



THE CHURCH OF
ST MATTHEW
COLDRIDGE

October 2024 - Events and Services at St. Matthew's Coldridge

Monday 7th - Church Café 2.30pm to 4pm

Come for a coffee, homemade cake and friendly chat.

Sunday 13th - Morning Prayer 10.30am

Led by a member of our lay community. Refreshments provided after the service.

Sunday 20th - Holy Communion 10.30am

Led by Rev. Prebendary Peter Rapsey. Refreshments provided.

Thursday 24th - Church Tours 11.00am and 2.00pm

Includes a lecture by John Dike on the Edward V mystery.

Tours are free but booking required in (email: coldridgeparishchurch81@gmail.com).

ADVANCE NOTICE

Friday 1st November – “Jazz in the Nave”, 7pm

A recital with Jonny Monument and his Band.

Holy Days – Saint Teresa of Avila

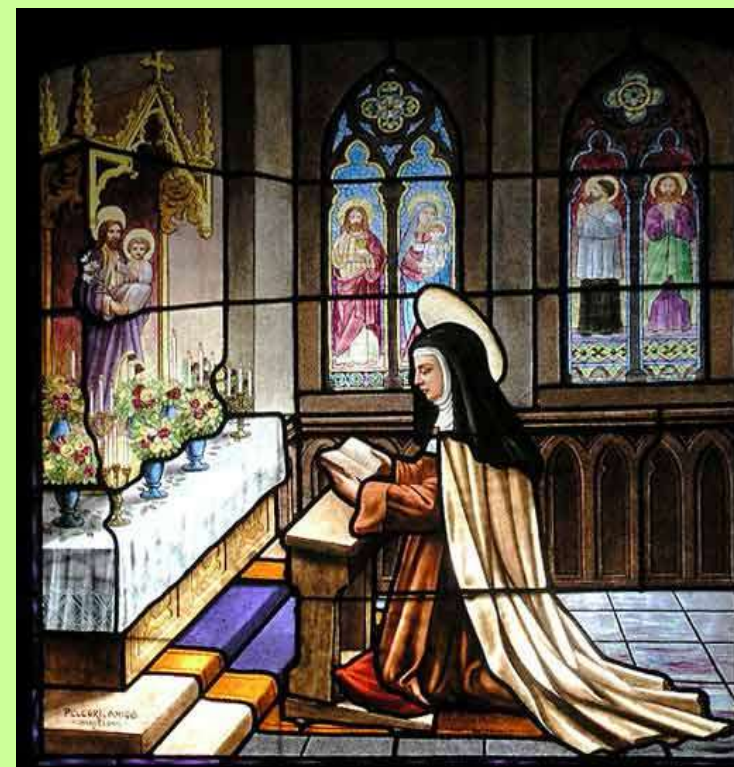
The Church of England recognises a number of Holy Days through the year, where parishes can choose to remember significant people in the life of the Church. This month, it invites us to celebrate **Saint Teresa of Ávila**, who died in October 1582.

Teresa was a lively and imaginative child. She loved playing make believe, reading romantic medieval tales about adventurous knights and learning about gardens, flowers and the latest fashions in clothes. But when she was only eleven, Teresa's youthful levity was disrupted by the death of her mother.

At the age of 20 she entered a Carmelite convent and quickly became deeply invested in contemplative prayer and the mystical dimension of Christianity.

Unlike many women of this period, Teresa was not only literate but worked hard throughout her life to record her spiritual experiences in elegant and powerful prose.

Her most famous book ‘The Interior Castle’ is a marvel of psychological insight and has been celebrated by religious scholars as “the all-time classic on the question of the development of prayer from its incipient beginnings to its mature fullness in the transforming union”.



“Saint Teresa of Avila” - Glass painting in the Convent of Santa Teresa

“It is foolish to think that we will enter heaven without entering into ourselves.” St. Teresa of Ávila