

Ross and Archenfield Deanery

Praying Together

Prayer Diary

Tuesday 1st October to

Sunday 3rd November 2024



## Tuesday 1st October

Scripture: Psalm 90 verses 9—10

<sup>9</sup>For all our days pass away under your wrath;  
our years come to an end like a sigh.

<sup>10</sup>The days of our life are seventy years,  
or perhaps eighty, if we are strong;  
even then their span is only toil and trouble;  
they are soon gone, and we fly away.

For our Prayers: All who feel frustrated with life, that they have not achieved all they had hoped, that the Holy Spirit will strengthen them and remind them that they are loved and valued by God, no matter what.

Across our Deanery: St. Peter, Peterstow, for those who rely on the local shop and those who live in the village, for the church and its role as a village hub.

## Wednesday 2nd

Scripture: Psalm 90 verses 11—12

<sup>11</sup>Who considers the power of your anger?

Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you.

<sup>12</sup>So teach us to count our days  
that we may gain a wise heart.

For our Prayers: That we may be open to appreciate the Wisdom of our God, who leads us by the Holy Spirit to a place of love and reverence.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary, Ross-on-Wye, for all who live in the town and those moving into the new housing. For the work of the Messy Church.

## Thursday 3rd

Scripture: Psalm 90 verses 13—14

<sup>13</sup>Turn, O LORD! How long?

Have compassion on your servants!

<sup>14</sup>Satisfy us in the morning with your steadfast love,  
so that we may rejoice and be glad all our days.

For our Prayers: All who feel that they are struggling with living at this moment, especially those who feel disconnected from their families and neighbours.

Across our Deanery: For the Life-Link Chaplain's appointment and links with John Kyrle Academy and community organisations across the Ross.

## Friday 4th Francis of Assisi, Deacon, Founder of the Friars Minor, 1226

Scripture: Galatians 6 verses 17—18

<sup>17</sup>From now on, let no one make trouble for me; for I carry the marks of Jesus branded on my body.

<sup>18</sup>May the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ be with your spirit, brothers and sisters. Amen.

Collect: O God, you ever delight to reveal yourself to the childlike and lowly of heart:

grant that, following the example of the blessed Francis, we may count the wisdom of this world as foolishness and know only Jesus Christ and him crucified, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Those involved in the Anglican Franciscan Order, for the brothers and sisters in their monasteries and for the Third Order of Franciscans who follow the Franciscan Rule in their work and neighbourhood.

Across our Deanery: St. Tysilio, Sellack and for all who live in the village and farm the local area.

### Saturday 5th

Scripture: Psalm 80 verses 15—17

<sup>15</sup> Make us glad for as many days as you have afflicted us,  
and for as many years as we have seen evil.

<sup>16</sup> Let your work be manifest to your servants,  
and your glorious power to their children.

<sup>17</sup> Let the favour of the Lord our God be upon us,  
and prosper for us the work of our hands—  
O prosper the work of our hands!

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for all the blessings that we have received from God our Maker. May we share those blessings with all around us.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael, Sollers Hope and for those who live and work in the area.

### Sunday 6th 19th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 10 verses 15—18

<sup>13</sup> People were bringing little children to him in order that he might touch them; and the disciples spoke sternly to them. <sup>14</sup> But when Jesus saw this, he was indignant and said to them, ‘Let the little children come to me; do not stop them; for it is to such as these that the kingdom of God belongs. <sup>15</sup> Truly I tell you, whoever does not re-

ceive the kingdom of God as a little child will never enter it.’

Collect: O God, forasmuch as without you we are not able to please you;

mercifully grant that your Holy Spirit may in all things direct and rule our hearts;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: Our local schools and the children who attend. For Scouts, Guides and other youth organisations which teach self-respect and self-worth.

Across our Deanery: St. Weonards, St. Weonards church, the village hall, the new housing being built in the village, the local shop, and St. Weonards Primary School.

### Monday 7th

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 1– 2

<sup>1</sup>You who live in the shelter of the Most High,  
who abide in the shadow of the Almighty,

<sup>2</sup>will say to the LORD, ‘My refuge and my fortress;  
my God, in whom I trust.’

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for the arms of God who shelter us from the world as we remember God who is our rock in times of trouble.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, The Lea and all who live and work in the village, The Lea C of E Primary school and all who teach and study there.

## Tuesday 8th

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 3—4

<sup>3</sup>For he will deliver you from the snare of the fowler  
and from the deadly pestilence;  
<sup>4</sup>he will cover you with his pinions,  
and under his wings you will find refuge;  
his faithfulness is a shield and buckler.

For our Prayers: Those who feel trapped, by their circumstances in life or by the evil of others, that they may see their way to freedom in God's service.

Across our Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Upton Bishop, for those who live in the village, for the local pub and the village hall.

## Wednesday 9th , Denys, Bishop of Paris, and his Companions, Martyrs, c. 250

Scripture: Malachi 2 verses 6—7

And the Lord said “<sup>6</sup>True instruction was in his mouth, and no wrong was found on his lips. He walked with me in integrity and uprightness, and he turned many from iniquity. <sup>7</sup>For the lips of a priest should guard knowledge, and people should seek instruction from his mouth, for he is the messenger of the LORD of hosts. “

Collect: O God, Who conferred Your saving Faith on the people of France through Your holy bishop and martyr Denys and his companions, Grant us, through his intercession, that the faith practiced and preached by them may be our light on the way of life. Amen.

For our Prayers: For churches dedicated to St. Denys, especially all who visit the Cathedral in Paris, that they may glimpse something of the glory of God.

Across our Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Walford and for all who live in the village, for the local shops and pubs and the local school. For the appointment of the House for Duty post.

Thursday 10th Thomas Traherne, Poet, Spiritual Writer, 1674

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 1 verses 20—21

<sup>20</sup>Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? <sup>21</sup>For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe.

Collect: God, blessed Thomas Traherne with an insight into your creation and, with pastoral care, looked after those in his parishes; give us the same faith to see your glory in the world around us and so care for your creation. Amen.

For our Prayers: Giving thanks for local ministers who have shaped our church and inspire us in care for Creation and one another.

Across our Deanery: St. Mary the Virgin, Welsh Newton and St. John the Baptist, Llanrothal and for all who live and work in the villages.

Friday 11th

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 5—6

<sup>5</sup>You will not fear the terror of the night,  
or the arrow that flies by day,  
<sup>6</sup>or the pestilence that stalks in darkness,  
or the destruction that wastes at noonday.

For our Prayers: Those feeling persecuted, especially those in countries that discriminate against Christians and our brothers and sisters across the Middle East.

Across the Deanery: St. Lawrence, Weston –under-Penyard and all who live and work in the village.

Saturday 12th Wilfred of Ripon, Bishop, Missionary, 709

Scripture: Luke 5 verse 10b—11

<sup>10b</sup>Then Jesus said to Simon, ‘Do not be afraid; from now on you will be catching people.’ <sup>11</sup>When Simon, James and John had brought their boats to shore, they left everything and followed Jesus.

Collect: Almighty God, who called our forebears to the light of the gospel by the preaching of your servant Wilfrid:

help us, who keep his life and labour in remembrance, to glorify your name by following the example of his zeal and perseverance; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: The people of Ripon and Yorkshire, all who visit Ripon Cathedral and the staff and their ministry to visitors and pilgrims.

Across the Deanery: St. Dubricius, Whitchurch and for those who live and work in the village, for Whitchurch House Care Home and the local C of E Primary school.

Sunday 13th 12th Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 10 verses 21—22

<sup>21</sup>Jesus, looking at him, loved him and said, ‘You lack one thing; go,



sell what you own, and give the money to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven; then come, follow me.’<sup>22</sup>When he heard this, he was shocked and went away grieving, for he had many possessions.

Collect: God, the giver of life, whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:

by the Spirit’s gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ and make us eager to do your will, that we may share with the whole creation the joys of eternal life;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: That we should not be distracted by the lure of wealth and power, but should seek to serve those with whom we come into contact.

Across the Deanery: St. James, Wyesham and for those who live in the village.

### Monday 14th

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 7—8

<sup>7</sup>A thousand may fall at your side,  
ten thousand at your right hand,  
but it will not come near you.

<sup>8</sup>You will only look with your eyes  
and see the punishment of the wicked.

For our Prayers: Those who are worried about triumph of evil, that they, and we, may have faith in our God to make sure the righteous flourish.

Across the Deanery: John Kyrle High School, Ross on Wye, for the Head, Julian Morgan staff and pupils. For the LifeLink Chaplain project and a Christian presence in the school.

Tuesday 15th Teresa of Avila, Teacher of the Faith, 1582

Scripture: Romans 8 verses 24—25

<sup>24</sup>For in hope we were saved. Now hope that is seen is not hope. For who hopes for what is seen? <sup>25</sup>But if we hope for what we do not see, we wait for it with patience.

Collect: Merciful God, who by your Spirit raised up your servant Teresa of Avila to reveal to your Church the way of perfection: grant that her teaching may awaken in us a longing for holiness, until we attain to the perfect union of love in Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who help us to grow our faith and to think about God. For those who are theological advisors to our Bishops and the Church.

Across the Deanery: Ross Community Hospital, the staff and patients, those who visit on behalf of the local churches.

Wednesday 16th

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 9—10

<sup>9</sup> Because you have made the LORD your refuge,  
the Most High your dwelling-place,  
<sup>10</sup> no evil shall befall you,  
no scourge come near your tent.

For our Prayers: Those feeling paranoid and unsafe, for those who counsel and guide them. For those who provide safe spaces for people to meet.

Across the Deanery: The Deanery Leadership Team, the Rural Dean, Revd Sheila Anthony, the new Deanery Lay co-chair (TBA), Helen Foy (Deanery Secretary) and Paul Baker (Deanery Treasurer).

Thursday 17th Ignatius, Bishop of Antioch, Martyr, c. 107

Scripture: Philippians 3 verses 10—11

<sup>10</sup>I want to know Christ and the power of his resurrection and the sharing of his sufferings by becoming like him in his death, <sup>11</sup>if somehow I may attain the resurrection from the dead.

Collect: Feed us, O Lord, with the living bread and make us drink deep of the cup of salvation that, following the teaching of your bishop Ignatius and rejoicing in the faith with which he embraced a martyr's death, we may be nourished for that eternal life for which he longed;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: Those who lead the church, Archbishop Justin and our local Bishop, Richard, that they may be faithful and true in guiding the church.

Across the Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Aston Ingham and for their Church Officers and congregation and all who live in the village.

## Friday 18th Luke the Evangelist

Scripture: Luke 10 verses 1– 2

<sup>1</sup>The Lord appointed seventy others and sent them on ahead of him in pairs to every town and place where he himself intended to go.

<sup>2</sup>He said to them, ‘The harvest is plentiful, but the labourers are few; therefore ask the Lord of the harvest to send out labourers into his harvest.’

Collect: Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: All who are called to work as evangelists in our communities and those who work within the medical profession, especially those involved in counselling and listening.

Across the Deanery: All Saints, Bishopswood in the process of being made redundant, the community centre and the monthly parish breakfast event.

## Saturday 19th Henry Martin, Translator of the Scriptures, Missionary to India and Peris, 1813

Scripture: Isaiah 55 verses 10 -11

<sup>10</sup>For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout,

giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater,  
<sup>11</sup>so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth;  
it shall not return to me empty,  
but it shall accomplish that which I purpose,  
and succeed in the thing for which I sent it.

Collect: Almighty God, who by your Holy Spirit gave Henry Martyn a  
longing to tell the good news of Christ and skill to translate the  
Scriptures:

by the same Spirit give us grace to offer you our gifts, wherever you  
may lead, at whatever the cost;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with  
you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

For our Prayers: The work of the Bible Society and the literature it  
produces to help people explore the Bible and use its wisdom every  
day.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Brampton Abbots.  
For the people in the village of Brampton Abbots, the C of E Prima-  
ry School and that the church of St, Michael become a vital part of  
village life.

Sunday 20th 21st Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 10 42—44

<sup>42</sup>So Jesus called them and said to them, ‘You know that among the  
Gentiles those whom they recognize as their rulers lord it over them,  
and their great ones are tyrants over them. <sup>43</sup>But it is not so among  
you; but whoever wishes to become great among you must be your  
servant, <sup>44</sup>and whoever wishes to be first among you must be slave of  
all.

Collect: Grant, we beseech you, merciful Lord, to your faithful people pardon and peace, that they may be cleansed from all their sins and serve you with a quiet mind;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

For our Prayers: A spirit of service to our families, church and neighbours so as to reveal the Kingdom of God.

Across the Deanery: St. Bridget, Bridstow. For the village, Bridstow C of E Primary School and the village.

### Monday 21st

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 11—13

<sup>11</sup> For he will command his angels concerning you  
to guard you in all your ways.

<sup>12</sup> On their hands they will bear you up,  
so that you will not dash your foot against a stone.

<sup>13</sup> You will tread on the lion and the adder,  
the young lion and the serpent you will trample under foot.

For our Prayers: Those who find themselves in conflict zones and places of violence, that God's angels of peace will lead them out untouched.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Dewsall and St. Mary Callow (closed). For those in the village of Callow and for those getting married at Dewsall Court and Dewsall Church.

## Tuesday 22nd

Scripture: Psalm 91 verses 14—16

- <sup>14</sup> Those who love me, I will deliver;  
I will protect those who know my name.  
<sup>15</sup> When they call to me, I will answer them;  
I will be with them in trouble,  
I will rescue them and honour them.  
<sup>16</sup> With long life I will satisfy them,  
and show them my salvation.

For our Prayers: All who wait on God to answer their prayers, that He will not leave them waiting but bring them safe to his eternal home.

Across the Deanery: St. Peter, Dixton. For the PCC and all working to restore the church.

## Wednesday 23rd

Scripture: Psalm 92 verses 1—2

- <sup>1</sup> It is good to give thanks to the LORD,  
to sing praises to your name, O Most High;  
<sup>2</sup> to declare your steadfast love in the morning,  
and your faithfulness by night,

For our Prayers: That our day may be filled with praises for our God, and in our words and actions, the power of God's love may shine though.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary, Foy. For the hamlet of Foy and for those who raft and canoe down the Wye past the church.

## Thursday 24th

Scripture: Psalm 92 verses 3—4

<sup>3</sup>to the music of the lute and the harp,  
to the melody of the lyre.

<sup>4</sup>For you, O LORD, have made me glad by your work;  
at the works of your hands I sing for joy.

For our Prayers: Musicians and all who bring, through music, delight and joy. Especially we pray for those who lead our music in our churches.

Across the Deanery: St. Swithin, Ganarew. For the people of the village, the work going on in the church and the care home next to the church.

## Friday 25th

Scripture: Psalm 92 verses 5—6

<sup>5</sup>How great are your works, O LORD!  
Your thoughts are very deep!

<sup>6</sup>The dullard cannot know,  
the stupid cannot understand this:

For our Prayers: All who wilfully ignore our God, who choose to serve only themselves, not knowing of the greater calling to which they, and we, are called.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Garway. For those who worship there, those who live in Garway and those looking to the future of the church building.



Saturday 26th Alfred the Great, King of the West Saxons, Scholar,  
899

Scripture: 2 Samuel 23 verses 3—4

<sup>3</sup>The God of Israel has spoken,  
the Rock of Israel has said to me:  
One who rules over people justly,  
ruling in the fear of God,  
<sup>4</sup>is like the light of morning,  
like the sun rising on a cloudless morning,  
gleaming from the rain on the grassy land.

Collect: God, our maker and redeemer, we pray you of your great mercy and by the power of your holy cross to guide us by your will and to shield us from our foes:  
that, after the example of your servant Alfred, we may inwardly love you above all things;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

For our Prayers: For Charles, our King, in his roll of Head of the Church of England and Defender of the Faith. May he continue to support the church and its people.

Across the Deanery: St. Giles, Goodrich and St. Margaret, Welsh Bicknor. For the people of the villages, for Goodrich C of E School and for visitors to Goodrich Castle.

## Sunday 27th Last Sunday after Trinity

Scripture: Mark 10 verses 41—52

<sup>51</sup>Then Jesus said to him, ‘What do you want me to do for you?’ The blind man said to him, ‘My teacher, let me see again.’ <sup>52</sup>Jesus said to him, ‘Go; your faith has made you well.’ Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

Collect: Blessed Lord, who caused all holy Scriptures to be written for our learning:

help us so to hear them, to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest them that, through patience, and the comfort of your holy word, we may embrace and for ever hold fast the hope of everlasting life, which you have given us in our Saviour Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: Those who work with the blind, helping them to achieve independence. For the RNIB school in Hereford and all who work there.

Across the Deanery: St. Dubricius, Hentland and St. Catharine, Hoarwithy. For the two villages and those who live there, for the project at St. Catharine’s to improve access, the local pub and shop in Hoarwithy.

## Monday 28th Simon and Jude, Apostles

Scripture: John 15 verses 18—19

Jesus said to his disciples: <sup>18</sup>‘If the world hates you, be aware that it hated me before it hated you. <sup>19</sup>If you belonged to the world, the world would love you as its own. Because you do not belong to the world, but I have chosen you out of the world – therefore the world

hates you.’

Collect: Almighty God, who built your Church upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Jesus Christ himself as the chief cornerstone:

so join us together in unity of spirit by their doctrine, that we may be made a holy temple acceptable to you;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: Though we know little of Simon and June, we give thanks for their witness and the works they did to spread the church across the world.

Across the Deanery: St. Michael and All Angels, Hope Mansell. For the people who live and work in the village.

Tuesday 29th James Hannington, Bishop of Equatorial Africa, Martyr in Uganda, 1885

Scripture: Matthew 10 verses 32—33

<sup>32</sup>Everyone therefore who acknowledges me before others, I also will acknowledge before my Father in heaven; <sup>33</sup>but whoever denies me before others, I also will deny before my Father in heaven.

Collect: Most merciful God, who strengthened your Church by the steadfast courage of your martyr James Hannington:

grant that we also, thankfully remembering his victory of faith, may overcome what is evil and glorify your holy name;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: The people of Uganda and the Church of Uganda.  
For their work in supporting the oppressed and poor in Uganda.

Across the Deanery: St. Andrew with St. Mary, How Caple. For those who live in the village and surrounding farms. For How Caple Court and those who are getting married there this year.

### Wednesday 30th

Scripture: Psalm 92 verses 7—9

<sup>7</sup> though the wicked sprout like grass  
and all evildoers flourish,  
they are doomed to destruction for ever,  
<sup>8</sup> but you, O LORD, are on high for ever.  
<sup>9</sup> For your enemies, O LORD,  
for your enemies shall perish;  
all evildoers shall be scattered.

For our Prayers: Those who are disheartened at the success of those who do evil, that they will see that God will cut them down and restore his Kingdom of righteousness.

Across the Deanery: St. John the Baptist, Kings Caple and for those who live in the village. For Kings Caple Primary School and the staff and pupils.

### Thursday 31st Martin Luther, Reformer, 1546

Scripture: Romans 3 verses 21—22

But now, apart from law, the righteousness of God has been disclosed, and is attested by the law and the prophets, the righteousness of God through faith in Jesus Christ for all who believe

Collect: O God, our refuge and our strength, who raised up your

servant Martin Luther to reform and renew your church in the light of your word: Defend and purify the church in our own day and grant that, through faith, we may boldly proclaim the riches of your grace, which you have made known in Jesus Christ our Saviour, who with you and the Holy Spirit, lives and reigns, one God, now and for ever. Amen.

For our Prayers: For the Church in Germany and particularly our links with the EKD and the Diocese of Nuremberg. For Bishop Elizabeth Ark as she leads her Diocese.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary, Linton, and those who live and work in the village.

### Friday 1st November All Saints

Scripture: Wisdom 3 verses 1–3

<sup>1</sup>The souls of the righteous are in the hand of God,  
and no torment will ever touch them.

<sup>2</sup>In the eyes of the foolish they seemed to have died,  
and their departure was thought to be a disaster,

<sup>3</sup>and their going from us to be their destruction;  
but they are at peace.

Collect: Almighty God, you have knit together your elect in one communion and fellowship in the mystical body of your Son Christ our Lord:

grant us grace so to follow your blessed saints in all virtuous and godly living that we may come to those inexpressible joys that you have prepared for those who truly love you;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, Amen

For our Prayers: The patron saint of our local church, giving thanks for their life and the inspiration that they give to our spiritual lives.

Across the Deanery: St. Mary, Little Birch and for those who live in the village. For those walking the Herefordshire Trail as it passes the church, The Village Hall and all working to improve it.

### Saturday 2nd All Souls

Scripture: John 6 verses 39—40

Jesus said to his disciples “<sup>39</sup> And this is the will of him who sent me, that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. <sup>40</sup> This is indeed the will of my Father, that all who see the Son and believe in him may have eternal life; and I will raise them up on the last day.’”

Collect: Eternal God, our maker and redeemer, grant us, with all the faithful departed, the sure benefits of your Son’s saving passion and glorious resurrection that, in the last day, when you gather up all things in Christ, we may with them enjoy the fullness of your promises;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.  
Amen.

For our Prayers: All whom we love but see no longer and rest in the arms of God our maker. All who have no hope in Christ to comfort them when a loved one dies.

Across the Deanery: South Wye Rural Benefice of St. David Little Dewchurch with St Dubricius Ballingham (closed), St John of Jerusalem Bolstone (closed), Aconbury, St Andrew Dinedor and St. Cuthbert Holme Lacy (in the care of the Churches Conservation Trust).

## Sunday 3rd Fourth Sunday before Advent

Scripture: Mark 12 verses 32—33

<sup>32</sup>Then the scribe said to Jesus, ‘You are right, Teacher; you have truly said that “he is one, and besides him there is no other”; <sup>33</sup>and “to love him with all the heart, and with all the understanding, and with all the strength,” and “to love one’s neighbour as oneself” – this is much more important than all whole burnt-offerings and sacrifices.’

Collect: Almighty and eternal God, you have kindled the flame of love in the hearts of the saints:

grant to us the same faith and power of love, that, as we rejoice in their triumphs, we may be sustained by their example and fellowship;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Amen.

For our Prayers: For our brothers and sisters in the EKD in Germany and our links with Nuremberg Diocese and Bishop Elizabeth who leads the church there.

Across the Deanery: St. Junabius, Llandinabo and all who work in the area, especially in the orchards and soft fruit businesses.

Our Deanery Prayer:

Living God, who breathed into your disciples the power of the Holy Spirit, and so equipped them for the work of mission through love and service;  
Renew in our churches a vision of your kingdom where all things are made new, and justice and peace will reign;  
and grant us grace and strength to proclaim this good news, won for us through the love of our Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.

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