies and tells them to defraud the master as well. When the steward is finally caught out again, amazingly his master takes a divine view and actually commends him! In this parable are wound together crime, investigation, fear of punishment, guile, deceit and tolerance.

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**STOP PRESS: Coming up.**

**THE ALL-IMPORTANT PARISH BARBEQUE HAS BEEN POSTPONED TO THIS SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER 21<sup>ST</sup>. 12.00 noon to 2.30-1.2**

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--+ish, owing to threatened bad weather.

By kind courtesy of Anne and Mike Allen and Richard Snead-Cox of Broxwood Court we have been invited to use their 'Tapestry Room' with the actual barbecue outside. Details: please contact Frank: 07909.660 160  
Salads and puddings needed on the day: please sign the notice in the church or contact Joan: 07528.676 760.  
**NO TICKETS – JUST SIGN UP.**

**PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL, Tuesday September 23<sup>rd</sup>. in the Parish Room, Weobley.**  
**Any points you wish to raise, please bring them to a councillor (See list on front of Newssheet)**

**DEANERY MASS at S.F.X. Hereford. Wednesday Sept 24<sup>th</sup>. 7.00pm. Please try to come. Lifts available.**

**DON'T FORGET THE FOOD BANK. "The poor you have always with you." - Jesus**

**CHURCHES TOGETHER IN HEREFORDSHIRE. OPEN MEETING. The Bishop's Palace, Hereford  
November 12<sup>th</sup>. 2025, 7.00pm.**

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**GATES: UNFORTUNATELY I HAVE DECIDED TO CLOSE THE CAR-PARK GATES AT NIGHT, ESPECIALLY ON WEEKENDS. THIS IS BECAUSE CERTAIN PERSONS OF A PERAMBULANT DISPOSITION ARE TAKING IT UPON THEMSELVES TO CAMP DOWN ON APPARENTLY VACANT PROPERTIES. SORRY FOR THE INCONVENIENCE: I HOPE IT WON'T LAST LONG. *Fr. Simon***