

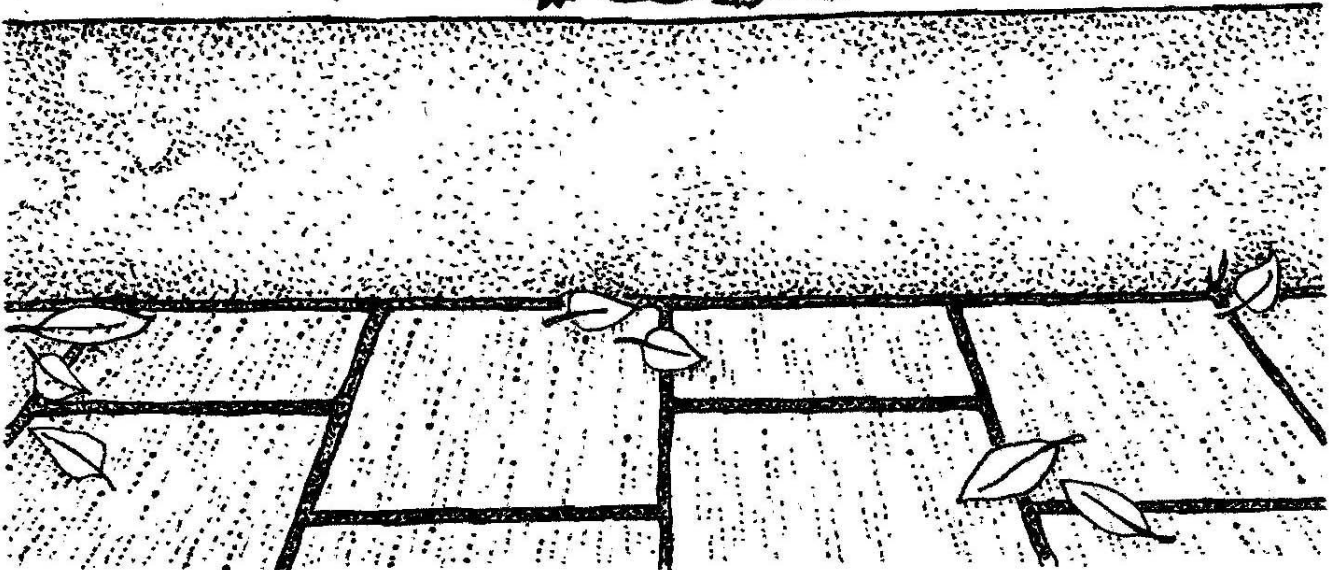
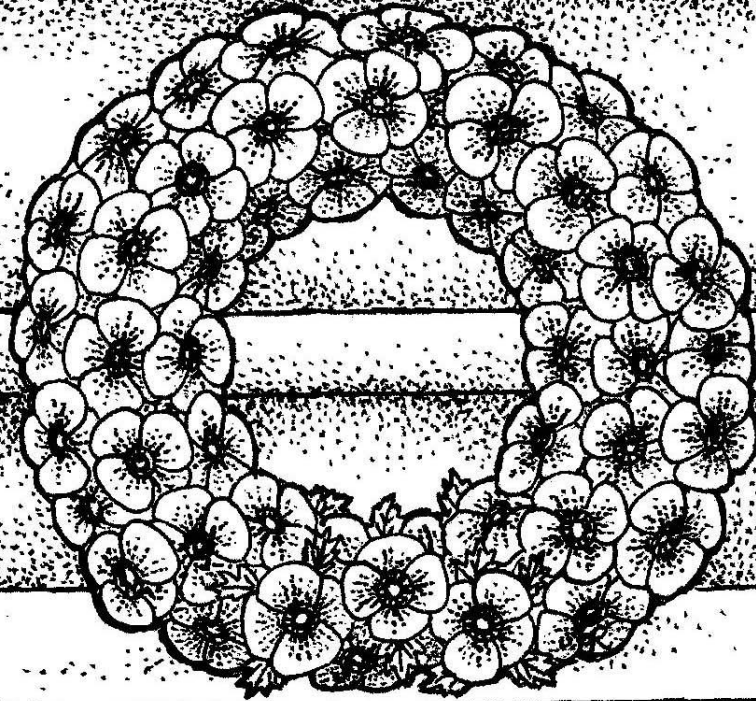


*St John-in-Bedwardine
Parish Magazine*

November 2016

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WE WILL
REMEMBER THEM



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

	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.

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

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)

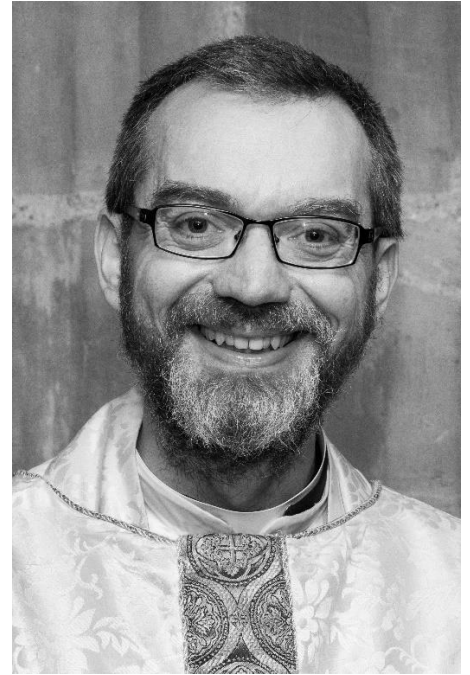
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SAFEGUARDING: If you have any concerns about possible abuse of a child or vulnerable adult, please contact the PCC Safeguarding Representative, Jane Askew on 424811 or any member of the clergy.

Letter from the Vicar

At the end of September, I walked the Cotswold Way. The route itself runs for over a hundred miles, from Chipping Campden to Bath. Along the way it passes over the site of the battle of Lansdown. I'd be impressed if you'd heard of this particular battle! But it took place in July 1643, during the English Civil War.

The Royalists under Lord Hopton were gradually gaining control of south west England, and the Parliamentarians, under Sir William Waller were attempting to block their advance on Bath. It was, by all accounts, a bloody battle. One eyewitness described the effects of the hail of cannon



fire: “arms and legs were flying all over the place” – an almost comic description, were it not so horrific. Poignantly, Hopton and Waller were actually great friends before the War. A few days before the battle, Waller wrote a moving letter to Hopton as the latter's army prepared to advance on Bath:

“That great God, which is the searcher of my heart, knows with what a sad sense I go upon this service and with what a perfect hatred I detest this war without an enemy, but I look upon it as the work of the Lord... We are both upon the stage and must act those parts that are assigned to us in this tragedy... Whatever the issue be, I shall never willingly relinquish the dear title of your affectionate friend...”

In one sense, a lot has changed since 1643: I don't think we should see war, let alone civil war, as in any way God's will. And yet, reading those words again, I can't help feeling that, in another sense, nothing has changed:

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Cover

“We will remember them”

Courtesy of Parish Pump.

Pictures in this magazine

Our thanks to those who have contributed photographs for this magazine including Chris Stuart, Sandra Nash and Worcester Diocese.

Don't shoot the messenger!

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(continued from the previous page) sort of letter may well be being written even today, in Syria or Afghanistan.

The site of the battle is really just an empty field – there are few visible reminders of what took place here. And yet, strangely, walking across the battle field is an eerie feeling; the soil is mixed with blood and there’s a strange sense of the past haunting the present.

And yet how many people remember the battle of Lansdown today?

More to the point, how many of us should remember?



The battlefield today – few reminders of a bloody past, and yet plenty of ghosts

In the last couple of years, attendance at our annual Remembrance Day service has tailed off slightly. Admittedly, this was from a “peak” three or four years ago, as the Iraq and Afghanistan conflicts ground on. But doesn’t that say something? In the midst of conflict and sacrifice, remembrance comes easy – but no sooner do the battles end than memory begins to fade, and the past is quietly buried.

We aren’t at that stage yet, but the battle of Lansdown is a reminder that even the bloodiest of battles and the cruellest of wars can all too easily be forgotten. Around 4% of the English population were killed in the English Civil War, or died as a result of the disease and sickness that went with it. To give you some idea what that means, this would be something like the equivalent of 2 million people today.

I doubt many people know the cost of that conflict. And though it’s early days, we are already showing signs of beginning to forget even the most recent of wars that we have fought in this country.

Those who cannot remember the past are condemned to repeat it – so said George Santayana. I wonder, does the apparent fracturing of the European Union in part reflect a tendency to forget the spirit in which it was founded under the shadow of the terrible Second World War, born as it was of a determination to stop anything like that ever happening again?

Human beings are peculiarly good at forgetting their past – and not only the hardships, but the blessings too. We live in the present, cushioning ourselves with idealistic hopes for the future. We forget our past all too easily. Perhaps that’s why the Old Testament constantly urges the people of Israel to remember the Exodus, the way God guided

them out of Egypt, through the wilderness, into the Promised Land – to remember the blessings they've received.

Perhaps, too, that's why there is such a repetitive nature to the rhythm of the Church year: In the course of the year, which begins on Advent Sunday, we remember Christ's birth; as we travel through Epiphany and into Lent, we remember Christ's call to all peoples, and our own unwillingness to hear that call. Every Holy Week and Easter we remind ourselves of what Christ did for us on the cross, and of the power of God in raising Christ from the dead to new life.

We have all kinds of feast days throughout the year (Christmas, Easter, Pentecost and the like) but every Sunday is supposed to be a "feast of the resurrection" – a celebration of all that God achieved in Christ on that first Easter morning. Repetitive? Well, yes – but the ease with which we can forget our past is a reminder of why that repetitiveness is actually so important.

Christopher

A Word from the Editors

Welcome to the November edition of our magazine. As Chris reminds us above, we should remember throughout the year, but it is a particular focus in November, especially at the centenary of one of the most protracted, bloody, and least successful military battles of all time, the Somme.

"At the going down of the sun, and in the morning, we will remember them."

The visit of the Archbishop of Canterbury was very inspiring and memorable and we have included reports from people who went to two of the events.

Graham and Sue Evans

The Magazine

Copy for the December 2016 edition should reach us by Sunday 13th November. If you can, please use e-mail: magazine@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk. The November edition of the magazine will be available on Sunday, 27th November.

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 38.

Please subscribe to the magazine!

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 see page 36 and return the subscription form to the parish office if you would like to subscribe.

In Memoriam

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

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, September 2016

BAPTISMS:

Charlie Peter Addison
Lawson Paul Hodgetts
Scarlett Emily Jones
Kristina Jenny Borland
Christopher Edward Brian Borland
Amelia Elizabeth Borland

FUNERALS:

d. 27th August Brian Piff
d. 29th August Kenneth Mills

WEDDINGS:

Timothy Skillern and Hannah Long
Philip Burnham & Catherine Randle
Gareth and Rebecca Thomasson (Renewal of Vows)

SEPTEMBER SERVICES: (Four Sundays)

Communicants 296. Total attendance at all services 1056. The total attendance includes 662 at funerals, weddings and baptisms.

Confirmation Service

Five members of the St John's congregation will be confirmed at the Cathedral on Sunday, November 20th. The service is at 6.30pm.

Sarah Cottrill

Prayer time, coffee and chat

On the first Wednesday of each month there is a 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.

The bible study group has been discontinued at present, but hopefully will be reviewed in the New Year as to restart.

Sylvia Render

Welcome



Free

Community Breakfast

Saturday 5th November

08.30 to 11.00

St John's Church



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Dates for November 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.

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Tuesday 1st November: All Saints'

- 6.30 p.m. All Saint's service (sung Eucharist with incense)
6.30 p.m. Memorial Service (St Michael's)

Wednesday 2nd November

- 10.00 a.m. Prayer time, coffee and chat (Burroughs' Room) 6
6.30 p.m. All Souls' service at St Clement's
7.30 p.m. All Souls' service

Saturday 5th November

- 8.30 a.m. Community Breakfast (8.30a.m.-11.00a.m.) 7

Sunday 6th November: Third Sunday before Advent

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

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

Wednesday 9th November

- 10.30 a.m. Eucharist (Common Worship) at St David's 2

Friday 11th November

- 11.00 a.m. Armistice Day service at the war memorial

Saturday 12th November

- 8.30 a.m. Women's Breakfast (Speaker Revd Anne Potter, venue tbc) 23
10.30 a.m. Bridge day (play starts at 11a.m.) 15
3.00 p.m. Children's Activities 21

Sunday 13th November: Remembrance Sunday

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Wednesday 16th November

- 7.00 p.m. Craft Evening (Blakefield Room) 17

Saturday 19th November:

- 9.00 a.m. Christmas Craft Fair (9.00a.m.-2.00p.m.) 13
3.00 p.m. Tea and Talk 13
9.00 a.m. St Clement's Patronal Festival Eucharist (said)
6.00 p.m. St Clement's Patronal Festival Songs of Praise followed by
Fish & Chip supper (all welcome).
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Sunday 20th November: Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

6.30 p.m. Confirmation service at the Cathedral 6

Saturday 26th November

Coach trip to Berrington Hall (fully booked)

10.15 a.m. Cafe@10.15, service with food (speaker Chris Rees) 9

Sunday 27th November: Advent Sunday

See the back cover for Sunday services on this day

Weekday Communion Services:

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

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

Thursday: St Clement's 9.45a.m. (Book of Common Prayer, traditional language)
St Michael's 10.45a.m. (Common Worship, modern language)

FUTURE DATES AT ST JOHN'S

During Advent, the Young Adults Group plan to hold some weekday evening social events, including a meal and worship (Compline or Taizé). Watch the newsletters for details.

Friday/Saturday Christmas Festival (see page 12)
9th/10th December

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

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

Wednesday 2nd Nov. Coffee morning (St David's, 10.30a.m.-noon)

Wednesday 2nd Nov. Light Lunch (St Michael's, noon-1.30p.m.)

Monday 21st Nov. Mothers' Union at St Michael's Church (2.30p.m.)

Bibles, Bumps and Babies

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

Café@10.15

Join us for our service with food. Come 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.

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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



Christmas Festival 9th, 10th, 11th December

Friday 9th

Candlelit Singalong with a free Santa grotto and a feast of food stalls

Saturday 10th

**Santa returns for a free breakfast
with the children**

Sunday

Free afternoon concert

Events Team News

Well, we are finally able to regroup after the summer holidays and get down to do some serious planning for the next few events.

Good news! The much loved Bridge Afternoon is back on Saturday 12th November. Have a day of friendly bridge and a 2 course meal with wine for only £10 a head.

As we are writing this we are putting finishing touches to the Harvest Supper Ceilidh and are thrilled to see so many people's names on the lists. It promises to be a lovely evening of dance and laughter, mainly at us trying to dance.

So, the Festive Season is looming. Did someone mention Christmas? Surely not yet! Sorry to have to mention it but we are already planning this year's Christmas events. It's a huge amount of work, only made possible by the fantastic group of volunteers we are blessed with. In the Archbishop of Canterbury's address this week he paid tribute to the volunteers working in the parishes and the £3 billion of contribution in hours they give to the church each year.

In light of this we are determined to enjoy our volunteering to the full and have planned an evening of festive planning fun. Join us on Monday November 21st for mulled wine, mince pies and bunting making. We also need people to help wrap lucky dip prizes and fill Santa bags so come and join us, everyone is welcome and there is no need to let us know you are coming, just pop in.

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!

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

Tea and Talk

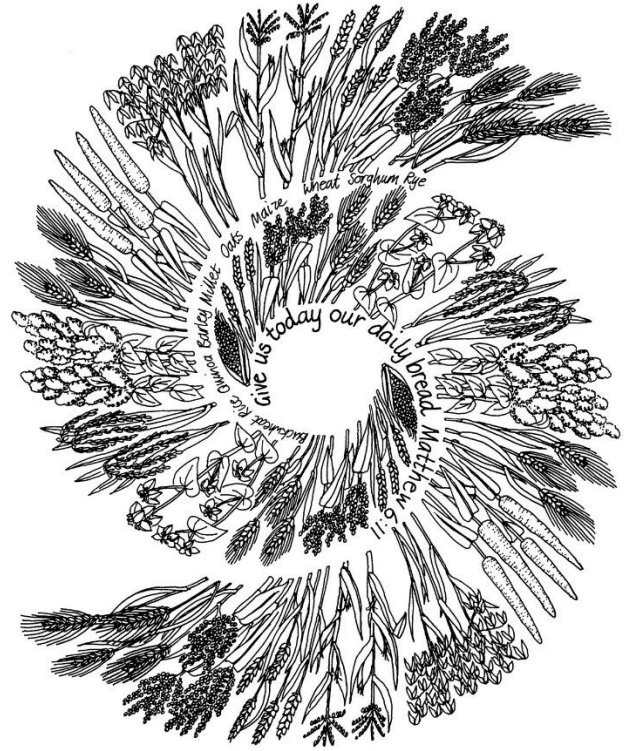
On Saturday 19th November, 3pm, we have one of our Tea and Talk sessions.

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

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.

Harvest Festival

On Sunday 9th October we had our Harvest Festival service. There were three places we were supporting this year, Foodbank, Maggs and Farm Africa. Children's church had been raising money by collecting people's loose change over the past few weeks. The end of the fund raising was with a breakfast before the service. It was lovely to see so many people join us to share breakfast. Zoe and Becky did a sterling job keeping on top of getting the food to their 'customers'. Margaret and Sally worked tirelessly in the kitchen. We were very relieved that Sally took on the job of the fried eggs as we were not looking forward to doing those! Many thanks to all the adults who helped in any way.



After a thought provoking service led by Chris Rees, the fresh produce was auctioned off by Colin Nash. Thanks to Colin for helping us raise £77 for Farm Africa.



FARM AFRICA

Chris's theme was that we need to provide for others less fortunate both local and further afield. And that is just what the congregation did with their generous donations of items for Foodbank and Maggs and their involvement with Children's Church's fund raising for Farm Africa. Their target was £250 and they have raised over this.



The final pennies are being counted but they should be proud of their efforts.

Thank you to everyone who helped in any way to bring joy to those who have so little.

Jane Askew

What am I bid?



Following the Family Service, on 9th October, we had a very successful Harvest Auction, which raised over £75. This is going to the Farm Africa Charity that the Children's Church have been raising money for through their Wellington Boot appeal. They also had a popular breakfast before the service today and Zoe and Becky were able to announce during the service that they had raised over £250 for the charity, a very commendable amount and that was before the auction.

Colin Nash

Next Charity Bridge Day



Join us to play friendly Rubber Bridge at church on Saturday 12th November: Meet at 10.30am for tea/coffee, with play starting at 11am. Lunch, then more play until approximately 3pm. £10 per person.

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Craft News

Our next session will be Wednesday 16th November, where we will be making 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?



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<p>Burroughs' Room</p>	<p>Suitable for up to 12 people. Drink making facilities and toilet.</p>	
<p>The North Aisle</p>	<p>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.</p>	

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

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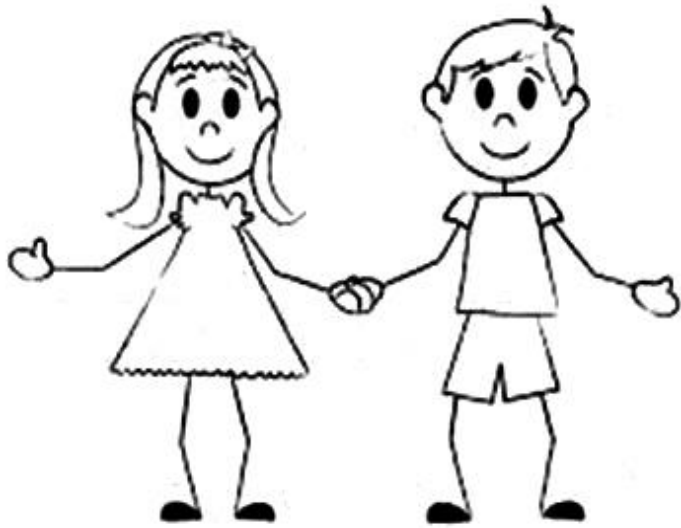
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Children's Church News

The next Saturday session is Saturday 12th November 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.

Our next session will be when we are making our Christmas tree for the tree festival. Last year this was a lovely session where children and adults worked together to create a wonderful tree. We won last year so we really have to work to keep up our standards!

Newcomers are always welcome

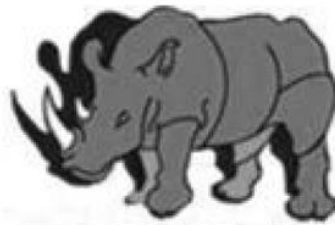
Newcomers are always welcome. Just come along on the day or if you want more information tel 424811. We provide a light tea, if your child has special dietary requirements please telephone to let us know.

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 15th November, so it is sooner than we think. Telephone 424811 for more details or look on their website www.samaritanspurse.org.

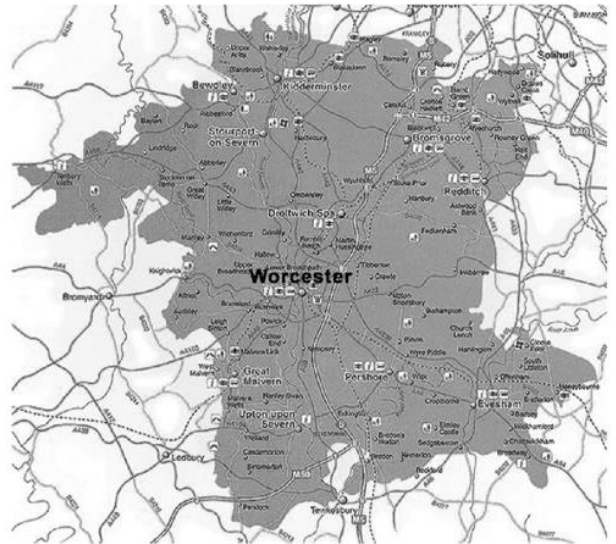
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*Margaret Jones and Mel Kirk
Trustees of the Armchair charity*

Women's Breakfasts

On Saturday 8th October fifteen women from across the West Worcester Group Churches met for breakfast and fellowship. Revd Ann Hadley, our speaker, entertained and informed us about her work and adventures, encounters with crocodiles, snakes and gorillas, when she was a mission partner in Zululand.

The next meeting is on November 12th, at my house, when the speaker will be Revd Anne Potter. The last meeting for 2016 is December 10th with Venerable Nikki Groarke, Archdeacon of Dudley.

The breakfast meetings, as well as being fun, are a great opportunity to get to know and share faith with the women across the West Worcester Group Churches. Come and enjoy food, fun and fellowship. For further details contact me (tel. 425396) or speak to Sarah Cottrill in church (or contact her by email or phone - see p 10).

Margaret Rutter

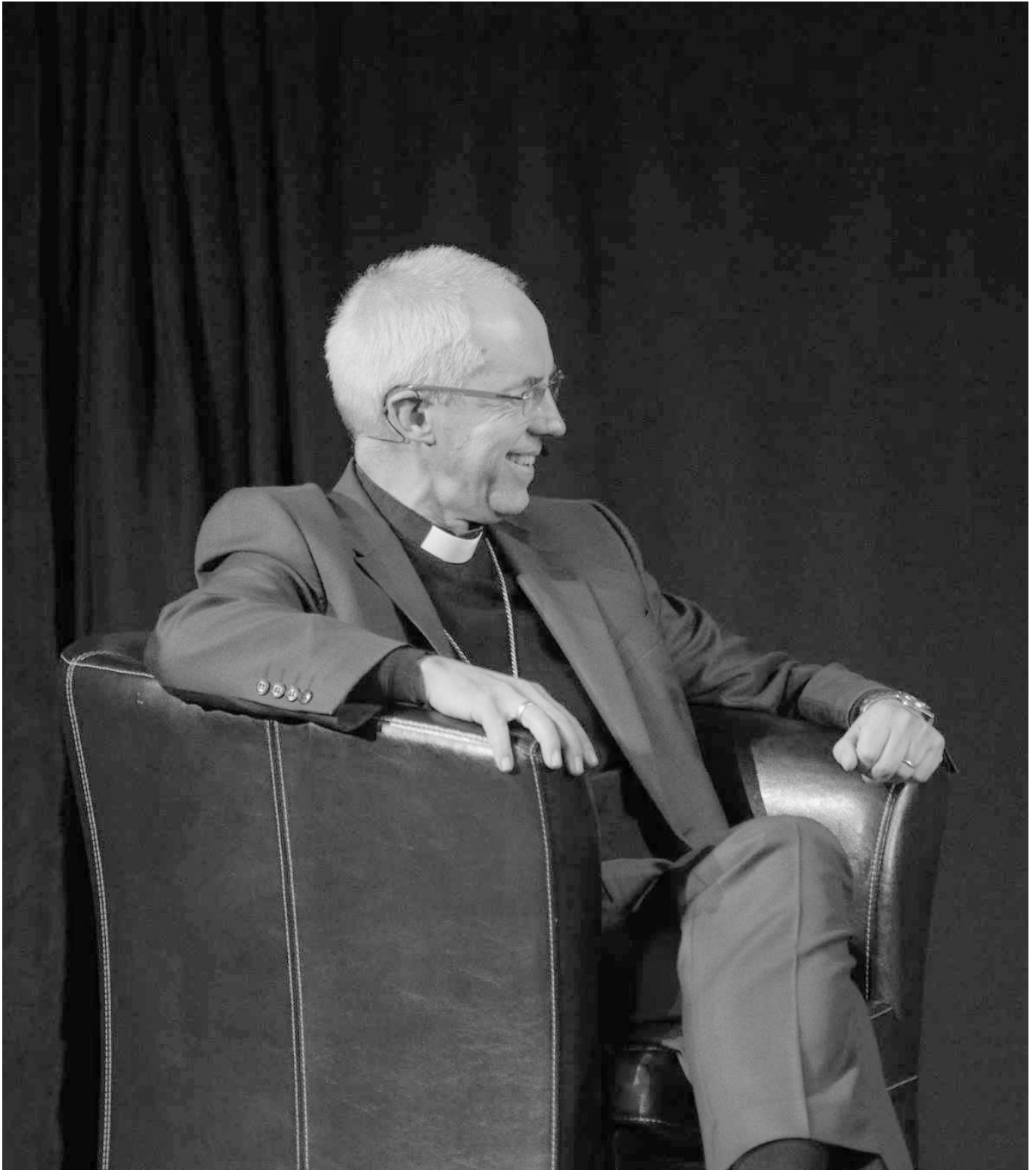
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ABoC visits Worcestershire

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, visited the Worcester diocese over the weekend 7th to 9th October. Two of the events which people from St John's attended were the Archbishop in conversation with Jeremy Vine, at the Worcester Arena, and a session for young people entitled "The Power of Hope" with the Archbishop in conversation with Malala Yousafzai.



We asked people who had been there to write about the event and we print what they told us over the next few pages.

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We learnt a lot about Archbishop Justin

Bishop John had pulled in a favour owed to him by Jeremy Vine and he came along to interview the Archbishop. Around 1500 people from Worcestershire attended the



event and it was very interesting. It started out with a few songs from a group of 60 children who are involved with I Sing Pop which is a Church of England collaboration



with Primary Schools. The children were very confident and sang beautifully thoroughly deserving the sustained applause at the end as they left.

For the main event Jeremy started by asking Justin, as he wanted to be called, questions that he had and these went very deep and covered a wide range of subjects such as his personal life and his role as Head of the Church. Justin was quite happy to name drop as he had just

arrived back from a meeting with the Pope in Rome. Some of the interesting facts that came out included him being told by his interviewing Bishop that he had no career in the Church when he applied to be ordained. Some of the questions were deeply moving and at times both Justin and Jeremy were quite choked, especially talking about the death of his first child and subsequent children's deaths.

The first question from the audience was from a young girl who asked him why he wanted to be Archbishop. Justin responded that he had not applied for the job; all bishops have to send in a letter to say what they would *(continued on page 29)*

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(continued from page 27) do if they were Archbishop and he started his letter with the fact that he had only been a bishop for 6 months so did not expect to be considered, he was amazed when he was called forward for an interview.

We learnt a lot about Archbishop Justin and his past including roles in conflict zones. He came across extremely well and, whilst he admits to not being a great theologian he has tremendous skills that will help the Church move forward, he is definitely pragmatic and compassionate. At the end of the session we all prayed for him and then he blessed the audience and Archdeacon Robert Jones lead the audience with a couple of songs. All in all a very good evening.

Colin Nash

There were a couple of questions where I remember I was glad someone had asked that. The one about prayer sticks in my mind - talking about his visit to the Pope and how he (the pope) had said prayer was a way of giving ourselves space to be with God. Probably not the exact words but it made sense at the time. His response to being asked 'why did you want the job' was interesting too - he didn't!

The frankness of the initial questioning by Jeremy Vine was quite difficult but it certainly gave us an unexpected insight on Friday evening (even though I had read most of what he talked about when he was ordained).

Sally Mills

It would appear that every seat was occupied, some folk were delayed by emergency repairs requiring road closures / diversions..... Despite the delayed start the atmosphere was buzzing in anticipation. Children presented a "feast of music - spoilt by sound levels for the accompaniment which would attract considerable penalties in industry ["Elf & Safety at Play Act 1984!"]

A largely mature (very) congregation were involved in Community singing and "Mexican Waves" strange!

Arthur Burgess

The main event, Jeremy Vine's interview with Archbishop Welby, lasted an hour. The first forty minutes was a 1:1 interview, characterised by a lot of personal content, answered candidly and emotionally by Justin Welby (at one stage the camera for the big screen panned back because both performers were in tears!). The last twenty minutes was given to questions from the audience. Throughout, the Archbishop came across as thoughtful, compassionate and actually quite incisive - It was an inspirational experience.

The evening finished with a typical Robert Jones unaccompanied singalong.

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The Power of Hope

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Malala was the youngest Nobel Peace Prize winner at just 17. She was shot in the head by the Taliban on her way back from school when she was 15. She had been campaigning for girls' education in Pakistan since she was 11.

The Archbishop of Canterbury and Malala talked about pre-submitted questions from an invited audience. These questions ranged from terrorism to world peace.

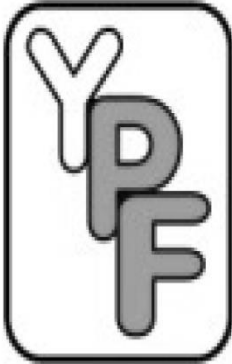
We found it very inspiring to hear what Malala had been through and what her thoughts were on the subjects talked about. It also gave us an appreciation for school and our education and made us realise how fortunate we are to be living in the circumstances we do.

Becky Little and Zoe Kimber



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Graham Evans

Died in the services

Little Alex was staring up at the large brass plaque that hung on the side wall of the church. The plaque was covered with names, and seemed to fascinate the seven-year old. “All those names,” he said to the vicar. “Who are they?”

“Well, they were people who used to go to this church,” explained the vicar. “This is a memorial to all the young men and women who died in the services.”

Soberly, they stood together, staring at the large plaque. Little Alex's voice was barely audible when he asked, “Which service, the eight o'clock, or the ten thirty?”

Did Noah fish?

A Sunday school teacher asked, “Johnny, do you think Noah did a lot of fishing when he was on the Ark?”

“No,” replied Johnny. “How could he, with just two worms?”

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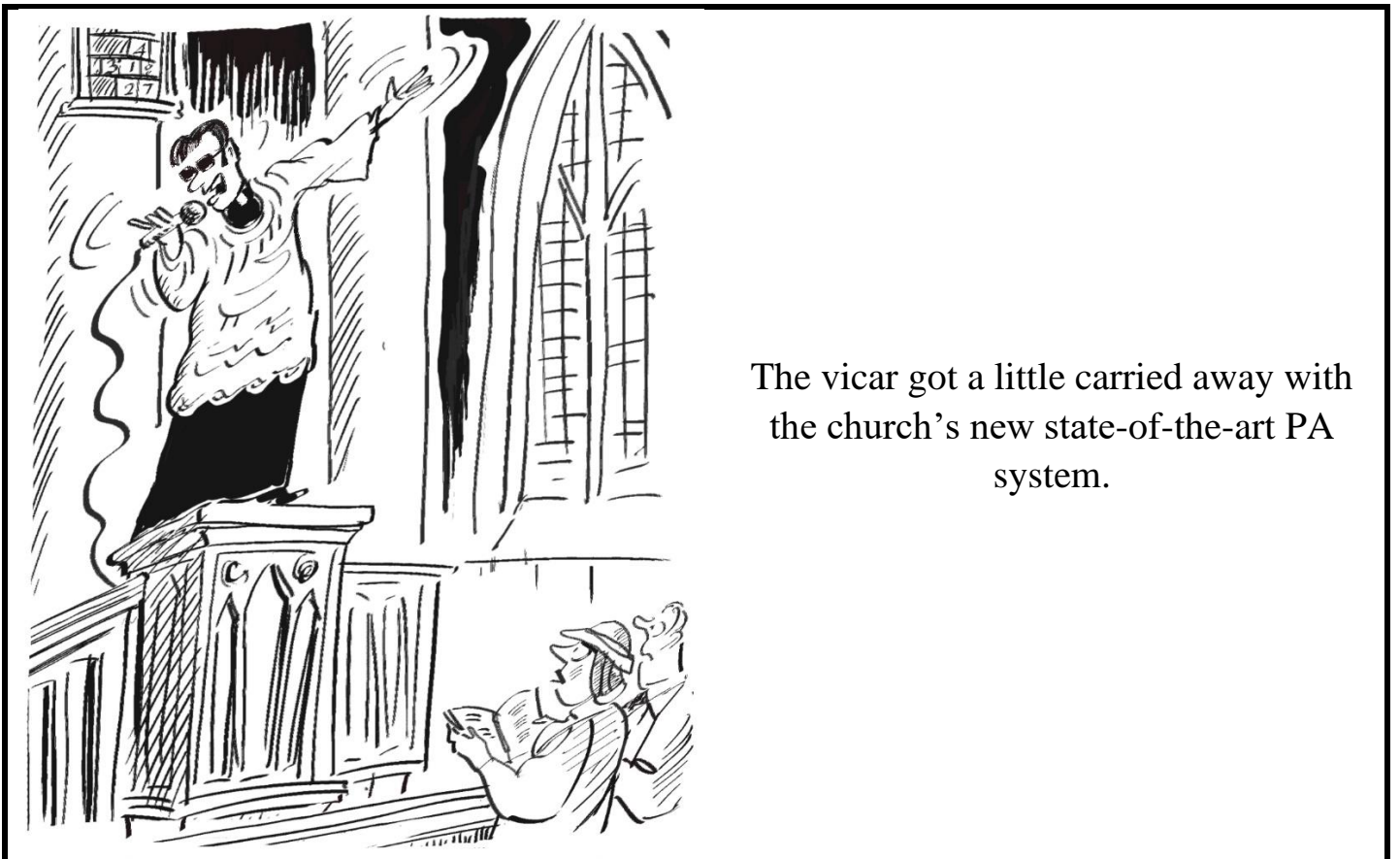


Recently I was privileged to be asked to say a few words at Cafe Church and of course I chose to speak about singing! In the course of my preparation, I found out that there are over 400 references to singing in the bible and that, in one of them, Zephaniah Chapter 3, verse 17, it says that even God himself exalts over his people 'with loud singing.' I love the image of God raising his voice in song though I can't begin to imagine how exciting that might sound.

I was also intrigued to discover that scientists have found that singing together in a group brings about chemical changes in the body, enhancing feelings of drawing together and bonding with others. So, collective singing is clearly a great way of strengthening unity, both physically and spiritually.

I was particularly struck too by an image that Jenny English shared with us. She said how, during the singing of the Gloria, she sees the doors and windows of heaven being opened and the whole congregation of those who have gone before us, joining in with our singing. With this month's magazine theme of Remembrance, this seemed such a wonderful way to think of those we have loved, uniting with us as we all lift up our voices in praising God.

Luise Horrocks



The vicar got a little carried away with the church's new state-of-the-art PA system.



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In pictures, Martin de Porres is shown as a young man with a broom, since he thought all work sacred, no matter how lowly. He is also shown with a dog, cat and mouse, all eating in peace from the one dish.

DOG, CAT & MOUSE

St Martin de Porres is often shown with mice because, according to one story, the monastery had problems with rodents and decided to put traps out. Martin was so upset that he spoke to the mice and agreed that if they would leave the monastery, he would feed them at the back door of the kitchen. From that day forward, no mouse was seen in the monastery.

Which of these animals do you think are actually mentioned by name in the Bible?

1. Cat
2. Horse
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Last month I gave you recipes from the 14th and 15th centuries (Gyngerbrede and Date Bars). This month we move into the 16th and 17th centuries when pastry seemed to appear on the scene.

16th Century Peach Tart

The 16th century proved tricky to plan, since many of the recipes were simply not practical when it came to slicing or serving cold. In the end I opted for a peach tart:

Filling:

5 peaches	¼ cup red wine
¾ cup sugar	½ teaspoon of both cinnamon and ginger
Pinch of salt.	

One quantity shortcrust pastry.

Peel the peaches and bring them to the boil with the other ingredients until they are softened. Remove the peaches and reduce the rest to a syrup. Then place the peaches in a pie crust and put over the syrup. Put the lid on the pie and bake at about 180°C for 30-40 minutes.

17th Century Currant Cakes

For the pastry:

225ml double cream	Pinch of saffron
225g plain flour	30g caster sugar
1 egg yolk	

Heat the cream gently and steep the saffron for a while. Then add the other ingredients and mix to a dough. Chill for half an hour before rolling.

Filling:

113g currants	Nutmeg and allspice
60g mixed peel	Apple jelly/ apricot jam to mix.

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Sarah Stuart

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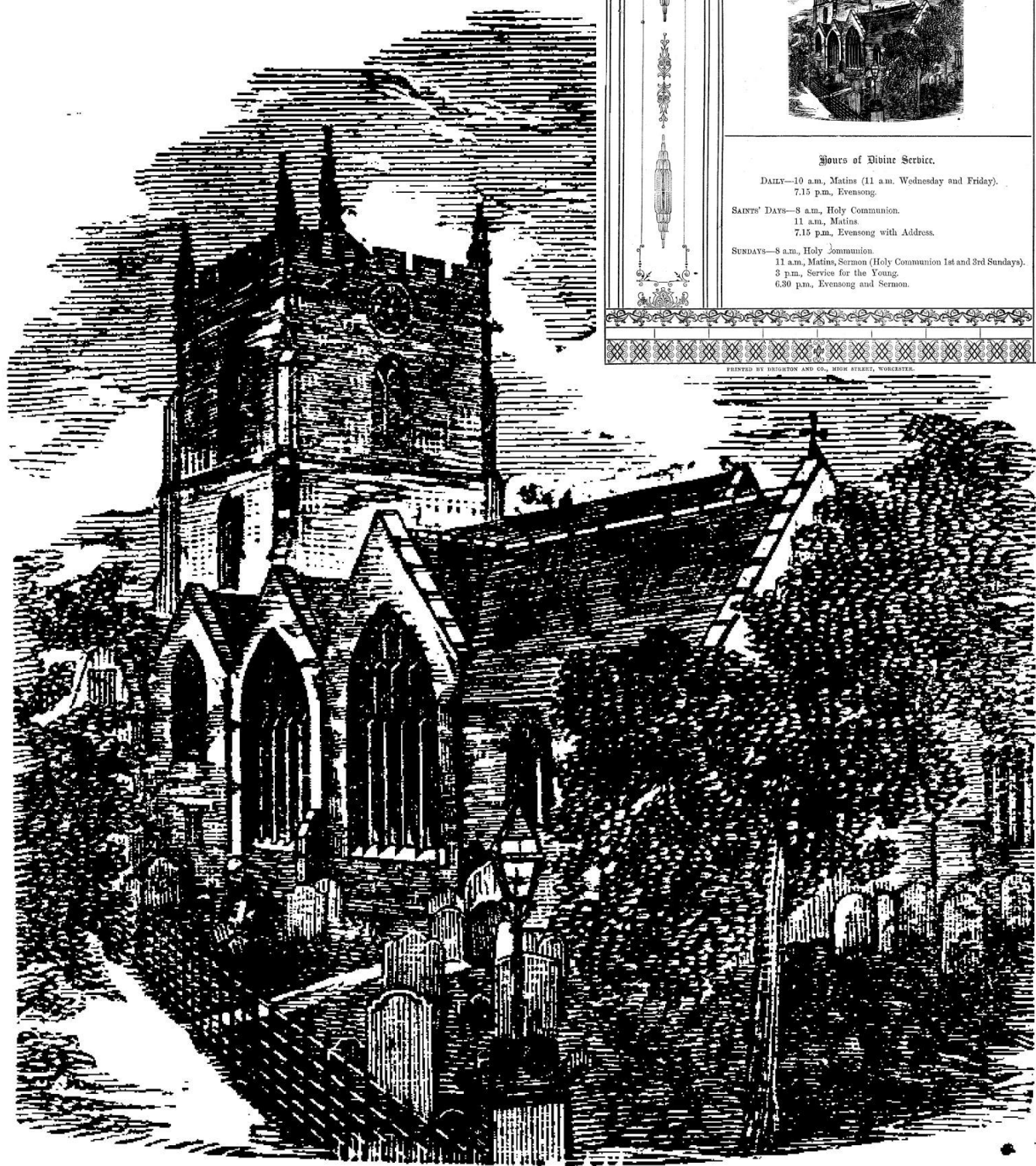
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The choir practises on Thursday evenings and sings at most Sunday services. If you can sing (or are prepared to learn) do speak to the Choir Master, John Brierley, 358474.

MUSIC GROUP

This meets on Fridays in church at 7.30pm to play contemporary Christian music, and provides music for worship on a regular basis. Contact Peter Yates, on 422565.

LITTLE LAMBS (TODDLER GROUP)

Birth to 4 years old and carers. Here at the church: Mondays 10.00am to noon in term time. Free! Come and join the fun, or contact the Parish Office.

BIBLES, BUMPS and BABIES

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

YOUNG ADULTS

A group for young Christians aged 18 to 40, with social and other events. Find us on Facebook or email young.adults@westworcesterchurches.org.uk

PRAYER TIME, COFFEE AND CHAT

Meet in the Burroughs room at 10am on the first Wednesday of each month to join together in prayer and chat in a friendly environment. Contact Sylvia Render on 422654 for details.

PARISH OFFICE

1a Bromyard Road
St John's, WR2 5BS
Tel: (01905) 420490

From the church car park, walk up the Bromyard Road side of the church to the green door.
Answerphone outside office hours.

e-mail: office@stjohninbedwardine.co.uk

Normally open for general enquiries and messages (please ring to check) Monday, 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, November 2016

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
6th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Evensong (BCP)	9.30am Morning Prayer 11am Family Church	6.30pm Holy Communion (Memorial for All Souls)	10.30am Holy Communion
13th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.00am Remembrance Service 10.50am Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial	9.30am Eucharist 11am Remembrance Service	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Holy Communion
20th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing	9.30am Eucharist 11am Family Church	6.30pm Holy Communion	10.30am Morning Prayer
27th November	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Church 5pm Advent Carol Service	9.30am Eucharist 11am Family Church	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.