



*St John-in-Bedwardine
Parish Magazine*

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OUR CHURCH

St John-in-Bedwardine Church is an active Anglican church which has its roots in the Norman period. The church is open daily, as a haven of peace at a busy road junction in the St. Johns area of Worcester.

The church was originally built in 1165 as 'The Chapel of St John' – the parish church then being St. Cuthbert's in Lower Wick. When the church of St Cuthbert's was demolished in 1370, St John's became the parish church.

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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.**

We also 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

COVER

The Parish Mission Breakfast, 18th October 2014.

Picture, Philip Evans.

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OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2015

The PCC met on 15th September and set our priorities for 2015. They are:

Outreach and serving the community This includes understanding the community, social concern, value to the community, creating a buildings vision (to make our buildings fit for purpose to serve our objectives) and embodiment of West Side Collaboration as collaborating on projects.

and

Children and Schools and Christian Nurture

These priorities will now be used in shaping our 2015 budget at the PCC meeting in November.

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LETTER FROM THE VICAR

As Mayor's Chaplain, I sit in on City Council meetings. It's a fascinating insight into the way our city is run. For one thing, you quickly realise that all the key decisions have already been made, long before they ever reach the Council chamber floor. The party in power has the majority, and whatever they decide to do is usually passed by the Council.

Hence, the decision to build an eight lane swimming pool was effectively "in the bag" before it ever reached discussion at the full city meeting, despite the fact that it was then debated for over an hour and a half. It has to be said that the quality of the debate itself was pretty mixed too: some good points were made, but there was also plenty of empty tub-thumping rhetoric.

And yet! For all that most of the decisions made at Council meetings seem to be "in the bag" before they are debated, yet they come under a great deal of scrutiny. The pile of papers at the last Council meeting was at least six inches deep (the meeting lasted until well after midnight), yet many of the Councillors had notes on almost every page of the key policy documents. They may have a party 'spin' on whatever is being debated, but they clearly go over policies with a fine tooth comb...

Yes, democracy has its limitations, and yes party sometimes comes before city: but the sense I get is that, for all their flaws, these are people determined to hold one another to account.

Which makes rather a contrast to the public gallery at these meetings: in a city of 98,000 people, there are usually no more than ten or twenty people present to hear the debate. The newspaper reports are no substitute for being there.

Perhaps if more of us came along to see and hear democracy in action, we might get a better picture both of the rationale for the decisions that are made, and the competence of our councillors to make them. It's not just down to the Opposition to hold our politicians to account, it's down to us too - and yet so often, votes at local elections are cast in ignorance; many people don't even know who their councillor is.

Arguably, our ignorance is a political tool – a way of showing our disapproval with our current system. There may be some truth in that – but that ignorance has been a characteristic of this country for a very, very long time, and it doesn't seem to have done much to improve the current system.

We blame our politicians for all kinds of mistakes, but if they had a stronger sense of being scrutinised and held to account we might have a more effective system of government in this city. We collude in poor government by our silence.

Silence can be fatal – and there's been too much silence from Christians in this country (and from Worcester) about the fate of Christians living in Iraq, Syria, and

across the Middle East. In last month's magazine, you'll have read details of some of the horrors that are being inflicted on Christians in the face of the ISIL onslaught. It makes for terrible reading. But how many Christians in this country have taken the time to get the facts, and then to speak out? What have we done to help? Shamefully little.

Silence is fatal – but we must also learn to get the facts before we speak. Ignorance is no less fatal than silence. Tragically, the rise of ISIL in the Middle East has led to an increase in attacks against Muslims in this country, in the same way that the conflict in Gaza has led to an increase in attacks on Jews. These mindless, stupid attacks are born of ignorance – ISIL does not speak for all Muslims, and the secular state of Israel does not speak for all Jews. Silence can be a sin, but action born of ignorance is worse.

This year's winners of the Nobel Peace Prize, Malala Yousafzai and Kailash Satyarthi, were praised for their outspoken commitment to education. They were not silent; they recognised that ignorance is an evil. In the West, we pride ourselves on our education system, and our freedom of speech. But we leave the public galleries at our Council meetings empty.

Christopher

A WORD FROM THE EDITORS

Welcome to our November edition. The name of this month is derived from the Latin word for nine which is the number of muses in Greek mythology. These nine daughters of Zeus are the goddesses of the inspiration of literature, science and the arts. They were considered the source of the knowledge, related orally for centuries in the ancient culture, which was contained in poetic lyrics and myths.

The Vicar has picked up on the importance of knowledge and the dangers of ignorance and silence in his letter this month, and we've got other references to the domains of the muses throughout the magazine. For those of you who like the complete picture, there's a full list of the muses (and their domains) on page 14.

You'll see that we've included the church's priorities for 2015 prominently on the inside cover of the magazine, with "Outreach" the first word within those priorities. Our cover shows the Parish Breakfast (18th October) – a highly successful event reaching out to our community, but also bringing together so many members of the church to work together in fellowship

We pray for ourselves and our church as we go forward, and seek to reach out and serve our community.

Graham and Sue Evans

DATES FOR NOVEMBER 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 1st November

9.00 a.m.	Table Sale	8
	Concert: tribute to Elvis	8

Sunday 2nd November: All Saints' Day

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day.

Saturday 8th November

10.30 a.m.	Bridge day (play starts at 11 a.m.)	8
3.00 p.m.	Children's Activities	8,11

Sunday 9th November: Remembrance Sunday

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Saturday 15th November

10.00 p.m.	Craft Fair	8
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Sunday 16th November: 2nd Sunday before Advent

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Wednesday 19th November

7.00 p.m.	Craft Evening	8
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Saturday 22nd November

11.00 a.m.	Grand Christmas Fair	8,21
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Sunday 23rd November: Sunday next before Advent

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

3.00 p.m.	Tea & Talk	8,12
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Sunday 30th November: Advent Sunday

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY

The St John's Summer event will be on Saturday 11th July 2015. Please keep the date!

TEA AT TWO ON TUESDAY

Come along and join us for a cuppa, cake and a chat.

We meet on the first Tuesday of every month (except August), from 2pm in the Blakefield Room, St John's Church. The next meetings are on Tuesday 4th November and Tuesday 2nd December.

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

IN MEMORIAM

Robert Telfer Dedicott	2 November 1984
Rowland Taylor	4 November 1996
Andrew FI Jenkinson	4 November 2007
Rose Hodgetts	5 November 1985
Reginald James Rogers	6 November 1995
Derek James Keating	7 November 1981
Marion Edna Thomas	7 November 1982
William Henry Thomas	12 November 1953
Margaret Dance	14 November 1996
Herbert Willian (Bill) Bosley	17 November 1998
Harold Ricketts	19 November 1996

FROM THE REGISTERS

Baptisms, weddings and funerals which took place in September 2014.

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

Korben Darren Michael William Sellwood

Jack Alexander Coupe

Madison Mae Roberts

Oakley Jae Roberts

Bailey Rae Roberts

Kyle Cox

Kira Cox

Kaci Cox

Kaden Cox

WEDDINGS: *Those whom God has joined together*

Nicholas Vernon and Sarah Handy

Richard Ryder and Samantha Colarossi

Adam Rudge and Michelle Watts

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 16th August 2014 Ronald Stretch

d. 30th August 2014 Elsie Podstawka

d. 1st September 2014 Geoffrey Brant

d. 15th September 2014 Alice Howes

FROM THE REGISTER OF SERVICES FOR SEPTEMBER 2014

(4 Sundays): Communicants 330. Total attendance at all services 965.

RELIGIOUS CHRISTMAS CARDS

Do you find it difficult to buy a 'religious' Christmas card? We have found a supplier and have ordered a large selection for your perusal. They come in packs of 5 and we are selling them for £1.99 (the recommended selling price is £2.50).

We will be selling them after the 10.30am service for the next few weeks.

All profits will go to church funds.

The Evans Family (Sue, Graham and Philip)

WOODBINE WILLY REMEMBERED



*Peace does not mean the end of all our striving,
Joy does not mean the drying of our tears,
Peace is the power that comes to souls arriving
Up to the light where God himself appears.*

So wrote The Revd. Geoffrey Studdert-Kennedy, one time Vicar of St. Pauls in the Blockhouse. His serving as a chaplain during the First World War is well documented in Michael Grundy's book "A Fiery Glow in the Darkness". His graphic account of his experiences in the war can be read in his book of poetry "The Unutterable Beauty".

In 1986 a community play was produced in St. Pauls. I challenged a young man taking part as to what he knew about Woodbine Willie to which he replied "He lived next to my Granny at 46 Bromyard Road". It was from that address that Studdert-Kennedy went to Liverpool on a speaking engagement and died whilst he was there aged 46.

After a funeral in Worcester Cathedral he was buried in St. John's Cemetery, where a short service is held each Remembrance Sunday at 3.00pm., to which all are welcome

*Raymond Fowler
Deputy Warden for St. David's*

PUBLICITY OFFICER

We are still looking for someone to get involved in the work of the church by becoming our Publicity Officer. Please think if this might be something you could get involved with, even if you haven't taken a formal role in the life of the church before. The whole Job Description was published in last month's magazine, and can also be seen on the church website at www.stjohninbedwardine.co.uk/publicityofficer It can mostly be done by email and phone without being tied to a time or place.

If you would be willing to share the role but not take it all on, it does not have to be done by one person. To discuss, please speak to me or email me at pressofficer@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

Philip Evans

FLOWER LADIES

As the newest recruit to the 'Flower Ladies' with no previous experience of flower arranging, I would like to express my thanks to the team. They have been most helpful and patient with me learning a new skill. They are a really talented group of ladies who have shared their expertise and encouraged me to produce some rather attractive arrangements which I find amazing! Although it can be quite challenging it is also very enjoyable,



relaxing and a lovely way to spend a Friday morning!

We have a short break for coffee and a chance to put the world to right. New members are always welcome.

I hope you agree with me that our church always looks so beautiful and welcoming and especially so at Harvest Festival last month.

My thanks to Eileen, Jeanette, Ann, Margaret, Carol, Diana and Pat.

Joy Job

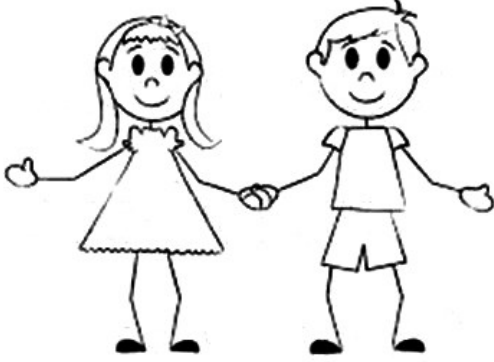


“NINE” QUOTATION

There are nine requisites for contented living: HEALTH enough to make work a pleasure; WEALTH enough to support your needs; STRENGTH enough to battle with difficulties and forsake them; GRACE enough to confess your sins and overcome them; PATIENCE enough to toil until some good is accomplished; CHARITY enough to see some good in your neighbour; LOVE enough to move you to be useful and helpful to others; FAITH enough to make real the things of God; HOPE enough to remove all anxious fears concerning the future.

Johann Wolfgang von Goethe

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEWS



Saturday 11th October was our morning meeting. Change of time and a very miserable morning meant we only had 10 children but a wonderful morning was spent searching for sugar mice, thinking where our food comes from and discussing the difference between the rich and poor countries. The morning finished off with 'hot dogs', always a firm favourite. The children took part in the Harvest Service the next day with readings and prayers.

Our next session will be **Saturday 8th November 3.00 - 5.30pm** with a link to Remembrance Sunday.

Children's Church takes place every Sunday during the 10.30 service. Do come and join us. If you feel you would like to help us, we would welcome adult helpers. Telephone 424811 for more details.

Children's Church

HARVEST SUPPER

The Joint Harvest Supper with St Clements was a great success! Over 50 people attended and enjoyed an excellent three course meal with several choices and of course lots of chat and laughter at trying to solve the Dingbat quiz!

A special huge thank you to all the chefs - Jane, Sue and Margaret. Everyone enjoyed themselves immensely.

Joy Job

What a wonderful evening we had at the Harvest Supper on the 11th October! As usual, my time was a bit squeezed (between two funeral visits, a pastoral crisis, Evening Prayer, and a later engagement at St Clement's school – fortunately people are gracious enough to forgive the fleetingness of my visits!) but the part of the evening that I was able to share in was lovely. How nice to see two congregations coming together, and how generous spirited, gracious and kind! A very big thank you to everyone who worked so hard behind the scenes to make it a success. Surely the first of many?

Chris Stuart

TEA & TALK - ARBORGLYPHS

Our next 'Tea & Talk' will continue the theme of World War 1 and will take place on 23rd November at 3pm and will last for about 1 hour followed by questions with tea and cakes and the tickets will cost £5. Tickets can be purchased from me either at church or by contacting me on 01905 428962. If you need any more details then please get in touch with me.

The speaker is Chantel Summerfield and she is the world's only expert in military tree carvings, she is doing a PhD on the subject.

Arborglyphs, known also as tree graffiti, are a sub-division of the well-studied discipline of culturally modified trees (CMTs), but unlike CMTs that can be made by animals such as the bear, beaver or squirrel, arborglyphs are made by people.

Information is carved into the bark of a tree, such as dates, names, places and regions, loneliness, erotic and sexual fantasies, poetry, politics and religion amongst other topics.

This talk will centre on arborglyphs made in times of conflict, in particular the First World War, examining how the inscriptions change during different stages of war. This will be done by looking at research carried out on Salisbury Plain (a training landscape), to inscriptions created in battle landscapes and finally concluding with arborglyphs made after conflict (by soldiers), but echo the impact of the war on the mind.

Colin Nash

COLD TURKEY

A vicar kept rescued hens for their eggs. One day, to his amazement, one of the hens started talking to him. Glad of the company, the vicar took the hen into his house as a pet and companion. All was well for a while, but the hen started to become ruder and ruder to anyone in the congregation who dropped by the vicarage. Finally in exasperation the minister warned the bird he would take drastic action if he did not behave. When the hen reduced the next visitor to tears, the vicar grabbed him and stuffed him into the fridge for five minutes while he apologised to the visitor, and saw her out.

When he took the hen out five minutes later, the bird was transformed. "I am just so sorry. I was completely out of order. I promise I will never be rude to anyone again." The vicar was happily astonished, and was about to go back to work when the hen coughed politely and said: "Mind if I ask something? When I was in the fridge just now, I wondered: What had that turkey done?"



THE NINE MUSES

The nine muses, pictured above on a Roman sarcophagus (2nd century AD), are:

Muse	Domain	Muse	Domain
Calliope	Epic poetry	Melpomene	Tragedy
Clio	History	Polyhymnia	Hymns
Euterpe	Song and elegiac poetry	Terpsichore	Dance
		Thalia	Comedy
Erato	Lyric poetry	Urania	Astronomy

Seeing all the different kinds of poetry sent me diving into Wikipedia to find out more about them. Briefly (this is not an Epic!), this is what I found.

Lyric poetry expresses the thoughts and feelings of the writer rather than telling a story. For the Greeks, whether said or sung, it was accompanied by music.

Epic poetry is a lengthy narrative poem, usually about heroic deeds and significant events. Elegiac poetry is shorter and more compact than Epic, covering a wide range of subject matter (death, love, war). Elegy could be used for witty, humorous, and satiric subject matter. In English literature, the more modern and restricted meaning of Elegy, a lament for a departed beloved or tragic event, is only current since the sixteenth century.

Tragedy is a form of theatre, with plots based on ancient myths, combining speaking and singing. The word may actually mean “Goat song” from the usual involvement of a chorus of Satyrs (mythical creatures, half-man, half horse or goat).

Graham Evans

DO THESE QUALIFY AS COMEDY?

- A chicken crossing a road is really poultry in motion.
- Every calendar’s days are numbered.
- Once you’ve seen one shopping centre, you’ve seen a mall.
- Some people are living way beyond their seams.
- Putting on weight is the penalty for exceeding the feed limit.

PARISH BREAKFAST



On the morning of Saturday 18th October, we held our third parish Mission Breakfast. The team, led by Jenny English, with over a dozen helpers (some of them pictured above), served up very tasty breakfasts and the event was a great success, with 79 full English breakfasts served, and over 100 visitors. No charge was made, but donations on the day more than covered the costs.

ROOM HIRING AT THE CHURCH

The church has two meeting rooms and a large space in the church available for hire. All rooms have access to the church car park.

<p>Blakefield Room</p>	<p>Suitable for up to 30 people: Fully fitted kitchen, including dishwasher; toilets, including one disabled toilet and a baby-changing facility; Tables and/or chairs.</p>	
<p>Burroughs' Room</p>	<p>Suitable for up to 12 people. Drink making facilities and toilet. Television with VCR provided.</p>	
<p>The North Aisle</p>	<p>Suitable for 120 people seated theatre style or up to 48-64 seated around tables. Tables and/or chairs are provided. It is a large open area with plenty of electric sockets. It has been used to host exhibitions, meals and conferences.</p>	

All access to the church is level and therefore suitable for wheelchairs. A toilet for the disabled is available.

For more information, please email hirings@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

As mentioned in the previous magazine, we are looking for someone who can promote our meeting rooms. If you are interested in this, please have a word with me or drop me an email via the magazine email address magazine@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

Graham Evans

PCC MEETING 15th SEPTEMBER 2014

Part of this meeting (reported last month) was to set priorities for 2015. The report is a summary of the rest of the meeting.

The Vicar opened the meeting with a prayer. 10 members were present.

Arising from the minutes of the previous meeting, it was reported that a group has formed to run the 2015 Summer Fair and that the ALM worship leaders will run the Drop-in Carols. The Joint Harvest Supper with St Clements is going ahead. Sarah Cottrill reported that we had done one Saturday preparing sandwiches for Maggs, but Maggs had now discontinued this citing lack of demand.

Worship, Mission and new services: The Vicar said that the Mission & Outreach Committee (the name is not yet finalised) has held its first meeting.

They discussed ways of reaching out to the local community – how can we understand and serve the community and its needs? Parish data shows that key issues are pensioner isolation and single parents. The PCC returned to the proposal to change our hymn books to Common Praise. It was agreed that we should buy sufficient congregational books so that we have 100, and enough Full Music copies for the choir.

There was a discussion about children's involvement in worship and the new format of second Sunday services. It was agreed that the children should be put on the rotas for readings and intercessions for those Sundays. The Vicar has written to two local schools about being involved with the Music Group. News from the most recent children's Saturday Activities was very encouraging: there were 25 children. There was a discussion about the organisation and resources for this (and provision for parents).

The Pastoral Care Team reported that, having had a break in August from home visits and Tea at Two, they are now "back on duty".

Finance and Operations: The report from the Accommodation Committee (AC) was noted. Proposals were agreed to investigate some additional and replacement noticeboards and to hold a church tidy-up day. It was agreed to ask the AC to develop a solution which would allow the Choir Stall Candle Stands to be inserted and removed easily and quickly. We will then need a faculty for the final solution, but are covered by an Archdeacon's licence in the meantime for up to 15 months.

The report from the Standing Committee (including Fund-Raising and Friends updates) was noted. The PCC agreed to give formal instructions to our bankers to accept credits payable to alternative names by which the church is known. An email policy was agreed (to use role based emails in public material, e.g. vicar@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk). It was agreed to make the bell-ringers' committee a formal sub-committee of the PCC to bring them under the PCC corporate structure.

The Treasurer, John English, presented a financial update on 2014 which shows a projected deficit of £4k. This is worst case and some expenditure (e.g. some quinquennial work) is unlikely to happen in 2014 so the actual outcome will probably be balanced.

The PCC responded favourably to a proposal that the church should buy some customised mugs, 250 to use in church and 250 to sell for fund-raising or use as gifts. There were some concerns about getting rid of our cups and saucers and it was agreed that the Standing Committee should decide the details.

The **Strategy item** was to review the progress on priorities for 2014 and set priorities for 2015. Some of the points made in the review of 2014 priorities were:

Worship, Mission and new services

It has been a year of refinement.

We have moved forward on children's involvement in the second Sunday service.

Do we come across as a cosy club, exclusive and unwelcoming for visitors?

Could we re-design our 'Blue Book' (service booklet for Ordinary time)?

Are we going to use the ALM Worship Leaders more?

Children and Schools

Really good if we can maintain the momentum on children's Saturday activities

Worship for Everyone is really good but our children's service has a slightly different appeal – we should publicise this more.

Can we get the Scouts more involved?

Can we do more with Christopher Whitehead – help with their debates?

West Side collaboration

We are building up the formal links – but are they visible enough?

We need to build up personal links via social events.

Real collaboration is there when we can work together on projects.

We need to show that we are not insular.

Finance

We have achieved a lot – we are no longer £25k in the red. The financial work and the fund raising committee have achieved their objective.

We need to show we are giving something back and why we are fund-raising.

Finance can continue as Business as Usual rather than a specific priority.

The discussion on setting the 2015 priorities was reported last month, and the resulting priorities are repeated in this magazine on page 3.

The meeting closed with all saying 'The Grace'.

Graham Evans, PCC Secretary

THE SCHOOLS.

The Diocesan Inspector, Rev. C. Glynn, has made the following reports of our schools:—

BOYS' SCHOOL.—“The general results of the examination, both oral and written, bear testimony to much earnest work during the year. In Division I. a few cases of deficiency in the text of the Catechism was the only weak point of an otherwise highly satisfactory examination.”

GIRLS' SCHOOL.—“Throughout all Divisions very good work is being done, and an excellent tone pervades the whole school. In Division I. the Creed was not altogether verbally correct, and in Division III. the Prayer Book, and in a less degree the Catechism, fell short of the standard reached in Holy Scripture: in other respects the results are highly satisfactory.”

INFANTS' SCHOOL.—“The babies are being well and suitably instructed, and passed a good examination. Division I. is in all respects very good, and reflects much credit on the teacher. In Division II. the children acquitted themselves very well, but a little more brightness is wanted in their picture lessons. The repetition generally shew signs of great care. Throughout the school the tone and discipline are all that can be desired.”

HISTORICAL CHRISTIAN FIGURES

This month we have two historic Christian figures, to reflect the muses Terpsichore (Dance) and Thalia (Comedy).

Firstly, Saint Pelagia who, according to legend was a celebrated actress, dancer and courtesan, and very beautiful and rich. She was suddenly converted by the influence of the holy bishop Saint Nonnus, whom she had heard preaching in front of a church which she was passing with her attendants and admirers. Seeking out Nonnus, she overcame his scepticism by her tears of genuine penitence, was baptized, and, disguising herself in the garb of a male penitent lived as a hermit in Jerusalem. The story is dismissed as fiction by many scholars, but may have some basis in an actual account referred to by John Chrysostom.

Secondly, Saint Vitus was, according to Christian legend, a Christian saint from Sicily. He died as a martyr during the persecution of Christians by the Romans in 303. In the late Middle Ages, people in Germany and countries such as Latvia celebrated the feast of Vitus by dancing before his statue and this led to Vitus being considered the patron saint of dancers and of entertainers in general.

Graham Evans

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The solution is on page 36.

WOODBINE WILLIE POEMS

Solomon in all his glory

Still I see them coming, coming,
In their ragged broken line,
Walking wounded in the sunlight,
Clothed in majesty divine.
For the fairest of the lilies,
That God's summer ever sees,
Ne'er was clothed in royal beauty
Such as decks the least of these.
Tattered, torn, and bloody khaki,
Gleams of white flesh in the sun,
Raiment worthy of their beauty,
And the great things they have done.
Purple robes and snowy linen
Have for earthly kings sufficed,
But these bloody sweaty tatters
Were the robes of Jesus Christ.

War

There's a soul in the Eternal,
Standing stiff before the King.
There's a little English maiden
Sorrowing.
There's a proud and tearless woman,
Seeing pictures in the fire.
There's a broken battered body
On the wire.

Geoffrey Anketell Studdert Kennedy, MC

St John's Church

Grand Christmas Fayre

Saturday 22nd November

11.00 – 3.00

*Tombola *Gifts

*Handicrafts *Cakes

*Refreshments

*Books *Toys

Activities for all

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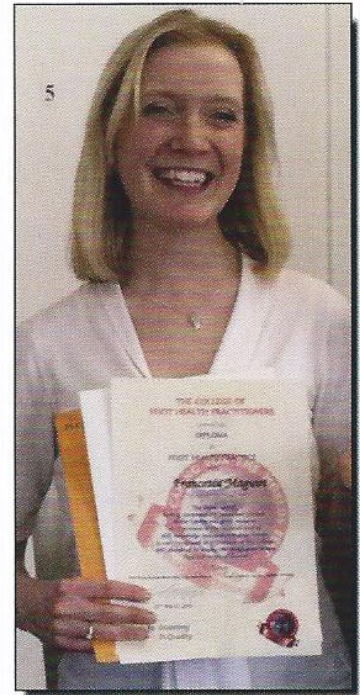
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The Eve of All Hallows (Hallow's Eve gradually became the word 'Halloween') was the day for driving out evil – which makes it seem very strange now that some people 'celebrate' Halloween by dressing up as witches and monsters and having special parties.

Wouldn't it be better for us as Christians to celebrate by dressing up as angels and saints rather than as ghosts and devils?



BEFORE & AFTER

The answer to these questions are either 'befores' or 'afters'...

1. What comes before thunder?
2. What comes after red on traffic lights?
3. What comes after Advent?
4. What comes before green in the colours of the rainbow?
5. What comes after dusk?
6. What comes after revision?
7. What comes before a surname?
8. What book comes before the Book of Ruth in the Bible?
9. What comes after Lent?
10. According to the proverb, what comes before a fall?



Why did the angel lose her job?

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Answers: 1. lightning 2. amber
3. Christmas 4. yellow 5. night 6. exams
7. fore or Christian names 8. Judges
9. Easter 10. pride

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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) Service of Wholeness and Healing Evening Prayer (said)

WEEKDAY SERVICES

5.00 p.m.	Monday to 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, November 2014

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
2nd November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 7.30pm All Souls' Service	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone 6.30pm All Souls' Service	6.30pm All Souls' Service	10.30am Holy Communion
9th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am Remembrance Service (NB not 10.30) 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial 5pm Evening Prayer (BCP)	10.45am Remembrance Service	11.15am Eucharist with Act of Remembrance	10.30am Holy Communion
16th November	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
23rd November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's participation 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing (Burroughs' Room)	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
30th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Advent Carol Service	9am Holy Communion 10.45am Worship for Everyone	Joint at St Clement's	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.