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NEWS OF THE PARISH OF ST ANDREW'S BREDFIELD

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## FROM OUR MINISTRY TEAM

### Zacchaeus the tax collector - a reflection for Lent

In the Gospel of Luke, just before Jesus entered Jerusalem for the last time, we find him passing through Jericho and the crowds, as usual, are gathered there to see him. In the crowd there was a man called Zacchaeus who was a chief tax collector. In Jesus' day, tax collectors were hated by the people of Israel because not only were they working for the Roman invaders who had over run their country, but they were known to cheat their own people by overcharging the people who could ill afford to pay the exorbitant taxes. Zacchaeus, being a chief tax collector meant that he was getting a cut from the men he was in charge of and the Bible tells us he was extremely wealthy.

But there was something else of note about Zacchaeus, he was very short so when Jesus was due he was unable to see over the top of the crowds and they weren't going to do him any favours and let him through to the front. So he decided to climb a tree which was called a sycamore-fig tree. These trees have short stubby trunks and wide leafy branches and it was a perfect vantage point for Zacchaeus to gaze at Jesus unseen. He peered out through the branches and waited to see this man Jesus whom everyone was talking about. Jesus appeared walking down the street with his followers, Zacchaeus watched as Jesus drew closer and then to his horror, Jesus stopped right under his tree and gazed straight up at him. It must have felt to Zacchaeus as if Jesus was gazing right through him seeing his innermost thoughts and deeds. Then, to his astonishment, Jesus asked to come and stay at his house even though clearly he knew who Zacchaeus was and what he had done! Staying in a tax collector's house was unheard of for he was completely excluded from Jewish society and there was an audible gasp from the crowd and especially the Pharisees. But as Jesus gazed at him something amazing happened to Zacchaeus and we are told he gave away half his possessions to the poor and promised to recompense those he had

cheated. And Jesus said that “salvation had come to his house”. In other words Zacchaeus became a follower of Jesus.

I wonder what thoughts would have entered into our minds had we been in Zacchaeus’ position. What things that maybe we are secretly ashamed of and might have hidden from other people for years, would Jesus have discerned? What struggles would he have instantly recognised in us?

We are in the time of Lent in the church calendar and Lent is traditionally a period of reflection. We are looking to Jesus who took time out in the wilderness to prepare and reflect on the ministry ahead of him. Jesus knew that it would be difficult and he needed to make sure he was completely in tune with his heavenly father in everything before he started out on the three years that would eventually lead to the cross. Perhaps this Lent we might take time out to reflect on who we are and how we have behaved, and are behaving, towards others. Are there things in our lives that we are not proud of that are weighing us down physically, emotionally and spiritually? Maybe this Lent is the time to confess them to the Lord and leave those actions that we are ashamed of at the foot of the cross where they belong and reflect on how we want to be in the future acknowledging our Lord and asking him for help in this task. Make space to reflect this Lent and see where Jesus leads you.

*Gay Nichols*

## DIARY DATES

### **St Andrew's PCC AGM (APCM)**

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April 10.30 am** in the **Church** after a Service of the Word at 9.15am. All welcome. Those on the Church Electoral Roll are eligible to vote at the APCM (please contact John McCarthy as soon as possible if you wish to be added (01473 737276)).

### **Sunday Services and Private Prayer**

Sunday services continue inside the Church with appropriate measures to counter the spread of Covid. Until we have received an update to the Church of England guidelines, we advise pre-booking for any service: contact details: Paul and Alison Cannard (01473) 737707 or [lantern.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:lantern.bredfield@gmail.com)

We have also opened up the Church daily for private prayer. We request that four actions are taken if you wish to enter the church at a time other than for a planned church service.

- 1) Please do not come into the church if you have recently tested positive for COVID or display the symptoms of COVID.
- 2) Please use the hand sanitiser on the bench in the porch – even better use your own before touching the outside porch door handle.
- 3) Please wear a mask whilst you are walking or standing in the church – preferably at all times or at least until you are sat or knelt in a pew.
- 4) Leave the main door and porch door open whilst you are in church to aid ventilation. When you leave then both inner and outer doors can be shut again behind you as per normal.

**These simple measures will aid the minimisation and spread of the COVID virus and help to keep your fellow parishioners safe.**

### **BREDFIELD PRAYER CIRCLE**

The Bredfield Prayer Circle is a group of Parishioners united in prayer for the needs of our community. The Prayer Circle operates in confidence. It does not discuss your requests but simply includes your needs with their private prayer. Please give just a first name and enough details to make your request meaningful to those who will be praying with you.

If you are in need of prayer, or praying yourself, and would like the prayer of others please contact Anne Ackerley 01394 384805 or Alison Cannard 01473 737707.

### **SAVE THE DATE**



### **Bredfield Church Fete 4<sup>th</sup> June**

After a break of two years due to covid, the annual church fete is back! It will be held on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> June at the Old Rectory. Put the date in your diaries now!



## NEWS FROM BREDFIELD

### **A New Vicar For St Andrew's Bredfield And St John's Woodbridge!**

After months of hard work by many people, a new Vicar has now been appointed. We are not yet able to provide many details, but here is a copy of the official announcement issued by Bishop Martin and read out in Church at both St Andrew's and St John's on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2022:

*“The Right Revd Martin Seeley, the Bishop of St Edmundsbury and Ipswich, is delighted to announce that The Revd Charles Trefusis has been appointed as Vicar of St John Woodbridge and St Andrew Bredfield. Charles is currently Vicar of Holy Trinity, Walton, Aylesbury in the diocese of Oxford. A date for Charles’ institution and induction service will be confirmed in due course.*

*The Bishop thanks all those involved in the process of Charles’ appointment, and he assures you of his prayers. Please pray for Charles, his wife Kate and their adult children Harriet, Charlotte, Eleanor, and William as they prepare for their move.*

*This appointment is subject to completion of legal formalities”*

We are very much hoping that Charles and Kate will arrive in the summer, and we look forward to welcoming them to Bredfield.

## **Bredfield Church 100 Club**

Subscriptions are now due to be paid for anyone belonging to the 100 Club. The cost is **£12** for the year; First prize is £25 and second prize is £10. The draw takes place on the first Sunday in each month.

Anyone wishing to join should contact  
**Rosemary or John McCarthy on 01473 737276.**

A big THANK YOU to all our friends and neighbours who have helped, supported and just been there for Tim and me in recent months. Your care and support mean so much to us both.

Ann Bradlaugh

### **100 Club Winners**

<b>1st Prize</b>	No. 84 S. Coad
<b>2nd Prize</b>	No. 1 F. Burnham



**The Tiger was the 3<sup>rd</sup> animal to cross the river to reach Buddha in the Chinese Zodiac creation story.**

As we say farewell to the OX 2021 and enter now -according to the Chinese Calendar- officially into 2022. We find ourselves in a similar Covid Pandemic situation, but with perhaps more of a fighting chance? The 2022 animal is the White Tiger whose special powers involve protecting the family. What a fortuitous and timely symbol of hope to appear this year.

Although traditionally a White Tiger, my window display depicts a standard coloured orange, black and white striped Tiger with `2` written on each paw to represent 2022. The curious Tiger Face below the main Parade Head and next to the `F`; was to add the word `OF` in

a quirky way (the bought face mask being especially sent to me by a friend to help out with the window display prep!). However, the standard colourings are not that unusual it turns out; most Chinese Parade Tigers have standard colouring – no idea why?

Did you know that Tigers are orange and back striped to camouflage them in the grasslands from Deer their main prey? Here is a good photo example of their natural habitat:



Deer cannot see the colour red or orange and confuse it with green, so essentially to a Deer's eyes the Tiger looks greenish along with the natural background vegetation.

Mind you, a White Tiger for mythology does sound cooler!

Talking of cool... I do think they missed the opportunity to use the White Tiger for the Beijing Winter Olympics this month.

Instead they choose a Panda dressed in a ski suit. Perhaps they thought the Panda named `Bing Dwen Dwen' was universally cuter?

**Feng Shui Symbolism of the Tiger** *(Courtesy of lovetoknow.com)*

The White Tiger represents the Celestial West compass direction and the Dragon the Celestial East direction, they have been at odds fighting for power for as long as Chinese Culture has existed.

EAST/ YANG/ WATER: The Dragon is a symbol of the ruling power of the Emperor and the Royal Bloodlines controlling everything.

WEST/ YIN / METAL: The Tiger is the symbol of the ordinary family, their wealth, health, prosperity and continuation of descendants.

Feng Shui uses the Tiger to undermine the Dragon's dominance of the world. The main goal of the Tiger is to take away part of the Dragon's power and force the order of the world back into a perfect balance of Yin (Female) and Yang (Male) energies.

The martial arts were a way to challenge this ideology symbolically, in a manner that was non-threatening to the emperor. Martial arts masters created this role-playing by depicting the Tiger and Dragon in combat, using opposite techniques;

- ✚ The Dragon style of fighting is called a "soft" style. The Dragon fights on the defensive and fights in fluid, circular motions.

- ✚ The Tiger style of fighting is considered to be a "hard" style. The Tiger attacks are unrelenting and powerful while still being fiercely loyal and protective of himself and his family.

And so these adverse battle styles also reflect the conflicted Chi Energy in everyday life.



恭喜发财 / “gong-sshee faa-tseye”

*Lindsay*

**The Lake Isle of Innisfree by William Butler Yeats**

I will arise and go now, and go to Innisfree,  
And a small cabin build there, of clay and wattles made;  
Nine bean-rows will I have there, a hive for the honey-bee,  
And live alone in the bee-loud glade.

And I shall have some peace there, for peace comes dropping slow,  
Dropping from the veils of the morning to where the cricket sings;  
There midnight's all a glimmer, and noon a purple glow,  
And evening full of the linnet's wings.

I will arise and go now, for always night and day  
I hear lake water lapping with low sounds by the shore;  
While I stand on the roadway, or on the pavements grey,  
I hear it in the deep heart's core.

*Suggested by Anne Henderson*

Do you have any family news to share with your neighbours in Bredfield? Putting an announcement in The Lantern is a great way to ensure that everyone in the village hears about it.

Contact us at [lantern.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:lantern.bredfield@gmail.com)

You will have noticed that we have now resumed delivery of paper copies of the Lantern. However, several people have contacted me to say that they would prefer to continue to read it on the website only. If you no longer wish to receive a paper copy, please contact your deliverer. If you unsure who your deliverer is, contact me at [lantern.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:lantern.bredfield@gmail.com) and I'll try to help.

*Alison Cannard*

## March/April Services at St. Andrew's

<b>Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>1<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN LENT</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Rev Bill Herbert	<b>9.15am</b>
<b>Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>No service at St Andrew's</b>	-
<b>Sunday 20<sup>th</sup> March</b>	<b>No service at St Andrew's</b>	-
<b>Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> March</b> <b>MOTHERING SUNDAY</b>	<b>Morning Prayer</b> Roger Ackerley	<b><u>10.00am</u></b>
<b>Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April</b>	<b>No service at St Andrew's</b>	-
<b>Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b>	<b>Procession from village hall car park to church for Family Service</b> Rev Bill Herbert & Roger Ackerley	<b><u>10.00am</u></b> <b>FROM</b> <b>VILLAGE</b> <b>HALL</b>
<b>Friday 15<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>GOOD FRIDAY</b>	<b>An Hour at the Cross</b> <b>(Joint service with St Johns)</b> Revs Bill Herbert & Garry Griffiths	<b><u>2.00pm</u></b>
<b>Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> April</b> <b>EASTER SUNDAY</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b> Rev Bill Herbert	<b><u>10.00am</u></b>
<b>Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> April</b>	<b>Service of the Word</b> Roger Ackerley (tbc) <b>APCM 10.30am</b>	<b>9.15am</b>

**\*PLEASE NOTE CHANGES TO SERVICES FROM FEBRUARY'S LANTERN\***

To book your place, please contact Paul and Alison Cannard on 01473 737707 or at [lantern.bredfield@gmail.com](mailto:lantern.bredfield@gmail.com).



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