

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury  
with  
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe  
Sunday 16 February 2025 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C  
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***"The Wonder of You"***

*"When no-one else can understand me  
When everything I do is wrong  
You give me hope and consolation.  
You give me strength to carry on"*  
(Baker Knight, popularised by Elvis Presley)

Much love will be shared this Valentines Weekend. Cards, roses, chocolates, even kisses, may abound as folk take this timely opportunity to express mutual affection.

Yet in the ecology of relationships, much of the obvious can be overlooked. In the routine of life, we can so easily miss the beauty in the ordinary. Occasions, such as Valentine's Day, can remind us of just who is with us each day, who is walking with us through the maze of life, who it is who enables us to avoid seduction into disillusionment without noticing it.

Elvis Presley inspired an earlier generation as they danced to his rendering of *"The Wonder of You"*. We, too, can replicate that as we develop a capacity for awe, an openness to our world, a curiosity inviting a rekindled awareness of the 'other' as a real person different and separate from us. The invitation from the other's presence alone can expand our capacity to be surprised by them, even after many years of togetherness.

This developed sense of awe can elicit admiration as we experience each other as companions. The idealisation of early love transforms into admiration of all that is real and good. The act of recognising the other can eliminate the negative bias – the 'yes, but...', that can so easily insert itself into human relationships. Our memory of past hurts, like a stigma, can interfere with sight of the other's qualities, sometimes paralysing the best intentions of both, thus limiting what can develop into an increased unconditional love, a love without 'ifs, buts, maybes etc'. With acquired awe, a couple can be translated into the realm of a love hitherto imagined, longed for, and not yet experienced.

Jeremiah (6:16) got there before we ever did. *"Stand at the crossroads and look"*, he wrote. *"Ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good path is, walk in it, and you will find rest"*. Remembering, with awe, the 'good times' together – and there surely were many - will provide a counter to the magnet of hurtful memory that wants to drag us back, but back to where? Sometimes to where we do not want to journey but feel unable to resist this magnetic attraction.

Then, invoking the language of gratitude can provide a powerful antidote to this. We can, with eyes wide open, seek to discover hitherto unacknowledged qualities or capacities in each other, such as may have been 'taken for granted' and even presumed to be 'my right'. This capacity for gratitude is seldom innate, yet ready to be trained. We can learn gratitude when we take time for it. This gratitude is much more than words, however composed they might be, or whatever might be the gift chosen to express it. This gratitude is a serious recognition of the other person as real and important to me, as companion, friend, colleague, spouse.

Thus, Awe and Gratitude form two components in the ecology of relationships that can be consciously evoked in relationships this Valentine's weekend.

***I wonder, then, what has pleasantly surprised you about others that you will communicate to them?***

**Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 16 February 2025**

<b>Sunday 16 February</b>	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b> (New Missals page 800) Refreshments after both Masses John Dobie (4 <sup>th</sup> Anniversary Mass)
<b>Monday 17 February</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Tuesday 18 February</b>	8.30am Mass	Wappenbury	
<b>Wednesday 19 February</b>	No Mass		John Dobie (4 <sup>th</sup> anniversary)
<b>Thursday 20 February</b>	No Mass		
<b>Friday 21 February</b>	No Mass		
<b>Saturday 22 February</b>	No Mass		Feast of the Chair of St Peter, Apostle
<b>Sunday 23 February</b>	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	<b>Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time Year C</b> (New Missals page 804) Refreshments after both Masses

**Sunday Collection – 9 February 2025**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Wappenbury Offertory</b>	<b>Second Collection</b>	<b>Princethorpe Offertory</b>	<b>Second Collection</b>
<b>9 February 2025</b>	£121.50		£74.60	

**Jubilee Year 2025 – Pilgrims of Hope – Interest Forms**

Please return your Jubilee Year 'Interest Forms' after Mass if you have not already done so, Or, send them back to me, completed, by email. The Jubilee Team will begin evaluating all the information to confirm dates and venues with you over the next few weeks. All of this will only come to fruition with your input.

Thank you to everyone who has returned the Interest Forms so far.

**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@rcaob.org.uk](mailto:sg.stanne.wappenbury@rcaob.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](mailto: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
Saturday 22 March	9.15am	Littlemore, Oxford	Pilgrimage to Blessed Dominic Barberini/College of St John Henry Newman (TBC)
Wednesday 26 March	7.00pm	Address to be advised	House Mass with Patsy Monahan
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?**

Thank you to everyone who has offered or donated tea sets and cake stands. They will be put to good use over the coming months at St Anne’s.

If anyone has further donations they can be left in the porch at St Anne’s. Many, many thanks.



**DEANERY DAY PILGRIMAGE TO LITTLEMORE - SATURDAY 22 MARCH 2025**

A pilgrimage to one of our Diocesan Jubilee churches in Oxford, the College of St John Henry Newman and Blessed Dominic Barberi Church, OX4 4JX. 10.30am Arrival and Mass, coffee and a talk, guided visit of the College, BYO packed lunch, Exposition with Indulgence prayers and ending with tea at 3.00pm.

Ample car parking at church. No charge but a collection will be taken for the Sisters and the Parish. The College is about 50 miles from St Anne’s and would take about an hour to drive.



Please let Loretta or me know by Monday 3 March if you would be interested in attending the day. Perhaps we can arrange car shares if enough parishioners are interested. Thank you.

### **Jubilee Year – Outreach Programme**

As part of our St Anne's Jubilee Year Programme the Jubilee Team wishes to support, with your help, a food bank in the Warwickshire area. Part of this initiative will also include collection of clothing; men's, woman's and children's.

More about this in the next couple of weeks.

### **Princethorpe College – Admissions 2026**

Entrance Examinations for entry to the College in September 2026 will take place on **Saturday 8 November 2025** and the deadline for registrations is **Friday 26 September 2025**. In the run up to the entrance exams we have various events planned.

Our **Spring Open Morning** will take place on **Thursday 13 March 2025 from 10.30am to 12.30pm**, this is an opportunity for families to visit the College on a normal working day and be guided around the campus by our Year 8 and 9 pupils.

Later in the year our **Summer Open Evening** will take place on **Wednesday 4 June 2025 from 6.30pm to 8.30pm**. This is an informal opportunity to look around the College and for children to participate in fun subject-related activities whilst parents chat to staff. Grove du Toit, our Headmaster, will also address visitors during the evening.

In May and June, we will be holding **Year 5 Taster Days**. These days give children the opportunity to spend a day at Princethorpe College, experiencing lessons, meeting current staff and pupils and getting a feel for senior school life.

For children in Years 4 and 5, we are also hosting a **Say Hello to Hockey** afternoon on **Friday 16 May 2025 from 4.15pm to 6.00pm**. Aimed at girls and boys of all abilities, this afternoon of free hockey training on our astroturf will finish with a mini tournament and refreshments for spectators.

We would be most grateful if you would also share the digital flyer (attached below) with your families. To book any of the above events, parents can scan the QR code on the flyer or simply click [here](#).

Should you have questions regarding the admissions process or the College in general, please direct them either to Catherine Rogers or Georgia Newborough, Assistant Registrar on 01926 634201/297 or [admissions@princethorpe.co.uk](mailto:admissions@princethorpe.co.uk).

### **The Archdiocese Of Birmingham Job Vacancies**

The Archdiocese is recruiting for the following four positions:

Operations Director  
IT Manager  
Finance Manager  
Gift Aid Officer

Full details and closing dates can be found at [www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs](http://www.birminghamdiocese.org.uk/jobs)

If you think you have the skills, please do apply.

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

**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**

**Jamie (19)** who died unexpectedly and tragically last Sunday. Hold Jamie's family and friends in your prayers

**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**

**Teacher of Business – Princethorpe College** - Required for September, we seek to appoint a well-qualified, dynamic and lively graduate to teach Business Studies to GCSE and A-level. Experience of delivering Level 3 BTEC Business Studies would be advantageous. The department also offers A Level Economics, and this could be incorporated in the teaching for the right candidate. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players.

Princethorpe has its own pay scale which is above national scales. This is an excellent opportunity to join our growing Foundation that values its staff and offers a rewarding benefits package including discounted places for staff, enrolment in the Teachers' Pension Scheme (or a competitive alternative if preferred) and an Employee Assistance Programme that includes various benefits such as a cycle to work scheme.

Potential candidates are strongly encouraged to visit the school's website [www.princethorpe.co.uk](http://www.princethorpe.co.uk) for more information about our thriving School, which offers a rich curriculum and strong sense of community. Continuing Professional Development is encouraged.

**Application:** To apply for this vacancy, applicants must submit a Princethorpe College application form, together with a CV and covering letter detailing personal qualities, experience and how you meet the person specification for the role. Applicants must ensure the application form is fully completed, including a detailed career history with specific dates.

**Closing date:** The closing date for applications is **Friday 28 February, at 9.00am** with interviews likely to be held on 6 March 2025 at Princethorpe College. Further information

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=2259>