

**-THE PARISH OF ST THOMAS OF HEREFORD,
WEOBLEY, HR4 8QS AND
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TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C



“Ten lepers stood at a distance and cried: ‘Jesus, Master, have mercy on us’.” *Luke 17, 11-19.*

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HARVEST SUNDAY

Sat.Oct. 11 Mass of Sun.28C K’ton. 6.00

Int: John Cochrane.

Sun. 12 Mass of Ord. Sun 28, Yr.C

Mass- Weobley.10.30Z

Int: John Cochrane R.I.P.

Mon. 13 NO Mass *S.Edward Confessor*

Morning prayer each day 9.40, courtesy of Zoom *

Tues 14 Mass, Weob. 10.00,

Wed. 15 Mass, K’ton 10.30 *S.Teresa of Avila*

Thur. 16 NO Mass. *Morning prayer* *

Fri. 17 Mass, Weob.4.00* *S.Ignatius of Antioch*

Sat. 18 Mass of Ord.Sun.29th.6.00pm. K’ton

Sun. 19 29th. Sun.of the Year. Mass 10.30

SERMONETTE – THE TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY OF YEAR C.

URGENT PRAYERS

For the peace initiative brokered by Pres. Trump for Gaza and Israel.

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 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 and other forms of violence..

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, Julia Evans. Tricia Carter, Louise Wright, Roger Kerrigan,

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

We remember those of our parish whose anniversaries occur at this time: Ann Mary Allen (W.’41), Thomas Giblin (Th.),

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.

THE FUNERAL OF JOHN COCHRANE last Monday was well attended, including by many of his other church friends from Weobley.

**MORNING PRAYER Monday to Friday 9.40
LIVE OR ON ZOOM**

FIRST READING from the Second Book of the Kings. (Ch.5, vv.14 -17)

This is one of the most beautiful stories in the Old Testament. Naaman is a five-star general in the Syrian army but he contracts leprosy. There is nothing for it but ignominy and the end of his glittering career. As fortune has it, there is an Israeli girl who had been carried off to become a servant to Naaman's wife. When all seems lost she suggest to her master that there is prophet in Samaria who can cure her master. Naaman asks his king if he may accept this opportunity and is granted leave, so he sets off with an absurd quantity of bounty to give to the king of Samaria to 'borrow' his prophet, Elisha. Naaman now expects some grand healing remedy to be bestowed upon him but, instead, Elisha just tells him to wash seven times in the Jordan. Naaman is indignant: there are far grander rivers in Syria in which he could bathe but the servant girl corrects him saying that if the prophet had asked him to do something grand he would have done it so why not simply do what the prophet has asked. Naaman obeys and his flesh is becomes "clean like that of a little child". At this, Naaman is completely converted to the God of Israel, Yahweh. He just wants two donkey-loads of Israeli earth to take to Syria so that there he can worship Yahweh.

SECOND READING from Paul's second letter to Timothy. (Ch.2, vv.8-13)

This is now Paul's second letter to Timothy whom he has appointed to be the overseer of the Church in Ephesus. Paul is ever more conscious of his own approaching martyrdom and is simply encouraging his disciple, Timothy, to follow his example. He concludes with a short verse, possibly a mnemonic to help the new Christians to recall the essentials of their faith in these days before the written scriptures. "If we have died with Him, we will also live with Him. If we deny Him he will also deny us: if we are faithless, he remains faithful for he cannot deny his own self."

THE HOLY GOSPEL from the gospel according to Luke. (Ch.17, vv.5-10)

Like our first reading, this excerpt from Luke concerns lepers but is actually about gratitude. As He walks along with His disciples between Galilee and Samaria, they come upon a leper colony. These would have been common-place exiles for purposes of quarantine. Ten of the lepers ask to be cured, and are cured, but only one returned to say 'thank you'. This was an immigrant, a Samaritan. Like Naaman the Syrian General, he praised God and was grateful. Again, like Naaman, it was his faith which saved him.

STOP PRESS: Coming up.

OUR HARVEST MASSES THIS WEEKEND: Kington, Saturday Oct.11th. Weobley, Sunday Oct.12th

It would be nice to have some natural products but since most food goes to the food bank, tins and packets are more appropriate.

CAFOD HARVEST COLLECTION – October 4TH/5th. This was taken last weekend but any late donations will be gratefully received.

NEXT SUNDAY: WORLD MISSION SUNDAY. Special collection. Andy Palfreman would like to address our congregations on the matter of the *Missio* RED BOXES.

NEXT 'HORIZONS OF HOPE': "THE CHURCH AND YOUNG PEOPLE" – Nurturing faith and hope in young people. With James Potter, Chaplain of Wimbledon College. Thurs. October 30th. 7.00pm at SFX.

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

'THE TABLET' We are currently ordering a spare copy each week in the hope that people will read it. I am against cancelling it for the moment so a copy will be available each week to 'borrow' and return FREE. It is of such good and varied journalism that i am loathe to cancel it. Please don't force me to!

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