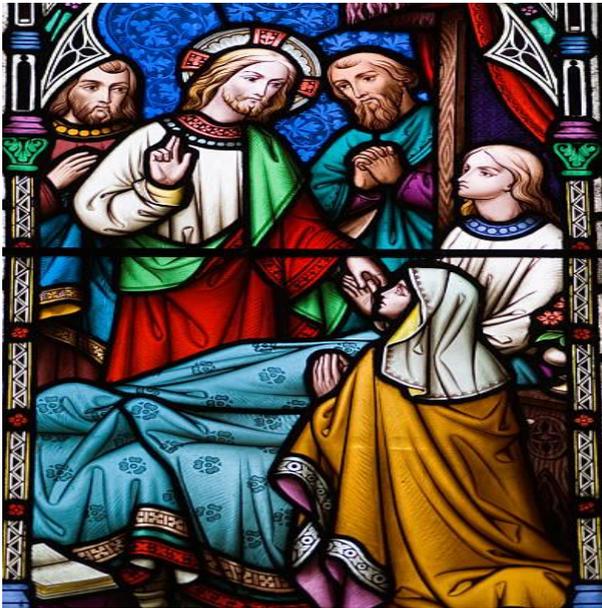




Women in Fellowship

Founders' Meeting

Order of Service



HEALING

Netley Hall

Shrewsbury

25th May 2022



The Reverend Samuel Mann

Born in the Black Country, before growing up on Clee Hill, Sam considers himself very much a Shropshire lad (and a passionate Wolves FC fan!). He trained for ministry at Cuddesdon, was ordained in 2017, and served three years as Curate of Coalbrookdale, Ironbridge, and Little Wenlock parishes. He was installed as Rector of the Apedale group of parishes (Hope Bowdler, Cardington, Eaton-under-Hewood, Rushbury) in 2020.

The Venerable Paul Wyndham Thomas, Archdeacon of Salop



He was born in the Vale of Glamorgan and educated at Cardiff High School, Oriel College and Wycliffe Hall, Oxford. He was ordained deacon in 1979 and priest in 1980. After a curacy at Llangnwyd with Maesteg, he was Team Vicar of Langport from 1985 to 1990 and Priest in Charge of Thorp Arch and Walton from 1990 to 1993. From 1993 to 2004 Paul was Vicar of Nether with Upper Poppleton, Parish Development Advisor to the Diocese of Lichfield from 2004 to 2011 and Priest in Charge of Forton and Archdeacon of Salop since 2011. He lives in Tong with his wife June. They are hosting a young Ukrainian family.

Led by The Reverend Samuel Mann

Introduction and Welcome

Our fellowship is with Christ and one with another. We meet within that fellowship to offer praise and thanks to God, to ask his forgiveness and to pray for one another and the needs of the world.

Hymn

Be still, for the presence of the Lord,
the Holy One, is here.

Come, bow before him now,
with reverence and fear.

In Him no sin is found,
we stand on holy ground.

Be still, for the presence of the Lord, The Holy one, is here.

Be still, for the glory of the Lord
is shining all around;

he burns with holy fire,
with splendour he is crowned.

How awesome is the sight,
our radiant King of light!

Be still, for the glory of the Lord is shining all around.

Be still, for the power of the Lord
is moving in this place;

he comes to cleanse and heal,
to minister his grace.

No work too hard for him,
in faith receive from him.

Be still, for the power of the Lord is moving in this place.

Confession

The sun of righteousness has dawned with healing in his wings.
Let us come to the light of Christ and confess our sins.

**Lord our God,
in our sin we have avoided your call.
Our love for you is like a morning cloud,
like the dew that goes away early.
Have mercy on us;
deliver us from judgment,
bind up our wounds and revive us;
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.**

Absolution

Opening Prayer

Be with us, Spirit of God;
nothing can separate us from your love.
Breathe on us, breath of God;
fill us with your saving power.
Speak in us, wisdom of God;
bring strength, healing and peace.

The Lord is here.
His Spirit is with us.

**Hearing God's word—The 1st Reading is taken from the
Book of Isaiah Chapter 42, verses 5-9**

Read by Emily Hutchings, Central Chairman

Thus says God, the LORD,
who created the heavens and stretched them out,
who spread out the earth and what comes from it,
who gives breath to the people upon it
and spirit to those who walk in it:
I am the LORD, I have called you in righteousness,
I have taken you by the hand and kept you;
I have given you as a covenant to the people,
a light to the nations,
to open the eyes that are blind,
to bring out the prisoners from the dungeon,
from the prison those who sit in darkness.
I am the LORD, that is my name;
my glory I give to no other,
nor my praise to idols.
See, the former things have come to pass,
and new things I now declare;
before they spring forth,
I tell you of them.

For the Word of the Lord,
thanks be to God.

Hymn

Great is thy faithfulness, O God my Father,
there is no shadow of turning with Thee;
thou changest not, thy compassions, they fail not; as thou hast been
thou forever will be.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Summer and winter, and springtime and harvest,
sun, moon and stars in their courses above,
join with all nature in manifold witness
to thy great faithfulness, mercy and love.

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

Pardon for sin and a peace that endureth,
thine own dear presence to cheer and to guide;
strength for today and bright hope for tomorrow,
blessings all mine, with ten thousand beside!

Great is thy faithfulness!

Great is thy faithfulness!

*Morning by morning new mercies I see;
all I have needed thy hand hath provided,
great is thy faithfulness, Lord, unto me!*

**Hearing God's word— The 2nd Reading is taken from
The Gospel according to Mark Chapter 10, verses 46-52
Read by Mary Rose Bone, Chairman Shrewsbury WF**

They came to Jericho.
As Jesus and his disciples and a large crowd were leaving Jericho,
Bartimaeus son of Timaeus, a blind beggar,
was sitting by the roadside.
When he heard that it was Jesus of Nazareth,
he began to shout out and say,
'Jesus, Son of David, have mercy on me!'
Many sternly ordered him to be quiet,
but he cried out even more loudly,
'Son of David, have mercy on me!'
Jesus stood still and said, 'Call him here.'
And they called the blind man, saying to him,
'Take heart; get up, he is calling you.'
So throwing off his cloak, he sprang up and came to Jesus.
Then Jesus said to him, 'What do you want me to do for you?'
The blind man said to him, 'My teacher, let me see again.'
Jesus said to him, 'Go; your faith has made you well.'
Immediately he regained his sight and followed him on the way.

For the Word of the Lord, **thanks be to God.**

Address
The Venerable Paul Thomas

Prayers of Intercession
Led by Sally Rhodes and Anne Sharpe

Let us Pray

Lord we pray for your blessing to rest upon this place today.
We are thankful for our precious times of fellowship and pray that it
will continue to stimulate and sustain us,
and bring joy to future members.

We are grateful for Women in Fellowship
and we pray for our Central Chairman Emily Hutchings
and her Executive Committee.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, you are the only source of health and healing.
In you there is calm, and the only true peace in the universe.

Grant to each one of us an awareness of your presence,
and give us perfect confidence in you.

In all pain, weariness and anxiety teach us to yield ourselves
to your never failing care, knowing that your love and power
surround us, trusting in your wisdom and providence to give us health
and strength and peace.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those who are less fortunate than ourselves;
those who live in developing countries
and countries where there is very little stability.

Teach us to be ever mindful of those
who are weary with the relentless struggle to keep alive;
for those who can never look forward to a good meal
and a comfortable bed, and those who barely have the necessities of
life, much less its extras. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for people who are anxious
about their mental or physical health.

Help them to have confidence in those with medical knowledge
to diagnose illness and care for the sick.

Give them courage, hope and peace,
and the knowledge that you are present
in their weakness, pain and suffering.

We pray especially for those who have no one to help them, that in
their loneliness they may know that you are with them. Lord in your
mercy, **Hear our prayer**

We pray for those whose hearts have been saddened by the death of
someone close and dear to them, for members of our families who
have died and whose anniversary we recall.

May we experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within us,
and the fellowship of the Church Family around us
until we are reunited once more in your heavenly kingdom.

We pray for families throughout the world who have lost
loved ones both through tragic events and through natural causes.
May they also experience the comfort of the Holy Spirit within them
and the love and fellowship of the Church Family around them.

Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, our hearts are burdened for those known to us who are hurting right now. We ask that you would be their comforter, that you would cover them with your infinite grace and mercy, surrounding them in peace. We pray for fresh grace, for renewed strength, for your goodness and mercy over their lives today.

May they be wrapped in your love, kept safe and cherished, and may your healing powers breathe across them. Lord, thank you that you are always with us, that your presence is mighty and you hear our prayers on behalf of those we love. We ask that you would show yourself strong on their behalf. We know and believe beyond any doubt, that your healing powers and love will never fail. Lord in your mercy,
Hear our prayer

Especially at this time we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons. We pray for those at risk and in fear, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them. Thank you for the outpouring of generous hospitality and help for the millions fleeing from Ukraine. Please protect, guide and provide for these families and individuals as they journey and settle. We pray for those with power over war or peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions. Above all we continue to pray that you will bring justice to this whole situation. Please bring this conflict to an end without further loss of life. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Lord, we don't know what the future holds,
but we believe you are holding us and won't let go. We are keen to
feel your presence surrounding us.
Thank you that no matter what we face, we know you are still greater.
We praise you for your truth and healing.
Help us to live strongly and walk wisely, filled by the power of your
Spirit within us. Lord in your mercy, **Hear our prayer**

Let us say together the Prayer for Women in Fellowship

Prayer for Women In Fellowship

**Lord we ask you to watch over our Fellowship
and to direct its purposes, to be at the centre of all its activities,
and to fulfil its prayers.**

**Make it outward looking, compassionate and caring
and enable its members to be united in its aims.**

**May the Holy Spirit's power guide and sustain us,
and His energy renew and inspire us.**

For Jesus Christ's sake.

Amen.

The Lord's Prayer

**Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name.
Thy kingdom come; thy will be done, on earth as it is in heaven.**

Give us this day our daily bread.

**And forgive us our trespasses,
as we forgive those who trespass against us.**

And lead us not into temptation; but deliver us from evil.

**For thine is the kingdom, the power and the glory,
for ever and ever. Amen.**

Taize chant: O Lord, hear my prayer

O Lord, hear my prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer
When I call, answer me.
O Lord, hear my prayer
O Lord, hear my prayer
Come and listen to me. (x 3)

The peace of the Lord be always with you.

And also with you

Hymn

O Lord, my God, when I in awesome wonder
consider all the works thy hands have made,
I see the stars, I hear the mighty thunder,
thy power throughout the universe displayed.

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

And when I think that God, his Son not sparing,
sent him to die, I scarce can take it in
that on the cross, my burden gladly bearing,
he bled and died to take away my sin.

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

When Christ shall come with shout of acclamation
and take me home, what joy shall fill my heart;
when shall I bow in humble adoration,
and there proclaim: 'My God how great thou art!'

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

*Then sings my soul, my saviour God to thee,
how great thou art, how great thou art!*

Final Blessing

Dismissal

Let us bless the Lord

Thanks be to God

Final Hymn

Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son,
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won;
angels in bright raiment rolled the stone away,
kept the folded grave-clothes where Thy body lay.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

Lo! Jesus meets us, risen from the tomb;
lovingly He greets us, scatters fear and gloom.
Let the church with gladness hymns of triumph sing,
for the Lord now liveth; death hath lost its sting.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

No more we doubt thee, glorious Prince of Life!
Life is nought without thee: aid us in our strife.
Make us more than conquerors through Thy deathless love.
Bring us safe through Jordan to Thy home above.

*Thine be the glory, risen, conquering Son;
endless is the victory thou o'er death hast won.*

There will be a retiring collection
which will be donated to St Christopher's Hospice.

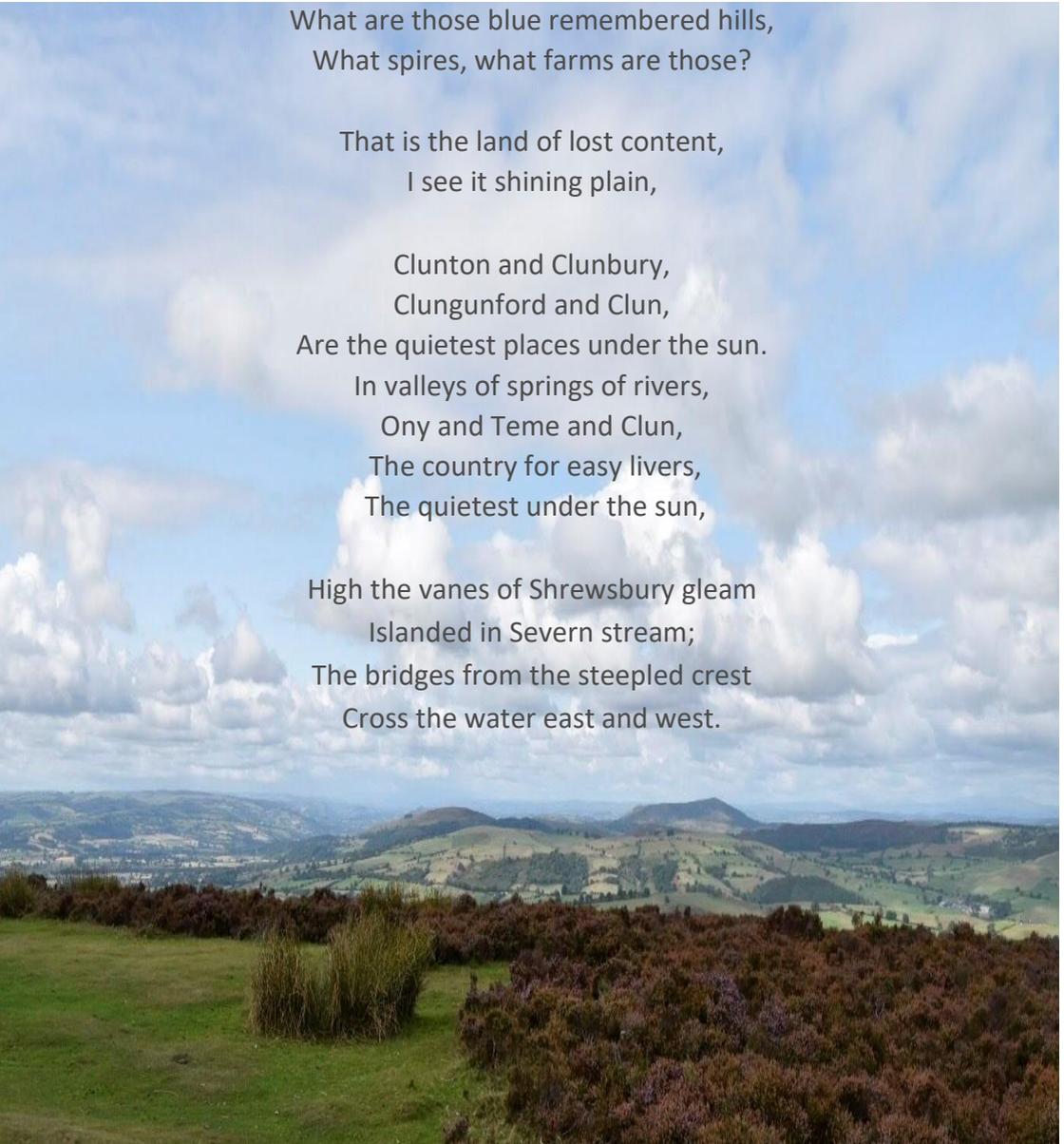
**Extracts from
A Shropshire Lad
by A E Houseman**

What are those blue remembered hills,
What spires, what farms are those?

That is the land of lost content,
I see it shining plain,

Clunton and Clunbury,
Clungunford and Clun,
Are the quietest places under the sun.
In valleys of springs of rivers,
Ony and Teme and Clun,
The country for easy livers,
The quietest under the sun,

High the vanes of Shrewsbury gleam
Islanded in Severn stream;
The bridges from the steepled crest
Cross the water east and west.



Netley Hall: a brief history

Netley Hall is one of the most glorious countryside estates in the West Midlands. Surrounded by 160 acres of Shropshire countryside, the present house was built by the Hope-Edwardes family in the 1850s. In the fifteenth century the land that made up the eventual estate was in five separate ownerships. Three of these were united through purchase, in the early 1600s, by Thomas Phillips of Smethcott, who built Netley Old Hall, a part-timbered house of some note. Phillips' son later sold his father's estate, and in 1664 Richard Nash purchased the land upon which Netley Hall stands today. A half-century later, the aggrandised farmhouse known simply as Netley was in the possession of John Thomas Hope, whose family had been Amsterdam bankers. It was not until the Hopes' son, Thomas Henry Hope-Edwardes, inherited the estate that the present brick and Grinshill stone Georgian style house with Italianate details was built to the designs of the well-known Shrewsbury architect Edward Haycock. Internally, the most notable feature is the magnificent top-lit galleried central hall with a staircase rising at one end.

During the First World War the house was used as a hospital and in the Second World War the house was occupied by St Margaret's School from Folkestone, Kent.

In 1944, Clare Hope-Edwardes married Jasper More of Linley Hall, to which the couple moved thereafter. Netley Hall was sold half a century later to the Lilley family, and then to the Poole Family. Currently the Grade II Listed house is run as a wedding venue and hotel.

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