

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 9 February 2025 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C
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“Justice delayed is justice denied”.

Once again, our media present us with a potential miscarriage of justice on a huge scale. The conviction of Lucy Letby is called into question. The anger this induces in the families of the deceased babies is surely understandable. With Lucy's conviction, they could begin to bring some closure to such an incredibly tragic event for them. “*Let it rest*”, they will say. And no doubt that is what we would wish for them. Yet questions are asked whether full disclosure of facts existed during her trial and whether, in fact, her conviction is safe.

I am reminded of the years during which I sat with one of the Birmingham Six in his 10' x 8' cell as he recounted the numerous offers made to him for early release if he would but admit his guilt. This, he told me, was never an option because he always maintained his innocence. Sixteen years after his conviction, he was released in 1991, a different man to the man of 1975, as his conviction was declared unsafe and was squashed. Fifty years on, the quest for an inquiry into this awful event of mass murder in Birmingham in 1974 is resisted by the government, thus preventing closure for so many.

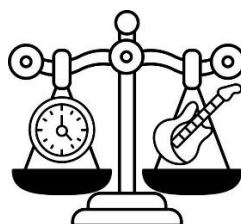
In the Letby case, the panel of seven women and four men had been deliberating for 76 hours when the judge, Mr Justice Goss, “*ended by instructing the jury to reach verdicts on which at least ten of them agree*” (*Guardian*).

This requirement of a unanimous verdict was squashed in UK in 1967 allowing a judge to accept a majority verdict instead. “The research by Appeal, the miscarriage of justice charity, says majority verdicts ‘*arguably dilute the principle of reasonable doubt*’ and have facilitated miscarriages in cases including those of Andrew Malkinson, who spent 17 years in prison for a rape he did not commit; Barry George, who was wrongly convicted over the death of Jil Dando; and Winston Trew, one of the Oval Four”. Malkinson's team warn that the dissenting juror, in a majority verdict, may not be the same person when successive votes are taken, leading to a certain confusion. One could question whether a unanimous verdict should be restored for trials in serious cases.

You might rightly ask here, “*what has this got to do with us We must surely trust our legal system. Unanimous verdicts may take longer to achieve, and the system is stacked up*”. Do you think that this is an adequate reason to rely on majority verdicts in serious cases? Miscarriages of justice effect so many people and often leave the perpetrators unknown.

In the End, we will remember not the words of our enemies but the silence of our friends. (Martin Luther King, Jr).

***So, am I my brother's/sister's keeper, or should I bother at all about this?
Is delayed justice my concern?***



Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 9 February 2025

Sunday 9 February	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Refreshments after both Masses
Monday 10 February	No Mass		Memorial of St Scholastica, Virgin
Tuesday 11 February	11.00am 7.00 pm	Banbury Princethorpe	Deanery meeting Confirmation with Bishop Richard Walker
Wednesday 12 February	8.30am Mass 6.30pm 7.15pm	Wappenbury Wappenbury Wappenbury	Parish Council meeting Jubilee Team meeting
Thursday 13 February	No Mass 6.30pm	Sacred Heart, Rugby	Cluster meeting
Friday 14 February	No Mass		Feast of St Cyril, Monk and St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe
Saturday 15 February	5.30pm	Our Lady and St Benedict, Wootton Wawen	
Sunday 16 February	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 2 February 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
2 February 2025	£84.60		£103.10	

Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope

At each Mass this weekend you will be given some information about the events we are planning and which we hope will happen within the parish during 2025. Please take time during the Mass to complete the leaflet and hand back to Loretta after the 8.30am Mass or to me after the 10.30am Mass.

Once we have collated all the offers of help, we will be in contact directly with you. Thank you.

Safeguarding Information From The Archdiocese of Birmingham Office

The Archdiocese of Birmingham has approved the appointment of Andy Rogers as the Parish Safeguarding Representative for St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury. Contact details for Andy are sg.stanne.wappenbury.org.uk This email is for safeguarding matters only.

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 if you have any concerns.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Wednesday 5 March	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Ash Wednesday Mass
Wednesday 12 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Sarah Cusworth
Wednesday 19 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Loretta Curtis
Wednesday 26 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Patsy Monaghan
Wednesday 2 April	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with David McLoughlin
Wednesday 9 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Readers Ministry
Thursday 17 April	7.00pm	Princethorpe	Thursday of Holy Week - Maundy Thursday
Friday 18 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe	Good Friday
Saturday 19 April	8.00pm	Wappenbury	Holy Saturday Reflective Service and Mass
Sunday 20 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Easter Day
Saturday 26 April	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Wappenbury	Afternoon Tea – by invitation

In The Event Of Unsafe Driving Conditions – Urgent Message

In consideration of any inclement weather, it may be necessary on future occasions to celebrate both Masses at St Anne's, Wappenbury.

Should this occasion arise, I will send an **URGENT** email to everyone on the Saturday evening prior to Mass on Sunday. This will only happen in **exceptional circumstances**. Please try to read your emails in good time.

Pretty Tea Sets Required! Anyone Else Able to Help?

If you have any pretty tea sets at home that you no longer want to keep, please bring them to St Anne's. We are also looking for any tiered cake stands you might have.

If you don't have any at home to donate, could you take a moment next time you walk past a charity shop to buy anything – even odd pretty cups and saucers will do.

All will become clear why St Anne's will need them in the next few weeks!

All donations can be left in the porch at St Anne's. Many, many thanks.

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Jamie (19) who died unexpectedly and tragically last Sunday. Hold Jamie's family and friends in your prayers.
Fr Gerry Daly MSC whose grandniece, Eva, died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga recently.
Mary and Kathy Watkins, whose mother, Caroline (70), died unexpected recently. Pray for Caroline's husband, for Mary, Kathy and her brother.
Maura, sister-in-law of Marie Kerrigan, who is receiving chemotherapy for lung cancer.
Carole Rogers, Andy Roger's mother, who is suffering from breast cancer.
Cathy Rogers, Andy Rogers wife, who is undergoing treatment for her brain AVM in the New Year.
Sue Kimberley. We give thanks to God this week for Sue's healing. She has been, last week, declared free of cancer at present. Sincere thanks to you all for your continued prayers.
The Cotterill Family (Kenilworth and USA) on the death of their father, Tony, on 30 December 2024.
Lisa McGowan, sister-in-law of Helen, Lisa is out of hospital and recuperating at home with plenty of physio.
John Warner, the builder who refurbished St Anne's in 2014, as he endures cancer treatment.
Stefan Goodman whose father died recently.
David McLoughlin as he mourns the death of his cousin, Tommy.
Fr Michael White, Parish Priest in Tamworth, who has been diagnosed with cancer.
Mac, who is unwell at the present time and waiting for a major operation.
Benedict who is experiencing personal difficulties currently. He really asks for your prayers.
Martha, Karen Walls mother-in-law. Martha is extremely ill in Antrim hospital. Hold them in your prayer during these difficult days.
Meabh Barratt (3) lives with her family in Ireland. Please continue to pray for this young child and her family.
Francesca who begins ongoing chemotherapy. Pray for her husband and family.
Rachel who is quite ill at present.
Sonia and Alice who are struggling at present.
Di Downes and family, whose husband, Jonathan last year.
John, brother-in-law of Veronica, recently diagnosed with prostate cancer.
Johnny Stott (20s), younger brother to Melody Kerrigan. Continue to hold the Stott and Kerrigan families in your prayers.
The O'Keeffe family as they grieve for Dermot's mother, Maureen.
Patrick who is suffering from cancer. Latest news has been discouraging.
Patrick's son (40) who suffered a stroke recently. Hold his wife and family in your prayers.
Mary Owen whose mother, Gaby, died recently in Rugeley, Staffs. Hold Mary and family in your prayers.
Paula Loveitt whose sister, Denise Harris (50), died recently. Pray for Paula's three sisters, her mum, and her wider family.
David Scannell's cousin, whose funeral was held recently.
Florence Thomas whose cousin, Tommy (69), died unexpectedly recently in Ireland.
Paul and Sandra Waddoups ask for your prayers.
Josh's family who are experiencing family difficulties currently. You may recall Josh died recently in a car accident.
Sonia is awaiting further news on her health issues.
Roy Pendleton who is currently residing in Galanos House, Southam.
Peter Power who is recovering at home from recent medical treatment.
Ed Hester's father who is ill at home.
Samantha and Peter Swann Please continue to hold Samantha and Peter in your prayers.
John and Caroline John (major surgery for a tumour, Caroline's friend). **Noah aged 4**, in Birmingham Children's Hospital with a rare brain tumour.
Carl, son in law to Elizabeth Wilson, diagnosed with a lifelong, exceedingly rare condition. Please pray for Carl and all the family.
Tianna, who has had a grade 3 brain tumour removed and has begun Proton treatment. Please pray for Tianna's family
Con (Marie Malin's father) who is now at home with carers.
Ian Milligan, and Ian's wife Julie, Basil's sister, still fragile and unwell. Thank you for your continuing prayers.
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.
Yve and Sean Butterfield, friends of Marie Kerrigan. Please pray for all the family at this very difficult time.
Sophie (22)
Heather, who experienced her treatment recently. She is recovering at home at present.
Frances, friend of Marie Kerrigan who has received good news that her sight has been saved. Prayers greatly appreciated.
Sally who welcomes your prayers.
Jenny who is having treatment for cancer.
Irene with her continuing health difficulties. Hold Liam and Irene's parents in your prayers.
Elizabeth who is waiting for a serious operation.
Anthony Platt, friend of Kathy Bond
Paul, a paramedic friend of Kathy Bond, Stretton on Dunsmore.
John, Pray for Clare and family.
Veronica and Paul, please continue your prayers for them.
John (75) diagnosed with bladder cancer.
Frank
Carolyn, who is ill with breast cancer.

For Those Who Have Died and For Their Families In Our Prayers This Week

Brother Donal Hallissey MSC who died in Cork last week. Remember Donal, his family and the MSC community in Cork.

Tony Cotterill RIP (Kenilworth) who died on 30 December 2024.

Eve McCarthy (21) who died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga on 10 January. Eve is grand niece to Fr Gerry Daly MSC in Cork.

Caroline RIP (70), mother to Mary and Kathy Watkins, who died recently.

Tommy McLoughlin RIP (50s) who died recently. Tommy is cousin to David McLoughlin

Michael Goodman RIP, 77 (parish groundsman), who died recently.

Isobel O'Hara (nee Kealey) RIP

Kathleen O'Brien OP 94yrs (Sr Laetitia OP) RIP Fr Teddy's sister, who died earlier this year.

Jonathan Downes RIP, who died at home last year.

Emma RIP, a friend of Mary Owen. Hold Emma, her family and friends in your prayers.

Allan Stewart RIP, a friend of Pam Hopwood, whose wife, Moira and family, who do a lot for the shoe-box team.

Raymond Heald RIP, friend of Patsy Monahan.

Maureen O'Keeffe RIP who died recently. Hold the O'Keeffe family in your prayers.

Gaby Owen RIP, Mary Owen's mother who died recently. Please pray for Mary and all the family.

Denise Harris (50) RIP, who died recently. Hold Alexandra and Denise' sisters and family in your prayers.

Tommy (69) RIP, first cousin of Florence Thomas.

David Scannell RIP, cousin of Sean Kerrigan. Prayers please for his wife, Monica and all David's family.

John O'Brien RIP, brother-in-law of Liz Bates. Please pray for Maria and all the family.

David Maceluch RIP, please pray for Sonia, Alice, James and Lily.

Celia Dupre RIP, friend of Jane and Tony Phayer.

Bridget Mernagh RIP, aunt to Peter Power. Please pray for Bridget's family.

Cissie Power RIP, Peter's mother

Bernard Gallagher RIP, brother to Fr Frank Gallagher MSC (retired)

Stacy Busby RIP, Bill's niece

Paul Gandy's sister who died earlier this year.

Ellie Taylor RIP, please pray for Ellie's family.

Judith Roberts RIP (70s)

Mary McKeown RIP

Paul Spencer RIP

Margaret Huett RIP

Bill and Yvonne Busby RIP

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

John RIP Remember Clare in your prayers.

John Dobie RIP

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

Mont RIP Remember Roy in your prayers.

Vacancy At The Princethorpe Foundation

Head of Music – Crescent School, Rugby To start in September, we are seeking a motivated and energetic Head of Music to lead this key element of the school's holistic educational and co-curricular provision. You will be responsible for the teaching and learning of Music as a curriculum specialist, and for leading musical contributions to whole school events such as concerts and performances. We also run a peripatetic one-to-one music teaching programme, and the Head of Music would be expected to coordinate this, working with other music specialists and our Co-Curricular Coordinator.

This is a part-time role, which is equivalent to approx. 0.5 of a full-time role, with hours and days to be discussed. The successful applicant may wish to supplement their income by providing one-to-one lessons as part of the peripatetic teaching programme.

Salary is by negotiation, depending on qualifications and relevant experience.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website www.crescentschool.co.uk for more information about our thriving School, which offers a rich curriculum and strong sense of community. Continuing Professional Development is encouraged and personal visits to the school are welcome.

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.

Closing date Wednesday 12 February 2025. Further information [here](#)