

St Anne's Parish, Wappenbury
with
Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe
Sunday 13 April 2025 Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord
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"May your choices reflect your hopes, not your fears"

(attributed to Nelson Mandela)

Another Holy Week, leading up to Easter. And do we not just love Easter – hopefully Spring weather, long days and evenings celebrating with family and friends. Cool drinks, tasty food and much camaraderie. Easter – a joy to be longed for. And celebrated.

But Holy Week comes first, in Jubilee Year 2025. I suggest that it must be different this year if it is to be of real benefit to us. *"Doing the same thing over and over and expecting different results"* must not prevail. The least we must do is to do the same thing in a unique way.

We could re-write Holy Week with ourselves in the cast. Just who do you admire and/or imitate in this dramatic week, and who is it that you do, or do not, want to be identified with?

Take Thursday, for example. A gathering of friends for a festive meal with an elephant in the room; you know, the issue that no one wants to talk about. That is, until the host mentions it – *"one of you will betray me"*. Questions follow: who is it? Who could it be? And when the culprit is identified, the palpable relief: "thank goodness it isn't me" and the party goes on to the extent that, without any further mention of the issue, they fall into deep sleep in the garden. Then follows the betrayal spoken of over dinner and the subsequent shaming of all at the meal – except the one betrayed.

Who are you at this dinner party? What is it like to bury an important issue that, if left unaddressed, can have disastrous consequences? Do you understand what it is like to be ignored and left isolated during a dark moment in life? Can there be a worse experience? Who are you in the frequent encounters in your daily life when dark moments for someone close to you loom on the horizon? Are you sure you will be there?

Come then to Friday. Again, who are you? Simon, coerced to help someone sentenced to death? Are you so touched, or not, at the thought of a person suffering in silence for you and you do nothing? Are you a heart broken bystander, like the women Jesus spoke to, powerless yet involved? On the road to your own Calvary, is there not a need for the deepest personal honesty so that you are not conflicted whether to lie on the right or left of Jesus – your honesty with yourself will make matters so clear for you. Honesty on your journey will clarify any doubts about I've *'really done nothing wrong'*?

Then as the sun sets, where is the modern-day Joseph of Arimathea? He dared to challenge the authorities over their treatment of a dead person, demanding that he/she be accorded a decent burial. In Jubilee Year, where is Joseph, in our situation currently demanding a decent life for all? Hopefully, you are not carrying the spear that dealt the final blow, the spear of apathy – *"what's it got to do with me anyway?"* Are you there...?

Perhaps you're waiting for the grand finale, Easter Sunday. Are you the woman who questioned, asking just who had taken Jesus' body, because the possibility of Jesus' return to life would not even cross her mind? Or are you the apostles, going back to work immediately, certain that what was hoped for can never now be realised? And are you going to succumb and accept that, for you, all that can be hoped for now is more of the same?

This Holy Week Jubilee Year 2025 can change you. Can you make sure your/our future will be different because you will have been changed? You will have been touched by the events of Holy Week 2025, and you are now certain that Jesus is risen and is alive. And that you cannot wait to meet him in 2025?

Is that 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@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 if you have any concerns.

Diary Dates for Week Beginning Sunday 13 April 2025

Sunday 13 April	8.30am 10.30am	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Palm Sunday of the Passion of The Lord (New Missals page 153) Refreshments after both Masses
Monday 14 April	9.45 am Morning Prayer and Mass	Wappenbury	Monday of Holy Week
Tuesday 15 April	9.45am Morning Prayer and Mass	Wappenbury	Tuesday of Holy Week
Wednesday 16 April	Chrism Mass	St Chad's Cathedral	Wednesday of Holy Week
Thursday 17 April	7.00pm Mass	Princethorpe College	Thursday of Holy Week (Maundy Thursday) – Mass of the Last Supper
Friday 18 April	3.00pm	Princethorpe College	Good Friday Service
Saturday 19 April	8.00pm	Wappenbury	Holy Saturday Reflective Service and Mass Laurie Spears (Loretta's mother) 17th ann.
Sunday 20 April	8.30am Mass 10.30am Mass	Wappenbury Princethorpe	Solemnity of the Resurrection of The Lord (New Missals page 271) Refreshments after both Masses

Sunday Collection – 6 April 2025

Date	Wappenbury Offertory	Second Collection	Princethorpe Offertory	Second Collection
6 April 2025	£151.50		£91.00	

Donating By Contactless Payments



Beginning on **Sunday 13 April 2025**, the opportunity to donate to the Sunday Collection by Contactless Payment using Debit or Credit Card will be offered at St Anne's Parish Church, Wappenbury. Later, this will be available at Our Lady of the Angels', Princethorpe College as well.

Donating using the Collection Bags will continue as normal, alongside donating by Contactless Payments.

If you have any questions, please ask me after Mass today.

Forthcoming Diary Dates

Thursday 24 April	7.00pm	Wappenbury	St Anne's Parish Council Meeting
Saturday 26 April	3.00pm - 5.00pm	Wappenbury	Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea
Wednesday 30 April	7.00pm – 8.30pm	Wappenbury	Training for Readers Ministry
Saturday 10 May	7.00pm	St Peter's Church Hall, Leamington Spa	Bollywood Charity Night – for the BORAF (Barbara O'Rourke Arts Foundation)
Wednesday 14 May	7.00pm	Wappenbury	Training for Eucharistic Ministry
Tuesday 20 May	11.00am	Address to be advised	House Mass with Valerie Graham

Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea – Saturday 26 April – 3.00pm – 5.00pm

Our Jubilee Year of Hope kicks off with Senior Citizens Afternoon Tea on Saturday 26 April on the Terrace at St Anne's.

This promises to be a very special afternoon of sandwiches, cakes and tea and coffee under the cover of the marquee.

If you would like to attend this relaxing afternoon event please contact Loretta, after Mass, by email to her parish email address or by telephone to 07951 256796. We have limited places so please let her know if you would like to come by Monday 15 April.



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 and other event in the coming weeks.

Thank You



Thank you to the very merry gang who turned up last Saturday to prepare the marquee and surrounds for the Jubilee events. A powerful amount of work was done in such a short time.

We have pots blooming – thank you Fen; a clean sweep around – thank you Val; crockery at the ready – thank you Rose and Gillian; and a special thank you to those that scrubbed and washed the sides of the marquee and moved furniture backwards and forwards. And time for a break – phew!

We must also thank James Noakes for finding for St Anne's a beautiful table for the entrance porch. You know by now we never say no to anything but please take a moment to appreciate just how perfectly it fits into the wonderful church in which we celebrate Mass.



Don't Forget - Prayers offered At Our Lady's Shrine, Lourdes, By Basil Drobyk

Basil will be travelling to Lourdes with the archdiocesan pilgrimage from Thursday 24 April – Wednesday 30 April 2025.



It is customary for people going to Lourdes to bring prayers on behalf of others to the shrine.

Please leave your requests with me or pass to Basil at Mass on Sunday if you wish him to take your prayers to Lourdes.

Basil will be delighted to oblige.

Lucia Finishes Brighton Marathon For Teams4 U Shoe-Box Appeal

With a finishing time of 6hrs 28 mins 01 seconds Lucia is rightly very pleased and proud of herself as we are at St Anne's.

Lucia's efforts were purely for fundraising to pay for the transport costs of the boxes to poorer countries. Each box now costs £3.50. Please take a minute to look at the link below to see if you can help in some way. Many thanks.

Donations can be left with Pam or visit Lucia's Just Giving page [here](#)

A few images of where the boxes went to last Christmas.

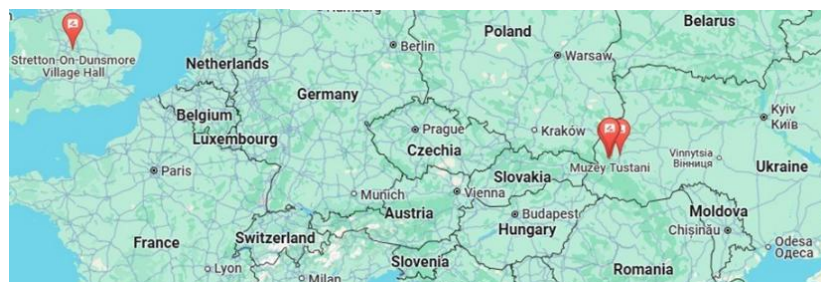


Stretton-On-Dunsmore Village Hall

11 Church Hill, Stretton-on-Dunsmore, Rugby CV...

★★★★★ 2 weeks ago

Hello. My name is Roman, I am from Ukraine. Today my daughter Anastasia brought a gift from school. And in it was a postcard signed from your city. We are very pleased with such a gift. We were curious, and we found your city on Google Maps. My daughter wants to find the sender and thank you again.



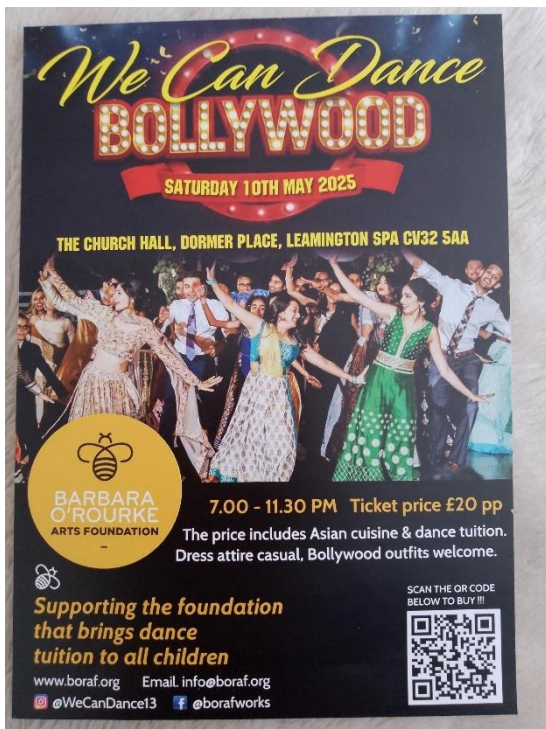
WeBelieve - Friday 25 July To Monday 28 July 2025

A festival of Catholic Life celebrating the Jubilee Year of Hope, with parishes and families in mind.

Four days of music, keynotes, conversation & worship, in the beautiful surroundings of St Mary's College, Chester Road, Oscott, Sutton Coldfield, B73 5AA. Featuring Dr Gianna Emanuela Molla (daughter of St Gianna Molla), Fr Paul Murray, Mgr Michael Nazir-Ali, AnMari, Fr Toby Lees & many more.

Pilgrim-attendees can choose to come for the whole weekend (camping, staying locally or coming from home) at an adult Early Bird rate of £70, or for a day for £40. Early Bird Tickets available now at [here](#)

Bollywood Comes To Leamington Spa!



On Saturday evening 10 May you will have the chance to enjoy a fun-filled night out and all for charity.

Sean O'Rourke and his friends are organising another great event. The foundation (BORAT) was set up to support dance tuition for all children.

Please make a note in your diary – wear Bollywood outfits if you wish! The more colour the better! Asian cuisine and dance tuition included.

Tickets available by using the QR code or from Sean and Loretta.

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. 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.

Especially In Your Prayers This Week – For The Living

Kevin Gibson, Clare's husband, who is quite ill in UHCW at the present time. Kevin has had serious surgery which has gone well to date. Please join your prayers with those of Clare, her family and friends in thanking God for beginning Kevin's healing process. Include in your prayers the wonderful NHS staff for their skills, dedication and attention to detail.

Patrick who has had a serious setback in his illness.

Tim Malin, who has had an operation last week in the Meriden Hospital, Coventry. The operation went well. Maria's daughter, Michelle, who has also had an operation. Please pray for Tim, Maria and all the family.

Nick Mottram who is quite ill at present in a care home in Ballsall Common. Nick is son of Tony and Pam Mottram, parishioners at St Anne's for much of their lives.

Tania and Phil, Jamie's parents, as they come to terms with Jamie's untimely death. Hold all Jamie's family and friends in your prayers. This is an extremely difficult time for them all. Jamie's funeral was held recently in London.

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.

Sue Kimberley. We give thanks to God this week for Sue's on-going strength. Sue has now started on further treatment. Continue to hold her in your 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.

David McLoughlin as he mourns the death of his cousin, Tommy.

Fr Michael White, Parish Priest in Tamworth, who is continuing to work as Parish Priest in Tamworth as he receives treatment for his 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.

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'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.

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

Dan Garvey RIP who died a couple of weeks ago.

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

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

Tony Cotterill RIP (Kenilworth) who died recently.

Eve McCarthy (21) who died in a tragic climbing accident in Malaga on 10 January. Eve is grandniece 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

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.

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 Latin – Princethorpe College - Required for September 2025, A skilled and enthusiastic Head of Latin to lead the delivery of Latin across the school, with the ability to teach up to and including A-Level. This role would be ideal for an existing Head of Department or a teacher looking for a new responsibility in a successful and growing department.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential and candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom and be effective team players.

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 Friday 25 April at 9.00am with interviews likely to take place Wednesday 30 April at Princethorpe College. Early applications are encouraged as the closing date for applications might be brought forward. Further information [here](#)

After School Manager – Crescent School - Required to start in May, we seek to recruit a part-time After School Manager to join and lead our friendly and professional After Care team.

The After School Manager will ensure a high standard of physical, emotional, social and intellectual care for the children placed in the After School Club, including those with special needs, is provided at all times.

To also provide high quality and varied activities in line with the School Ethos, within a safe and caring environment and to manage other After School staff as required and deal with parents in a professional and customer friendly manner.

The after-school provision runs from 3.30pm to 6.00pm, Monday to Friday, term-time only (36 weeks of the year). The manager is expected to work approximately 10 to 12 hours each week and will be discussed further at interview.

The salary grade is E2 to E6 of the Princethorpe Foundation support staff pay scales, £29,250 to £30,752 per annum full time equivalent. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is Thursday 1 May, at 9.00am with interviews likely to be held week commencing 5 May 2025 at Crescent School. Please note, we reserve the right to bring forward the closing date, so early applications are advised. **Further information**

<https://www.princethorpe.co.uk/page/?title=Join+Us&pid=1185&vacancyid=2270>

Teacher – KS2 (part time) – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding part time Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

This is a part time teaching role, equivalent to 0.5 of a full-time role, and is based at Crescent School.

The ideal working pattern would be five mornings a week, 8.30am to either 11.20am or 12.20pm each day. We also welcome applications from candidates who can offer the required number of hours across four days of the week. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – Lower KS2 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding lower Key Stage 2 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching.

The timetable for children in lower Key Stage 2 at Crescent involves a number of specialist-taught lessons, in addition to English, maths and PSHE which are delivered by the form teacher.

This is a full-time teaching role and is based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience. **Closing date:** The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)

Teacher – KS1 – Crescent School, Rugby - Required to start in September, we are looking for an outstanding Key Stage 1 teacher to join the team here at Crescent School.

An enthusiasm to become involved with the extra-curricular life of the school is essential. Candidates should be able to demonstrate success in the classroom, be effective team players with a genuine love of teaching. This is a full-time role based at Crescent School. Salary is by negotiation, depending on relevant experience.

Closing date: The closing date for applications is **Tuesday 6 May 2025, at 9.00am**, however, candidates may be called for interview before this date and the closing date brought forward. Candidates are encouraged to apply at their earliest opportunity. Interviews will be held at Crescent School. Further information [here](#)