

# *The Parish Magazine*

*St John-in-Bedwardine*

*St Michael's*



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## *A word from the editors*

Welcome to our October 2024 edition. We are delighted to feature the happy occasion which was Rob's licensing on 15<sup>th</sup> September. This has made it into this edition by massively extending our normal deadlines, late night working by your editors and express proof-reading! We hope you enjoy the result (see page 28). Rob now enters his time of service as a Reader and 'Service' is our theme, discussed by Phil in his letter.

There are many events featured in these pages, but we highlight especially the Light Party, a Christian alternative for children instead of "Halloween" which sadly dominates our supermarkets at this time of year.

We leave you with the blessing which the Bishop gave Rob as he licensed him, which we wish for all of us in our journey through life and faith:

*May the Lord give you wisdom, courage, strength  
and love to do his will,  
And the blessing of God almighty, the Father, the  
Son and the Holy Spirit,  
Rest upon you, and on your work done in his name,  
now and always.*

*Graham and Sue Evans*

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## *From Phil Bradford*

As the twenty-first century advances, the words ‘customer service’ seem to belong to some increasingly dystopian nightmare.

Companies proudly boast of their customer service, but should such a thing ever be required of them, it is a remarkably elusive group of people to track down. Indeed, the problem seems to be that they rarely are people anymore; instead, one is usually directed to a chatbot, called Dave or Sally in the bizarre belief that giving it a human name makes us forget it is a computer programme, to go round in despairing circles of, ‘I’m sorry, I don’t understand that question. Have you looked at our FAQs?’ Companies and government departments seem to treat customer service as a means to test out imperfect technology on helpless customers and citizens.

Perhaps this reflects the fact that ‘service’ is an unpopular word in modern times. To many people, it immediately suggests servants, conjuring up images of Downton Abbey and Upstairs, Downstairs, with archaic ideas of hierarchy and subservience. Today, people prefer to emphasise their own rights, real and perceived, rather than dwell on obligations towards others and service. In many respects, this is a positive development, as it slowly removes an iniquitous system where some people were expected to serve others simply because of the titles, status or wealth they held. On the other hand, the pursuit of individual entitlements at the expense of the common good has led to the casting aside of the good with the bad, which means we no longer think or speak in terms of service towards others.

As Christians, it is worth remembering that service was at the heart of Jesus’ ministry and teaching. Often, it is very much more uncomfortable than it is made to appear by modern translations of the Bible, for the language is that not of servants but of slaves, which is hugely problematic for modern ears. We talk of the Servant King, referencing the Last Supper in the Gospel of John where Jesus washes his disciples’ feet, but a strictly accurate translation here also uses the word slave. After all, in the ancient world, washing feet was a menial task carried out by slaves. Think, for a moment, about how the phrase ‘Slave King’ makes you feel. We have tamed the phrase ‘Servant King’ to such an extent that it is now comfortable and meaningless, whereas ‘Slave King’ captures something of the horror Jesus’ actions would have evoked in his followers. This is not an





endorsement of the human institution of slavery, but a statement that human hierarchies are meaningless, and that our duty to love one another means serving each other as equals. If the Son of God can perform this act of service, of slave labour if you like, for his disciples, then there are no social barriers and status hierarchies we should be observing. Serving is part of being followers of Christ.

During September, our Time, Talents and Treasure stewardship campaign has aimed to help us reflect on this issue, among others. Integral to this is not just how we serve others, but how we accept their service too, recalling that the body of Christ is made up of everyone playing their different parts well. Sometimes, it can be as hard to stand back or give something up as to offer ourselves or take on new responsibilities, to permit the gifts of others to show themselves alongside our own.

Service is not simply about how many things we can take on, exhausting ourselves in the process, but honestly asking ourselves what we can do best and where others can play their part, contemplating what is the purpose of our acts of service. In this context, it is important for us to remember that it is God we serve, the God found in Jesus washing his disciples' feet or Jesus nailed to the cross, the ultimate act of service towards humanity.

Perhaps as we move into October, mindful of the Time, Talents and Treasure we have identified, we can reflect not only on how each of us can best serve God with the gifts we have been given, but also on how we can accept the gifts of others in the service they offer to us.

*Phil*

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## *Collect for Trinity 20*

God, the giver of life,  
whose Holy Spirit wells up within your Church:  
by the Spirit's gifts equip us to live the gospel of Christ  
and make us eager to do your will,  
that we may share with the whole creation  
the joys of eternal life;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,  
who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,  
one God, now and for ever.

## *In Memoriam*

John Bertram Smith	1 October 1990
Jack Render MBE	2 October 1991
June Edith Clayton	6 October 2011
Albert J Cake	8 October 1993
Juliana Maud Godwin	12 October 2010
Neil Kenneth Pritchett	13 October 2003
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.

Inclusion only needs to be requested once; entries are then included until the fortieth anniversary.  
An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

## *From the Registers, August 2024*

### **St John's**

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

11th August 2024 Harrison Charlie Alexander Dixon

**SERVICES:** Communicants 173. Total attendance at all services 291  
including 31 at a baptism.

### **St Michael's**

**SERVICES:** Communicants 77. Total attendance at all services 87.

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## *Weekday services*

The following mid-week Eucharists are scheduled throughout October:

Tuesday	St John's 10am (Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer)
Thursday	St Michael's 10.30am (Eucharist - Common Worship)

Thursday 31<sup>st</sup> October will be the St Michael's All Souls' service.

Daily offices take place in St John's Church from Monday to Thursday. Morning Prayer is at 8.30am. Evening Prayer is at 5pm until 24<sup>th</sup> October, then 4pm from 28<sup>th</sup> October. Occasionally other commitments will prevent a service happening; the schedule for each week will be published in the pew sheet.

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## *Sundays and Principal Feasts in October*

Sunday 6th October: Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity (Harvest Festival)

Sunday 13<sup>th</sup> October: Twentieth Sunday after Trinity

Friday 18th October: Luke the Evangelist

Sunday 20th October: Twenty-First Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 27<sup>th</sup> October: Last Sunday after Trinity

## *Dates for your diary*

<b><i>Location key</i></b>	<b>(J)</b> St John's Church	<b>(M)</b> St Michael's Church
	<b>(V)</b> The Vicarage, 7 Manor Road	

**(J) Mondays in term time, 10am:** Little Lambs. No meeting on 28th October.  
See pages 9 and 26.

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**(J) Saturday 5th October, 9am:** Coach trip to Wells. FULLY BOOKED.

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**(J) Saturday 5th October, 4pm:** Messy Church, see pages 8 and 26.

Doors open and drinks available from 3:30pm.

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**(J) Thursday 10th October, 1pm:** The Good Old Days present Discover History,  
“Doomed, Dead and Buried”, see page 9.

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**(J) Saturday 12th October, 9am:** Women's Breakfast, see page 8.

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**(M) Monday 21st October, 2.30pm:** Mothers' Union, see below.

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**(J) Wednesday 16th October, 2.45pm:** Tea/Coffee & Cake, see page 8.

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**(M) Thursday 17th October, 2pm - 4pm:** West Worcester Friendship Group.

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**(V) Friday 25th October:** Fourth Friday Friendship Group. Look out for  
sign-up sheets in church or contact Sarah Cottrill for details.

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**(J) Saturday 26th October, 10.45am:** Café Church@10:45am, see page 8.

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**Saturday 27th October, 2am:** Clocks go back one hour.

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**(J) Thursday 31st October, 4pm:** Light Party, see page 27.

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**(J) Saturday 30th November:** Community breakfast 8.30am to 11am.  
See page 9.

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## *Mothers' Union*

For our October meeting, we welcome Gwen Clifford, Worcester South Archdeaconery Vice-President Elect, who will discuss with us the future of the St Michael's Branch.

*Jo Dowling*

## *Events at St John's*

### *St John-in-Bedwardine*



Our next Messy Church is on  
Saturday 5th October, 4pm.

Please do come along – you'll be sure  
of a warm welcome!



Women's Breakfast Meetings  
for Friendship and  
Christian Fellowship

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Our next meeting is on  
**Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October**  
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St John-in-Bedwardine  
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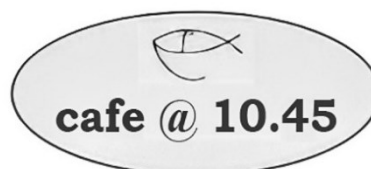
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## *Community Breakfast*

There will be a Community Breakfast on Saturday 30th November from 8.30am at St John's.

This is a free event. Everyone is welcome to come and share a full English breakfast, toast and unlimited supplies of tea and coffee.

*Jenny English*

**WELCOME**



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## *All Age Eucharist*

The second Sunday of October (13<sup>th</sup> October) will be an All Age Eucharist at St John's instead of Morning Worship.

We would like to get the children more involved in worship, as a reminder that this is their church too. It is important that we help them to learn about what goes on in the Eucharist, and help them to develop their faith.

As it never hurts for adults to have an occasional reminder, this Eucharist will focus on the Eucharist itself, and is intended to be for everyone, of all ages, to worship and learn together.

*Phil Bradford*

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## *Events at St Clement's Church*

We are having our Autumn Bazaar on November 2nd, from 10am to 2pm.  
All welcome!

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We are holding a Christmas concert featuring Opera Worcester community choir with special guests. This is on Saturday November 23rd, 2.30pm. Details of guests will be in the next magazine.

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Also look out for a talk with films by Dr Robert Kenny on Arthur Lucan (creator of Old Mother Riley). Details to follow.

*Philip Prince*

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## *Sudoku Puzzle*

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## *What's a Mission Accompanier?*

Since Easter, we have had a Mission Accompanier working with us in St John's and St Michael's, and the magazine editors asked me to write a few words about what this means.

The Mission Accompanier scheme is a diocesan one, where an accompanier is paired with a parish or group of parishes to help them develop a Health and Sustainability plan. Our accompanier is David Nobbs, who lives and works in West Yorkshire, and he is tasked with working with me and a small group of laity.

He and I meet regularly online, and he also came to Worcester in the summer to meet members of the team. The aim is to develop priorities that will help the churches meet their mission objectives and become healthy and sustainable (the current diocesan strapline, hence the name of the plan).

Our discussions so far have been very productive, and we have identified four areas which need to be looked at:

- The inclusion of children and young people more fully in services to help grow and develop their spirituality;
- Reaching out to the Dines Green estate;
- The question of reordering in St John's to make the building more suitable for our worship and community activities;
- Dealing with the long-term viability of the Team.

Our next step will be to address how we can act on these priorities, so more will follow soon!

*Phil Bradford*

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## *No tea or coffee afterwards*

This visit to France has been interesting for a number of reasons. Firstly, on arrival, there was a letter from the Mayor's office informing us that we had a new postal address! The house number is now 1110 rue de Lacombrade. So, no longer Lieu Dit Lacombrade - and we had the duty to inform all the appropriate agencies of this change (which we have now duly done).

We are the last dwelling on our lane [rue] so we were surprised by the number attribution. Upon asking the question we found out that it was the distance (in metres) of the house from the starting point of the lane! Similarly our neighbours too! The numbers vary considerably in the rural setting because of the distances involved between dwellings, however in the

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town they are so close that the enumeration appears closer to our numbering even though the *raison d'être* stays the same.

We have some UK television services so have been able to follow the appalling riots & aftermath events. It really does seem to have brought out the worst aspects of some sectors of society - often spurred on by social media and the frenzy that they have created. Several people here were offering thoughts that the attitudes and comments of MPs and others in the last years had contributed to an atmosphere in which the values of migrant human beings had been so devalued that the most cruel observations could be placed upon them. Social discontentment is never pleasant to observe, nor experience, but it is so much less so when it is violent. Further, it is worth noting that migration is affecting very many countries, not only in the EU, but also beyond its boundaries. It is reflected in the political discourse in those countries too, but they seem to have a social safety valve that avoids the violence that was displayed in the UK.

Part of my holiday reading was a biography of Fr Trevor Huddleston. He contributed strongly and courageously to the struggle against apartheid in South Africa, and against racial discrimination generally throughout his life's work as monk, priest, agitator, confidant, and bishop. He would have made a major contribution to the current debates about migration and Channel crossings no doubt!

When he was Bishop of Stepney, this involved responsibility for three of London's most difficult boroughs - Tower Hamlets, Hackney and Islington. These places had the most difficult relations between races, activities by the National Front and Column 88. The diocese had 94 churches, in some of which were parents who objected to their children going to schools which were full of black children. His response was to take up residence in the middle of the most difficult area. (Actively live out your convictions - be with people in their time of need - then you can act to help them!)

By the time you are reading this, Margaret and I shall be once more back in St John's, at services in English again, and singing! Our nearest Sunday Mass here is at Latronquiere at 9.30am. It is in French, of course, but is easy to follow since it so very closely follows our sequence with Gloria, Creed, Lord's Prayer, Intercessions, Readings [and Psalm here], Prayer of consecration, Collects, Sermon, distribution of host and final Blessing. But no tea or coffee afterwards!

We have worked hard while here - much grass has been cut (though not all) - and Margaret will tell you more about events here I'm sure. Looking forward to being back and prepared for our October Rosary time too.

*Arthur Miller*

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***“Wise people learn when they can, fools learn when they must.”***

*Duke of Wellington*

Why, as humans in all walks of life, are we so fearful of learning from our mistakes? It has been ever thus. Captain Lancaster in 1601 found that by giving his ship’s crew three teaspoons of lemon juice daily, they had 100% survival rate from scurvy on a three-month journey, yet it took the British Navy a further 194 years to adapt this practice. The reason being all knowing Captains allowed ego to get in the way of progress and Lancaster did not widely share this ‘golden nugget’ of information! Perhaps being protective of this powerful knowledge?

In my industry, teachers hide behind the veil of ‘we are working so hard’. This limits progress and deters honest transparent conversations. Leadership teams and external inspectors (e.g. Ofsted) can be seen as judgemental and emotions can block student progression. Schools need to be clear; they should be supportive of staff, but we are here to educate the students.

I cleared a box of my father’s treasured ‘knick-knacks’ (containing battered programmes of Scarborough FC) and found a Times article dated 21st October 1996 entitled, ‘My manifesto for the nation’ by Frances Lawrence, wife of the murdered headteacher Philip Lawrence who was stabbed to death at his school gates protecting his children from masked gang men. Yes, there were balaclava wearing thugs in 1996! The aims of the manifesto are worth repeating; a regaining of our culture, our society, a moral code that we ought, whatever our circumstances, try to aspire to. Five of the stated aims were:

- Establish a nationwide movement to banish violence and encourage civic values.
- Ban the sale of combat knives and close the shops that stock them.
- Begin primary school lessons in good citizenship.
- An emphasis in teaching on the three Es: Effort, Earnestness and Excellence.
- Raise the status of teachers and the police.

This is a remarkable article of hope, faith and forgiveness, which as we live through the hateful, opportunistic inner-city turmoil seen recently, should resonate with us all. Schools have done remarkably well in starting the recovery from Covid. School leaders have demonstrated passionate and compassionate leadership, a pathway to normality that schools should bring. Parents and grandparents, in looking for a suitable school should seek one that does not simply display their Ofsted grade but one that seeks to provide opportunity for all to thrive, as Frances Lawrence highlights, ‘Each of us has the potential to be a force for good’. We have to provide opportunities to thrive, to be seen to be good.

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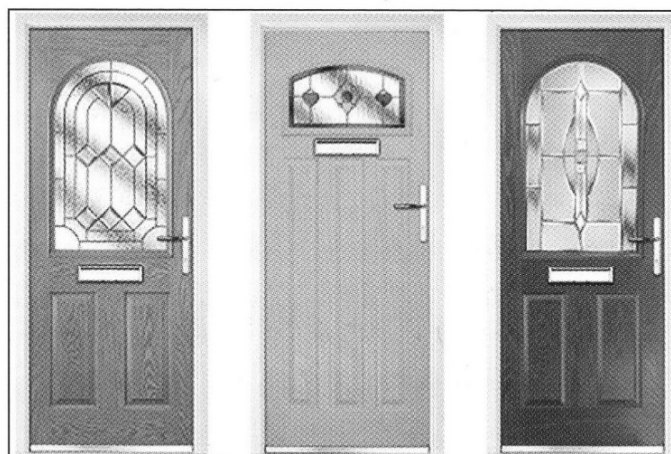
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I am therefore delighted that last year my dedicated staff provided structured opportunities to thrive with the ‘hidden’ curriculum providing a wealth of enrichment developmental opportunities:

- The PE department providing 160 opportunities to represent the school in nine different sports – all the more remarkable as the majority of fixtures were away due to flooded fields.
- 3,000 supportive parents, grandparents and friends watching the school shows, dance and music showcases.
- Duke of Edinburgh’s Award Scheme providing opportunities for 90 Bronze, 26 Silver and 10 Gold students. Two students, Ben Ruff and Alice Taylor, were booked into the Palace for completion of their prestigious award, culminating in five days in the Welsh mountains and the celebratory trip to the Palace.
- A variety of House competitions from the bizarre Space Hopper challenge to sugar cube stacking, paper plane flights, sporting challenges and artistic design.

There is, I believe, something for everyone. The staff revel in ex-student success. We’ve had famous sports people such as cricketer Josh Tongue; footballers Nathan Baker and Fran Stenson. We’ve had musicians such as Lewis Sheppard ‘Scouting for Girls’, Ozzie Williams ‘Swim Deep.’ And local successes evidenced by getting their hair cut at Taylor and Bennett, car mended at WAS in Bath Road or windows cleaned by Claytons. All are successful ex-students who remember their time at school fondly and were given time, direction and opportunity.

My professional success is based on a series of skilful line managers patiently guiding me, supporting me and redirecting me and an ability to want to learn from mistakes. I see my many mistakes as opportunities to improve my practice, my outcomes for my students, for my community. After a summer of unrest, I hope schools will honestly come to the forefront to guide students in making the right choices with a curriculum for change. I hope that we will admit where we are not getting it right and be prepared to change embedded, established practice that might not be effective practice. We must not hide behind human emotion, excuses, an incorrect rationale of why we do not succeed. Leaders parking their ego to allow professional improvement is a key to necessary change and might be the last part of Lawrence’s manifesto. Otherwise in 30 years’ time we will again be wrestling with the same societal difficulties.

*Neil Morris  
Headteacher,  
Christopher Whitehead Language College and Sixth Form*



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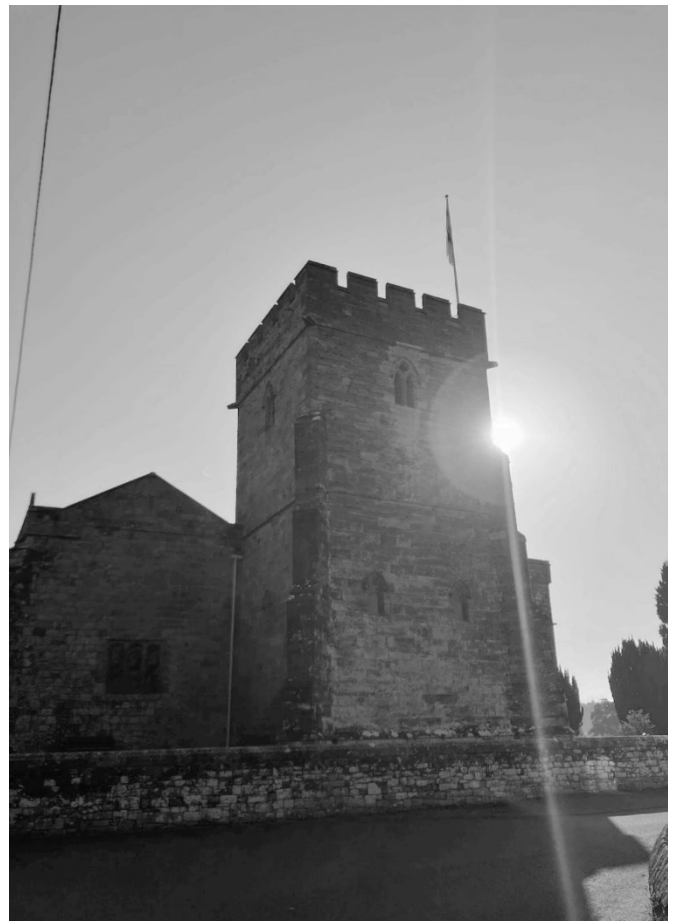
## *News of very rare meteorological event*

Hello! By the time you read this hopefully I will have been licensed as a reader but at the time of writing there is still a week to go. We had the rehearsal last week complete with Bishop Alan and everything has been planned out in minute detail (even down to my sponsors practising putting my scarf on), although given it will have happened you'll be able to judge how well the plan worked out! It's all very exciting, although if I were to be perfectly honest, I'm slightly uncomfortable about being the centre of attention, and apparently I am not allowed to wear my yellow Converse, just boring old black shoes - gutted. The rest of my cohort were licensed last Saturday in Lichfield Cathedral and the idea of being one of six is quite appealing, but part of being a reader is being visible in the community so alongside starting to robe, this is one very obvious way to put myself out there.

I have very much enjoyed not having the thought of an assignment looming over me since my course finished, but as I think I've said before, this has given me a real taste for wanting to learn more. I touched on the concept of apologetics last time (the idea of building bridges towards Christianity for those who do not yet believe), and I was very sorry to have to miss the residential when that was discussed. But the good news is that Doug Chaplin is running a book club on that very subject starting in a few weeks. If anyone wants to learn more about this subject (and has a bit of time on their hands) then you can find a series of 15 lectures delivered by Prof Alister McGrath on YouTube. He is the author of the book we will be studying with Doug.

That's all I've got this month I'm afraid, so a bit of a short one. But here is a picture of another church, St Andrews in Greystoke. The keen eyed amongst you may spot that I was able to capture a very rare meteorological event... the sun shining in the Lake District!

*God bless,  
Rob Little*



# *Prayers for our troubled world*



Let us sit and be still as we pray together.

Let us welcome the Holy Spirit into our presence.

We use Psalm 46 during the month of October and remember with the Psalmist that God is our refuge and strength an ever-present help in trouble. We pray that all people in the midst of war, will remember that God is a centre of hope and vision. There is peace and true life which God guards for us all.

Lord Jesus, may your Spirit be a shelter for all who live in the shadow of war. For the people of Gaza, the West Bank and Ukraine. May the day and nightly bombings and drone attacks cease. May peace be restored and all your people have hope that there will be reconciliation and a future once more. We pray that all the emergency services and aid agencies will be enabled to deliver care and hope, food, water and medicines in safety. We pray for the peace makers, that their voices will be heard and men's hearts softened to hear the voices calling for peace and reconciliation.

Lord Jesus, we pray for all prisoners of war and especially the hostages of war held in tunnels under Gaza, Russian and Ukrainian soldiers and for Palestinian people held in Israel. As we pray in faith let us all be still and know that you are our God, that your presence is in the midst of the suffering and the chaos of war.

Lord Jesus, grant to all who suffer, peace and hope that that there will be an end to captivity and that there will be healing and restoration of life once more.

Today we also pray for the people of Sudan and Eritrea. For those who flee their homes for a better future putting themselves in danger as they try to escape famine and violence. We pray for the boat people trying to cross the Channel to safety, but also how they have become the victims of gangs and yet more violence.

Lord, with all the political conflict, let there be a peaceful solution. Where there is hatred let there be love.

May your Spirit fill the hearts and minds of all, with strength and hope that they may know peace in their lives.



God is our refuge and stronghold, our help in troubles, and very ready to be found.

Be still and know He is there for us all. **Amen.**

*Jenny English*

## *From psalm 46*

1 God is our refuge and strength,  
a very present help in trouble;

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6 The nations are in uproar and the kingdoms are shaken,  
but God utters his voice and the earth shall melt away.

7 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold.

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9 He makes wars to cease in all the world;  
he shatters the bow and snaps the spear  
and burns the chariots in the fire.

10 'Be still, and know that I am God;  
I will be exalted among the nations;  
I will be exalted in the earth.'

11 The Lord of hosts is with us;  
the God of Jacob is our stronghold

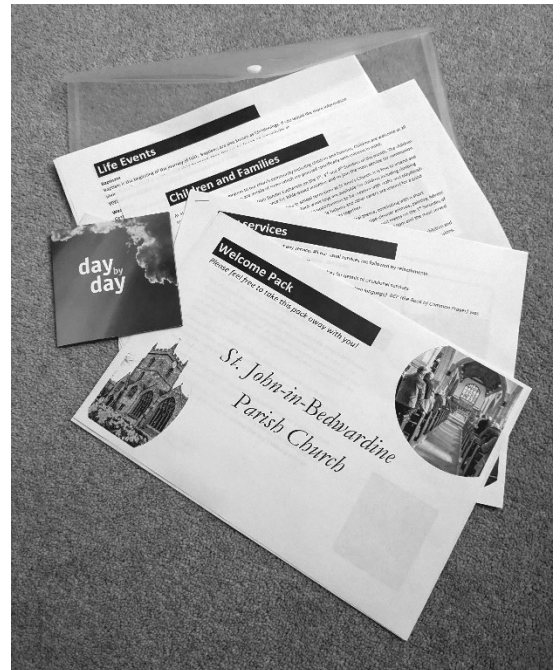
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## *New Welcome Pack for St John's*

We are delighted to have launched our new Welcome Pack for St John's Church on Sunday 22nd September. It is full of information about the exciting things happening at our church and with which you can get involved. If you have joined our church community in the last couple of years and would like more information about what is happening and what we do, then please feel free to pick up a Welcome Pack from the back of church.

If you welcome anyone new to church at any of our services or events, please offer them a Welcome Pack to take away with them.

We are really pleased to have these Welcome Packs available, and we encourage everyone to take a look through a pack to see what it contains and even to take one home if you find it useful yourself!



*Alice Evans*

## *There was cake!*

On 17th July, Sister Christine celebrated 60 years since she took her original vows to join the Order of Poor Clares.



A special mass was celebrated at Our Lady Queen of Peace to mark the occasion, at which Christine was joined by her sisters and members of congregations from across West Worcester, including all four of our Team churches.

It was one of Fr Brian's last services here before moving to St Chad's Cathedral in Birmingham, and I was honoured to be invited to robe and be part of the sanctuary party.



The celebratory mass was followed by a buffet and (inevitably) cake.

It was a joyous occasion for all of us to be able to join together in congratulating Christine on reaching this milestone.

*Phil Bradford*



## *Recipe available on request*

Welcome back to Little Lambs.

We were so pleased that lots of people, regulars and newcomers enjoyed Little Lambs with us today (16th September). Thank you for coming and thank you as always to our wonderful volunteers including Abi and Matilda.

Last week we were busy checking our toys and planning this term. We have lots of fun planned as we move into Autumn and shorter days!

On Thursday October 31st from 4-6pm in church we are planning our Light Party as our alternative to Halloween. Please see opposite for details.

The photos today show our families enjoying our new playdough. It is always so popular and a little voice just told me early on Sunday morning that it was time to make it. I even had all the ingredients ready including the glycerine which keeps it soft and pliable. If anyone would like the recipe, please just ask.



Blessings to everyone from us all.

*Sue Fairman*



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- games
- story and worship
- songs
- food!

## *Of course there was cake!*

Rob Little was licensed as a new Lay Minister at St John in Bedwardine in Worcester on 15<sup>th</sup> September.



The service was conducted in his home church by Bishop Alan Winton, former Bishop of Thetford in the Diocese of Norwich who is now an Honorary Assistant Bishop in our diocese.

Licensed Lay Ministers, sometimes known as Readers, are authorised in particular to exercise a ministry of preaching and teaching and offer lay leadership in Mission. They undergo a two-year training course before being admitted to the role. After being licensed they carry out a wide range of tasks within their parishes and beyond, especially helping others to reflect on their faith and how it relates to their daily lives.

Rob has been a member of St John in Bedwardine for over 20 years, serving as an Authorised Lay Minister (ALM) for a number of years before training for Reader Ministry at Queen's Theological College in Birmingham. He said:

*"I had been feeling very conscious of the limits of my ALM role and although I didn't think I wanted to move into a more formal ministry role, the idea started to take route after I attended an online event looking at the different types of ministry available. I realised that I wanted to learn more about my faith and then share that knowledge with others. The training was challenging but enjoyable and I am looking forward to my new role with a mixture of excitement and trepidation as I put into practice everything that I've learnt. It has also sparked a hunger in me to continue to learn and read more as I continue to explore my faith."*

Co-warden of Readers, Kath Davis preached at Sunday's licensing service. She said:



*“Today is a beginning and not an ending. Even though you have finished the official training, you now need to build on that foundation as you continue to learn to be the person that God wants you to be. There is always something new to learn in our journey of faith as we take that understanding into our hearts and lives. My prayer for all of us is that our relationship with God continues to deepen every day.”*



Alongside Rob's licensing, Sunday's service was a celebration of all those who are Licensed Lay Ministers across our diocese. A number of Readers achieved long service awards, including Ron Rust from the benefice of Stoulton w Drakes Broughton & Pirton. Ron received a certificate marking 50 years as a Licensed Lay Minister.

*Sam Setchell*

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My thanks go to Sam Setchell, Diocesan Director of Communications, for the above words and many of the pictures in this article. Thanks also to Colin Nash too, for pictures edited and provided to me within hours of the licensing.

Sam's words are from the Diocesan website, so they do not reflect the little details that only mean something in the context of St John's. So, let's include some of the more local things.

We were delighted to see the start of children acting as acolytes – carrying the candles in the processions.



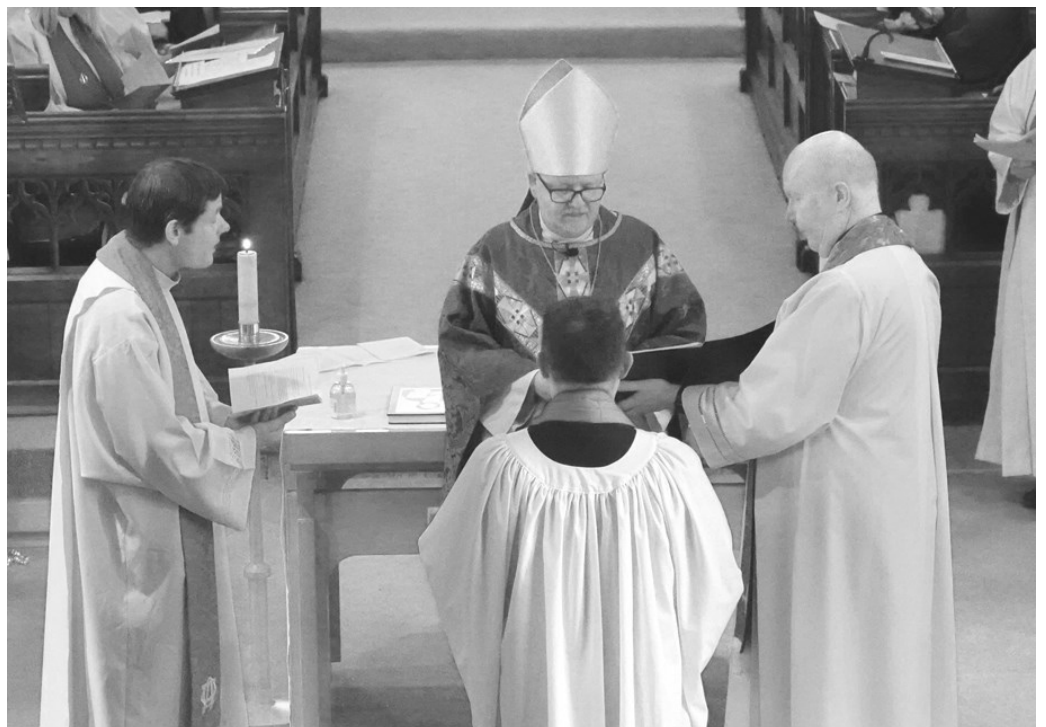


All the other readers-in-training with Rob were from Lichfield diocese, so they were done in a group in Lichfield Cathedral. Rob got to be licensed on his own in his home church with his home congregation.



The home connection was even stronger as our own Phil Bradford is the other Co-Warden of Readers (alongside Kath Davis, who gave the sermon).

Can I ask, was I the only one who was worried when it came to the section in the order of service where “Warden” was due to speak but Gordon (the *churchwarden*) was still back in the sound desk? The person to speak at that point was in fact Phil (as Warden of Readers). Phew!



Rob told us that he was pleased to hear his friends read the readings and his home church choir sing the anthem.



Near the end of the service, Rob received cards from the children. After the service there was tea and coffee, then a bring and share lunch, enjoyed by many. And there was cake!



So, at the end of your training journey, which we have followed in these pages, and at the beginning of your reader journey, which we will follow with joy, many congratulations to you, Rob and your family.



*Graham Evans*



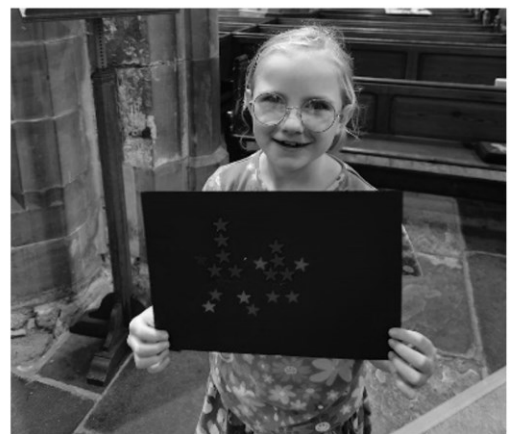
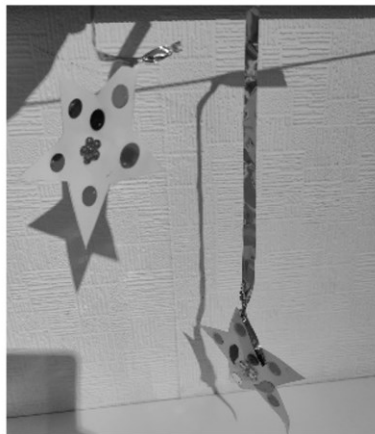
## *Abraham and Sarah*

Messy Church returned after a break in August with the story of Abraham and Sarah. With their full story being 9 chapters in Genesis, we focused on a simplified telling of God's promises to Abraham - that he and Sarah would have children, despite their age - and how we are all part of God's family with their descendants.

**'Look up to the sky and count the stars – if indeed you can count them.'  
Then he said to him 'So shall your offspring be'**

*Genesis 15:4*

This verse was a key focus in many of our crafts, which included paint print stars, shiny star mobiles and making star constellations. Talking points to consider while completing these included the sheer amount of stars there were in the sky, how they were there even when we can't see them in the daytime and the different shapes we see in constellations.



We also designed cards to give to someone in our family, while encouraged to think about our ancestors and how far back generations go across time. If you visit St John's Church, you'll also see this month's group picture, showing a road with our families in vehicles on a journey. Families could include extended family, church family and friends.

Our short worship session brought together the contemplations raised during the crafts, as we heard the full story of Abraham and Sarah and reflected on how we are all part of God's family and how large that family, with all our ancestors, actually is.

The next Messy Church service is on Saturday 5th October at 4pm (doors open 3.30pm with drinks and biscuits). Keep an eye out on Facebook or the pew sheet for the theme!

*Beth Broadway*



## *They strided and rided (the pushchair counts!)*

Saturday 14<sup>th</sup> September was a fine sunny day for the annual Ride+Stride event. Once again ably organised by Philip Evans, the day began with Morning Prayer at 10.30am at St Clement's. The day is intended to be flexible and Sue and I took advantage of that by joining for Morning Prayer before waving the others off to walk to St Stephen's, Barbourne, then onto the cathedral, where one other joined them for lunch, and then back to St John's for Evening Prayer.



*Graham Evans*

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## *Memories of Thailand – Chiang Mai and Bangkok*

Thank you for reading my September article. We hope you enjoy these memories from Chiang Mai and Bangkok too.

After our visit to the White Temple, we visited a traditional and very old Buddhist temple nearby. This was very quiet and peaceful, and our guide explained different aspects of Buddhism such as the colours associated with the day a person was born. My colour was green and so I made an offering and then chose and lit a small green flower candle and floated it away in the water bowl to say thank you and as a prayer.

On our last day in Chiang Mai, we visited the Wat Phra That temple high up in the mountains of the National Park of Doi Suthep. This temple was described as

*A Theravada Buddhist temple in Chiang Mai Province, Thailand. The temple is often referred to as "Doi Suthep" although this is actually the name of the mountain where it is located. It is a sacred site to many Thai people.*



The view over Chiang Mai from the temple was clear and stunning and we enjoyed climbing up and down the 306 steps through the Naga Serpent's dragon body staircase.

That night we flew to Bangkok. We had a lovely time there too. Our hotel was very central and there were pomegranates growing in the roof garden.

On our last day we visited the famous and fascinating walled city of the Grand Palace within the city of Bangkok and the sacred Wat Phra Kaew temple inside the palace, also known as the Temple of the Emerald Buddha.

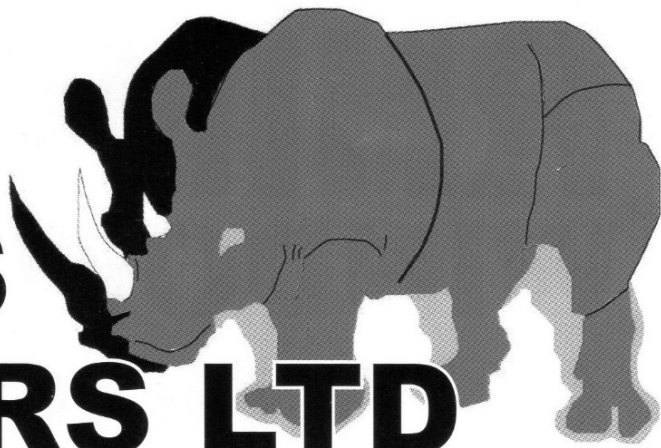
In the guidebook it said that The Grand Palace ...

### *Wat Arun temple in Bangkok*

*... has been the official and ceremonial residence of the country's kings since it was originally built in 1782. This major architectural symbol of the Thai royal family is also the city's premier tourist attraction.*

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We were pleased to be able to enter the Temple of the Emerald Buddha which was very interesting and filled with gold and treasures. This Buddha was quite small, about 60cm high, and he was placed on a platform high up in the temple so everyone could see him. Our guide had explained that the Buddha has three outfits which are changed regularly and that we would see him in Summer dress.

The guide explained that ...

*... the Emerald Buddha is a figurine of the meditating Buddha made from one solid piece of green jade, clothed in gold and diamonds. The image keeps guard over the Thai people and the Thai royal family. It is greatly revered from the Royal family to Thai nationals alike, as Thailand's utmost precious religious icon.*



The last temple that we visited on our holiday was the beautiful Wat Arun [Temple of Dawn] which was just across the Chao Praya River from the Grand Palace. The guide informed us that ...

*... this impressive temple is considered to be the most famous and photographed temple in Bangkok. It features a soaring 70-metre - high spire decorated with tiny pieces of coloured glass and Chinese porcelain.*

This temple was very busy and there were many Thai people there enjoying themselves and dressed in traditional and beautiful Thai costumes. At first we thought there was a wedding there, but later we discovered that these lovely costumes could be hired nearby for people to wear.

One of my special memories in Bangkok was seeing many Thai people buying and laying orange marigold flower garlands and worshipping at a very busy Buddhist shrine right in the centre of the city right under and by the main highways. There were Thai dancers and musicians there who were very impressive too.

*Thank you and blessings to all  
Sue and Peter Fairman*



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## *Joint Council (JC) meetings*

*Note from the editors – the minutes of the May and June JC meetings in the last edition said “2023” - they were actually 2024 minutes!*

### *September 2024 - Summary of the minutes*

Phil Bradford welcomed everyone to the meeting. There were 16 members present, with apologies from 1 member.

Gilly Maxim was appointed to the Standing Committee.

Gordon Templeton gave an update on the property at Heron Close. It was agreed to adjust the asking price in line with advice from the estate agent. To avoid delays, authority was given to two people (from Gordon, Tom Amies, Philip Evans and Phil Bradford) to agree to any offer above a specified amount.

Two policies were adopted (Internal Financial Controls and Investment).

It was agreed that the Charity Committee should have a simple set of terms of reference to clarify their role, to include allocation of money from the Henry Smith (HS) Fund, with oversight of the incumbent and churchwardens as trustees of the fund. It was agreed to give £500 from HS to Maggs to support lunches that are being provided at Maggs, prepared by students from Heart of Worcestershire College. It was agreed to support the organisation of a coach trip to Weston-Super-Mare for local underprivileged primary school children and to give up to £700 from HS to participants which would cover the expected cost of the coach. This will cover approximately 30-35 children and their parents or guardians, offered to families in receipt of Pupil Premium (a measure of disadvantage).

The Accommodation Committee reported that a structural survey has been done on St John's Church. Some things have been highlighted; no surprises for a building of this age. Five monitoring visits are recommended to see how the cracks in the building change over the course of 4-5 seasons. This will let us know what needs urgent attention and what does not, and the company will be able to give us a list of priorities and a better indication of how to move forward. This can be covered by the annual Asset Management grant from the Feoffees. It was also reported that the flagpole is unsafe. The refurbishment quote is £3,000, which was felt to be a lot of money when money is limited. The JC agreed to spend up to £1,400+VAT for monitoring visits and £1,000+VAT to remove the flagpole. Kitchen electrical upgrades have taken place and tested as far as possible.

We had an email from the diocesan Net Zero Programme Manager offering a free-to-us energy audit. Tom Amies will contact him to see if this is worth pursuing.

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The Special Services committee had circulated a report showing forthcoming special services and who is responsible for the different elements involved in organising them. The JC agreed to try the Church of England theming and free resources for Christmas.

The Safeguarding Action Plan had been circulated before the meeting. It is being worked through and the safeguarding dashboard, which prioritises areas of need, is nearing completion. Two people have not completed the required training and would be written to personally to stress the urgency of doing so. Fiona Templeton thanked Joint Council members for completing their DBS checks (two now outstanding).

Children's Church continues to run at St John's during Eucharist services. A growing group of younger children has necessitated a rearrangement of how we organise this. Messy Church continues to run on the first Saturday of each month, and we are planning a community nativity in December. The second Sunday in October will be an All-Age Eucharist, led by Phil.

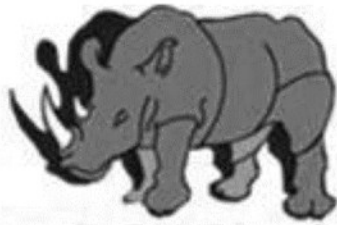
Philip as Treasurer had provided finance reports and finance update in advance of the meeting. JC agreed to changes of membership of the finance sub-committee; additional people to have online access to the bank account for viewing and setting up (but not authorising) payments; and the provision of debit cards to three individuals as otherwise we will not be able to pay money in at the Post Office due to new Financial Conduct Authority rules.

Four JC members had a meeting with Chris Boden, Stewardship and Resources Officer for the diocese and Shaun Mooney, Director of Finance, and presented him with our plan whereby the Joint Council would pay the equivalent of one clergy stipend taking into account the funding from St Michael's, and St Clements would apply for the grants they needed to make up the shortfall in their contribution. This situation remains unresolved and Phil and Sarah have a meeting with the Archdeacon in the hope of achieving a resolution.

The process of moving our banking from Lloyds to Virgin Money was discussed. The process of moving over all the payments and receipts is time consuming and it takes a long time.

As Philip, the present Treasurer, will leave the role at the end of December, Phil suggested meeting with the Finance Team to understand what exactly is involved in the role. Philip said that the Treasurer role is becoming less and so it should become manageable for someone to take on.

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The Stewardship Campaign is now running and packs have been distributed. Philip expressed his disappointment that so few members of the Joint Council responded to his request for feedback and help with this. Phil thanked Philip and Alice (Evans) for all their work in compiling these resources.

Phil reported that a group of people met with Dave, the Mission Accompanier. Phil has a meeting with Dave in the next week and will move forward from there. Graham Evans suggested that there should be an article for the magazine.

St Michael's hold their Patronal Festival on 29th September (a Team Service at St Michael's), celebrating 10 years of the new church building in Dines Green. A cake has been ordered for the occasion. JC approved the cost for the cake. It was also agreed to pay for a cake for Rob Little's licensing.

Jenny English reported on the Deanery Synod meeting, which discussed the ever-increasing expectations for what people are supposed to pay, and that this is unsustainable.

JC agreed, without commitment, to take forward getting an on-site survey and quote (at no cost to us) for Electric Vehicle (EV) charging stations in our car park, which would generate income for the church.

It was noted a suggestion has been made to have a 'Cleaning Day' to clean the church. No firm date was agreed.

Phil had circulated the late-draft version of the new prayer diary. It is based on adults on the electoral roll. Children who attend regularly have been added with permission from their parents. Some suggestions were made and accepted by Phil. A new version will be issued every six months.

Jenny reported that in July Snoezelen were invited to come to Tea and Cake, which was very popular. Jenny and Ellen Little went to visit Snoezelen and see the facilities that are on offer for people with disabilities. There are big plans to extend the Snoezelen. Jenny has invited Snoezelen to come St John's on 27th November and we will serve Tea and Cake. Jenny suggested a church visit to Snoezelen for people to go and see the work that they are doing. It was agreed to continue to work with Snoezelen as part of our outreach, as a two-way process.

The money for Tea and Coffee after services will go back to being a suggested donation. Wednesday Tea and Cake will also change to a 'suggested donation' so that we can claim Gift Aid on it.

*Minutes by Fiona Templeton (JC Secretary)  
Summarised by Graham Evans (JC member)*

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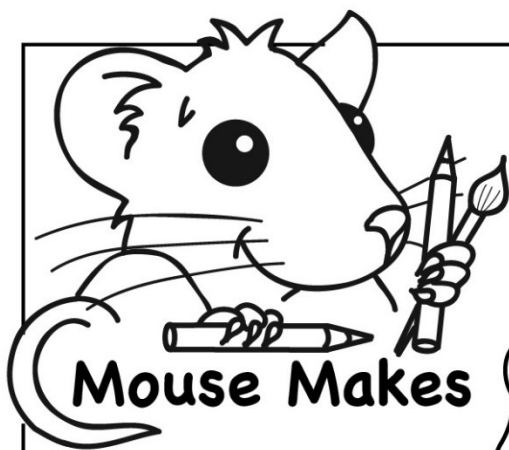
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## WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,  
O Lord, that I would  
**walk** in your \_\_\_\_\_."  
*Psalm 86:11*

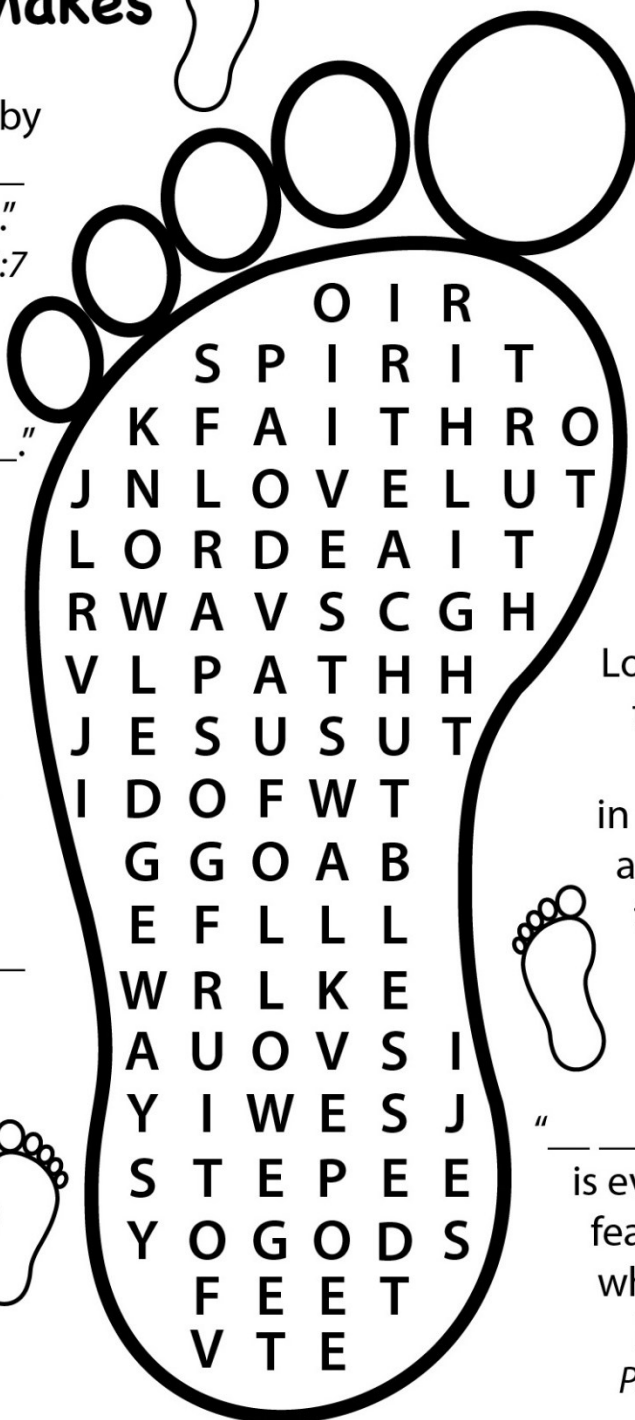
"For we **walk** by  
\_\_\_\_\_  
not by sight."  
*2 Corinthians 5:7*

"**Walk** by the  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
*Galatians 5:16*



Jesus said:  
"I am the light  
of the world.  
If you

\_\_\_\_\_  
me you won't  
have to **walk**  
in darkness  
because  
you have  
the light  
that leads  
to life."  
*John 8:12*



"**Walk** in  
\_\_\_\_\_  
as Christ loved  
us and gave  
himself up for us."  
*Ephesians 5:2*

"**Walk** in  
a manner  
worthy of the  
Lord, fully pleasing  
to him, bearing  
\_\_\_\_\_  
in every good work  
and increasing in  
the knowledge  
of God"  
*John 8:12*

"\_\_\_\_\_  
is everyone who  
fears the Lord,  
who **walks** in  
his ways."  
*Psalm 128:1*

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK

WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

*Find the words from the questions too!*



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### **Core (staffed) opening times:**

- |                         |                        |
|-------------------------|------------------------|
| • Monday: 2pm - 5pm     | • Thursday: 2pm - 5pm  |
| • Tuesday: 10am - 5pm   | • Friday: 10am - 5pm   |
| • Wednesday: 10am - 1pm | • Saturday: 10am - 1pm |

### *Events at St John's Library*

#### Weekly events:

LEGO Club, weekly every Saturday, 11:00am to 12:00pm.

Bounce and Rhyme, weekly every Tuesday, 11:00am to 11:30am.

Chess Club and Scrabble Club, weekly every Tuesday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.

Crochet and Chat, weekly every Wednesday, 10:00am to 12:00pm.

Storytime and Song, weekly every Friday, 11:00am to 11:30am.

#### Other regular events:

Classic Film Club (3, 17 & 31 October), fortnightly every other Thursday, 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

Crime Readers' Group (Friday 4 October), monthly on the first Friday, 12:00pm to 1:00pm.

Photography Group (Friday 18 October), monthly on the third Friday, 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

Councillors' Surgeries (Saturday 5 October), monthly on the first Saturday 10:00am to 12:00pm.

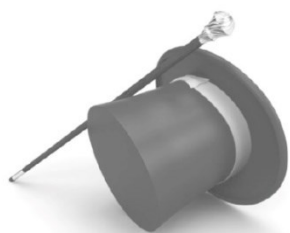
Meet the Police Safer Neighbourhood Team, St Johns and Bedwardine, on Tuesday 22nd October, 10:30am to 11:30am.

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\*\* To arrange a Libraries Unlocked induction please visit St John's Library during core opening hours when staff are available or call 01905 822722 to make an appointment.

For more information about Libraries Unlocked visit:

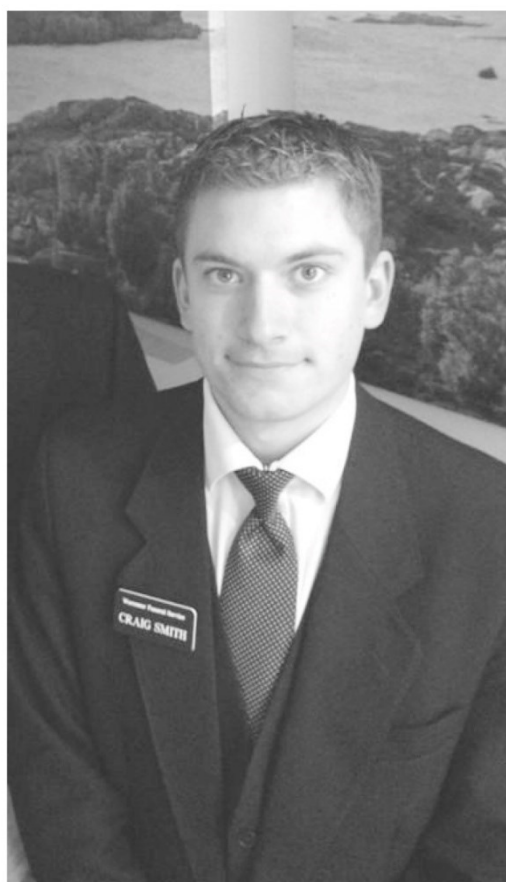
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CHOIR MUSIC

THE appointment of the new Choirmaster, Mr. Llechid Williams, and the new Organist, Mr. T. R. C. Protheroe, means that we shall require Chant Books, etc., for our Choir. Everthyng in our power must be done to develop this supremely important side of our Church work. To this end, Miss Coley organised a further competition in aid of a Choir Fund. The competition again awakened a tremendous amount of interest in homes, shops and factories. I was greatly astonished at the fine financial result and I wish to express our thanks and appreciation to Miss Coley for her initiative and keen imagination in promoting a stimulating contest for this worthy cause.

Miss Coley's report appears below:—

The prize for this competition was awarded to a competitor who sent in seventeen correct answers. It was thought one of the 16's would win. The winning entry was the last one to be examined. Sister Caunt, Miss E. Bund, Mr. A. Smith and Mr. P. Owen very kindly acted as judges.

We were a happy little group, and how I wish you could have seen the broad smile on the face of the Vicar, and have heard his words of appreciation, when I handed him a cheque for £20 2s. 6d. from *you*, the competitors and friends who had generously given donations of one shilling and upwards to the Fund. When presenting that cheque to the Vicar on your behalf, I felt sure, it was not just money to buy Chant books for the Choir only, but it conveyed a wealth of good wishes and a big welcome to our new Organist and Choirmaster.

I wish to express my sincere thanks to Sister Caunt, who was responsible for the entry forms, and to all the friends who sold them for me. And here I must pay a very special tribute to Miss Helen Davies, who sold 97 entry forms, also to Mr. P. Owen who sold 48 forms. Good work that! I fully realise how futile my own little effort would be without the wonderful help and co-operation I have received from friends of the Church.

I am so grateful, so very grateful, also to the Vicar for the use of his study, where the judging took place.

The proceeds were made up as follows:—

		£	s.	d.
Sale of entry forms	...	18	1	0
Anon.	...	1	0	0
Two Lancashire Lasses	...		10	0
Mrs. Andrews	...		10	0
Per Miss Helen Davies	...		1	6
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*Editor's note: £20 in 1950 = £580 in 2024.*

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## *Puzzle solution*

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6	2	8	7	4	1	9	5	3
5	4	9	2	8	3	6	1	7
2	9	1	6	3	7	5	8	4
3	8	6	4	9	5	7	2	1
4	7	5	8	1	2	3	9	6
7	1	3	9	5	4	8	6	2
9	6	2	1	7	8	4	3	5
8	5	4	3	2	6	1	7	9

*And finally....*



*“It’s either an appeal  
to youth culture ...  
... or we can’t  
afford the gas bill  
for the coming  
winter!”*

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Worcester St John-in-Bedwardine and St Michael's Joint Council is a charity  
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## Sunday Services in the Worcester City West Team – October

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
<b>6th October</b>	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Evensong	10am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
<b>13th October</b>	10.30am All Age Eucharist		4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Eucharist
<b>20th October</b>	10.30am Eucharist		4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
<b>27th October</b>	10.30am Eucharist	10am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Morning Prayer
<b>3rd November</b>	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm All Souls' service	7.30pm All Souls' service	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
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.				