

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury  
with  
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe

Sunday 18 February 2024

First Sunday of Lent

Year B

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***"Oh, that today you would hear God's voice....." (Psalm)***

Many people in 21C culture experience difficulty in praying. Prayers that we learned in school come to mind quiet easily. We have much to be grateful to our teachers for that. Yet childhood prayers seldom satisfy the adult heart. Life's experience exposes us to our vulnerability and our limitations.

Our informed scientific minds no longer allow us to attribute natural and human catastrophes to an angry God. Neither do we try to appease this 'god' through one sacrifice or another. We are so well acquainted with the laws of nature to the extent that we do not need 'god' to explain the floods (as Noah did) or the volcanoes of Iceland or the earthquakes of our mountainous regions. We did not need god to explain the tragic Boxing Day tsunami of Thailand. We acknowledge these as natural events of a physical world.

So why pray? Who is this to whom we pray?

***"Prayer does not change God, but prayer changes the one who prays"*** (Kierkegaard). In the stillness of prayer, we can acknowledge our 'smallness' without any feelings of shame or inadequacy, feelings we do not want others to see, feelings that our culture abhors. In prayer, we can *'sit with a friend'*, as Fr Gerry Hughes reminds us, a friend who knows us through and through, a friend who *'formed us in our mother's womb'* and who promised that we would never be forgotten. In prayer, we can be true to ourselves.

In prayer, we come to the realisation that we are not so powerful that there is nothing we cannot do, which our culture would like us to believe. In prayer, we can come to the realisation of the relationship God wishes for us, of 'parent' to 'child'. Why else would Jesus have us address God with the title of *'Father'*, or as St Paul would encourage us to say, 'Abba', Daddy?

Carl Jung suggests that one root of our restlessness is our inability to sit alone for one hour without any props. An hour is a long time, is it not? We could achieve so much in that hour, we think, rather than 'waste' it just sitting. Yet, silence will slow us down, mind, body and spirit, and it is in that stillness that our very being can be transformed into the human 'being' it was created to be, affording 'gratuitous rest' from the human 'doer' most of us have become.

***"Come away"***, Jesus invited his friends, ***"and rest awhile"***. That same invitation is ours too, even this week, even today, and every day!

Why not try this sometime during this first week of Lent?

**Mass Information And Intentions For Week Beginning Sunday 18 February 2024**

<b>Sunday 18 February</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>First Sunday of Lent</b> <b>John Dobie (3rd ann)</b> Refreshments after Mass
<b>Monday 19 February</b>	08.30 Mass	Our Lady's School	
<b>Tuesday 20 February</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Wednesday 21 February</b>	08.30 Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Thursday 22 February</b>	No Mass		
<b>Friday 23 February</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Saturday 24 February</b>	No Mass		
<b>Sunday 25 February</b>	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>Second Sunday of Lent</b> Children's Liturgy in the Prayer Room

**Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office**

*The St Anne's Parish operates in accordance with Statutory Safeguarding Guidance, and the National and Archdiocese policies & procedures always.*

*The Diocesan Safeguarding team can be contacted on 0121 230 6240 or [safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:safeguarding@rcaob.org.uk) if you have any concerns.*

**Sunday Collection –11 February 2024**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wappenbury Offertory</b>	<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>Princethorpe Offertory</b>	<b>Second Collection</b>
<b>11 February 2024</b>	£75.46	Piety Stall: 25.00	£89.86	

**Diary Dates**

Tuesday 27 February	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 2 March	10.00am – 12noon	Wappenbury	Winter Tidy -Up
Thursday 28 March	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Maundy Thursday Mass
Friday 29 March	3.00pm	Princethorpe	Good Friday Mass
Sunday 31 March	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Easter Sunday
Saturday/Sunday 19/20 April		Wappenbury	Episcopal Visitation by Canon Paul Fitzpatrick

**Piety Stall – Princethorpe**

Fergus has the key to the Piety Stall at Princethorpe if anyone would like to buy any cards. There are all sorts from birthdays, weddings, get well, Baptism, Communion, Confirmation. All cards are £1.00 each. There are few religious items too if you would like to have a little look. Money will go to the St Anne's Development Fund. Thank you.

## Catholic Life And Sacraments At St Anne's

As in all parishes, sacramental life is important for families at whatever age children and adults may be. Here are some basic guidelines about arranging any of the sacraments. Contact should be made to the parish office at [fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:fr.teddy.obrien@rcaob.org.uk) or with [stanne@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stanne@rcaob.org.uk)

**Baptism:** Parents requesting Baptism for their child(ren) should contact Fr. Teddy at least three months in advance of their desired date. They should have some suggested dates in mind for the ceremony. Contact as above.

**First Holy Communion:** Parents who wish to present their child(ren) (under 16) for first Holy Communion during 2024 should contact Fr Teddy no later than 28 February 2024. For older children and adults, contact Fr Teddy directly for information.

**Confirmation:** Parents, with children under 16 years of age who request Confirmation, should contact Fr Teddy, and those over the age of 16 should contact Fr Teddy direct, for Confirmation during 2025.

**Marriage:** Couples who wish to celebrate the Sacrament of Marriage in St Anne's Parish must contact Fr Teddy directly at least twelve months prior to their desired date or email the parish secretary at [stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.org.uk). **Chapel dates, for either church, will not be reserved until this has happened.** In addition, couples should not make any final plans for anything related to their wedding until they have confirmed the church date in writing.

**Information about the Catholic Faith.** Those wishing to explore the Catholic Faith and who may wish to become members of the Catholic Community should contact Fr Teddy.

**Sacrament of the Sick** (formerly known as The Last Rites). Those who wish to receive this sacrament, or to receive Holy Communion at home, or if you are in hospital or about to go into hospital for any procedure, please contact Fr Teddy. You do not need to be seriously ill to request this sacrament.

**Our Lady's Primary School Princethorpe:** Parents wishing information about this school should contact the school directly on [admin@ourladyprincethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admin@ourladyprincethorpe.co.uk) or on 01926 632385. Or contact Fr Teddy as above.

## Celebrations – Wedding Anniversaries

Do you have anniversaries that you would like to share with the parish? I am sure many would like to pray for you on these occasions.

## Children's Liturgy Information

The Children's Liturgy is an integral part of the 10.30am Mass at Princethorpe on Sundays in term time. The children are supported and guided in their own understanding of the Mass in the Prayer Room with one of our wonderful parents. All the parents have been DBS checked with the relevant authorities through the Archdiocese office in Birmingham.

If you would like to join the group of parents, please get in touch with Clare Hill, the Liturgy Co-ordinator, at [clarehill09@gmail.com](mailto:clarehill09@gmail.com) or Loretta. We currently have four parishioners who take turns on a rota basis. It would be marvellous if they had some more helpers to join them. There is no cost to the parish or the applicants for the DBS check as it is all funded by the Archdiocese.

The following dates for the Children's Liturgy are:

**Sunday 4 February**  
**Sunday 25 February**

**Sunday 3 March**  
**Sunday 10 March**  
**Sunday 17 March**

**Sunday 21 April**  
**Sunday 28 April**

Please add them to your diary and I wholeheartedly encourage you to come to Mass with your children as a family.

### Cleaning St Anne's

The list here is the dates for cleaning St Anne's that are still available – **all are week beginning - Monday 18 March, Monday 29 April, Monday 13 May, Monday 27 May, Monday 10 June**. This takes us quite far forward now.

Please let Loretta know when you can come and help out. It usually takes two people a couple of hours. All you need to do is let me know when you are coming down so I can let you have access to the garage for the cleaning equipment and hot water from the Presbytery.

If anyone would like to help out, but are on their own, please let Loretta know if you could manage any of the dates above. Loretta will try and put you in touch with anyone else that might be able to come along too.

A big thank you to those of you who care for St Anne's in any way. Your time and efforts are very much appreciated.

### A Brief History Of Music – Stretton Village Hall Friday 8 March 2024

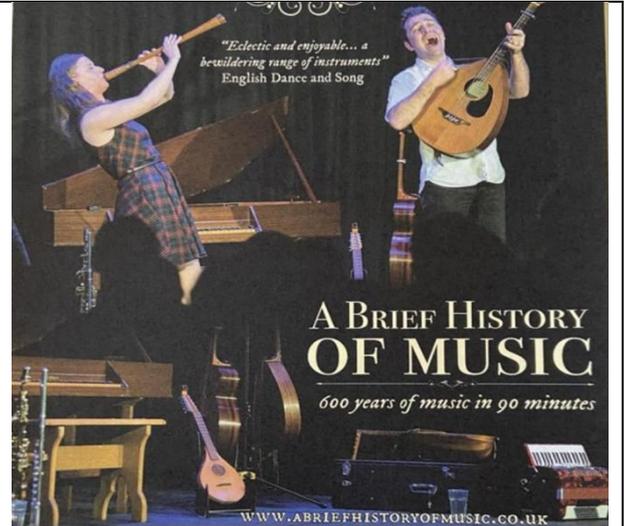
**Hurry - Just A Few Tickets Left!**

If you would like to support the Shoe-Box Appeal, then please come along for an evening of great music and fun.

The live band will be playing through a brief history of music – 600 years of music in ninety minutes!

The doors and bar open at 6.30pm, show to begin at 7.30pm. Tickets are £12 for adults and £6.00 for children. Tickets are available from Brookside Stores, in Stretton on Dunsmore, or from Pam Hopwood at church.

This will prove to be a super evening – all the proceeds from the bar, ticket sales and raffle will go directly to the Stretton Shoe-Box Appeal. Raffle prizes gratefully received – please leave in St Anne's porch or pass directly to Pam at church.



### Update To Both Lists

The Prayer List for the Living: several people are mentioned who appear to have been in hospital for a very long time. Please let me, or Loretta, know if their situation has changed.

If you wish anyone of the Prayer List, for whom those who have died, and wish an amendment please let me, or Loretta, know.

## St Patrick's Ceili Night – Saturday 16 March 2024 Dancing To The Ivy Leaf Ceili Band

Come and celebrate St Patrick's Day with a traditional evening of music and fun at St Joseph's Church Hall, Murcott Road East, Whitnash, CV31 2JJ.

Hot and cold soft drink refreshments will be available. You are welcome to bring your own plate of food and your own alcohol. Entry is £5.00 per adult, £2.00 per child or £10.00 per family. Doors open from 7.00pm, dancing starts at 7.30pm.

### Wappenbury Honey Available At St Anne's

Denis McDaid's bees produce the most delicious local honey – can't get any more local than next door to St Anne's! £5.00 a jar – just perfect on toast!

### **Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living**

**Prayers for any of our parishioners, relatives and friends who are suffering from Covid currently.**

**Emma**, a friend of Mary Owen, very seriously ill with cancer. Please pray for Emma and all her family and friends  
**Tianna**, who has had a grade 3 brain tumour removed and has begun Proton treatment. Please pray for Tianna's family

**Yvonne** who is in hospital receiving ongoing treatment. As with all those who are ill, Yvonne asks for your prayers.

**Michael**, parish groundsman, who is in now at home recovering from his operation.

**Con** (Marie Malin's father) who is now at home with carers.

**Roy Pendleton** who is in the Rehabilitation Hospital Leamington Spa.

**Fr Michael Curran** MSC who fell recently and broke his hip.

**Tracey**, not a parishioner, friend of Julie Satchwell, who has been diagnosed with ovarian cancer and other complications.

**Ian Milligan**, and Ian's wife Julie, Basil's sister, still fragile and unwell. Thank you for your continuing prayers.

**Alice**, who had a difficult time over Christmas. Pray for her and James, and David and Sonia.

**Liz Griffin and family** as all remember their parents.

**John (18yrs)** who has been diagnosed with life changing cancer. Please hold John, his family and friends, and the medical profession dealing with this and similar situations, in your prayers.

**Margaret**, a supporter of the Shoe Box appeal, would like to thank you all for your prayers.

**Joyce**, friend of Bernie Sambrook, who has begun chemotherapy for breast cancer.

**Peter Power**, who is in hospital at the moment awaiting some treatment. Please pray for Peter and Una.

**Celia Dupre**, friend of Jane and Tony Phayer. Receiving palliative hospice care in the USA.

**Ye and Sean Butterfield**, friends of Marie Kerrigan. Please pray for all the family at this very difficult time.

**Sue Kimberley's family** on the unexpected death of their father, John, in Greece. Pray for Jo, James and Adele and their children. **Adele Kimberley**, Sue's daughter, who is ill with a multiple of illnesses.

**Sophie (22)** who returned from university recently. Hold Sophie and family in your prayers.

**Patricia**, who is recovering very slowly from an operation and needs our prayers.

**Heather**, who experienced her treatment recently. She is recovering at home at present.

**Janet and Jim Murray**. Janet's younger sister, Andrena, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. Please hold all in your prayers. Please also hold Janet's other sister in your prayers.

**Sue** who started a further round of chemotherapy recently.

**Alan Roberts and family, Adrian and Melanie**. Alan's wife, Judith Roberts, died last year. Hold Alan, Adrian, and Melanie in your prayers.

**Frances** who is awaiting the results of tests.

**Sally** who welcomes your prayers.

**Jenny** who is having treatment for cancer.

**Paula Mattocks** and family on the death of Paula's father.

**Margaret Simmons** whose husband, Peter, died last year.

**Richard** whose mother, Eileen died last year.

**Carole**, Rev Hugh Priestner's wife, who has been diagnosed with breast cancer.

**Padraig** has had good news. Please continue your prayers.

**Margaret**, cousin of Veronica, who has acute renal failure.

**Trevor** who is suffering from too much iron in his blood.

**Irene** with her continuing health difficulties. Hold Liam and Irene's parents in your prayers.

**Celia** who is unwell

**Elizabeth** who is waiting for a serious operation.

**Anthony Platt**, friend of Kathy Bond

**John** as he buried his brother.

**Paul**, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore.

**Josie** who has been fast tracked for tests.

**Frances**, friend of Marie Kerrigan, as she awaits an operation, hoping to save sight in one eye.

**Shelley**, friend of Janet and Jimmy Murray, who is having extensive treatment.

**John**, Pray for Clare and family.

**Veronica and Paul**, please continue your prayers for them.

**John (75)** diagnosed with bladder cancer.

**Karen**, waiting results of an exploratory investigation.

**Frank**

**Carolyn**, who is ill with breast cancer.

### **For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families - Our Prayers This Week**

**Kathleen Shanahan RIP**, sister to Fr. Kevin Shanahan MSC (Texas), who died unexpectedly last week.

**Bernard Gallagher RIP**, brother to Fr Frank Gallagher MSC (retired), who died unexpectedly last week.

**Fr Sean O'Brien MHM**, brother to Fr Teddy, who died some weeks ago.

**Fr Chris Greaney RIP** who died unexpectedly recently. Fr Chris celebrated Mass here on many occasions.

**Fr Paul Lomas RIP** who died unexpectedly recently. I spent time with Fr Paul on retreat last November.

**Paul Gandy's sister** who died recently.

**Ellie Taylor RIP**, friend of Marie Kerrigan. Ellie was a past parent of Princethorpe College. Please pray for Ellie's family.

**Frances McCallum RIP**, Mary McGowan niece, who died in Scotland after a short illness. Please pray for Mary and all the family.

**Matilde Carrasquilla RIP**, Melina's grandmother (her father's mother), passed away recently. Please pray for all the family.

**Judith Roberts RIP (70s)** who died recently.

**David Easingwood RIP**, 21 June. David was a former parishioner of St Anne's who moved to Canada in 1981.

**Mary McKeown RIP**

**Mary McCorrison RIP**

**Michael McCorrison RIP**

**Adrian Johnson RIP**, father of Chloe Johnson. Hold Chloe and all Adrian's wide family in your prayers.

**Betty Scannell RIP (101)**, aunt of Sean Kerrigan, please pray for Sean, Maria and all the family.

**Paul Spencer RIP**, grandad to Lumen for whom we prayed a lot in recent years.

**Joe Young RIP** father of Joe and Alice Young, former pupils of Princethorpe College.

**Alan McCarry RIP**, father of Paula Mattocks.

**Margaret Huett RIP**, Stretton on Dunsmore.

**Peter Simmons RIP**, please hold Margaret and family in your prayers.

**Anne Greene RIP**, Anne is a friend of Peter Power's family.

**Eileen Maguire RIP**, hold Richard and Paula, and family in your prayers.

**Deacon Joe Patterson RIP**, please pray for all the family and friends of Deacon Joe.

**Anthony Kelly RIP**, pray for his wife, Doreen and family.

**Joan Keegan RIP**, Mary McGowan's (senior) sister, **and John Mullaney RIP**, please pray for Mary and all Joan and John's wider family.

**Martin Slater RIP**, son of Des and Eileen Slater

**Elaine RIP**, Mary and Brian Gould's niece. Please continue your prayers for all the family.

**Simon Trotter RIP (65)**, Pray for Patsy, Oliver, Lucy and Amelia.

**Bill Busby RIP**. Remember Yvonne in your prayers.

**Barbara RIP**, Bernie Sambrook's mother. Pray for Bernie and family.

**Rev David Shaw RIP**, friend of Kathy Bond. Please pray for David's family and friends.

**Jean RIP**, aunt to Tim Malin. Pray for Tim and Maria and all the family.

**Eileen Merry RIP**, friend of Mary Hewitt. Her family wish to thank you for all your prayers.

**Peter Mernagh RIP**, cousin of Peter Power. Please keep all the family in your prayers.

**Irene Bett RIP**, great aunt to Tim and Maria Malin and family. Please pray for the family.

**Rory Ryan (63) RIP**, cousin to Janet Murray.

**Dougie Williams RIP**, Flo, Glen, Aoife and Máiréad Dalrymple ask for prayers for all the extended family. Dougie was married to Pauline for sixty-three years.

**Pauline RIP**, friend of Marie Kerrigan.

**Helen O'Reilly RIP**

**Kieran RIP**

**Ken RIP**

**John RIP** Remember Clare in your prayers.

**John Dobie RIP**

**Myrtle Forster (64) RIP** Remember Marie in your prayers.

**Joan and Sister RIP** Remember Sandra in your prayers.

**Mont RIP** Remember Roy in your prayers.

## Vacancies At The Princethorpe Foundation

**Minibus Driver - Princethorpe College** - We seek to recruit a minibus driver to join our friendly and professional Estates Department, to drive the Foundation minibuses to transport pupils, primarily to sports fixtures, in a competent and safe manner. The candidate will be enthusiastic, reliable and have good communication skills.

This is a zero-hour fixed-term casual contract with consignments of work to be advised in advance by the line manager. The salary grade is D5 to D8, £11.78 to £12.24 per hour. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience. Closing date Monday 18 March 2024. Further information [here](#)

**Learning Support Assistant – Little Crackers, Crackley Hall, Kenilworth** - We are seeking to appoint a suitably qualified and motivated Learning Support Assistant to a Nursery pupil. The person appointed will work closely with the Nursery Teacher, Nursery Manager and the Learning Support Department. You will provide support for an individual, sometimes in a group situation and assist teachers in the development and education of the child in your care. We see our learning support assistants as a key part of the team in the classrooms, who can have an enormous impact on teaching and learning. You will be a part of supporting the lessons and expected to contribute to the ongoing assessment of pupil progress.

Alongside these key tasks, you will also be required to undertake a range of tasks related to classroom activities and provide basic supervision and care skills.

This role would preferably be suitable for someone with experience of working with young children or a teacher wishing to return to the classroom and work with individuals/small groups; however, we will also consider someone, with the relevant qualifications, with a caring and responsible nature, willing and able to learn the role. Closing date Monday 19 February 2024. Further details [here](#)

**Teacher of English – Princethorpe College** - Required for September 2024, a well-qualified and experienced graduate to teach English to at least GCSE, and ideally to A-level, in a lively and enthusiastic department.

Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players; a willingness to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is also essential. We would welcome applicants from any stage of their teaching career, including ECTs.

Princethorpe has its own pay scale which is above national scales. This is an excellent opportunity to join a Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including discounted places for staff, a pension scheme and a cycle to work scheme.

The closing date for applications is **Monday 19 February 2024**, with interviews likely to take place on Wednesday 21 February at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)

**Graduate Teaching Assistant – Princethorpe College** - We are looking for a Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) to join us for an academic year, from September 2024 to July 2025. This would be an ideal opportunity for anyone with an interest in a future career in teaching, looking to gain ground level experience within a school.

The role of the Graduate Teaching Assistant (GTA) at Princethorpe College is very varied and we try to accommodate the particular skills of each person. For example, there are opportunities to support our Games department with involvement in teaching and coaching several sports or supporting teachers of other subjects may also be offered, i.e., Technology, or, where appropriate, Languages.

Key skills of each person will be used wherever possible in their related subject. In addition, regular tasks like bus duty, playground supervision, supporting the administrative staff, the supervision of pupils in after school study, and admin-based tasks such as Duke of Edinburgh's Award or House administration are shared out fairly between all the GTAs.

Flexibility is an important part of the job. Liaising with your line manager over unexpected and significant jobs is a central part of the role. Occasionally there are weekend or evening events which the GTA's support, for example, Entrance Exam Day, Open Days and Progress Evenings. Closing date Monday 26 February 2024. Further information [here](#)

**Teacher of PE and Games – Princethorpe College** - Required for September 2024, we are seeking an enthusiastic and motivational teacher to join a busy sports department to assist with delivery of the Academic PE, Core PE and the Games programme. The department prides itself on its academic delivery of A-level, GCSE and BTEC (level 2 and 3). The ideal candidate will be an experienced member of staff who is able to teach and lead on the College's Hockey or Football programme.

Games afternoons play a major role in the development of Princethorpe pupils and therefore candidates should be able to coach a major Game throughout the academic year and commit to fixtures on a Saturday morning. The department prides itself on its academic delivery of A-level, GCSE and BTEC (level 2 and 3) and so the ability to teach academic Physical Education at the highest level is essential.

Single accommodation may be available.

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The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 27 February 2024**, with interviews likely to take place on Tuesday 5 March at Princethorpe College. Further information [here](#)

**Other opportunities at Princethorpe College** – Exam Invigilators, SEND Support staff, Cover Teaching Staff, Games Coaching Staff. These vacancies come up from time to time. Please use the link [here](#) to find more information.