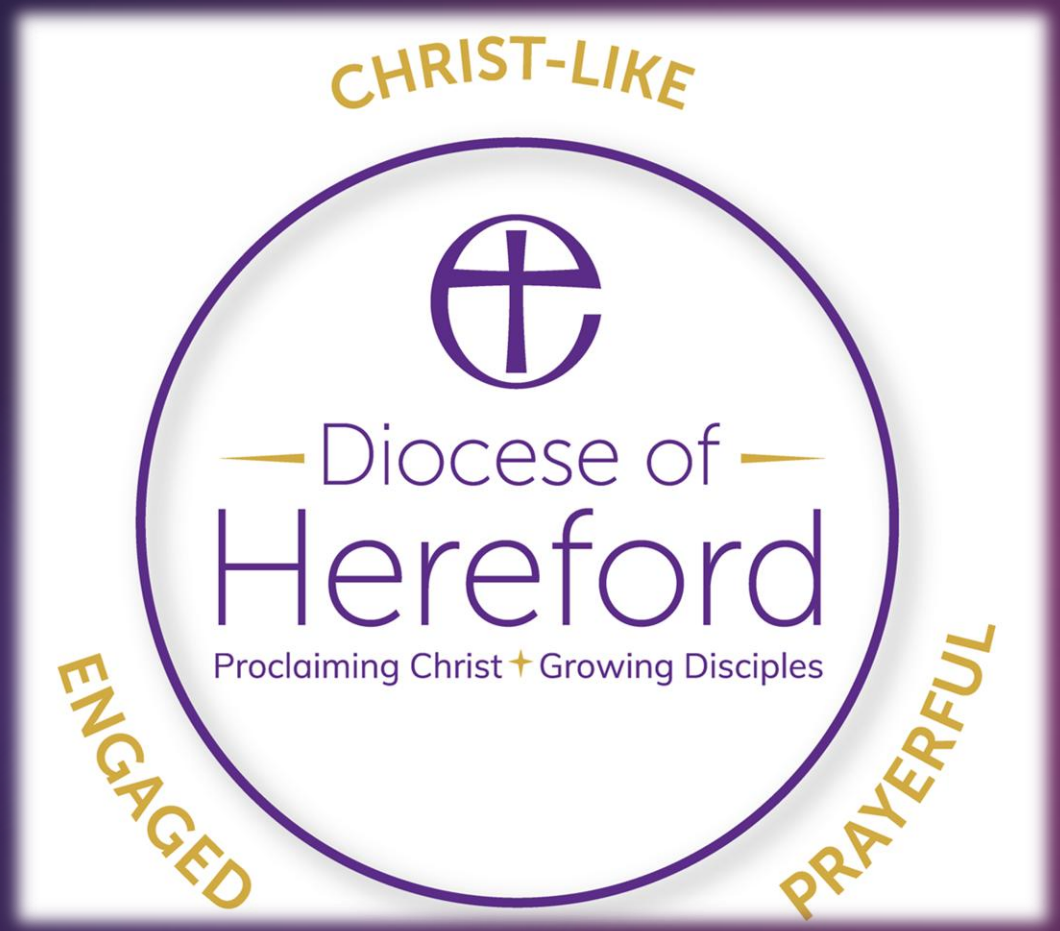
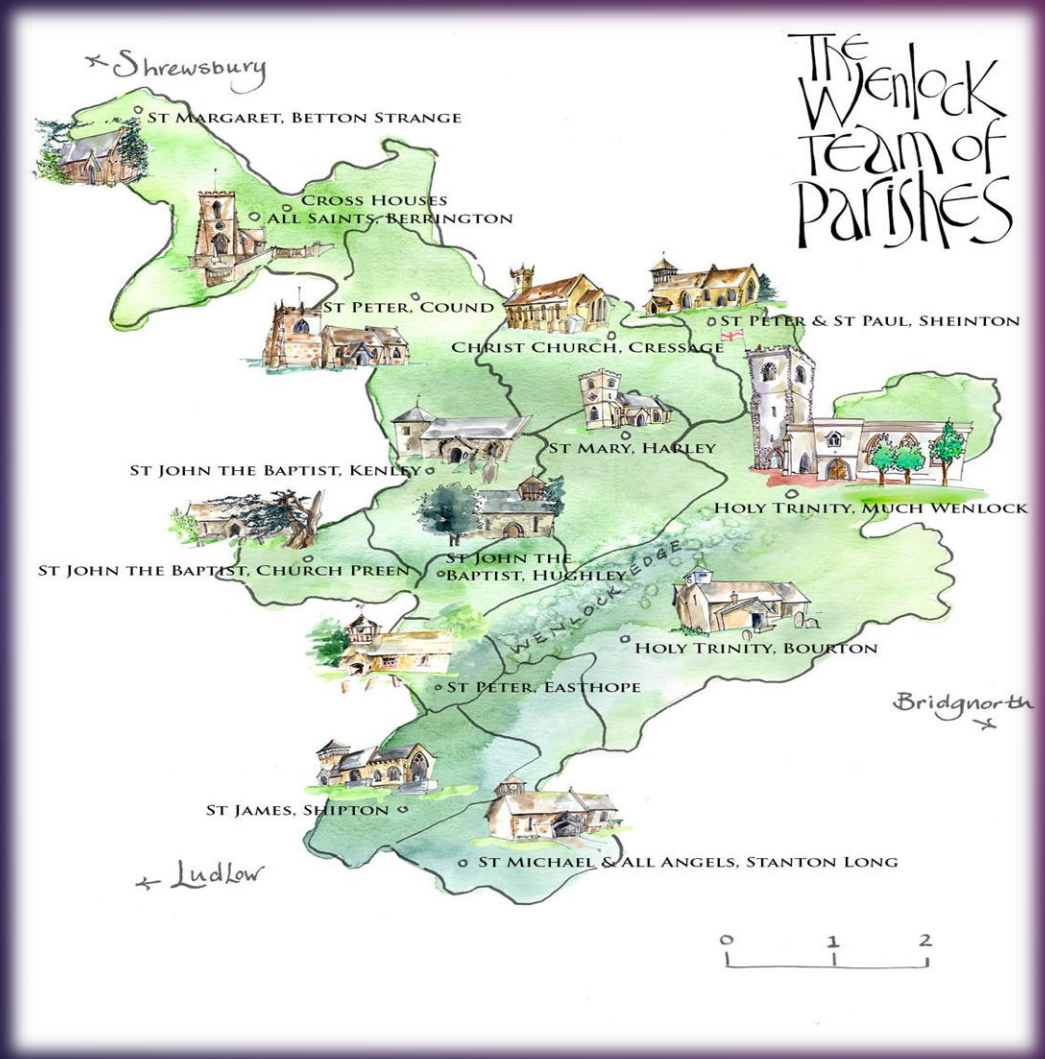


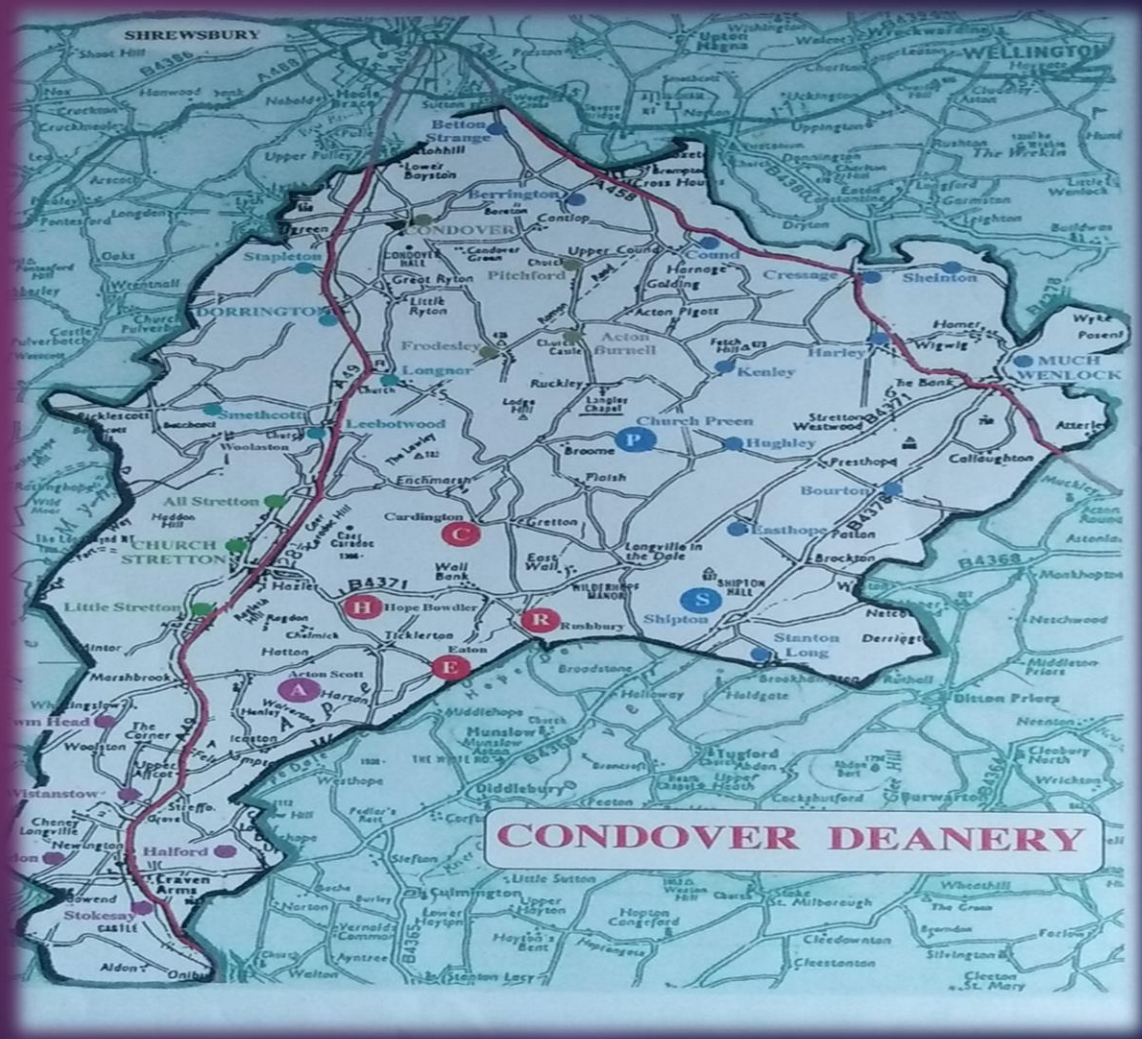
Shared Ministry in our Context

The Diocese of Hereford in partnership with The Wenlock Team Ministry is committed to Proclaiming Christ and Growing Disciples.

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Wenlock Group of Parishes
Part of the Condover Group Ministry





The People of God

- The constitution and function of The Wenlock Team Council states:
- To co-operate with the Team Rector and other members of the Team Ministry in promoting the whole mission of the Church, pastoral, evangelistic, social and ecumenical;
- To initiate and/or co-ordinate discussion and action on all matters of common concern to the Parishes of the Team Ministry;
- To help and encourage the parishes of the Team Ministry to work more closely together in all aspects of the Church's Ministry by the more effective use of sharing talents, skills, and other human resources.



Deanery Group Ministry

The natural geography of our Team means affective communication, support and collaboration between Parishes underpins the mission. This has imbedded further organically following an informal trial of working between Benefices in 2020-2024. This trial gave us the confidence to develop this complimentary collaboration further.



Thankfully now that the Deanery is a legally constituted Group Ministry (a demonstration of shared ministry in action), the Wenlock Team now has a .4 Team Vicar, who is also Rector .6 of Apedale.

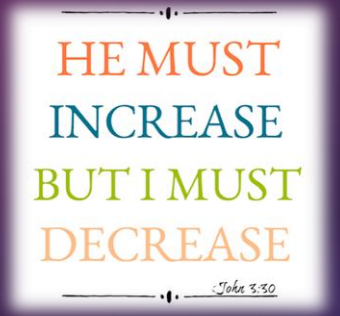
Our Team Vicar is released from practical church management in the role and has a specific missionary brief: Namely school's ministry and youth engagement.

Our Benefices were historically connected with Wenlock Priory, where the monks would make the honey for the Monastery in the Apedale. The Cluniac Community of Wenlock also revered St John the Baptist, who is affectionately known as 'the forerunner' to Jesus. The appearance of John the Baptist in all four Gospels and reference to his baptism in the Acts of the Apostles suggests that John was regarded by early Christians communities as the link with Jesus from earliest times.

We seek the intercession of St John the Baptist in our mission and ministry today, especially in the fostering ministerial formation between us, where the words of John 3.30 are so significant in our context.









A place made sacred by lives and prayers for 1300 years.

'During those years the wall of the monastery, the Priory Church of Holy Trinity rose and fell under the power of love, and hate, despondency and hope. However, it may be concluded that a remnant of monks of the early community kept the light of Christianity still burning albeit from a small candle flame.' An Illuminated Chronicle Mary Gifford Brown







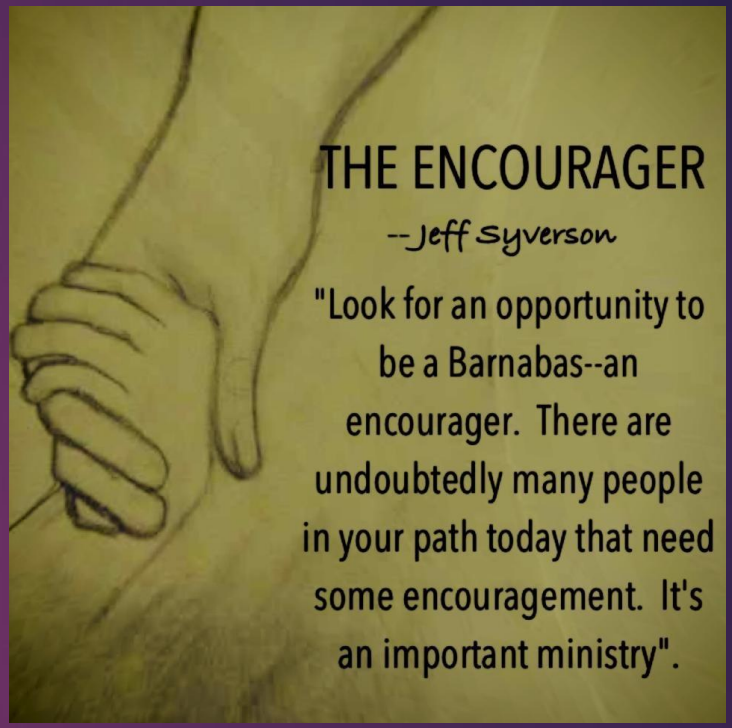
Celebrating our Shropshire Saint ~ Milburga Abbess of Wenlock











My role is to foster collaboration and community partnerships that help to identify glimpses of the Kingdom of God already at work in our midst.

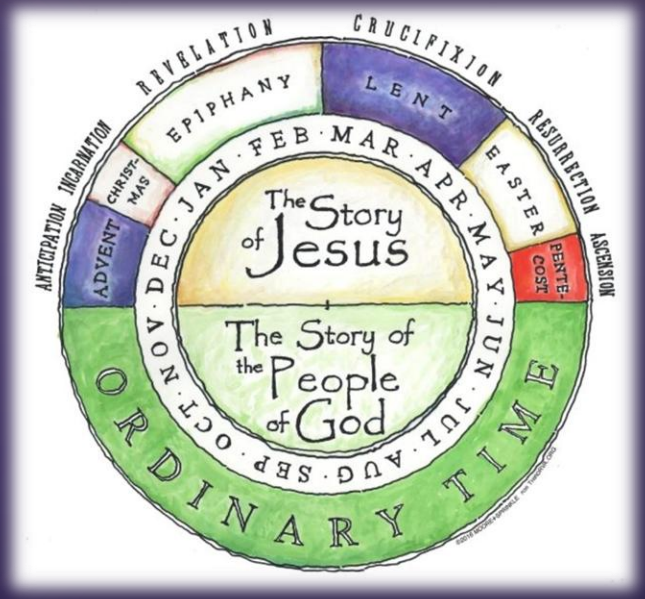
We are a traditional, outlooking and inclusive Team Ministry, with a genuine desire to make the rich Anglican tradition at our disposal relevant and spiritually engaging to people of all ages, regardless of where they are on their journey of faith.

We have identified over the past 5 years that sometimes it is through our ancient Rites of Passage, Christian Rituals and liturgical rhythm that members of the community are spiritually wishing to connect with.

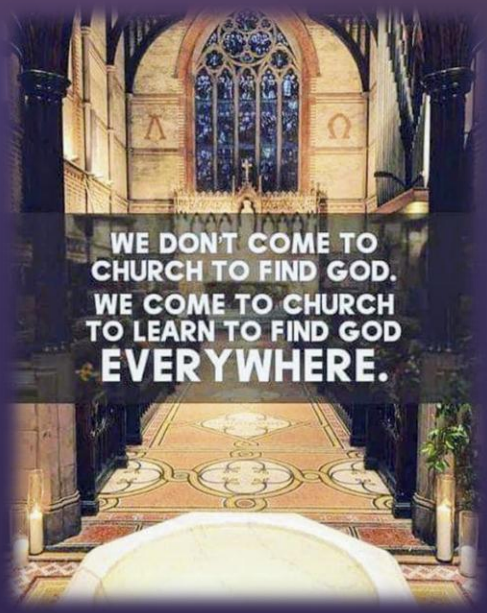
We believe God's transcendent grace in Jesus Christ is to be found through engagement in all these things.











Evangelism through the Occasional Offices are a gift to us in our rural setting.

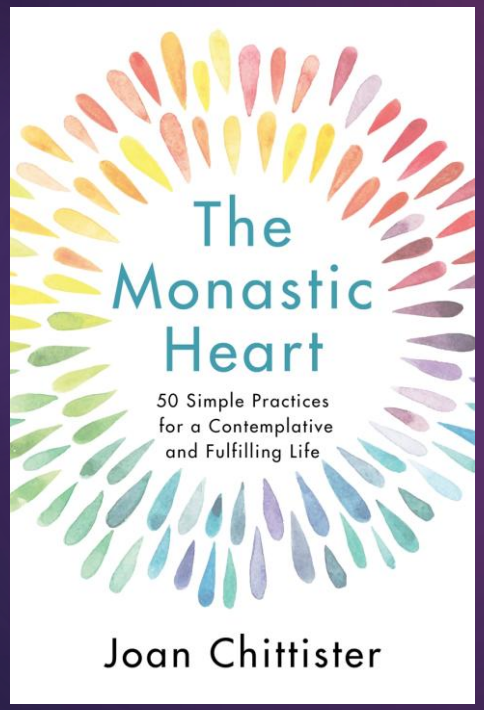


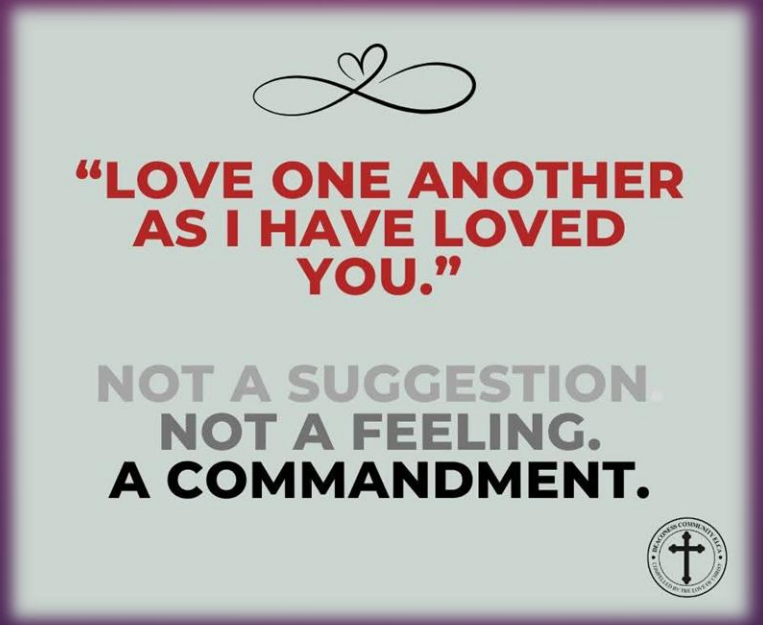


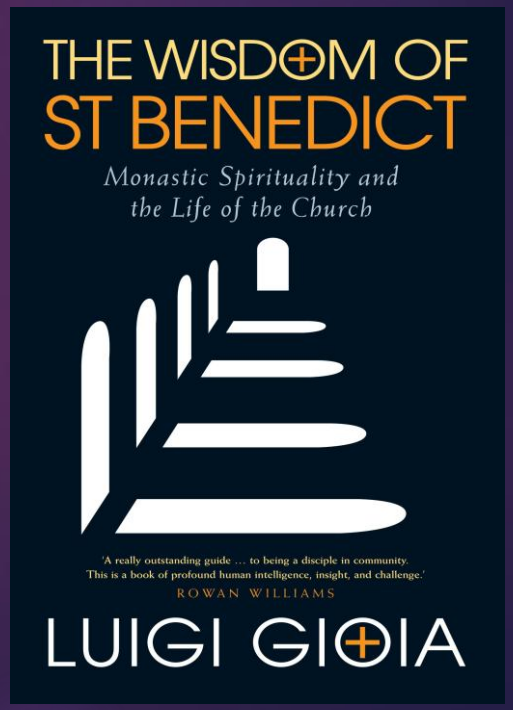


MONASTIC PRINCIPALS

'This community lives in the covenant with God and is made up of a people who journey through the history of this world with the mission of embracing the whole of humanity. Just as God takes this process seriously and patiently waits for history to unfold, so God invites Christians to profound acceptance of their humanity, to commit themselves fully to history, not to fear secularism, and to dedicate themselves fully to solidarity, hospitality, and dialogue.' Luigi Gioia OSB







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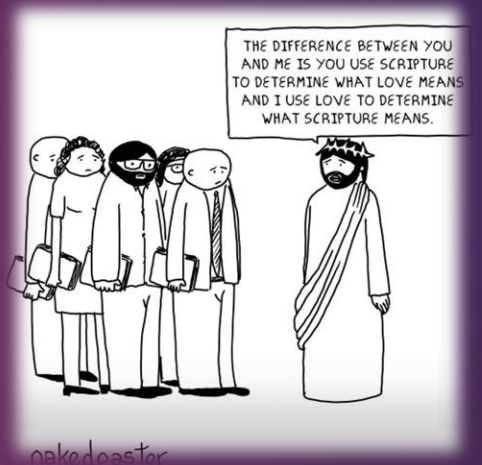
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According to the *Common Worship* Calendar and Lectionary authorized for use in the Church of England (Year C)

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COMMON WORSHIP *and the* BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

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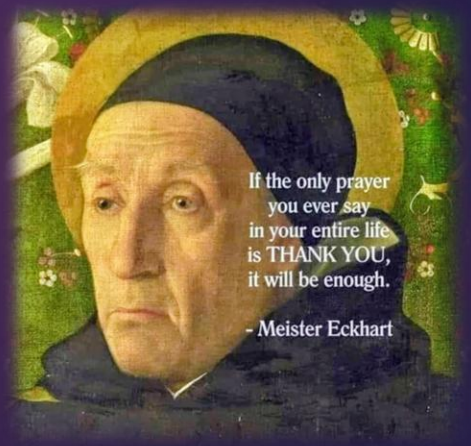


A Prayer of St Benedict



Gracious and Holy Father,
give us wisdom to perceive you,
diligence to seek you,
patience to wait for you,
eyes to behold you,
a heart to meditate on you,
and a life to proclaim you,
through the power of the Spirit
of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Prayer is not a "spare wheel" that you pull out when in trouble, but it is a "steering wheel" that directs the right path throughout life.



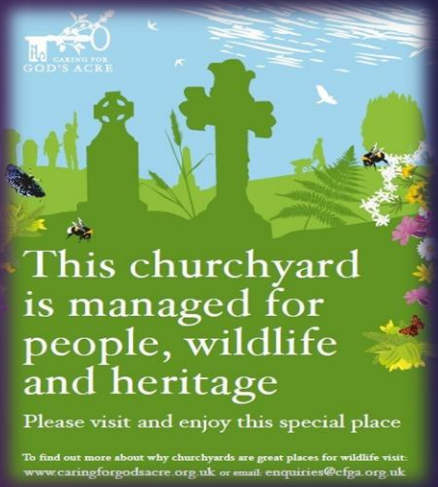
WORK

The main thing you bring home from your work is not a paycheck. The main thing you bring home from your work is your soul. Work is a soul function. We're made to create value. The writer of Ecclesiastes says, "There is nothing better for a person than that he should make his soul enjoy good in his work. This too, I see, is from the hand of God." John Ortberg









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HOSPITALITY















SPIRITUAL RENEWAL

'Spiritual awakening emerges neither from clever programmes or detailed strategies: it comes one heart at a time. Second God sometimes chooses to bring spiritual replenishment to millions through one person's life of faith.

None of the saints set out to found religious communities. None had planned to spawn renewals or to reform the church. Their aims were more personal.

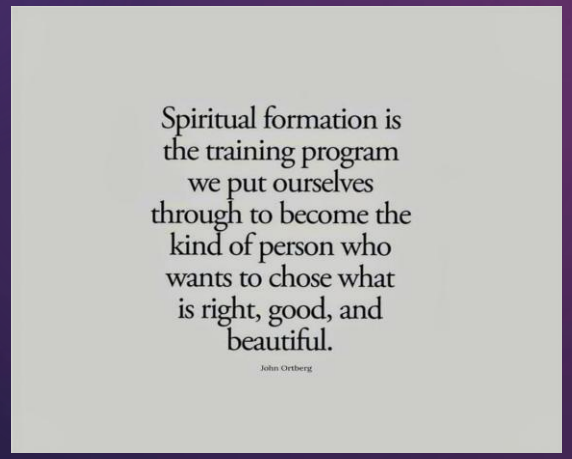
They simply wanted to love God above anything else-a goal we would be wise to make our own.

I'm smart enough to know that all the hard work in the world won't "earn" me God's touch.

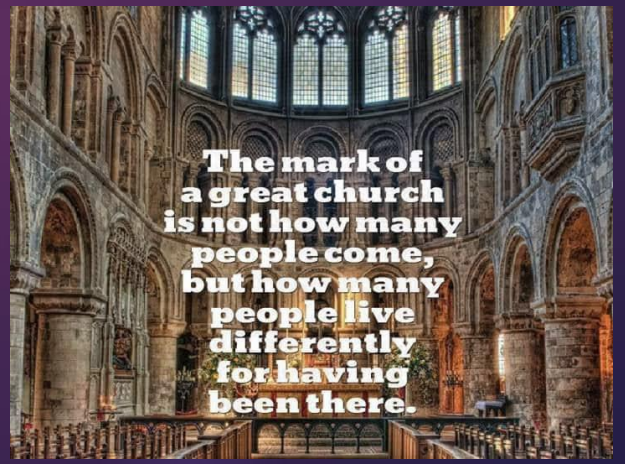
If the Holy Spirit is going to strike, I want to be ready on target.

Prayer, study and the like can put me right on the bull's eye.'

Mystics & Miracles True Stories of Lives Touched by God Bert Ghezzi



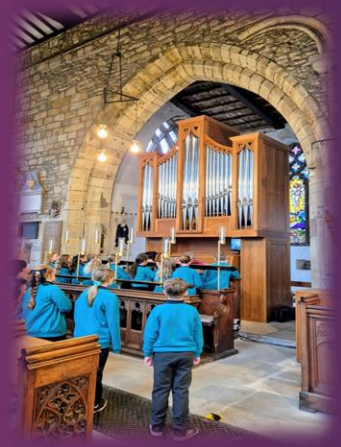




Signs of the Spirit at Work!

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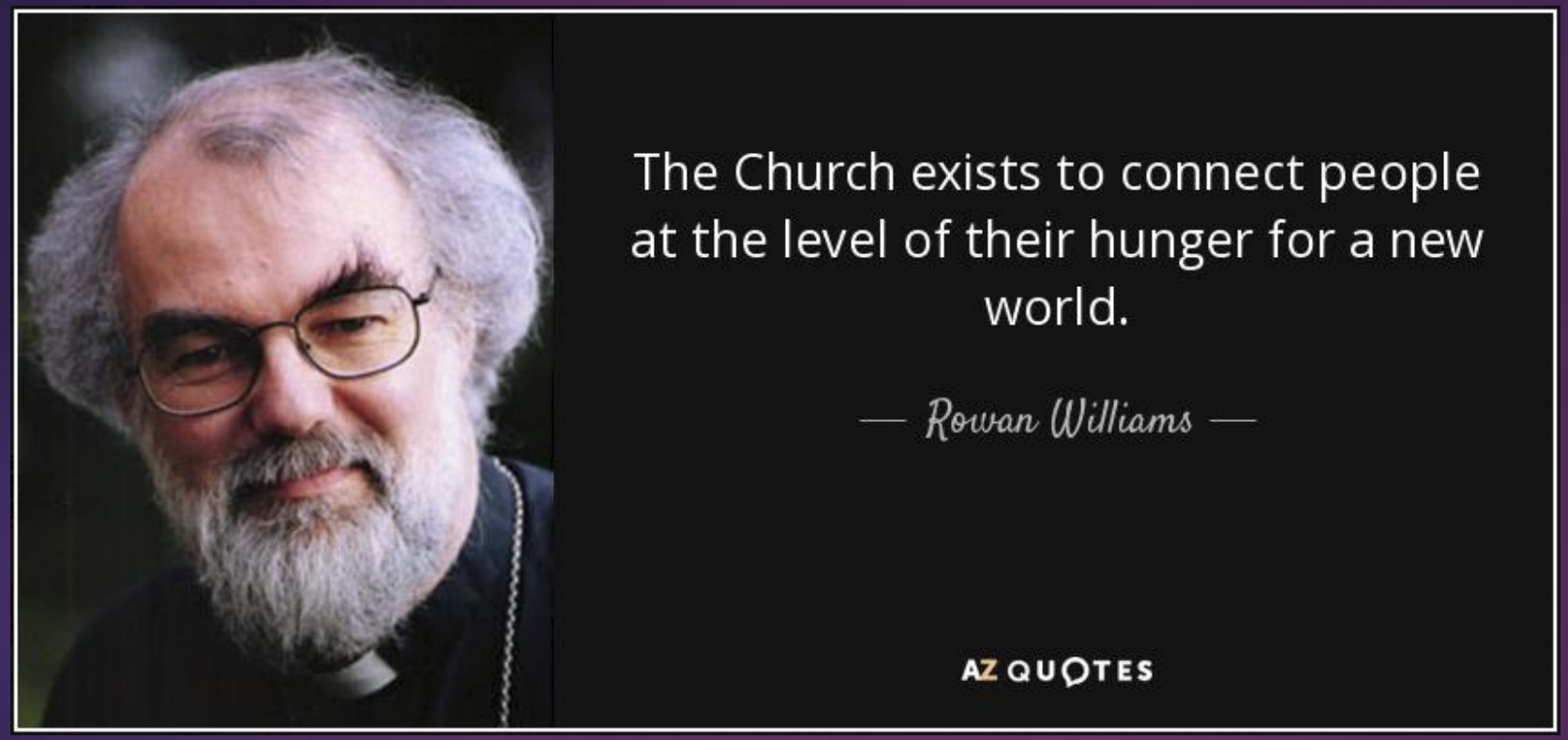








Dementia friendly church



A final thought…….