



*St John-in-Bedwardine
Parish Magazine*

October 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

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| | Day off |
| The Reverend Dr CHRISTOPHER STUART (Vicar of St John's) | Thursday |
| 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.

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

WEEKDAY SERVICES

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| Monday to Saturday | 5.00 p.m. | Evening Prayer |
| 4th Saturday in month | 10.15 a.m. | Cafe@10.15 |
| Tuesday | 10.00 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| 2nd Wednesday in month (at St David's) | 10.30 a.m. | Holy Communion (Modern language) |
| Thursday (at St Clement's) | 9.45 a.m. | Holy Communion (BCP) |
| Thursday (at St Michael's) | 10.45 a.m. | 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.

Letter from Bishop John

In this diocese we are committed to fulfilling our vocation to become Kingdom people characterised by love, compassion, justice and freedom. An enormous amount of consultation was undertaken before our Kingdom vision was adopted and I am gratified by the manner in which it is reaching deep into the diocesan bloodstream.



In order to help to realise that vision, Diocesan Synod adopted a Calling Young Disciples project as a major focus within it. The project will complement and add to the work of our Youth Officer, Simon Hill and Children's Officer, Emma Pettifer, helping more churches to engage effectively with children, young people and their families. During the consultation, it was clear that most parishes wanted work with children and young people to be a priority.

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I am delighted that Ruth Walker, a very able and experienced priest from the Diocese of Coventry, has just been appointed as Project Director. Ruth will be licensed at Diocesan Synod in November and will formally start her new role thereafter. We have received a generous grant from the Mercers' Company, for which we are very grateful, to fund this post. We have also applied for funding from the Church Commissioners to appoint mission enablers to work on the project in parishes and we shall be working with Ruth on the appointment of the first two of these in the next few months.

(continued overleaf)

Cover

The Sunday Serenade concert on 11th September - see page 30/31.

Picture by Colin Nash.

Pictures in this magazine

Our thanks to those who have contributed photographs for this magazine including Colin Nash, Tracey Ward, Heidi Murphy, Ruth Reeves, Graham Evans and Philip Evans.

Don't shoot the messenger!

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

(continued from the previous page) I hope that everyone will pray for this exciting project: for it to be effective in proclaiming the love of God in Jesus to young people in our Diocese.

Prayer, of course, is at the heart of all this

The first thing we are bidden to pray for by Jesus in the Lord's Prayer is: 'Thy Kingdom Come'.



+John

A Word from the Editors

Welcome to the October edition of our magazine. Thank you to all who have contributed items and pictures; we have had to add four pages to fit it all in, but we really don't mind. We won't direct you to any particular items - we simply advise you to keep reading right to the back!

This month we celebrate harvest, giving thanks for the food that we have to eat and all our other blessings from God. God's blessing doesn't mean that there are no difficulties in life; rather that God is there to help us and give us peace when the path through life is rough. And we in turn should be God's agents to pass on his blessings and grace to others:

The Lord bless you and keep you;
the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you;
the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace."

Graham and Sue Evans

The Magazine

Copy for the November 2016 edition should reach us by Sunday 9th October. If you can, please use e-mail: magazine@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk. The November edition of the magazine will be available on Sunday, 23rd October.

Unless otherwise directed, please send all written correspondence for the magazine to the Parish Office. If you wish to advertise in the magazine, please see page 20.

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.

In Memoriam

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|-----------------------------------|-----------------|
| John Bertram Smith | 1 October 1990 |
| Jack Render MBE | 2 October 1991 |
| Percival Charles Pearson | 6 October 1970 |
| June Edith Clayton | 6 October 2011 |
| Albert J Cake | 8 October 1993 |
| Juliana Maud Godwin | 12 October 2010 |
| Neil Kenneth Pritchett | 13 October 2003 |
| George Edward Griffiths | 28 October 1976 |
| Marjorie Fisher | 29 October 2003 |
| Florence Annie Constance Bosworth | 30 October 1999 |

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, August 2016

BAPTISMS:

Chloe-Mai Fisher
Eryn-Macy Irene Trimm
Dylan George Frankish
Kiera Joanne Frankish

WEDDINGS:

Aidan Moss and Laura Deacon
Paul Robinson and Sarah Pearman
David Creese and Natasha Swann

AUGUST SERVICES: (Four Sundays)

Communicants 291. Total attendance at all services 1036. The total attendance includes 470 at funerals, weddings and baptisms.

FUNERALS:

d. 15th July 2016 Ronald Stratton
d. 18th July 2016 Brenda Walker
d. 24th July 2016 John Hardwick
d. 29th July 2016 Lorimer Dobson
d. 30th July 2016 Angela Gunter
9th August 2016 Muriel Rimell

Bibles, Bumps and Babies

An informal bible study group. Contact Sarah Cottrill for details.

Bible Study Group

The bible study group is discontinuing at present but hopefully will be reviewed in the New Year as to restart.

Starting on the first Wednesday in October there will be a monthly meeting in the Burroughs room at 10am for "Prayer time, coffee and chat". This is an opportunity to join together in prayer and chat in a friendly environment. Please come and join us.

Sylvia Render

Dates for October 2016

Unless otherwise stated, the venue for all the events below is
St John's Church, or one of the church rooms.
Keep an eye on the "What's On" board at the back of church.

See
page

Sunday 2nd October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

12.00 noon Young adults' monthly lunch (meet at the church)

Saturday 8th October

8.30 a.m. Women's Breakfast (Speaker Revd Ann Hadley, venue tbc) 21

3.00 p.m. Children's Activities 23

Sunday 9th October: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Saturday 15th October

6.00 p.m. Group Harvest Ceilidh (St Clement's School) 12

Sunday 16th October: Twenty First Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Wednesday 19th October

7.00 p.m. Craft Group (Blakefield Room) 17

Saturday 22nd October

10.15 a.m. Cafe@10.15, service with food (Speaker Graham Evans) 21

Sunday 23rd October: Last Sunday after Trinity

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Saturday 29th October

9.00 a.m. Table Sale (9am-noon) 11

Sunday 30th October: Fourth Sunday before Advent

2.00 a.m. Clocks go back one hour

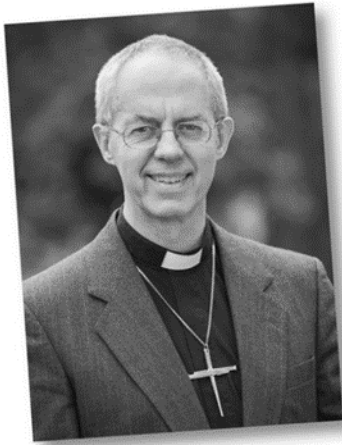
See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Weekday Communion Services:

Tuesday: St John's 10am (Book of Common Prayer - traditional language)

Second Wednesday of each month: St David's 10.30am (Common Worship -
modern language)

Thursday: St Clement's 9.45am (Book of Common Prayer - traditional language)
St Michael's 10.45am (Common Worship - modern language)



Kingdom People

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Archbishop of Canterbury's visit
7 - 9 October 2016

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, will be visiting our diocese from 7 – 9 October

There are three public events, which we hope as many people as possible will support

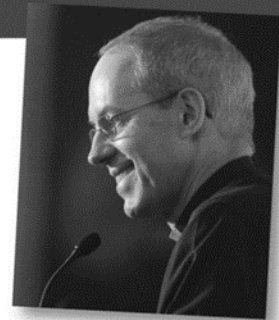
Friday 7 October, 7pm ~ Worcester Arena WR2 5JN

Archbishop Justin in conversation with BBC Radio 2's Jeremy Vine

An opportunity to come and listen to the Archbishop talk about his life and faith 'in conversation' with the BBC journalist, Jeremy Vine. Audience members will have the chance to ask questions and there will be a performance from a choir put together from local church schools. Tickets: £5 available from:

www.ticketline.co.uk/the-archbishop-of-canterbury-in-conversation

Please consider inviting your non-churchgoing friends to this event!



Saturday 8 October, 1.30pm ~ St Stephen's Church, Redditch B97 4DY

Craft, stories and refreshments for families

Archbishop Justin will join this event for families, which will be based around the story of Jesus walking on water (Matthew 14: 22-36). Bring the children to have a go at the crafts, play on the bouncy castle, listen to the story told by the Archbishop, and enjoy tea and cake together.

Sunday 9 October, 2.30pm ~ Merry Hill Shopping Centre, Dudley DY5 1QX

Prayer walk and Songs of Praise event

Archbishop Justin will be walking around Merry Hill shopping centre, offering to pray for those visiting. We hope that lots of people from parishes will then join us for a short 'songs of praise' type event, with prayers, songs and a short reflection from the Archbishop.

Come along and let's show that the Christian community is flourishing in Dudley and the surrounding areas!

More information from
www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/archbishops-visit



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Church Directory

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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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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.

Children and Families, Schools and Christian Nurture



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



See page 6 for October events
at St John's

Keep an eye on the new "What's On" board at the back of church.

FUTURE DATES

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| Saturday 5th Nov. | Parish Breakfast (8.30am-11.00am) |
| Sunday 6th November | Young adults' monthly lunch |
| Saturday 12th Nov. | Women's Breakfast (Speaker Revd Anne Potter) |
| Saturday 12th Nov. | Children's Activities (afternoon) |
| Wednesday 16th Nov. | Craft Evening |
| Saturday 19th Nov. | Christmas Craft Fair |
| Saturday 19th Nov. | Tea and Talk |
| Saturday 26th Nov. | Coach trip to Berrington Hall for Christmas with the Georgians (free entry for NT members) |
| Monday 28th November | Young adults' group Advent social evening with meal and worship (Taizé or Compline). |
| Friday/Saturday 9th/10th December | Christmas Festival (see page 51) |

SOME EVENTS AT ST CLEMENT'S, ST DAVID'S AND ST MICHAEL'S

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| Saturday 1st October | Pastoral Tea (St Clement's 2.00pm-4.00pm) |
| Wednesday 5th Oct. | Coffee morning (St David's, 10.30am-noon) |
| Wednesday 5th Oct. | Light Lunch (St Michael's, noon-1.30pm) |
| Monday 17th October | Mothers' Union at St Michael's Church (2.30pm) |

Phillipians 4.4-7

Rejoice in the Lord always. I will say it again: Rejoice! Let your gentleness be evident to all. The Lord is near. Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.

Tea and Talk

On Saturday 19th November, we shall be having one of the popular Tea and Talk sessions.

This time we are fortunate to have Revd Phil Bradford and Margaret Rutter come along and tell us about the work they do in Peru. I am sure Margaret will show us some of the items the women make to raise funds to support them.

Margaret and Phil will be able to keep us up to date with what is going on and why it is important to keep up the link with the country.

Tickets are £7.00 and can be purchased from the Parish Office or by telephoning 423257 or 424811. The tea will have a Christmas theme.

Friends of St Johns

If you would like to become a 'Friend' or want to know a bit more, call in at the office for a leaflet or phone 423257 or 424811. The cost is £20 per person a year.

Funds raised are used purely for the upkeep of the building. Would you like to be part of keeping this important building in good order?

Table Sales

Saturday 29th October, is the second date for our Table Sales for the autumn. The time is 9.00am-12noon and the cost per table is £10.00.

Take the opportunity to sell unwanted items. If you would like to book a table, let the Parish Office know or phone 423257 or 424811. If you feel you have nothing to sell, do come along as there are always lots of bargains on offer.

Refreshments will be available.

Craft Fair

Saturday 19th November we are holding a Craft Fair. This will start at 9.00am until 2.00pm. Tables are again £10.00 and are ready to be booked straight away. It is always amazing to see the range of crafts available, made by very talented people. You are sure to find that unusual personal Christmas gift you have been searching for!

Refreshments will be available.

If you would like to book a table let the Parish Office know or phone 423257 or 424811.

You are invited
to a
Harvest Supper Ceilidh

A GREAT NIGHT OUT FOR ALL THE
FAMILY



Saturday 15th October
Tickets £7 including food
BYO drinks and glasses
St Clement's School
6pm
Tickets available from Sandra on
01905 428962

Marcés Mailing

September 2016



Marriage Course, June 2016

I will exalt you,
my God the
King;
I will praise
your name for
ever and ever.
(Psalm 145:1)

Juan Carlos, Penny, Rebeca, Elizabeth and Jonatan Marcés
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Letter sent by: Mrs Alison Everness (Penny's sister-in-law),
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Ongoing prayer please...

Anglican Church in Peru – Bp Jorge, and all other leaders
Juan Carlos building up relationships in Jesús el Nazareno
Cathedral of the Good Shepherd in seeking a new rector;
Penny's responsibilities

Pastoral care: (both congregations) Homegroup, visiting
Reel Club; relationships with people outside the Church

Social Work in the Cathedral: student and work

The children (all in Lima): **Rebeca** (working); **Lizi** (studying
economics and working) and **Jonny** (studying law).

The country of Peru: for elected officials to have a desire to serve
the country and not themselves

Dear Friends

After all the changes mentioned last time, one might have thought this time there would be a slightly calmer tone. Not so. The changes have continued, and one reason for delaying this letter was waiting until things were official, which technically only happened this week.

So, the latest news: In June Juan Carlos met with the Bishop and said that since there were three Churches in San Juan de Miraflores which either have no pastor or whose pastors are over 70, he would be prepared to move from



the Cathedral to one of those. Bp Jorge told him this was an answer to prayer (since no one had expected Juan Carlos to make such an offer, it was also a rather unexpected answer to prayer). Over the years we have come to know people in these churches so none was going to represent a completely new start. As a result, Juan Carlos had his final Sunday at the Good Shepherd last week, and will now be working in Jesús el Nazareno

Church, which has been without their own pastor for several months; his installation will be on 18th Sept. Jesús el Nazareno is where we held the Marriage Course last year, where the embroidered pictures project is based, and where Juan Carlos has been involved with several Alpha retreats.

Meanwhile, Penny will be staying at the Cathedral until the new Rector there is installed (certainly NOT 18th Sept!), when she will join Juan Carlos. This will be some time next year... Building the profile, now available on the Cathedral website, was definitely a congregational process; a fair proportion of the congregation made suggestions and comments. The result was acceptable to everyone, no mean feat when considering the huge range of background from which people come, culturally and theologically; we currently have people from Baptist, Roman Catholic, Pentecostal, Nazarene and Presbyterian backgrounds, amongst others (even some who are from Anglican churches anyway!). It is definitely not a homogeneous group, which leads to interesting discussions at times, as in Adult Forum.



We had visiting clergy from overseas for most of the period June to August, but from now on Carlo and Penny (the two lay ministers with pastoral oversight of the congregation) will have responsibility for the services (Luis

has left); fortunately we have a visiting preacher for the Remembrance Day service which is attended amongst others by Ambassadors or Embassy representatives from several countries (along with their security guards, in some instances; these do not usually speak English and spend the service talking just outside the main door).

Both Juan Carlos and Penny are therefore currently each in charge of different congregations. A challenge on time-management since over the last 6½ years when we did not have these responsibilities we have both accepted other responsibilities, taken on when there was more time:

Alpha:

We both went to a conference which JC organized in Cuzco in June, which was well attended although we are still waiting to hear someone has started a course... Juan Carlos also travelled in August to Juliaca to help with the Youth Weekend there, and took advantage of the visit to talk about Alpha in prisons. However, the most encouraging news is that a big independent Church in Lima is going to start the Marriage Course, and has also bought 200 copies of the ordinary Alpha manual.....



AMA



Since the beginning of the year Penny has been a member of the AMA committee again and we are in the final stages of preparing a Diocesan retreat (to be held 7-9 Oct). The theme is “Prayer warriors”, with the aim of building up the prayer life of women in the Diocese.

Perú Tres Días

We are both still very involved with the ecumenical cursillo “Perú Tres Días” here, and have our respective weekends this month. Each of us is leading Spiritual Director; there is also a pastor from outside Lima helping us.



Praise!

- Marriage Course (English)
- Adult Forum
- a positive start to the new government in Peru



Specific dated requests

8-11 (♂) & 22-25 (♀) Sept: Perú Tres Días weekend retreats
18 Sept: Installation of JC in Jesús el Nazareno
19 Sept to 31 Oct: Marriage Course (Cathedral)
30 Sept-2 Oct: Provincial consultation in Chile (JC + 15 from Peru)
7-9 Oct: AMA Diocesan retreat
13 Nov: Remembrance Day service at Cathedral
19 Nov: Cathedral bazaar
November: Christmas box project
6 Dec: Cathedral Carol Service

Weekly activities

Together:

Monday: (19 Sept to 31 Oct) : Marriage Course (Cathedral)

Thursday: Homegroup

Juan Carlos:

Sunday: Eucharist: 7pm

Prayer meeting

Bible study

Penny

Sunday: Eucharist: 8am, 10am

Adult Forum 9am

Tuesday: Reel Club

Wednesday:

Thursday: AMA (every 2 weeks)

Perhaps next time there will be less changes to announce.... Thank you for your prayers and other support which uphold us.

God bless you

Juan Carlos, Penny, Rebeca, Elizabeth & Jonatan

Craft News

Our next session will be Wednesday 19th October, where we will start to make items for Christmas. Do feel free to come along or Telephone 424811, for more details. The cost is £5.00 to include refreshments and all materials.

Jane Askew



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.

Will you help us to help our community?



MAGGS DAY CENTRE HARVEST APPEAL 2016



This year we are appealing for the following items:



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Small individual bottles of water
Long life milk
Sauces
Juice/squash
Stock cubes
Cake mixture

Instant custard/ angel delight
Washing powder
Washing up liquid
Toilet paper
Icing sugar
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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.

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| Blakefield Room | 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. |  |
| Burroughs' Room | Suitable for up to 12 people. Drink making facilities and toilet. | |
| The North Aisle | Seats 120 theatre style or seats up to 64 around tables. Tables and chairs are provided in a large open area with plenty of electric sockets. It is used to host exhibitions, meals and conferences. | |

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

Sudoku Puzzle

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| | The solution is on page 42. | | | | | | | | | |



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The Parish Magazine is published A5 in size, in black and white. There are eleven issues during the year, July and August being a combined issue.

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Will you help us to help our community?

Please can help us with a new project were trying to get under steam at YMCA?

We are looking to improve our courtyard area in our Worcester hostel to create a calm prayer garden filled with vibrant flowers and vegetable plants. The area will support our young people by creating a place that they can use if they are stressed and need some time away.

We have looked at some funding streams for this but to get the ball rolling we need some plants and pots.

Please will you give us your support particularly in prayer for this adventure but also if you are willing to donate a plant or two for the project it would be a great help. We aren't fussy so anything you can spare would be appreciated. We are happy to come and collect them or if you want to leave them anywhere please could you bring to our reception in Worcester.

Thank you in advance for all your help with this! Every blessing.

James Williams

Christian Spiritual Development Co-ordinator, YMCA Worcestershire

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Women's Breakfasts

After the September break the women's breakfasts will start again on Saturday October 8th from 8.30 to 10am with a possible new venue, Worcester Golf and Country Club. The speaker will be Revd Ann Hadley sharing her experiences of being a mission partner in Zululand.

Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. For further details contact me via the parish office or speak to Sarah Cottrill in church (or contact her by email or phone - see p 8).

Margaret Rutter

Pilgrim Course

This course continues to run throughout October on Tuesday evenings in the Blakefield Room from 7.30pm-9pm. You can drop in or out at any time; you don't have to come every week and you don't need to have attended previous modules.

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Chris Stuart



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Children's Church News



The next Saturday session is Saturday 8th October at 3.00pm. Just a reminder that we would like the children who are coming to be there by 3.15pm so that we know numbers and everyone is involved in the activities. If there is a problem please telephone 424811 and let us know. If you have any ideas for activities you would like to do, just let us know.

Family services continue to be warm, welcoming and thought provoking. Our next family service on Sunday 9th October is the Harvest Service. This year the children have chosen to support 'Farm Africa', setting themselves an initial target of £250. To raise the money they are asking for your odd

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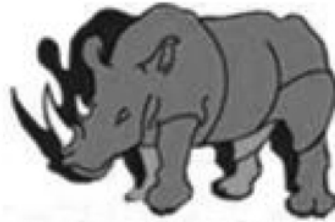
coins. After only 2 weeks they have £97. They have lots of ideas that they will be sharing with us over the next few weeks. If you have any unwanted wellies, they would be very grateful for them, (and your odd coppers). We would love to see you at the service where you will be able to learn more about the organisation and the work they do.

Sunday mornings, Children's Church carries on through part of the 10.30 service and new children and adults are always welcome. The children are busy with their fund raising and beginning to think about what to do for the Christmas Tree event.

We already planning for the Shoebox Appeal this year. Many of you have supported our efforts over the past few years to fill shoeboxes with items for children who will have very little at Christmas. Boxes can be made up for children in the age ranges 2-4, 5-9 or 10-14. If you do not feel you are able to make up a whole box, we will take your donations and the children will make up the boxes with other items sent in. Alternatively, you can give a cash donation and we will buy suitable items. Boxes need to be completed by mid-November, so it is sooner than we think. Telephone 424811 for more details or look on their website www.samaritanspurse.org.

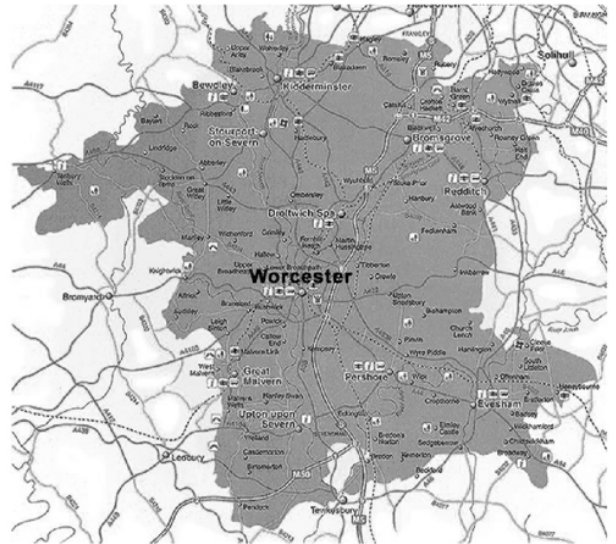
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Hello from Heidi

By the time you have read this, chances are we will have already met. However, I thought I'd use this space to tell you a little about myself and about why I'm here. My name is Heidi and I'm the new Youth and Outreach Worker for West Worcester Churches.

I am from Malvern, but before that lived in Glasgow for a few years where I studied for an as-yet-uncompleted MA in English Language and Scottish Literature. When I'm not at work, I love reading and the arts. I try to get to the theatre as much as I can/can afford; and I'm a

huge fan of spoken word and performance poetry. I've been a foodie for as long as I can remember, and I love good coffee and good wine – but I rarely buy either!

passionate about the power of communities

I'm incredibly passionate about the power of communities to change the world. I work through a community centred model, meaning that all future growth comes from within a community and my role is a support pillar to facilitate growth and strength.

Community is also at the centre of everything that the church does, a cornerstone not just of the Christian faith, but all the major faiths. That means we need to be looking at how we are working for the people of West Worcester. That's where I come in. My job is not about getting seats on pews, it's about bringing people together to make those tiny changes to build something that lasts.

My best example of how the Christian faith fits into communities and everyday lives is Chance The Rapper's album, 'Colouring Book'; a gospel hip-hop album that discusses faith in an honest and open way, has sold millions of copies around the world, and been nominated for a number of awards. It shows how in music firmly rooted in hip-hop, by an artist popular within the genre, can explore faith and Christianity accessibly. It's also a very good album; I have a copy if anyone wants to borrow it.

In the short time I have been in post, I have had conversations about showcasing children's faith, about recognising achievement and about child loss within the same hour; I have tried to alleviate fear about how communities change; and I have spent 30 minutes of my life painting dinosaurs with a toddler. Over the next twelve months, and hopefully longer, my work will look at what we can do in all of these scenarios, and what the church needs to do to move forward as a whole community.

I hope to see you around,

*Best wishes
Heidi*



Heritage Weekend, 8th - 11th September

In spite of my fears(!), the Heritage Weekend proved a great success; around 80 visitors on the Thursday afternoon alone! A few were regular members of our congregation; most of the rest were people who perhaps wouldn't describe themselves as religious, but are interested in our church as an historic building at the heart of a community.

It made me realise why churches do so well out of Friends groups/organisations! Certainly, there was a big pool of interested people over the course of the weekend, and if we can take opportunities such as this to engage with them and talk to them, who knows what seeds of faith might be sown? Perhaps this could become a regular feature for us, not only as an opportunity to recruit Friends, but as a chance to show what a loving Christian community actually means in practice?

I must add a big thank you to the Events Team - they're a fantastic group of people who are working wonders in helping us build bridges into our community.

Chris Stuart

Thursday 8th September

How lucky were we with the weather? Children running around doing a treasure hunt, a packed ringing room and enough cake to start our own bakery!

The Bellringers had a steady stream of people coming to 'Have a go', and hopefully come back to try at a full practice. Sarah Stuart's 'Guess the century' cake quiz gave everyone an idea of the cakes that would have been produced over the life of the church and as always modern day classics were flying out of the kitchen.

In the evening John Brierley gave a fascinating talk on the history, use and musicality of the church organ and Luise Horrocks followed with a Choral Workshop which was the perfect end to a perfect day.

As always we couldn't put on these events without your help. Our thanks pour out to those who put on events and those who came to work hard to make it a success.

The Events Team

Saturday 10th September

This was another busy day. The Events Team were providing hospitality (including bacon rolls) for Riders and Striders (and anyone else who dropped in). There were a number of weddings (including one with the choir). Some people were themselves off Riding and Striding (huge thanks to those who sponsored us!).

Please see the centre spread for a selection of pictures from the weekend.

Graham Evans

Choral Workshop

Instead of choir practice on 8th September, we had a Choral Workshop run by Luise Horrocks, a professional singing teacher, but also a member of our own choir.



At the beginning, in the back row, certain members of the choir skulked nervously, digesting the information from Luise that this was all to be

done from memory and with no music. How could we sing without the dots?

However, as the room filled up, it became easier to feel that there would be enough other singers to provide cover for the words and notes which had flown so easily in one ear and out of the other.

And didn't the room fill up! More members of our own choir; members of our congregation; some of Luise's pupils. Some probably "none of the above". We almost ran out of chairs!

Emphasising that the whole event was meant to be "fun", Luise warmed us up with some physical exercises to get us ready and relaxed to sing, followed by some mild vocal gymnastics... Followed by some less mild vocal gymnastics including singing "Fluffy, floppy puppy" over and over at increasing speed. This led one or two people to say that they preferred "Red leather, yellow leather". Whatever turns you on!

Then on to the first of our two songs "Algy met a bear". It's not very long:

*Algy met a bear; the bear met Algy.
The bear was bulgy; the bulge was Algy.*

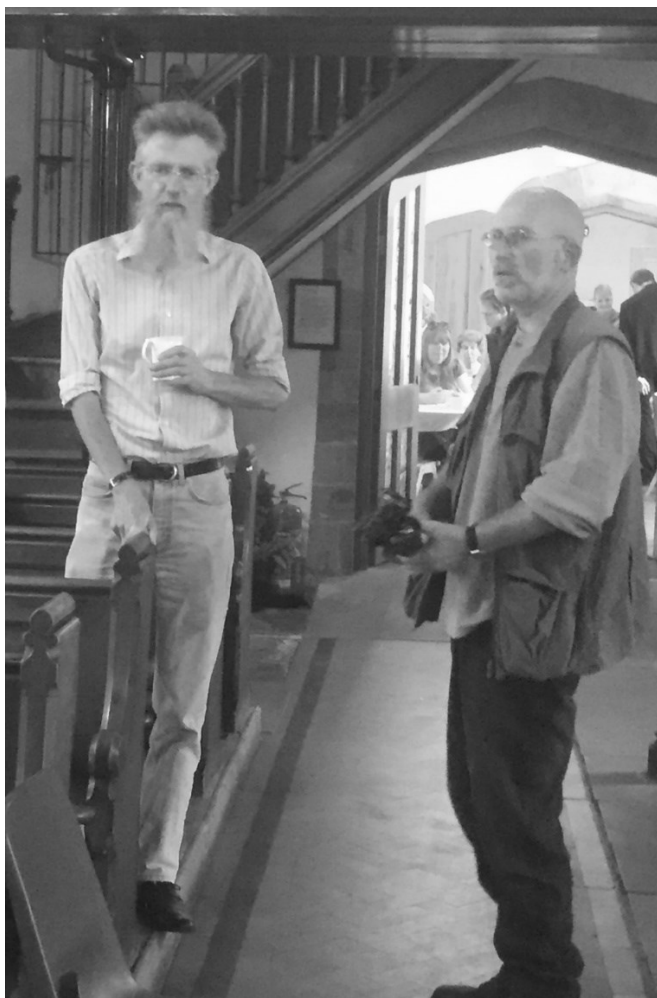
Looks easy doesn't it? Well now close your eyes and recite the words! If you can do it - "well done" (and why weren't you there?). Yours truly mangled the last line to "The bulge met Algy" to the amusement of those around.

We also sang "Shenandoah". This was somewhat easier (for me at least) as it was a song that I knew. Luise threw in some optional harmony lines and the result was a wonderful sound in the room.

And there the singing ended - time was up! But it was not quite the end as there was tea and cake, so the evening finished off with much cheerful fellowship.

Many thanks to Luise for a stimulating and "fun" evening.

Graham Evans



Church history chat



Free tea and cake



Free pop and a treasure hunt for the children



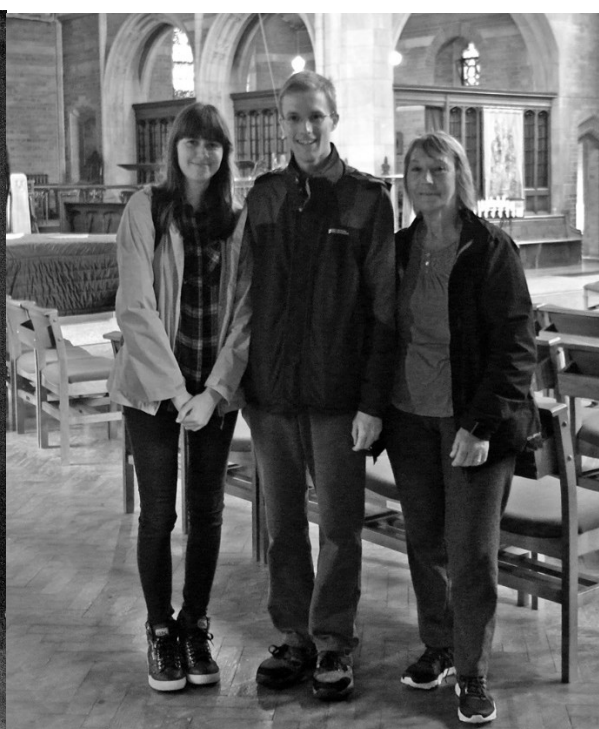
Indoor picnic



Roll up for CAKE



Picnic in the church yard



West side striders at St David's in the morning.... and at St George's Barbourne in the afternoon.

Notes from the Choir

These notes should really be re-named ‘Musical Notes’ this month, as what follows is a review of a wonderful concert we all enjoyed in St Johns recently. Elsewhere in the magazine you will have read about the Heritage weekend and the range of activities that took place. The choir and organ certainly played their part with singing at a wedding on the Saturday thrown in for good measure! The concert though was on the Sunday and it proved to be a super way to end a busy but enjoyable weekend.

We were treated to an afternoon of varied musical delights in ‘A Sunday Serenade’. Shulah Oliver is a very talented local professional violin and viola player and she has, over the last few years raised over £50,000 for a cause that is dear to her heart, namely Guide Dogs for the Blind. Many of you will know that Ruth Reeves is currently looking after Jinney, a beautiful golden Labrador puppy, who will, after her initial training with Ruth, hopefully go on to be a fully fledged Guide Dog. So, when Ruth approached me with the idea of putting together a concert featuring Shulah and our own organist, John Brierley, to raise funds for the charity, I was delighted to pitch in and help. I approached four of my singing students to come along and provide some songs and Tim Cox from our congregation was also persuaded to take part. The resulting programme was a great mixture of playing and singing with solos and ensembles.

Shulah’s choice of music was lovely with well-known composers such as Elgar, Shostakovich and Gershwin mingling with less familiar but equally effective music

from Ungar and Nieman. John played two ‘classics’ from the Organ repertoire with Walton’s stirring Crown Imperial closing the concert. In the interval there was, of course, cake.





In between, my singers had some fun with songs such as ‘The Owl and the Pussy Cat’ and ‘Wouldn’t it be lovely’. Audience participation was even encouraged (or, as it said on the programme: ‘Expected. By Order!’) as Tim sang ‘The Policeman’s Song’ from Gilbert and Sullivan’s *The Pirates of Penzance*.



The Events Committee provided invaluable support and plenty of tea and cake in the interval and the whole event raised over £600. This is of course amazing but I think even more special was the feeling of joy that pervaded the whole event.



Once again music brought people together, setting aside worries and cares for a brief while and uniting us all in the sheer pleasure of revelling in beautiful sound.

Luise Horrocks



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Baking through history

One of the key features of our Sunday Evensong services is the after service cake and tea. The cake, like the music, is provided by members of the choir and it provides the opportunity for fellowship and chat. The words and the music we sing are part of a long tradition and some of it goes back a long way. For example, when we sing plainchant we are linking ourselves with our medieval ancestors who may well have sung the same music in St John's.

So what were our ancestors eating? We also know that in the Middle Ages, the church was the centre of the local life and functioned in many ways as a community centre. So you can be sure there was cake involved.

For the heritage open days, the events team baked a cake from every century from the 14th onwards and asked visitors to place them in chronological order.

No-one got them all correct and most guesses were pretty wide of the mark. Surprisingly, very few actually placed the Victoria Sponge in the 19th century and not many were familiar with the recipe for Anzac biscuits, introduced by New Zealand and Australian troops at Gallipoli. It would seem that teaching History and compulsively baking to relieve the stress of teaching caused me to overestimate people's historical/culinary knowledge. But everyone seemed to find it interesting and fun to have a go, and it was certainly lots of fun to research and prepare.

I thought it would be a good idea to include some of the recipes in the magazine, so here are the two earliest ones, representing the 14th and 15th respectively. As you can see, they are very similar in technique and neither actually involves any baking. The 15th century recipe certainly caught out those who attempted to do the quiz without tasting. It most definitely was not a chocolate brownie!

Sarah Stuart

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| 14th Century Gyngerbrede | 15th Century Date Bars |
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See page 48 for the recipes.

You couldn't make it up....

During a youth service, the minister asked if anyone could tell her who God is. One youngster waved a hand, and ventured: "Isn't God the man who saves the Queen?"

A little boy was pestering his parents for a baby brother or sister. They kept telling him 'maybe one day, but we can't afford one yet.' Then one Sunday the little boy dragged his parents over to the noticeboard at the back of church. It was advertising a coming sale at the church, and announced: 'Children: free'

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Summary of the minutes of the PCC meeting held on 23rd August 2016

The meeting was opened with a prayer with the Vicar in the chair. 16 members were present.

The **strategic item** for this meeting was the review of the 2016 priorities. Normally this would be paired with setting the 2017 priorities, but this time the new priorities will be informed by results of the Kingdom People questionnaire (and possibly a Parish Retreat in November).

For 2016 we had two priorities – the vicar asked the PCC to discuss each priority in small groups and give feedback on each one:

Outreach and serving the community:

- What do we mean by “Outreach” and “Community”?
- We need to look back at what the “Outreach Committee” investigated and concluded.
- We must not try and do too much.
- Various positive comments about the activities and events that we do run.
- Could do more in terms of digital presence.
- Overall conclusion – doing pretty well.

Children and Families; Schools; Christian Nurture:

- Overall conclusion – doing pretty well on Children and Families and Christian Nurture, but schools are a tough nut to crack.

Under **West Worcester Churches**, the Vicar said there was nothing to report from the diocese on transition to a Team. There was a brief update about each of the other churches. The Vicar has introduced at St John’s a midweek BCP Communion service (10am Tuesdays). This is going well with congregation in the low teens (although some of this may be displaced from the Sunday 8am service). He is considering introducing a Common Worship Communion on another day.

Under **Outreach and serving the community**, there was an update on the Youth and Family Worker: An appointment (‘Heidi’) has been made, to commence on 5th September [Editor - see page 25]. The Vicar will ask her to consider taking on Little Lambs. The key part of the role is to look at where the needs are, and further sources of funding. St Michael’s has a grant application out for a Children’s Worker. The charity committee reported the grants it had made so far. The Vicar described the initiative to understand the church’s various charitable pots and combine them under ‘Poor’ and ‘Fabric’.

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Safeguarding: Arising out of the review of our working on safeguarding, Jane Askew reported that she has a list of the actions required.

The accommodation committee submitted its customary report on work done and in progress. Following the fall of stonework from the tower onto the roof, the urgent repairs have been done. The church architect advises no immediate further action – the matter can be picked up in the next quinquennial inspection.

In the Blakefield Room, it was agreed to push on with replacement curtains; to clean and re-seal the floor; to continue investigations and discussions about new chairs; to proceed with a screen and projector.

The light bulbs in church are being progressively replaced with LED units. These save money on energy consumption and remove the risks from heating of the wiring.

The faculty has been received for the double glazing in the office etc.

Before we can move forward on re-ordering we need to be clear what we want the space for (e.g. better welcome, more space for breakfasts).

Under ‘Children and Families; Schools; Christian Nurture Children and Families’ the Vicar reported that there will be a further Pilgrim course in the autumn. The Vicar said he was thinking about another discussion group of some sort and floated some ideas for discussion.

The Standing Committee report was accepted. The committee discussed the overall co-ordination of Health and Safety for events and other church matters and agreed that we should have a co-ordinator liaising with someone in each of the main groups (clergy, events and buildings). On a trial basis Brian Askew will take this on.

2016 finances are generally in line with the budgets, apart from some timing issues. However, fund raising is lower than hoped and well behind the figure at the same time last year. The Treasurer advised against a repeat of last year's Christmas fete having half of the proceeds passed on. We could certainly advertise a donation, but the decision needs to be made by the PCC or Standing Committee in view of our likely outcome later in the year.

It was agreed to purchase new banners to promote the breakfasts.

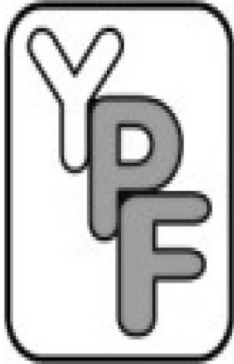
The PCC supported the re-authorisation of Sylvia Render as ALM (Pastoral Assistant and Worship leader).

The meeting closed with all saying ‘The Grace’.

Graham Evans, PCC Secretary

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Hello again. I'm now seven months old and weigh over 18 kg. They say I'm becoming a bit of a teenager, physically and mentally. My walking has improved since I wear a canny collar which is a strap that goes around my muzzle. When I was in charge and pulling on my lead I had a wicked thought about the trouble I could cause, and the person who asked Ruth if she was blind. I do wonder about some humans, because after I had rolled over and allowed a middle-aged lady (who could see) to tickle my tummy she asked if I was a boy or a girl!



South Quay is always exciting: It's often a challenge to walk past the pigeons and the gulls and I got an unexpected response when I looked up at a man and woman who were each carrying a magnificent Harris hawk on their wrist. The birds hissed and hissed at me and I was told that they don't like dogs. Another time I couldn't believe my eyes when I saw a black and white cat being walked on a lead. The owner said it was overweight due to diabetes and had to lose 2kg. Good luck!

I have been known to join in

People in church are very patient with me. It's not always easy to be still for such a long time and I have been known to join in The Peace. I did help to make them giggle when I licked the leg of a lady who hadn't realised I was there and she let out a large squeak during a quiet moment.

After one church service I was desperate to do a wee. We'd stood patiently until we heard the signal to cross the road but I couldn't wait any longer so I just stopped right in the middle of the crossing. Edward was a bit embarrassed but it amused the waiting car drivers.

'The Sunday Serenade' concert was brilliant, so thank you to all in the audience, the events team, other friends who helped and of course the performers. Four other Guide Dogs were there and they behaved impeccably. We received an amazing £700 in donations which has been shared between St John's Church and Guide Dogs. So again, thank you.

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Events Team - Future Planning

Well, if you do nothing else over the next few months, visit Stanbrook Abbey! The Events Team met there for a brainstorming social evening and we were all amazed at the beauty of the building and surrounding park. So much so we will be returning for a Christmas Social, everyone is welcome so check out the new 'What's on board' at the back of church. This board is for everyone to use so if you have a church or community based event please feel free to put up a poster or some information and if you need help to produce your poster/flyers just ask us on events@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

It may have been the surroundings or just that some of us had a glass of wine but the ideas flowed. Barbara and Graham Willis have kindly offered to run 3 coach trips next year with a summer one to the stunning Ashwood Nurseries, Kingswinford for a private tour. Other plans include the planting of several more thousand daffodils in the church yard. We have been approached by the Noise Project who will come and plant them for us, hopefully to bloom in the spring when we hope to hold an event for Marie Curie to tie into their daffodil appeal.

We are always here to listen to your ideas and if you would like to join in email us on events@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk or find us on Facebook.

As always we cannot put on these events without your help. If you would like to join in see Sandra Nash over coffee on a Sunday or use the email above

The Events Team

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Graham Evans

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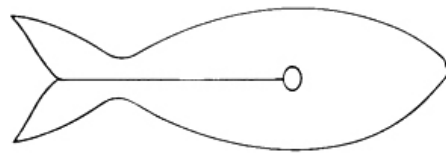
4th October is the feast day of St Francis of Assisi. When Francis came to God people thought he had gone mad and even his own father disowned him. But Francis' simple way of life soon attracted others. He and his companions went out to preach two by two. Unlike the preachers and priests that people were used to, they wore sackcloth and went barefoot. They were different in other ways too; they lived a very simple life and celebrated God's creation.

And to Francis all of God's creation was equally important. In one famous story a wolf had been eating people. The town wanted to kill the wolf but Francis talked the wolf into never killing again. And the townspeople made sure that the wolf always had plenty to eat.

Even blindness did not discourage Francis' spirit when he wrote his beautiful 'Canticle of the Sun' praising God through the miracle of His creation. Francis died aged only 45, worn out with years of poverty and wandering.

SWIM, FISH, SWIM

How do you make a paper fish swim? Cut a fish shape from a sheet of ordinary writing paper. Make it 10-12cm long, and decorate it making sure that the colours won't run when the fish gets wet. In the centre of the fish's body cut a small circle and then a very narrow slit from the tail to the circle.



Now, keeping its surface dry, gently lay the fish on the surface of a bath or large bowl of water and carefully place a few drops of cooking oil into the central hole. The oil will expand through the slit and drive the fish through the water.



What's black and white and goes round and round?

A zebra stuck in a revolving door.

Why did the homeless turtle cross the road?

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Proposal to amend the objectives of charity 257634

The local St Johns charity “Church Lands” is an ancient charitable trust dating back to at least 1640. The original form of the trusts was to hold land and properties and put the rents and profits to charitable uses. The trustees were described as “Feoffees”. Over the years, all the properties have been sold by previous trustees (usually when large repair bills were looming) and thus the charity assets now consist solely of endowments with grants made out of income.

The funds held by the Feoffees have a long and complicated history. There were numerous predecessor funds from multiple sources and with various purposes (see page 51). At the end of the nineteenth century, charitable and educational funds were differentiated by legislation and the funds were split. The requirement for that ended when universal state education provision came in. Over the years there have been mergers and combinations of the various trusts, and the purposes of the charity have become unclear and out-of-date.

The majority of the current funds are designated for the repair and maintenance of the St John’s church building and this is clear. However, a small percentage of the funds are seen to be usable for purposes related to education and poverty, but the purposes in this area are very unclear and this inhibits the making of grants.

The present trustees wish to update and clarify the purposes of the charity to give clarity to the operation of the charity and its making of grants related to education and poverty. To do this, the trustees will need to request the Charity Commission to make a ‘scheme’. Before this can happen, the Charity Commission requires the trustees to consult anyone who will be affected by or have an interest in the changes. The trustees have therefore resolved to consult community stakeholders including the St John’s congregation via the Parish Magazine.

The charity is registered with the Charity Commission with number 257634.

Proposal

The revised objectives will be based upon the spirit and intentions of the oldest document available (an indenture of 1640) saying the income shall be used for ***“the use, benefit and behoof of the said parish and for the reparation of the said church and to such other godly and charitable purposes as [to the trustees] should be thought fit and convenient.”***

The actual proposed wording for the revised objectives is based upon the above, while using wording from Charity Commission literature to reflect current legislation:

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Baking through history

(See the main article on page 33)

| 14th Century Gyngerbrede | 15th Century Date Bars |
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| <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cup of honey • 1 wheat loaf, crumbed. (I had no idea how much bread was required here- just use common sense!) • ½ teaspoons of cinnamon, ginger and black pepper. <p>Warm the honey, then mix in the other ingredients and pat it down onto a baking tray. Chill and then cut into squares.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 cup of dates, pitted. • 1 cup of red wine • ½ cup of water • 1/8 cup of sugar. • Small amount of cinnamon and ginger • Ten slices of bread crumbs <p>Put the wine, dates and water in a pan and bring to the boil. Simmer gently for about 5 minutes until soft. Drain and reserve the wine. Mash the dates and then return the wine to the pan. Add the bread, sugar and spices. Mix together and press into a baking tray. Chill in the fridge and then cut into squares.</p> |

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The objectives of the charity are, for public benefit:

(a) To maintain and improve the church and church properties of St John-in-Bedwardine, Worcester. This objective includes payment for the works and associated professional advice.

(b) To advance such charitable purposes (according to the law of England and Wales) as the trustees see fit from time to time in sympathy with the perceived wishes of the original donors, in particular, but not limited to, the prevention or relief of poverty, the advancement of education, the advancement of religion and the relief of those in need, by reason of youth, age, ill-health, disability, financial hardship or other disadvantage.

Governing Document

The revised objectives will be included in a revised Governing Document. Please contact the church office if you would like a full copy of this.

Present purposes

The Charity is presently governed by an Order of the Charity Commissioners dated 22nd January 1886 as amended by a scheme of 5th November 1969 (which removed the requirement for the Charity Commission to approve the appointments of non-official Trustees). Neither of these documents clearly states the objectives.

The 1640 indenture is on file with the Charity Commission, although it is not explicitly referenced in the documents of 1886 or 1969.

Consultation

Please let us know if you have any comments or objections that you wish to make about this change to the purposes.

Please send any submissions by no later than Friday 21st October 2016 to:

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Predecessor charities

CHURCH LANDS: In or towards the upkeep and maintenance of the church

MILBERROW DOELITTLE'S CHARITY FOR POOR WIDOWS: For the benefit of poor widows

THE UNITED CHARITY SCHOOLS CHARITY: See Individual Constituents

MILBERROW DOELITTLE:

1. Special benefits of any kind not normally provided by the local education authority for any school substantially serving the ecclesiastical parish of St John-in-Bedwardine.
2. Promoting in accordance with the principles and doctrines of the Church of England the religious education of persons under the age of 25.

MERCY HERBERT: Same as Milberrow Doelittle immediately above.

HENRY JOHNSON CHARITY: Income to be distributed to poor widows on St. Thomas' day

JOHN CARWARDINE AND OTHERS CHARITY: See individual constituents

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
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CHURCH SERVICES

FIRST SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 12.15 p.m., Holy Communion; 3 p.m., Children's Service; 4 p.m., Baptisms; 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

THIRD SUNDAY IN THE MONTH.—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10.15 a.m., Mattins (Plain); 11 a.m., Choral Celebration of the Holy Communion with Sermon; 3 p.m., Children's Service; 4 p.m., Baptisms; 6.30, Evensong and Sermon.

OTHER SUNDAYS.—8 a.m., Holy Communion; 10 a.m., Holy Communion; 11 a.m., Mattins and Sermon; 3 p.m., Children's Service; 4 p.m., Baptisms; 6.30 p.m., Evensong and Sermon.

WEEKDAYS.—Mattins, daily at 9 a.m.; Holy Communion, Wednesdays and Saints' Days, 7.30 a.m.

HOLY BAPTISM.—Sundays 4 p.m. or by special arrangement with the Vicar. Two days notice at least is required. (Forms should previously be obtained from the Sexton).

CHURCHINGS.—Before any Week-day Service, but notice should first be given to the Clergy or Sexton.

PARISH ORGANISATIONS

SUNDAY SCHOOLS.—10 a.m., in the Parish Room; 3 p.m., in the Church (Children over 8); 3 p.m., in the Schools (Kindergarten). Superintendents, Sister Gaunt and Miss Coombs.

MOTHERS' UNION.—1st Monday in each month at 3 p.m. in the Parish Room. Corporate Communion, Second Sunday in each month. Enrolling Member, Sister Caunt. Secretary, E. C. Parsons, Fairway, Swinton Lne.

CHORAL SOCIETY.—7.30 p.m., each Friday in the Boys' School Hall. Music Director, Mr. Llechid Williams. Secretary, Miss E. W. Bonnett, 69 Henwick Road. Vice-Chairman and Treasurer, Mr. Fred Davis.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP.—3 p.m. each Tuesday in the Parish Room. Secretary, Mrs. Norman, 15 Worboys Road.

DISCUSSION CIRCLE.—At the Vicarage as from January 7th and alternate Mondays following, at 7.30 p.m. Leader, Mr. C. Martin-Doyle, M.R.C.S., D.O. Secretary, Miss Potter, 208 Malvern Road.

DRAMATIC SOCIETY.—7.30 p.m., each Tuesday in the Schools. Producers: Section A, Mr. F. N. Platts; Secretary, Miss E. W. Bonnett, 69 Henwick Road.

YOUTH GROUP.—Age, 15 and upwards. 7 p.m., each Thursday in the Parish Room. Leader,

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SCOUTS.—6.30 p.m. to 9 p.m., each Wednesday in the Scout Hut. Scoutmaster, Mr. Rowe, 60 Foley Road.

CUBS.—6.30 p.m. to 7.45 p.m., each Tuesday in the Scout Hut. Cubmistress, Mrs. Rowe, 60 Foley Road.

BROWNIES.—6 p.m. to 7 p.m., each Tuesday in the Parish Room. Acting Brown Owl, Miss Mary Richards, 97 Bransford Road.

GUIDES.—7 p.m. to 9 p.m., Tuesday, in the Parish Room, Captain, Mrs. Amis, Oaklands, Bransford Road.

SPORTS CLUB.—7 p.m., each Monday and Saturday in the Parish Room for Badminton. Hockey, Tennis and Cricket sections function according to the Season's arrangements. Secretary, Miss M. Parker, 44 Happy Land North.

CRICKET CLUB.—Secretary, Mr. G. Edwards, 20 Great House Road.

CHOIRBOYS' SPORTS SECTION.—Cricket and Football according to arrangement. Organiser, Mr. Styles, Comer Road.

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| 9th October | 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Family Service (Harvest) with Children's Participation | 9.30am Eucharist 11am Family Church | 11.15am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| 16th October | 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evensong (BCP) | 9.30am Eucharist 11am Family Church | 6.30pm Holy Communion | 10.30am Morning Prayer |
| 23rd October | 8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing | 9.30am Eucharist 11am Family Church | 11.15am Morning Prayer | 10.30am Holy Communion |
| 30th October | Group service at St John's 10.30am | | | |
| 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. | | | | |