



St John-in-Bedwardine Parish Magazine

June 2016

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Welcome to

St JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE

The Parish Church of St John's

St John's is far more than the most historic building on the Westside of Worcester; it is the centre of a worshipping and sociable community of people, and a resource for everyone in St John's.

The church is open most weekdays for people to drop in to visit or for quiet; to sit, pray or light a candle.

WEST WORCESTER CLERGY

The Reverend Dr CHRISTOPHER STUART (Vicar of St John's)	Day off Saturday
The Reverend PHIL BRADFORD	Friday
The Reverend SARAH COTTRILL (Assistant Curate)	Monday

CHURCHWARDENS

Gordon Templeton, Joy Job.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

This is the usual pattern. Please see the other notices or the back cover of the Parish Magazine for the actual services in a month.

8.00 a.m.	Every week	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.30 a.m.	Every week except 2nd	Parish Eucharist with Children's Church
	2nd Sunday in month	Family Service with Children's Participation
5.00 p.m.	1st Sunday in month	Evensong (BCP)
	3rd Sunday in month	Evensong (BCP)
	4th Sunday in month	Service of Wholeness and Healing

WEEKDAY SERVICES

5.00 p.m.	Monday to Saturday	Evening Prayer
10.15 a.m.	4th Saturday in month	Cafe@10.15
9.45 a.m.	Thursday (at St Clement's)	Holy Communion (BCP)
10.45 a.m.	Thursday (at St Michael's)	Holy Communion (Modern language)

PASTORAL CARE: The church's Pastoral Care Group offers support if you are lonely, bereaved, or unable to attend church. Please contact Sylvia Render (tel 422654/email sylviarender@talktalk.net).

SAFEGUARDING: If you have any concerns about possible abuse of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the PCC Safeguarding Representative, Jane Askew on 424811 or any member of the clergy.



See page 28 for an explanation of this picture.

Letter From The Vicar

Dear Friends

In the course of the Pennine Way I covered 271 miles, and climbed a cumulative total of 45,000 feet (to put that into some kind of perspective, the average Boeing 747 cruises at around 30-35,000 feet). It was a tough walk, but a stunningly beautiful one. It was also a reminder that we live in a far less densely populated country than you might think – I rarely saw more than a handful of people each day, and was often the only person for miles around.

Most people might not envy me the walk, but it's surprising how many commented on how lovely it must have been to have time and space to myself. Certainly,

there was plenty of time to reflect: I keep a private journal when I'm walking, and on the way home I thought I'd jot down all the things I'd learned, and all the decisions I'd made about my life; I thought there'd only be one or two, but by the end I was surprised to find I'd filled a page and a half.

For me, the walk was a chance to take stock of my life: a kind of spiritual and emotional check-up. But it was also a chance to think about my calling, and about the parishes I serve: their problems, their blessings, their hopes and their fears.

I was reminded again of why Jesus so often went out into the wilderness to pray, separating himself off from the hubbub of his daily ministry. As with ministers today, there would probably have been followers who grumbled

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Cover

The Graham Sutherland tapestry behind the high altar at Coventry Cathedral:
Photographed by Colin Nash during the group outing to Coventry on 7th May.

Pictures in this magazine

Our thanks to those who have contributed photographs for this magazine including Colin Nash, Joy Job, Maureen Ovington, Arthur Burgess and Graham Evans.

Don't shoot the messenger!

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Such material is offered as a source of debate or reflection.

(continued from the previous page) that Jesus spent too much time out in the wilderness, and not enough in his parish – too much time praying and reflecting, and not enough time visiting, preaching, or teaching. And yet I don't think he could have served his followers without taking that time away.

In May, the St Clement's PCC went on a half day retreat, effectively following in the footsteps of Christ in order to step back and take stock. Together, we asked ourselves: how healthy is our church, spiritually? How well do we serve God and community?

It was time well spent! And on the 25th June, St John's will be doing the same thing, using the Diocese of Worcester's Kingdom People values as a toolkit to help us evaluate our life together.

What about you? When did you last take the time to step back, and look at the big picture?

But there were other lessons to be learned out on the Pennine Way too, I think. One of the joys of walking is meeting strangers – sitting down in the evening and chatting to them about their lives, and their experiences. I met some fascinating, diverse, people; but what they all had in common was that they had something to teach me: I found that as we chatted over a beer we were able to share insights and learn from one another.

There was a lovely sense of echoing Jesus' own ministry in all this: going up onto the Pennine Way in the morning for a rhythm of walking and thinking, then coming down in the evening to meet others, to chat and to share.

For too often in the last couple of centuries, the Church has tended to push its community away. You see that in the way we re-ordered our buildings. In medieval times, they were the thriving heart of their community; there weren't any pews (normally you stood for the whole service, with seats around the walls for those too weak to stand for long) with the result that the church offered a large, open, meeting space used during the week for a market, for meetings and socialising, for fairs and entertainment. But in the Victorian times, we filled our churches with pews, and literally and symbolically pushed our communities out during the week. We may have made our churches more prayerful and spiritual, but (to continue the Pennine Way analogy) we risked staying up on the mountain enjoying the views, and forgetting to come down in the evening to enjoy the chance to share our experiences and to learn from one another.

When God wanted to show us what he was like, he didn't give us a book, he gave us a life: Jesus Christ. In our lives, we can meet God in quiet, prayer, solitude and reflection; but we can also meet him in the lives of others, and perhaps particularly those who don't think like us – those on the outside of our churches, those who aren't regular churchgoers.

In that sense, pubs make the best churches: I love the opportunity (excuse?) to go for a drink in the evening and get chatting to people, or to chat to folks in the street. If we know how to look, God is in every face we meet.

Too often our churches seem designed to push their communities away, and to isolate the building and its congregation. And in a month when we vote in the EU referendum, we might wonder whether to vote no to the EU would have the same effect on our country.

Christopher

A Word From The Editors

Welcome to the June edition of our magazine. This month we have the last two of the Kingdom People values (pages 24 and 25):

“Ready to engage with and serve our community”

and

“Committed to making our buildings fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource”

Reflecting upon these Kingdom People values will be the foundation of the Parish Retreat on 25th June (see page 10).

This edition is packed with lots of news of recent events and events that are to come: we hope that you will enjoy reading it. And (perhaps) we are finally getting signs of Summer, so we pray that you will all find God in your own way in the longer and warmer days and the signs of nature blooming and flourishing.

Graham and Sue Evans

The Magazine

Copy for the July/August 2016 edition should reach us by Sunday 12th June. If you can, please use e-mail: magazine@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk. The July/August edition of the magazine will be available on Sunday, 26th June.

Unless otherwise directed, please send all written correspondence for the magazine to the Parish Office. To subscribe or advertise in the magazine, please see page 39.

Please subscribe to the magazine!

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.

Please contact the parish office and leave details of your name and address if you would like to subscribe.

Dates for June 2016

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

See page

Saturday 4th June

Cancelled Children's Activities

3.00 p.m. Disabled Christian Fellowship Service

Sunday 5th June: Second Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Saturday 11th June

2.00 p.m. Tea on the Green for the Queen

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Sunday 12th June: Third Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

After 11.15am
service:

St David's: Bring and share lunch by Friends' AGM

Wednesday 15th June

7.00 p.m. Craft Group (Blakefield Room)

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7.30 p.m. Judaism Course (Burroughs' Room)

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Saturday 18th June

10.00 a.m. Craft Fair (10am-3pm)

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Sunday 19th June: Fourth Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Friday 24th June: The Birth of St John the Baptist

7.30 p.m. Eucharist for the Patronal Festival

Saturday 25th June

10.00 a.m. Parish Retreat (10am-2pm at St Michael's Church)

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10.15 a.m. Cafe@10.15

Sunday 26th June: Fifth Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Thursday Morning Services: There is a 9.45am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer) each Thursday at St Clement's and a 10.45am service at St Michael's (Eucharist, modern language).

Café@10.15: Our service with food has moved its time and day. Join us for 'Friendship and thoughts' together with fresh coffee and Danish pastries: Cafe@10.15 is at 10.15am on the fourth **Saturday** of each month.

In Memoriam

Eva Stanton	1 June 1987
Stanley Frederick Smith	2 June 1983
Laura Ellen Mister	3 June 1964
Theresa Dedicott	3 June 2008
Ronald Cantrill	5 June 2014
Harold James Smith	6 June 1974
Doris Allen	9 June 1995
Andrew David Brunyee	11 June 1995
Thomas Alec Brown	12 June 1981
Kenneth Edward Cole	12 June 1988
Sophie Perry "Auntie"	13 June 1995
Walter Edward Moss	16 June 1968
Joy Doreen Pincott (née Rastall)	18 June 1968
Pete Gleadall	19 June 1996
Henry Frederick Charles Owen	24 June 1985
Arnold Colley	27 June 1991

Additions to In Memoriam are not automatic but must be specifically requested via the clergy.

From January 2017, in memoriam items are included until the fortieth anniversary.
An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

From The Registers, April 2016

BAPTISMS:

Luca Mark Roberts
Jameson Tyrone Bozward-Howell
Phoebe Isabella Main-Mccathie
Imogen Gracie Main-Mccathie
Ezra John Fastiszewski

WEDDINGS:

None in April

FUNERALS:

d. 5th March Richard Birt
d. 20th March Janet Bunn
d. 31st March Joyce Price

SERVICES: (Four Sundays)

Communicants 262.
Total attendance at all services 827.
The total attendance includes 342 at
funerals, weddings and baptisms.

An introduction to Judaism

A short series of evenings for those who are interested in finding out more about Judaism and exploring the connections between our faiths. Topics will include: Shabbat; The Torah; Introduction to the festivals; Life events such as Bar/Bat Mitzvah. On Wednesday evenings, starting on 15th June, in the Burroughs Room. Please speak to me for more details.

Sarah Stuart

Church Directory

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THE MAGAZINE

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Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes and anecdotes are welcome - do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact. Please include your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered.

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Any written correspondence for the magazine which cannot be emailed, please send to the Parish Office.

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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.



OUR PRIORITIES FOR 2016

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 Families, Schools and Christian Nurture

Invitation

St John's Parish Retreat

You are warmly invited to join members of the congregation for a half day retreat on Saturday 25th June, from 10am to 2pm. The venue will be St Michael's church, down on Dines Green.

The idea is to give us the opportunity to reflect more deeply on the spiritual life of our church: our worship, our prayer, and our social life, but also the question of how well do we serve the spiritual and emotional needs of our community here at St John's.

There's no charge for the day, though we'll ask you to bring a packed lunch. Tea, coffee and a free glass of wine will be provided.

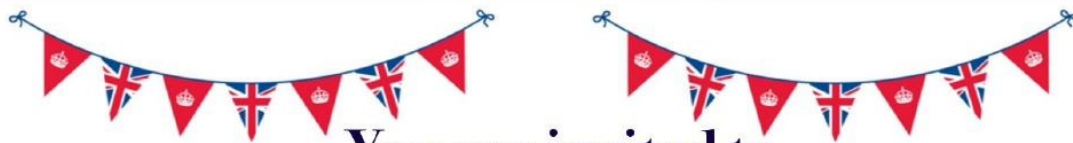
There's no need to sign-up – just come along on the day and enjoy the space to make a difference to the life of our church and, along with it, the life of our community.

If you care about the life of our church and its future, this is a not-to-be-missed opportunity to share in the process of reflection and evaluation, and to help us shape a vision for our church. It's also a chance to worship, pray and share together (and eat together!).

Chris Stuart and the PCC

Footnote from the Standing Committee: We are aware that this now clashes with the Cafe@10.15 service – unfortunately there are only so many days in the diary and in a busy and active church some clashes cannot be avoided.

Celebrations for the Queen's 90th Birthday



You are invited to
'Tea on the Green for the Queen'
St John's Churchyard
Saturday 11th June
2pm till 4pm

**An afternoon of tea and cake, children's entertainment
and an old fashioned sing song**

There is no charge for this event but let us know you are coming

Email us on stjohnschurchevent@gmail.com or call at the Parish office

Sign up at



St John's Church Events

Reg. Charity no.1152583



*The bells of
St John in Bedwardine
will be ringing on
12th June between 12 and 2pm
to celebrate the 90th birthday of
Her Majesty the Queen*



Fellowship and Fund Raising Events
at St John-in-Bedwardine Church
(unless stated otherwise)



Saturday 4th June	Children's Activities - cancelled
Saturday 4th June	Disabled Christian Fellowship Service (afternoon)
Saturday 11th June	Tea on the Green for the Queen!
Wednesday 15th Jun.	Craft Evening
Saturday 18th June	Craft Fair
Saturday 25th June	St John's Parish Retreat (at St Michael's Church)

FUTURE DATES TO KEEP FREE

Saturday 2nd July	Strawberries & Cream Tea (St Clement's, 2-4pm)
Saturday 2nd July	Children's Activities (Afternoon)
Saturday 9th July	St John's Village Fete
Saturday 16th July	St Clement's Church Fayre
Saturday 23rd July	Quiz Night at St Michael's Church
Friday 29th July	Craft Group with 'Accidental Artists' (1/4)
Saturday 13th Aug.	Children's Activities (Afternoon)
Wednesday 17th Aug.	Craft Evening
7th-9th October	Official visit by the Archbishop of Canterbury to the Worcester Diocese.
Saturday 15th Oct.	Group Harvest Ceilidh (at St Clements School)

Mothers' Union in West Worcester

Mothers' Union members from St Michael's and St. Clements, (and two migrants from Claines!), meet in St Michael's Church at 2.30pm on the third Monday of every month for a short service, an interesting talk, tea and chat.

In April our speaker was Margaret Penn who gave us an update on the work being carried out by the Mothers' Union and which our subs (£4 per month) support.

Margaret Mandrell joined us in May to talk about her visit to Burma. The next meeting is on June 20th, when our topic is "Gossip the Gospel." New members or visitors welcome.

Sarah Cottrill.



St John's Village Fete

Saturday 9th July 11am till 3pm

Events arena with dog show
Tea garden and food stalls
Cake Stall

Children's entertainment
Stalls and games

St. John's Church



Reg. Charity no.1152583
All proceeds to church funds



Craft News

On Saturday 18th June from 10.00am - 3.00pm we will be holding one of the popular Craft Fairs. Tables are £10.00 to come and show off your talented craft work. There is always an amazing display of fantastic crafts on offer.

Do come along, you may find a craft that you would like to have a go at. Phone 424811 or 423257 to book a table or for more details.



We are lucky to have booked 4 consecutive art sessions with a group called 'Accidental Artists'. They come along and show us different techniques with paint, sounds exciting! The first session is, Friday 29th July and the following 3 Fridays, from 1.00pm - 4.00pm. You do not have to come to all the sessions. All equipment will be provided. If you feel you would like to come along please phone 424811 to book a place on the first session. Tea and cake will be served.

This seems a great opportunity to learn something new in a friendly environment. Hope to see you there or at one of our Wednesday sessions (the next one is Wednesday 15th June).

Jane Askew

God's Changing World

Ecological Theology – Challenges Global and Local

You are invited to an open day organised by the Franciscan Third Order, on Saturday 2nd July, 10a.m. to 3p.m. at Rushwick Village Hall, WR2 5TH. The speaker is Dr. Christopher Southgate, Associate Professor of Theology at Exeter University.

10.30	Welcome – tea and coffee
11.00	MAIN ADDRESS
12.30	Bring-and-share Lunch (drinks provided)
1.45	Afternoon session – What hinders us from acting?
3.00	Eucharist

Those who wish to, may come just for the morning session. The event is sponsored by the Montgomery Trust. Please contact me on 01905 427109 for further details.

Canon Ruth Wintle

Adult Confirmation

Confirmation is the opportunity for baptised Christians to adopt for themselves, the promises made on their behalf by parents and Godparents. A Confirmation Service will take place in Worcester Cathedral on the Feast of Christ the King (November 20th) and in the autumn I will be running a course for adults who are interested in being Confirmed. This course will consist of about eight sessions in which we will explore our Christian faith together. Details of where and when the sessions will take place will be decided once I know how many are involved and we have discussed what best suits everybody. Please note that if you have not been baptised, you can still come to the sessions as Baptism can be offered at the same service as Confirmation.

If you are interested in this, please speak to me in church, contact me by phone – 456257 - or email salocot@gmail.com

Sarah Cottrill

Job Advertisement

Youth and Outreach Worker

St. Clement's Church PCC is looking to appoint a part-time, (15 hours per week), Youth and Outreach Worker to help us to meet the needs of young people across West Worcester.

This is an exciting opportunity for an enthusiastic and forward-looking person to forge links with existing institutions, including schools and uniformed groups as well as creating new initiatives, assessing the on-going needs and researching potential sources of funding to meet these needs. In the first instance, this is a twelve-month post with the possibility of extending beyond this period.

For more details and a Parish Profile, please contact Sarah Cottrill at sarah.cottrill@westworcesterchurches.org.uk or apply by C.V. and covering letter to:

Revd Sarah Cottrill,
St Clement's Church, Henwick Road,
Worcester. WR2 5NP.

Closing date for applications is Thursday 16th June and interviews will be held on Tuesday 28th June.

This post is funded by a Big Lottery grant.

Bibles, Bumps and Babies

An informal bible study group. Wednesdays 9.30am. Contact Sarah Cottrill for details.



Saturday 10th September 2016

As we come into June, the time for the annual Ride+Stride is fast approaching. I am therefore looking for people to participate.

Ride+Stride is a sponsored bike ride or walk in which people from all over the country walk or cycle between churches, exploring and enjoying the countryside. The money they raise helps to preserve some of Britain's 47,000 churches, chapels and meeting houses which are at risk of falling into serious disrepair.

The event raises money through events and volunteers getting sponsorship to either cycle or walk from church to church. Their sponsorship money is shared between their local churches trust (in our case the Worcestershire & Dudley Historic Churches Trust) and the church of their choice. So your chosen church (e.g. St. John's!) would get 50%!

How did we do last year?

In 2015 a total of £507 was raised across the West Worcester Group, which meant that £253.50 was raised for WDHCT and £253.50 came back to churches in the Group.

How can you help?

We need volunteers to take part in the sponsored walk or cycle ride on Saturday 10th September. I would like to organise a group(s) of people to go around together. For example, a group of people could do a "short walk" between the churches within our Group, whilst another group could do a "long walk" exploring churches further afield.

If you might be interested, please speak to me or ask me for more information.

Philip Evans

Future Plans at St David's

At the time of writing, we are looking forward to hosting a debate on Britain's future membership of the E.U.

Looking to the future, there are a few new ventures being planned for St. David's.

On Wednesday, 1st June we will be launching our monthly coffee mornings, due to take place on the first Wednesday of each month, from 10.30am to 12 noon at which everybody will be made most welcome.

From Tuesday, June 14th, I will be saying "Prayer during the day" in St David's Church, at 12 noon every day, Tuesday – Saturday. This is a very short service and again, anybody is welcome to join me for this.

We are also hoping, in the autumn, to begin holding a regular "Messy Church" event, although this is very much in the early stages of consideration. Please hold the people of St David's Church – and the wider community - in your prayers as we consider these and other initiatives.

Sarah Cottrill



Scavenger Hunt

A couple of years ago the bell ringers challenged the choir in a friendly but hard fought quiz. The choir triumphed on that occasion, but on Bank Holiday Monday, the ringers reclaimed the crown by trouncing the choir in a scavenger hunt around St John's.

Competitors met at the Vicarage to be given their questions sheets and rules.

Then it was off, by whatever means we wanted: on foot, by car, bike or even mobility scooter. Questions included finding out which house in the parish has a flag pole and whether it was possible to purchase a giraffe print coffin. Teams were also challenged to bring back a range of random items, including a button, a bus ticket and a red jelly, although no money was to change hands at any point.

After the morning's exertions everyone returned to the Vicarage for a picnic lunch, while Gemma and Chris marked the answers. The victorious team, winning by quite some distance, was made up of John, Jacob and Janice and the trophy has now returned to the belfry, awaiting a rematch at some point in the future.

Many thanks to Gemma, who put in a huge amount of hard work and preparation devising questions and getting everyone together.

Sarah Stuart

Notes From The Choir



In these notes from the choir recently I have been writing a great deal about hymns and their importance in our worship and in our lives. In a recent address, Graham Evans talked about the importance the Book of Psalms has in his life and how it is the Old Testament's 'hymn book', with the texts all being set to music. I know that we may no longer have a record of the tunes that were sung but the very word Psalm comes from the Greek word meaning a song sung to a stringed instrument. Fifty of the psalms are headed 'for the choir director' and there are others with instructions describing the sort of instrument that should accompany the singing. All the psalms apart from psalm 88 contain praise and Graham mentioned in his talk that David, who it seems wrote at least 70 of the psalms, once assembled a group of 4000 musicians to join in the singing of God's praises!

The psalms have continued to inspire poets and composers throughout the centuries. A quick look at the hymn book we use in church shows how many times the texts of the psalms have been paraphrased and then turned into well-loved and familiar hymns. Perhaps one that is most loved is Psalm 23, which seems to speak in a truly personal way that finds resonance with each of us as we travel on our own journey of faith. While the words of George Herbert in his version of this psalm from the 17th century may seem old fashioned, they still have power and meaning today: *Yea, in death's shady black abode, well may I walk, not fear; for thou art with me and thy rod to guide, thy staff to bear.*

If this hymn text suggests an intimacy and personal closeness in our relationship with God then the very well-known Praise my Soul reminds us that we can all join together with the company of heaven to worship and praise God: *Angels, help us to adore him; ye behold him face to face; sun and moon, bow down before him, dwellers all in time and space; Alleluia, alleluia, praise with us the God of Grace* (from Psalm 103). When I am singing these words I like to think that the echoes of David's 4000 musicians and singers are joining in from across time and space.

Luise Horrocks



St Michael's Church - Light Lunches

First Wednesday in each month from May to December
(except August), 12 noon to 1.30pm.

Soup, Bread, Cheese. Tea or Coffee. £3.50.

Proceeds to church funds.

REPORTS FROM THE 2016 ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING

Electoral Roll Report – April 2016

The church Electoral Roll stood at 151 after the 2015 APCM. One person has been added since the 2015 APCM and four have been removed. The new roll is 148 (a decrease of three).

Graham Evans, Electoral Roll Officer

Reports from Church Committees and Groups

Standing Committee Annual Report 2015-16

The PCC has always had a Standing Committee to set the PCC agendas and with the power to act for the PCC between PCC meetings. In addition, strategic financial and employer responsibilities are delegated to the Standing Committee.

Each meeting of the Standing Committee receives financial and fund-raising reports, and covers other topics as required at the time. In 2015-16 these additional topics included:

- Fund raising (including the St Johns Village Fun Day and the Christmas Tree Festival)
- Future planning and priorities
- Stewardship campaign
- New Parish Share Formula (and associated data collection)
- Kitchen cleaning
- Settling the detail of matters decided in principle by the PCC
- The PCC's responsibilities as an employer including PAYE and reporting to HMRC
- The flat and its tenancy and the PCC's responsibilities as a landlord
- Setting fees for weddings and funerals
- Recording thanks to all who organised and took part in fund-raising.

Graham Evans, PCC Secretary

Report of Charity Sub-Committee

The Charity Committee, which comprises four members: Chris Stuart, Sarah Cottrill, Margaret Morris and Luise Horrocks, has an annual budget of £3,000 and meets regularly throughout the year to decide which charities to support.

In 2015 we have allocated donations to several local charities and individuals we felt were in particular need as well as supporting some overseas projects.

MAGGS, Worcester Food Bank, CMS Peru and refugees have been amongst the recipients of our donations.

Committee members are always happy to receive suggestions for donations from members of the congregation.

Sarah Cottrill

(Reports from the Annual Meeting continue on page 30)



Children's Church News

The Saturday sessions have proved to be popular and so numbers grow. More children means we have to think about keeping children safe and enabling everybody to have a good time. To enable this to happen we have to think about the timing of the sessions and so we have had to say that if

you would like to attend, please make sure you are there by 3.15pm. This is so that we can start activities so that everyone can be involved and also so that we know numbers for providing food. We feel that will enhance the sessions rather than limit them as everyone will be a part from the beginning and we hope you appreciate why we are having to say this.

Our June Saturday session has unfortunately had to be cancelled because of problems with people's availability. Please come along to the Queen's birthday celebrations being held at the church the following weekend (see page 11).

The family services continue to be warm, welcoming and thought provoking. The children deliver the readings and prayers with confidence and clarity. It is lovely to see the children, with their families, that are going to be christened, welcomed into the church during this service.

Sunday mornings, Children's Church carries on through part of the 10.30 service and new children and adults are always welcome.

Watch what we are doing on Facebook or tel 424811 for more details.

Children's Church

Observations on our Christian pilgrimage...

Before Pentecost the disciples found it hard to do easy things; after Pentecost they found it easy to do hard things.

A. Gordon

Evangelism never seemed to be an 'issue' in the New Testament. That is to say, one does not find the apostles urging, exhorting, scolding, planning and organising for evangelistic programmes.... evangelism happened! Issuing effortlessly from the community of believers as light from the sun, it was automatic, spontaneous, continuous, contagious.

R. Halverson

Activities at St John's Library

Children's Activities



Mondays: Bounce & Rhyme, 10 – 10:30 a.m. **FREE!**

Tuesdays: Playaway Parent & Toddler Group,
10:30 a.m. – 12 noon. 50p per child,
refreshments available.

Fridays: Pre-school Story Time,
11:30 a.m. – 12 noon. **FREE!**

Family Fun Times!

2nd Saturday each month, 10 a.m. – 12 noon

And don't forget this year's Summer Reading
Challenge, "**The Big Friendly Read**", – coming soon!

St John's Readers' Group

St John's Library Readers Group is a small but very friendly group who enjoy reading and discussing different styles and genre of books. From a modern day classic to a 'nail biting' thriller, all books are discussed and given the thumbs up or down! Each book is chosen by the group and multiple copies are ordered through St John's Library, available for the next session. Please feel free to join us at our next meeting, with a warm welcome guaranteed. We meet on the last Thursday of each Month in St John's Library between 12:00 – 1:00pm.

Marcés Mailing

Dear Friends,

The CMS slogan is “Sharing Jesus, changing lives” and **change** is, at the moment, a key word for us.

“It looks so DIFFERENT!” This was one comment made as a couple walked into the Church hall, arranged with small candlelit tables and soft music.

The occasion? – the first Marriage course session in the Cathedral. This course in Spanish, strongly requested by a couple who had been to the Alpha workshop last October, led to requests to organise a course in English, now planned for May - July. The **changes** in their marriages may be small for those who attended, but they felt enriched.



Some of the couples

The Marriage and Parenting courses will, along with the Youth Alpha, normal Alpha and Alpha in prisons, be presented at a workshop in Cuzco in June. Juan Carlos visited Cuzco and there is a lot of interest.



One of the projects supported by the social work in the Good Shepherd is that of facilitating sponsorship of people (not necessarily young!) in higher education. It was a joy to see 2 of those sponsored, David & Harold, receive their degrees, in psychology and law. They, as others, have indeed been given an opportunity to change the possibilities open to them. *(If anyone would like to know more about this project, please let us know)*

Having mentioned in December that the Diocese of Peru would become 4 separate Dioceses early this year, the situation is that we are still one Diocese (all of Peru), but with a **change of Bishop**. Jorge Aguilar, Suffragan Bishop for Lima was installed as Bishop of Peru on 17th April by Bp William Godfrey, Bishop of Peru, since 1998, in his last service before leaving Peru.

Bishop Jorge (who attended the Marriage Course) has asked Juan Carlos to organise a clergy retreat in a few months' time, providing a valuable opportunity for the clergy to be together to pray and seek God's way forward; there are still many things to be sorted out in the different areas of the Diocese.



Changes at the Cathedral In addition to the changes at Diocesan level, changes are in store for the English speaking folk at the Cathedral. Over the last year it has been very encouraging to see new people arriving at the Good Shepherd for English speaking services. However, a significant proportion of the English speaking congregation is formed of people with contracts in schools, Embassies, mining companies etc; some become very committed to the Church whilst in Peru, but their contracts are of limited period. So, in June the Rector, Allen Hill, will be leaving with this family, and by the end of July we will also have lost our 2 instrumentalists in the music group (fortunately the organist lives in Lima!), & a main Sunday school leaders. Result: unless there is a sudden influx, in 3 months' time the Sunday attendance will have fallen by over 25%, and ALL the "regular" children in Sunday School will be leaving – a rather noticeable difference. Please pray for those left in leadership in the congregation; this includes Luis Baldeon (recently ordained) and Penny (Lay minister), and also for those who have recently begun to attend, as we seek God's way forward. The process to find a new Rector is similar to the process in the Anglican Church in UK, but could take longer because of the international aspect.



Changes in the country Elections for President, Congress and Andean Parliament (roughly equivalent to MEPs & equally little considered) were held on 10th April. Three elections in one, so the voting paper is already complicated, and this time many districts had electronic votes, leading to chaos in some places. The results: one party, led by Keiko Fujimori (daughter Pres Alberto Fujimori), has an absolute majority in Congress, but there will be a run-off on 5th June for President between Fujimori and Pedro Pablo Kuczynski *part of a voting paper* (aged 78; son of Polish Jews who fled from the Nazis to Peru; studied at Oxford Uni). The 5 year term of office begins on 28th July, and there will certainly be changes in store for the country....



It is encouraging that in the midst of all these changes, the most important things do NOT change, and we can hold on to the promise that "Jesus Christ is the same, yesterday, today and forever".

Juan Carlos, Penny, Rebeca, Elizabeth & Jonatan



The seventh of the eight Kingdom People Characteristics is:

“Ready to engage with and serve our community”

Healthy churches combine vibrant worship with service to their communities.

In other words, they take both the first and the second great commandments of Jesus seriously by endeavouring to love both God and neighbour.

As Christians we need to discern what God is already doing in our communities and join in to promote the Kingdom, doing all we can to show God’s love. This will be by campaigning and working for structural justice as well as organising ourselves to deliver care and offering individual acts of kindness.

Outward looking focus

Churches should have a ‘whole life’ rather than a ‘church life’ concern.

Meet the needs

Some churches have worked with organisations such as Street Pastors, Christians Against Poverty and the Trussell Trust Foodbanks.

Passionate and prophetic

Local and global issues should be given prominence in preaching, in intercessions and by encouragement and affirmation of those with a passion to act prophetically.

Organisations like Christian Aid, 38 Degrees and the One Campaign help churches and individuals address issues of social justice. A number also find inspiration at events such as the Greenbelt Festival.

Occasional offices

The National Weddings Project has put together a number of very good resources. Churches also offer care and support to the bereaved (organising informal meetings as well as services of remembrance).

<http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/kingdom-people/>



Kingdom People

love • compassion • justice • freedom

The eighth and last of the Kingdom People Characteristics is:

“Committed to making our buildings fit for purpose as a spiritual and community resource”

Our churches are sometimes seen as a burden and some can be. However, if they are made fit for purpose, most can be a wonderful blessing both to worshipping communities and wider society.

Too many churches are locked for all but a couple of hours a week when they could be a vital spiritual and community resource. We should seek to do what we can to enable them to be used to their full potential for the praise of God and the common good.

Accessible

Bishop John has urged all PCCs to arrange to leave their churches open all day and every day to provide a welcome in the name of Christ to all comers and convey to them something of the love of God.

Prayers

Those who unlock and lock the church might be encouraged to pray a prayer as they do so. Others may make more use of the church for daily services like Morning Prayer or Compline.

Sensitively adapted

On the ChurchCare website there is some very good advice for those seeking to adapt their church building.

Visitors to the church

Churches should develop a strategy for encouraging and welcoming visitors.

<http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/kingdom-people/>

News from St David's



April was a busy month for St David's, as we had a service to dedicate the new standard for 10th Worcester Guides, held an afternoon tea party and service to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday and held our highly successful Spring Fair. Thanks to everybody who supported these events and who worked so hard to make them both successful and enjoyable.

Sarah Cottrill

Sent to CoventryIn a good way!



A big “Thank you” to Philip Evans for organising such a great day out to Coventry for us on May 7th.

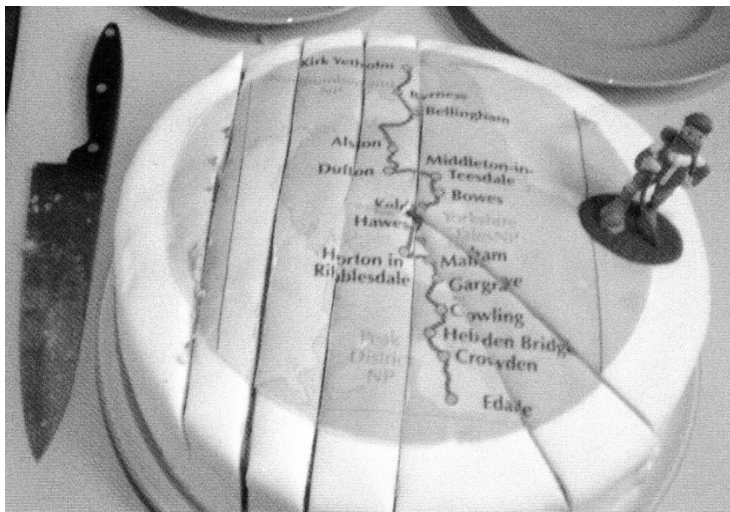


Representatives from all four of our churches (and some friends from elsewhere), enjoyed an interesting day at the Cathedrals and motor museum in Coventry before returning to St John’s for fish and chips.

The day was very well organised and a huge amount of work and planning went into it.

Thank you Philip – when’s the next one?

Sarah Cottrill



Sponsor the Vicar!

Chris has returned from his walk of the Pennine Way. However, he still welcomes sponsorship for

Acorns Children's Hospice
and
Maggs Day Centre for the Homeless.

Before he set off on his latest 'ramble' Chris was sent off from church with the amazing cake pictured above, which had a map of his journey and a figure of Chris himself (shown larger on page 3).

Give online at

<http://uk.virginmoneygiving.com/christopherstuart/>

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Sudoku Puzzle

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The solution is on page 44.

From The Magazine Archive, June 1950

THE GARDEN FÊTE ON ST. JOHN'S DAY,
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THIS Fête will be held in the grounds of CLAVERHAM HOUSE, St. John's, by kind permission of G. A. Turner, Esq. We thank Mr. Turner for his generous concession. I should like to write a few words in support of this Fête, and to remind you that the proceeds will be given towards expenses in connection with the Boys' Camp at St. Helens (I.O.W.) and the Girls' Camp at Shanklin. Please come along, if you can, to the Fête! I wish that no boy or girl shall be deprived of the holiday if the parents are unable to afford the cost. Such cases will be treated in strict confidence. What a lovely thought it is—that these boys and girls are having a seaside holiday, and maybe some of them would never go but for this effort. Details of the Fête will be issued in the near future.

ANNUAL FLOWER SERVICE

YOU will notice under the heading IMPORTANT DATES that this Service will be held on Sunday, June 25th, at 6.30 P.M. The Service will be arranged on the lines of the Day Schools' Festival, and the Superintendents of our Sunday Schools are preparing the children to take a prominent part in the Service. The lessons will be read by a boy and a girl, and the respective departments are arranging special hymns which will be sung by the children only.

Those of you who have attended this Service in past years (on a Sunday afternoon) are aware of the wonderful picture of boys and girls making their way to the High Altar, and bearing gifts of flowers and fruit. The decision to hold this Service in the evening this year has been made after consultation with the Superintendents in order to enable the main body of our congregation to witness this wonderful sight. We hope YOU will be able to come.

(Continued from page 19, reports from the 2016 Annual Meeting)

Group Committee

As readers will be aware, St John's, St Clement's and St Michael's parishes will soon be brought together to form a Team Ministry. The exact form of that Team is to be decided by the Diocese in consultation with the parishes, but it will certainly entail much closer working between our churches under the oversight of a Team Rector and a Team Vicar.

Although that process of consultation has not yet begun, we have been encouraged by the Diocese to explore ways of working more closely together. A number of changes have already been made: For example, the St John's Parish Office has now become a Group Office, serving both St John's and St Clement's and thereby pooling resources and cutting costs; again, we've adjusted our service patterns to make it easier for two clergy to support the services in our four churches.

In addition, back in 2014, the three West Worcester parishes agreed to set up a joint committee to explore ways of enabling the parishes to work more closely together. There are six key areas that fall under the Committee's remit:

Mission; Children's Work; Service Patterns; Publicity; Teaching (prayer and spirituality); Oversight of Transition to a Team (including building links between the churches).

The ultimate goal would be to have a 'Group Strategy' for each of these areas, devised and overseen by the Committee, but implemented by the PCCs. However, given the scope of this work, the Committee decided initially to focus primarily on item six (Oversight of Transition to a Team) and in particular on exploring ways of bringing the congregations together socially. This kind of grassroots socialising and interaction is crucial groundwork: If we get to know our brothers and sisters in the other parishes, we will get to like them and care about them and – I hope – from that will come a deep and genuine desire to work, pray and worship together as one body.

The Committee met four times in 2015. These meetings were very informal – initially, a chance for the representatives of the different churches to get to know one another and to hear about each other's churches, with a view to feeding that information back to their own congregations. This still remains a core element of the meetings, but there is also an increasing focus on identifying possible social events for the combined congregations. A number of events emerged from the Committee's discussions, including (for example) two Bring and Share lunches: one for Sarah Cottrill's first service as priest, and one for the Harvest Group service at St Michael's. These events were well received, and it was pleasing to see members of different congregations mixing and socialising together. More events are planned for 2016.

In addition, the Committee has also discussed the possibility of a Youth and Family Worker for the Group, and different options for increasing clergy support for the West Worcester churches.

Christopher

Report from Outreach Committee

Over the course of the last year, the Outreach Committee's work fell into three stages:

1. Identifying the needs of our local community
2. Identifying ways we might meet those needs
3. Identifying and implementing specific targets.

The focus was very much on outreach in terms of practical social action, rather than evangelism. With that in mind, the Committee identified two key issues in West Worcester: Loneliness/isolation, and poverty. It came up with a number of innovative ways of meeting those needs:

Loneliness and isolation

- A Film Club for older people who feel lonely and isolated. This launched 2015 (Stand By Me).
- Expanding the Saturday breakfasts. These are a continuing success. There are plans to explore extending the breakfasts to Dines Green.
- Support for residents at Regent House.

A couple of possible projects sadly didn't get off the ground:

- Providing support to mums who attend the Saturday children's activities (mindful that single mums in particular can often feel lonely or isolated).
- Exploring the possibility of a store chaplain at Sainsbury's and Co-Op. The vicar wrote to both managers, but sadly has drawn a blank.

Poverty

- Maggs – the vicar is exploring links with Maggs, but it seems likely that St Clement's is better suited to pursue this.
- Foodbank for Dines Green. Phil Bradford has explored this with Bishop Graham, but progress is slow.
- The Henry Smith Charity – this is being more widely advertised and there has been a gradual increase in applications for support from this fund.

On the whole, the Committee made more progress with 'loneliness/isolation' than we have with 'poverty'.

The Future of the Outreach Committee

The Committee has now come to the end of its brief and has disbanded. All the areas/projects identified above are now in a position where they can run without further input from the Committee, at least for the time being.

Baptism follow-up

Since 2010 I have been posting out 1st Anniversary cards to all people baptised at St John in Bedwardine. Mostly these have been sent to babies and young children. This last year I have posted a total of 41 cards to those baptised in 2015.

Mrs D.A. Sherratt

Fund Raising 2015

The new Events Team has now had 12 months to evolve and settle into their new role. Although it has been a year of hard work, change and steep learning curves we are now ready to move forward into next year's exciting programme of events.

Following on from last year's highly successful Summer Fun Day the Christmas season was quickly upon us. In a departure from the way we had worked previously we took on a partner in the form of St Richard's Hospice and worked alongside their fund raising advisor Charlie Homer. This gave us the confidence to extend the Christmas Fair into a 3 day tree festival which included an amazingly atmospheric Sing a Long a Santa and Fair followed by afternoons with Worcester Concert Brass and St Richard's Choir whilst local residents were invited to join us for afternoon tea, an evening concert by Colla Voce and a very popular breakfast with Santa, a free morning of fun and mayhem for local children.

This event has helped shape our mission statement. Whilst working hard to raise money for church funds we are also working to raise community awareness in St John's, the Village in the City. We are not a committee, we are a team and everyone is welcome to join us, whether it be for a one off event or on a regular basis and we would love to hear all of your ideas. So far this year we have planned a special birthday event for Her Majesty the Queen; we will be celebrating with 'Tea on the Green for the Queen' an old fashioned street party, free to all local residents and later in the summer this year's Village Fete.

Above all we couldn't do what we do without our amazing volunteers, a heartfelt thank you to you all as without you these events would not be possible.

The Events Team

Communications

The past year has provided us with various opportunities to remind people about the church's presence in the community. We have once again collaborated with our friends at St. Clement's, St. David's and St. Michael's churches to advertise services. For example, our Christmas and Easter services were advertised in a joint advert in the Worcester News' and Berrow's Worcester Journal's seasonal "Church Services" feature pages.

In a change to the last few years, it was decided not to repeat the exercise of producing a joint letter to be delivered around the three parishes.

Our continuing on-going communications include our monthly Parish Magazine, weekly newsletter, the website, noticeboards and banners.

Last year we were advertising for someone to help us communicate better through the role of "Publicity Officer". Unfortunately, no volunteers were forthcoming to help with this.

As per last year's report, a few more of the proposals from the 2013 "Welcome Review" have been implemented and others are still being investigated by the Standing Committee/PCC. I reported last year that some of the "bigger" and longer-term ideas were to be reviewed as part of the 2015 priorities. Some of these reviews have begun and are still ongoing, such as those reviewed by the temporary "building's vision committee".

Philip Evans, ALM Parish Administrator

Pastoral Care Group - Report 2016

Over the past year the pastoral care team has continued to offer support to members of the congregation by phone or visits when ill and unable to attend church services.

Members of the congregation are continuing to contact the team when it is noticed people have not attended services for a time. Transport when possible is arranged to get people to church services and various meetings

Each month we visit Teme Court and Regent care homes within the parish to offer Communion to residents. Communion can also be taken to members of the congregation who are unable to get to church. Joy Job, Jenny English and John Prangnell assist with home Communions.

Bereaved families are sent cards offering support and visits if requested.

Healing services have continued to be well supported and on average has a congregation of 15. The service is held around the font and is slightly less formal, prayers and different ways of praying are being experienced by those who attend. Jenny English leads a short meditation during the service. Time is given at the end of the service for those requesting private prayers. Tea and biscuits are served after the service.

Thanks go to Peter Yates, Brian Askew and the music group, readers, Jenny English and the Pastoral care team.

Following last year's successful visit from The Disabled Christian Fellowship they have requested a visit this year, date to be arranged. Afternoon tea is provided by the Pastoral care group. The service is open to church members so do come along and support.

At the Christmas tree festival in December the pastoral care team provided afternoon tea for 30 members of the congregation, St Richard's Hospice choir came along to sing festive songs, a truly enjoyable occasion

Pastoral care team: Sylvia Render, Janet and Walter Hart, Yvonne Hardwick, Sue Bale, Margaret Morris, Joan Gunston, Jean Evans, Jenny English, Ruth Reeves and Sue Hussell. Very many thanks to you all.

Sylvia Render, ALM Pastoral Worker

St. John's Flower Arranging report 2015 - 2016

The Flower Team continue to meet each Friday morning, except during August and Lent to decorate the church for worship during the following week. The team has changed a little as Mrs Lavendar has moved house but still comes to us occasionally and Joy Job and Sue Hussell have joined us; both ladies have other church duties but help us out with flowers as necessary.

Financially we manage, the flowers are more expensive and at Easter and Christmas when we require extra help we find many of those who have been so generous in the past are no longer with us. However, I am pleased to say that the church looks loved and cared for and the Flower Team enjoy helping to make St John's Church a place of welcome and worship.

A big thank you to everyone who supports us in our work.

Eileen M. Cantrill

Friends of St John-in-Bedwardine

The Friends of St John in Bedwardine have continued to give their support during 2015/2016 and as a thank-you, the Friends (along with paying guests) were invited to a traditional Christmas Tea, with a talk on Christmas through the ages, given by Paul Harding (from Discover History) – an enjoyable afternoon was had by all.

We aim to have another campaign during this coming year, inviting people to become a Friend.

We would encourage everyone who cares about this lovely building, to become a Friend. Details of how to join can be found around the church (there is a leaflet, together with a simple form to complete and bank standing order form if appropriate).

2015 Report from Children's Church

We have had a busy year with the continuation of the Saturday activity session and a rise in numbers in Children's Church.

The numbers that join us on a Saturday fluctuate. We have had as many as 30 and as few as 8. Sessions take on a different feel depending on the numbers and while it is always pleasing to see many children, when the numbers are smaller you do feel you have become more involved with what the children are doing. Many parents stay and the atmosphere is always pleasing as everyone becomes involved in all the activities.

We joined with Christian Aid to have a teddy bears' picnic. The weather was not what we would have liked and we had to have our picnic indoors. However, we managed to make parachutes for our teddies and they bravely jumped, with some help from Chris Rees and Sandra Nash, from the tower, with us cheering as they hit, (very gently), the ground.

The family barbecue that Children's Church organise in August was well supported. The tables were laid out beautifully on the grass when the heavens opened. People were very patient as we attempted to dry tables and chairs to carry on inside. We have to thank Brian Askew who remained outside cooking the food with a very much appreciated group who kept him and the food dry with umbrellas. Thank you.

The Saturday group and Children's Church entered the Christmas Tree Competition. We had enormous fun making the trees and we were very lucky to win. Christingle making this year was achieved in record time!

Children say the funniest things we know that, but they also raise some challenging thoughts. As the children grow up they often talk in great depth on issues and have strong, worthwhile opinions, often making us challenge what we think.

We look forward to another year of growth in our work with children. This would not happen if we did not have the support, patience, enthusiasm and love from Peter Holzapfel, Sue, Margaret and Brenda on a Saturday and Irene, Gail, Sylvia and Amy with both activities. Jacqui is not able to help at the moment but we look forward to her return in the future. Thank you for all your hard work.

Jane Askew and the Children's Church Team

There will be more reports from the Annual Meeting in the next edition.




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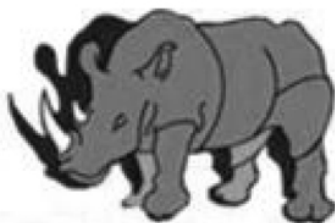
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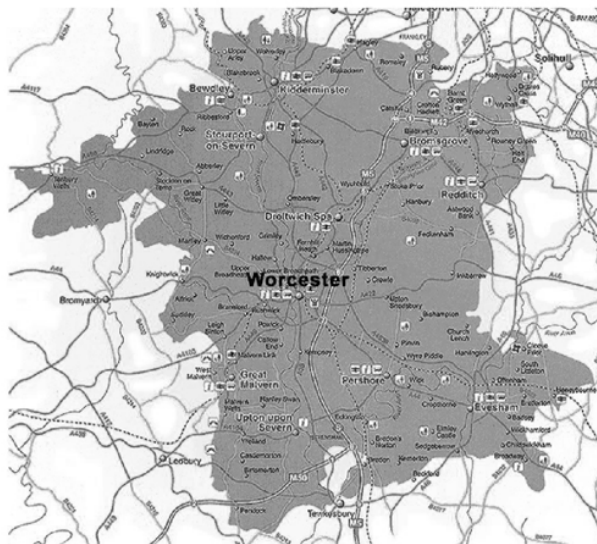
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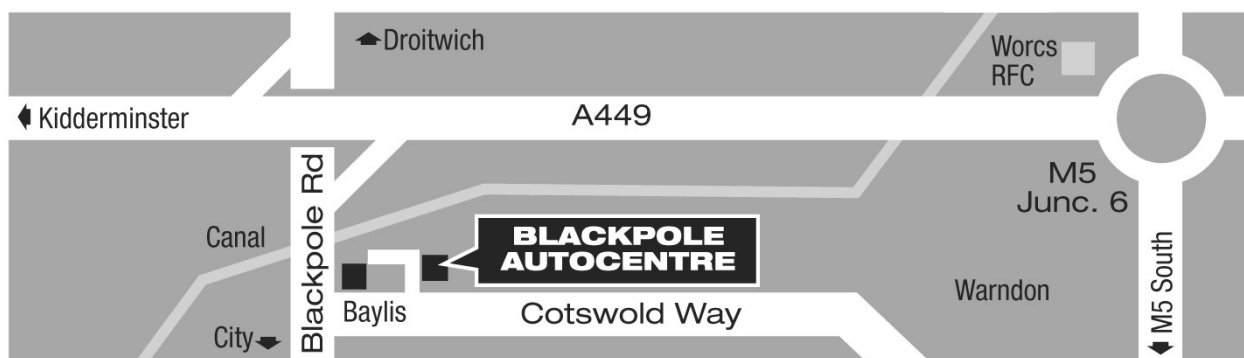
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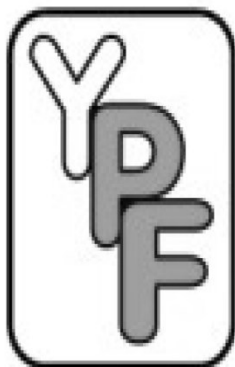


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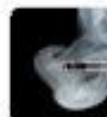
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The choir practises on Thursday evenings and sings at most Sunday services. If you can sing (or are prepared to learn) do speak to the Choir Master, John Brierley, 358474.

MUSIC GROUP

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BIBLES, BUMPS and BABIES

An informal bible study group. Contact Sarah Cottrill on 426257 for more details.

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Meets in the Burroughs room at 10am every Wednesday for prayer and study. Contact Sylvia Render on 422654 for further details.

PARISH OFFICE

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From the church car park, walk up the Bromyard Road side of the church to the green door.
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Monday: 10.30am to noon. Wednesday, Thursday, Friday: 10am to noon.

For booking baptisms and weddings: Please visit or telephone the office during the normal opening hours on Monday, Wednesday or Friday. Also open specifically for these bookings on the first Thursday of each month from 6.30pm until 7.30pm.



Parish Website: www.stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

Group Website: www.westworcesterchurches.org.uk

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Sunday services in the West Worcester Group, June 2016

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
5th June	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evensong (BCP)	11am Family Service	6.30pm Holy Communion	10.30am Holy Communion
12th June	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Family Service with Children's Participation	9.30am Eucharist 11am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Songs of Praise	10.30am Eucharist with Celebration of the Queen's 90th Birthday
19th June	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church	9.30am Eucharist 11am Worship for Everyone	6.30pm Holy Communion Fathers' Day	10.30am Morning Prayer
26th June	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing	9.30am Eucharist 11am Worship for Everyone	11.15am Morning Prayer	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.				