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LETTER FROM THE BISHOP OF WORCESTER

The new year is a time for new beginnings and this new year is very much marked by new beginnings in the Diocese of Worcester. At 4pm on 5th January the Revd Nikki Groarke will be licensed as the new Archdeacon of Dudley at Evensong at St Thomas's Church, Stourbridge; she will be installed as an Honorary Canon of the Cathedral at Evensong two weeks later - 19th January, St Wulfstan's Day.

Nikki comes to us from London where she was Vicar of St. Stephen's Church in Canonbury, Islington. It is a vibrant inner-city church with two large social action projects supporting marginalised adults and young people. She grew up in Worcestershire, and was a pupil at Flyford Flavell Primary and Pershore High schools. Then, after gaining a degree in modern languages, she worked as a Marketing Manager in the publishing industry in Oxford for ten years, and as the Bereavement Service Co-ordinator for an Oxford hospice. She has been involved in training and development of clergy in various diocesan roles, and has worked with the mission organisation CPAS and New Wine network of churches.

Nikki is an exceptionally gifted priest with a wealth of experience both within and beyond the church. She has the added advantage of having grown up in this part of the world and this is, in a sense, a homecoming.

On 12th December, an announcement was made from Downing St about a new Bishop of Dudley. I am equally delighted about this appointment. Graham Usher will be consecrated Bishop at St Paul's Cathedral on the Feast of the Annunciation, 25th March, and be formally welcomed into the Diocese at a service at St Thomas's, Dudley at 4pm on Saturday 3rd May. He will be installed as an Honorary Canon in the Cathedral at Evensong the following day, Sunday 4th May.

These appointments come as a relief to me personally as life is more than usually demanding without either a Bishop or Archdeacon of Dudley. I might add that I am very grateful to all those, particularly the Archdeacon of Worcester and the Assistant Bishops of the Diocese, for helping with an exceptional burden during these vacancies. However, these appointments are not just a relief, they are exciting. I believe that God has called two exceptionally gifted people to this Diocese in order to help us to fulfil our vocation to become Kingdom People. The Kingdom People Vision which we are now embracing is another new beginning and it is a crucial one. Formulated after extensive consultation it seeks to enable us to become people whose every breath and action proclaim the Kingdom of God where Kingdom values of love, compassion, justice and freedom reign. I look forward greatly to working with the new Archdeacon and Bishop - and with all of you - to see that vision realised so that we may see what we pray for, that God's Kingdom would come here on earth as it is in heaven.

Bishop John

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

The month of January is named from the Roman god Janus. He is usually depicted as having two faces, since he looks to the future and to the past. This January edition of our magazine does just that: We have pictures from some events which took place in the run-up to Christmas and we have articles about new arrivals in the diocese and forward looking reports from our PCC and the church's General Synod.

Our historical Christian figure this month is St Wulfstan. Information about him can be found on "Our Page" on page 34.

As we move forward into 2014, we pray everyone will find strength in Christ to help them deal with the challenges that the new year will bring.

Graham and Sue Evans

DATES FOR JANUARY 2014

**Unless otherwise stated, the venue for all the events below is
St John's Church, or one of the church rooms.**

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Saturday 4th January:

9.00 a.m. Indoor Table Sale (9am to noon) **13**

Sunday 5th January: Feast of the Epiphany (transferred from 6th January)

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Thursday 9th January

2.00 p.m. Thursday at Two (Blakefield Room) **6**

Saturday 11th January: Mary Slessor, missionary, 1915

10.30 a.m. Bridge day at St John's (play starts at 11 a.m.) **10**

Sunday 12th January: Baptism of Christ (First Sunday of Epiphany)

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Wednesday 15th January

7.00 p.m. Craft Evening **10**

Sunday 19th January: Second Sunday of Epiphany

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Saturday 25th January: Conversion of Paul

4.00 p.m. Scottish Evening **10**

Sunday 26th January: Third Sunday of Epiphany

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day.

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is traditionally observed from the 18th to the 25th January - the octave of St. Peter and St. Paul.

NOTES FROM THE CHOIR

Another New Year! A time for new beginnings and so in the spirit of trying something new, I have decided to open up this column to different

contributors in 2014. Who better to start with than the Organist and Choirmaster, John Brierley? I prompted his thoughts by asking a few questions:

Reviewing 2013, how did the year go for the choir?

Well, 2013 was really exciting. We tried out new pieces and even premiered my own musical setting of the Communion Service during Advent. We saw both growth and a deepening of the bond between our singers, which really helps to encourage better singing.

So does this mean the choir has become a bit of a clique?

Not at all! The singers are all very friendly and welcoming and keen to encourage new members to join. We work hard in rehearsals because we want to produce the best music we can but have a lot of laughter and fun along the way.

So what do you hope from the choir in 2014?

I hope that we continue to consolidate and improve the singing, learning more new repertoire and growing in numbers and confidence. We will never forget though that we are a Parish choir, at the heart of the community of St John's and that we are serving God in helping to lead worship. Hopefully we can encourage everyone to find something of the beauty and breadth of God in the music that we sing.



My thanks to John for sharing his thoughts and I look forward to welcoming other contributors as the year unfolds!

Luise Horrocks

To the left, members of the choir take part in “Sing-along-a-Santa” on 13th December.

Picture courtesy of Alan Ricketts

IN MEMORIAM

Alfred Victor Bishop	5 January 1979
Vera Rolph	5 January 1995
Florence Mary Newman	8 January 1971
Ada Halls	11 January 2011
Albert James Hughes	12 January 1976
Reginald Hemming	12 January 1976
Margaret Tolley	12 January 1995
Mary Bishop	12 January 2010
Mildred Christina Waterson	13 January 2007
Edith Mayall	15 January 1999
Kenneth Plumpton	15 January 2012
Frances Lillian Griffiths	19 January 1995
Jack Shearer	24 January 1986
Joseph Lowe	26 January 1982
Beatrice Louisa Lerigo	26 January 1988
Vera Mabel Glover	28 January 1990
Charles Hodges	29 January 1998

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms, weddings and funerals which took place in November.

BAPTISMS: *We welcome you into the Lord's family*

Charlie Alan Hart
Harry Thomas Hartiss Bourne
Travis Zachary Hill
Eleanor Penny Saunders
James Frederick Fox Walter

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 5th November Tom Weston
d. 15th November Edward Evans

FROM THE REGISTER OF SERVICES FOR NOVEMBER 2013 (4 Sundays):
Communicants 448. Total attendance at all services 1422.

THURSDAY AT TWO

Are you bereaved or lonely? Come along and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

We meet on the second Thursday every month, from 2pm in the Blakefield Room, St John's Church. Our next meeting is on Thursday 9th January.

Just come along; but if you want to speak with someone first then ring Catherine (749025) or Sylvia (422654).

Catherine Templeton, Sylvia Render

THURSDAY AT TWO CHRISTMAS LUNCH

The Thursday at Two group enjoyed Christmas Lunch at The Blue Bell at Callow End.



PCC MEETING 26th November 2013

The Vicar opened the meeting with a prayer. 12 members were present.

Under Matters Arising from the Minutes, the Vicar reported that he has spoken to Jenny English; she is willing to organise a Mission Breakfast in the new year (possibly March).

Under **Worship, Mission and new services**, The Vicar reported that there would be new service booklets from Advent Sunday, designed by Phil Bradford and Philip Evans in conjunction with the Vicar.

Written reports had been received from the Pastoral Care Team, the Charity Committee and the group discussing Christmas Communications.

The naming of our principal Sunday service (now changed to “Eucharist”) was raised. The Vicar said that “Parish Communion” was not an accepted C of E name for this service. The description in Common Worship is “Holy Communion” also called “The Eucharist” and “The Lord’s Supper”. The Vicar said he was using Eucharist for St Johns to be different from St Clements.

Under **West Side collaboration**, the Vicar reported that Robin Charles was still ill and is signed off for a further period.

Under **Finance and Operations**, written reports had been received from a number of PCC committees.

The secretary said that Ron Cantrill had asked for his serious concerns about the appearance of the new loudspeakers to be raised. Gordon Templeton responded by saying that it was agreed that the new speakers were not very pretty, however there had already been praise for their clarity compared to the old ones, and they are in accordance with the faculty approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) and the diocesan sound expert.

The Treasurer distributed a financial update and answered questions. His summary of the 2013 position was that it will still be close to balance. There may be some large sums needed in 2014 for electrical work arising from the Quinquennial inspection. John said that all seemed content with his draft 2014 budget.

The second hour of the meeting was dedicated to a **strategic discussion about new services**, based upon a discussion paper prepared by the Vicar. Some points and areas of general agreement were:

Who is this service for? We should fit into the local ‘mixed economy’ of worship and in particular Worship for Everyone at St Clements. That suggested a focus on young families (children aged 8 to 12), but also thinking what we could do for Baptism families and Wedding couples. There may need to be more research of the market.

What is this service for? There was general agreement that the purpose of the service was initially to get people into church, but from there we could deepen the people's engagement with God and build a wider sense of community and belonging.

When should this service take place? There was some discussion around a non-Eucharistic service at 10.30 am on the second Sunday of the month, but there was concern about not damaging what we already have. Jane Askew (Children's Church leader) put forward the idea of an informal gathering on a Saturday afternoon once a month aimed at children of around 8 to 12. This could attract some interest, and perhaps also act as a feeder for our Children's Church on Sunday mornings. Another way of attracting new children to join our Sunday Children's Church could be to allow parents to drop their children off, and pick them up after the service.

It was suggested that we should consider separately a weekday evening service for those who cannot come to church on a Sunday.

The Vicar thanked everyone for a good discussion and said that he and Phil Bradford would consider how to develop this further and take these ideas forward.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m. with all saying 'The Grace'.

Graham Evans, PCC Secretary

BELLRINGERS' CHRISTMAS DINNER



The bellringers enjoyed food and fellowship at the Portobello.



Fund Raising Events at St John in Bedwardine Church

Do come along
and join us in
2014



Saturday 4 th January	Indoor Table Top Sale. 9am to 12 noon (setting up from 7am) Telephone 749025 to book a table (£10).
Saturday 11 th January	Bridge Day 11.00am - 3.00pm £10.00 including lunch. Tel 749025 to book.
Wednesday 15 th January	Craft evening 7pm. £5.00 to include all materials and refreshments. For more information telephone 424811.
Saturday 25 th January	Scottish evening 4pm. Check noticeboard for further details or telephone 423257/749025/424811.
Saturday 1 st February	Indoor Table Top Sale. 9am to 12 noon (setting up from 7am) Telephone 749025 to book a table (£10).

Check the Church noticeboards for more details about our events. Further details from Worcester 423257, 749025 & 424811

Thank you to all of you who have supported our fund raising events in any way. We do hope you have enjoyed yourselves. If there are any events you would like to see at St John's do get in touch with us.

We hope to see you all in 2014.

Jane, Sue and Catherine

ST JOHN'S PARISH MAGAZINE

We publish a Parish Magazine each month, except August. The magazine contains items about Parish news, events and other articles.

The magazine costs 40p to purchase and can be obtained from the back of church. Subscriptions are available at the discounted price of £4 per year. **We encourage you to subscribe as this means that we know more closely in advance how many copies to print and this makes things easier for our printing team.**

FUND RAISING AT ST JOHNS

2013 has been a busy but fun year for the fund raising group. We hope we have managed to arrange something for everyone to enjoy. If you haven't joined us yet, do come along and sample one of the events. Thank you for all the support you have given us.

In 2014 we are trying some new things for the first time. Saturday March 15th we are holding a Craft Day. Tables will be £15 and already we have crafts booked. Some of the exhibitors will not only be selling their products but also demonstrating how they work, sometimes even letting you have a go! Telephone 424811 if you would like to book a table.

Our first Promises Auction is on the 17th May. This promises to be a fascinating evening with a variety of items on offer from car cleaning to cake making. There will be something for everyone. May also has the return of the plant sale; we can only hope we have better weather this year to nurture the young plants.

Already we have some concerts booked and are hoping to have Elvis in the Church! We will also be holding the old favourites, coffee mornings, quizzes and fayres.

If you have any new ideas please get in touch with one of us on 423257, 749025 or 424811. See you in 2014.

Sue, Catherine & Jane

APPOINTMENT OF PRECENTOR AND CANON RESIDENTIARY OF WORCESTER CATHEDRAL

It has been announced that the Reverend Michael William Brierley, M.A., Ph.D., Priest-in-Charge of Tavistock and Gulworthy in the Diocese of Exeter, is to be appointed to the Canonry in the Cathedral Church of Christ and the Blessed Virgin Mary, Worcester, in succession to the Reverend Canon David Stanton, now Canon Treasurer of Westminster Abbey.

The Dean of Worcester, the Very Reverend Peter Atkinson, said: 'Michael is a person of great ability in many fields, whom we will warmly welcome into the community of Worcester Cathedral. As Precentor, he will direct and organise the worshipping life of the Cathedral, working closely with all those staff and volunteers engaged in liturgy and music. As a Residentiary Canon, he will take a full part in the work of the Chapter and the pastoral care of the Cathedral community, helping the Cathedral to fulfil its role as a centre of worship and mission for the whole Diocese'. Michael will be installed at Evensong at 5.30 p.m. on Saturday 22 March 2014.

Samantha Setchell



GRAHAM USHER TO BE NEXT BISHOP OF DUDLEY

Downing Street has announced that the Revd Canon Graham Usher will become the next Bishop of Dudley. Graham, 43, was ordained in 1996 and is currently Rector and Lecturer of Hexham Abbey in the Diocese of Newcastle. Prior to this he worked in inner city Teesside and has also spent time living and working in Ghana, Africa.

On his appointment, Graham said:

“I am honoured, delighted and not a little daunted to have been asked to become the next Bishop of Dudley. I am greatly looking forward to getting to know the people and places of the Black Country and the wider Diocese of Worcester, as well as working with and learning from Bishop John, the clergy and people of the Diocese. Together I believe that we have an incredible story to tell as we share the life of Jesus and, in partnership with others, look to ways to daily bring God’s love, justice and peace to the communities we serve.”

Graham will be ordained bishop at St Paul’s Cathedral on 25 March and he will begin his public ministry in the Diocese of Worcester after Easter. He will be installed as an Honorary Canon of Worcester in the Cathedral at 4pm on Sunday 4 May.

BIOGRAPHY OF GRAHAM USHER

The Revd Canon Graham Usher was born in 1970 and spent his early life growing up in Ghana. He was educated at Pocklington School in Yorkshire and then studied for a BSc Ecological Science (Ecology) at Edinburgh University followed by gaining a degree in Theology at Corpus Christi College, Cambridge whilst training for ordination at Westcott House, Cambridge.

After his ordination in 1996, Graham served his curacy at St Mary’s Nunthorpe in the Diocese of York, a large commuter suburb of Middlesbrough with four congregations and a significant amount of youth work. While there, Graham spent time as a Sessional Chaplain at HM Remand Centre at Northallerton, working with young offenders, and became a part-time producer with BBC Radio Cleveland, working on their Sunday religious news programme.

From here Graham moved to be Vicar of Holy Trinity in North Ormesby, Middlesbrough – at that time one of England’s 2% most deprived communities, experiencing considerable poverty and social exclusion. A focus on the Church and

community led to a growth in the congregation and the development and completion of a flagship community facility, The Trinity Centre, which was awarded HRH The Duke of York's Community Initiative Award.

In 2004, Graham moved to become Rector and Lecturer of Hexham. Hexham Abbey is part of the Greater Churches' Network and, whilst very much a parish church, has some of the outreach and facets found in many cathedrals. Graham worked with the congregation and partners developing a vision for the Abbey and its community and since his appointment the congregation has grown, links with the town and county have significantly increased, and the Abbey has been reunited with its historic monastic buildings which were taken from it at the Reformation. Graham was also Area Dean for five years from 2006.

In 2012, Graham's book: Places of Enchantment – Meeting God in Landscapes was published by SPCK. Graham has also previously been a member of the Scout Movement, including being a national trustee, and has been involved with the Duke of Edinburgh's Award. For a number of years he was a Director of the Bible Reading Fellowship.

Graham is married to Rachel, a GP, and they have two children, Chad age 13 and Olivia age 11. In his spare time he enjoys hill walking, drawing, writing and the company of friends.

Samantha Setchell

INDOOR TABLE SALE SATURDAY 4TH JANUARY
ST JOHN'S CHURCH 9.00AM – 12.00PM



Come along and sell your unwanted items, or if you have nothing to sell come and grab a bargain.

**Tables are £10.00. Opening for stall holders to set up from 7.00am.
Telephone 01905 749025**

Refreshments available.

(ALSO SATURDAY 1ST FEBRUARY)

AN INTRODUCTION TO MARK'S GOSPEL

This year much of the C of E lectionary will focus on Mark. So here is a short introduction to this gospel, courtesy of Parish Pump.

Mark is the shortest of the Gospels, and most likely the first to be written (about 65 – 70AD). It is certainly the most action-packed!

The gospel of Mark was written by John Mark, whose name occurs often in Acts. His mother lived in a house in Jerusalem, where Jesus' followers met in the early days of the church there (Acts 12:12). John Mark was cousin to Barnabas, Paul's travelling companion.

John Mark had set off with Paul on the first great missionary tour, but then disgraced himself by going home – not making himself popular with Paul. However Barnabas gave John Mark a second chance, and in later years John Mark won the friendship of Paul. When Paul was in prison John Mark stood by him (Colossians 4).

Mark's gospel was written not when John Mark was in Jerusalem, but later, when he had spent some time with Peter in Rome. Peter had come to love John Mark as his own son (1 Peter 5:13), and there is a strong early tradition that John Mark set down Jesus' story as he had heard it directly from the apostle Peter.

For example, Papias, writing about AD140, said: "Mark, who was the interpreter of Peter, wrote down accurately all that he remembered, whether of sayings or doings of Christ, but not in order. For he was neither a hearer nor companion of the Lord."

Some years later Irenaeus wrote that Mark's gospel was written "when Peter and Paul were preaching the gospel in Rome and founding the church there." After their deaths, "Mark, Peter's disciple, has himself delivered to us in writing the substance of Peter's preaching."

John Mark wrote his gospel with extraordinary vividness. And he obviously knew he would have non-Jewish readers, because he often explains Jewish customs.

The Gospel begins with a bang: "The beginning of the good news of Jesus Christ, the Son of God..." No beating about the bush – here is the purpose and the message right from the opening verse.

The word 'gospel' in Greek is evangelion – good news (hence the term evangelist). So where does the actual word 'gospel' come from? The Anglo-Saxons first thought it up, using the term 'Godspell', a word that may mean 'good news' or 'news about God'. It was an apt way to refer to the new faith when it reached them (Hence 'Godspell' as the name of famous West End musical about the life of Jesus.)

Mark opens the action not with the birth of Jesus, but rather with his baptism by John. Then the action moves swiftly towards the crisis of the cross and resurrection. Within

this framework, the material tends to be not in chronological order, but rather grouped by subject. The book bustles with action and details. It gives far more detail than Matthew's in the accounts of what Jesus did, but deals more briefly with Jesus' teaching.

Mark does not have much that is all his own – in fact - only four paragraphs in all! This is because both Matthew and Luke borrowed heavily from him when they came to write their gospels. In Mark we have moving pictures of Jesus in action, convincing us by what he does that his claim to be the Son of God was true. There are fewer stories in Mark than in the other gospels, but these stories are longer, and the detail in them hints of Peter's remembered eye-witness accounts.

TEEN MEETS GOD – JIM'S STORY

Jim is 16 and lives in Sussex. He tells how God saved him after he became involved in his local church.

I was born and raised on a council estate in West Sussex. As any child will tell you, living on a council estate is hard. I wasn't always the skinniest kid, and although that didn't matter to me, I started getting bullied at school for my weight and for where I came from.

I didn't grow up knowing much about Jesus, although as a kid I'd been going along to the local church-run children clubs and activities. One day, me and one of the children and youth workers were just chatting and he said to me 'hey Jim, how about coming along to my church this Sunday?'

I wasn't sure, but I knew I had nothing to lose, and I said I'd go. So I did, and I kept on going. I became a regular at the church, and I would try and sing along to the songs. But that was about it; after a while I stopped going along. As a result, I started to feel very alone. In October 2009, me and my family were forced to leave our home. It meant we were then homeless. My life had become very difficult.

Two years later, I got a call from the same youth worker that had taken me to church. Even though I'd left, he hadn't forgotten me. He asked me if I'd fancy being a team member at the summer play-scheme that the church ran. I said yes, and I started to get involved with the church again.

I went to an event with the church where there were 15,000 teenagers worshipping God in a massive tent. When I was there I felt the presence of the Holy Spirit, and I became a Christian in front of thousands of people. In June 2012 I got baptised at my church and I have never looked back; I'm now part of the church worship team and I regularly serve in different ways. I was lost, I was homeless, I didn't fit. Here's what I say: if God can save me, he can definitely save YOU.

Courtesy of Parish Pump

REPORT FROM GENERAL SYNOD

General Synod met in London from 18th to 20th November. Subjects considered included women bishops, church schools and evangelism.

Women bishops

The General Synod of the Church of England has approved a package of measures as the next steps to enable women to become bishops in the Church of England. In the debate, Synod welcomed the package of proposals outlined in the report of the Steering Committee for the Draft Legislation of Women in the Episcopate.

Synod agreed to dispense with the normal Revision Committee process and move straight to revision in full Synod which next meets in February 2014, thereby clearing the way for a possible vote on final approval later next year.

Church Schools

“The responsibility for school effectiveness is shifting to those who provide schools - that’s us,” said the Bishop of Oxford, John Pritchard, chair of the CofE’s Board of Education, in the Synod debate on church schools. “You can’t understand the modern world without understanding what motivates 75% of the world’s population.”

Bishop John referred to newly published statistics, which show that 81 per cent of CofE primary schools, and 76 per cent of C of E secondary schools, are rated ‘Good’ or ‘Outstanding’ by OFSTED - which is above the average for non-Church of England schools by three per cent and four per cent.

After a wide-ranging debate Synod approved a motion affirming the crucial importance of the CofE’s engagement with schools for its contribution to the common good and to its spiritual and numerical growth.

Evangelising England

General Synod approved a motion, moved by the Archbishop of York, to “re-evangelise” England, including the creation of a new Task Group. The Archbishop of York, Dr. John Sentamu, called on Synod to put evangelism at the top of its agenda, saying: “next to worship, witness is the primary and urgent task of the Church.”

“Compared with evangelism everything else is like re-arranging furniture when the house is on fire,” he said.

QUOTES

Christians may not see eye to eye, but they can walk arm in arm. *Anon*

We know not what the future holds, but we do know who holds the future. *Willis J Ray*

Wisdom is oftentimes nearer when we stoop than when we soar. *William Wordsworth*

THE MAGAZINE

Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes, cartoons, puzzles and anecdotes from anyone are welcome for inclusion in the Magazine. Do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact; the more we learn about one another the better our understanding will be. What you think is important, but please add your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered.

Opinions expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of the authors concerned and may not represent the views of the editors, our PCC or The Church of England. Such material is offered as a source of debate or reflection.

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Sue & Graham Evans, Joint Editors

FROM THE MAGAZINE ARCHIVE, JANUARY 1950

ST. JOHN'S GUIDES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

A CHRISTMAS PARTY was held in the Parish Hall on December 13th, when games and competitions were very much enjoyed by the Company. Refreshments were served by ladies of the Committee and a birthday cake with 21 candles was lighted up in the darkened hall.

Miss Mort kindly presented the prizes. A patrol competition for the best scrapbook was won by the Kingfisher Patrol, which Captain Stone of St. Clement's Company judged. These books were afterwards given to the Royal Infirmary. The Party ended with a camp fire sing-song and taps.

We have an extensive archive of our historical Parish Magazines stretching back to the 1870s. If you'd like to obtain a particular copy or view a copy from the archive, please email edofficer@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

OUCH!

A wife texted her husband on a cold winter morning: "Windows frozen."
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The wife texted back five minutes later: "Computer now not working at all."

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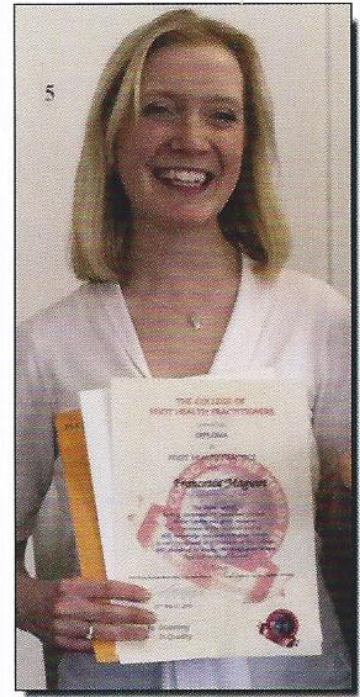
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Some cathedrals are associated with or dedicated to particular saints. Can you link the saint with the cathedral?

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St Mungo	Ely
St Chad	Durham
St Etheldreda	Edinburgh
St Cuthbert	Winchester
St Swithin	Glasgow



**Did you hear about the man
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service?**

It got stuck in the church doors.

**What's green, curly &
religious?**

Lettuce pray.



**What lives in a paper bag and
hangs around in French
cathedrals?**

The lunch-pack of Notre Dame.



Answers: St Giles at Edinburgh, St Mungo at Glasgow, St Chad at Lichfield, St Etheldreda at Ely, St Cuthbert at Durham, St Swithin at Winchester.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

This is the usual pattern. Please see the back cover for the actual services this month.

8.00 a.m.	Every week	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 a.m.	Every week	Parish Eucharist with Children's Church
5.00 p.m.	1st & 3rd Sundays in Month Last Sunday in Month Other Sundays	Evensong (BCP) Healing Service Evening Prayer (said)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

5.00 p.m.	Usually each day except Saturday	Evening Prayer
10.00 a.m.	Thursday (at St Clement's)	Holy Communion

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Sunday services at St. John's, St. Clement's, St. David's and St Michael's, January 2014.

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
5th January	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evensong (BCP)	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	 4pm Evensong (BCP)	10.30am Holy Communion
12th January	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
19th January	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evensong (BCP)	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
26th January	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	4pm Holy Communion (BCP)	10.30am Holy Communion

The information above is correct at the time of going to press, but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.