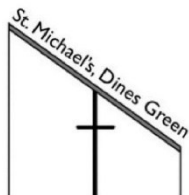




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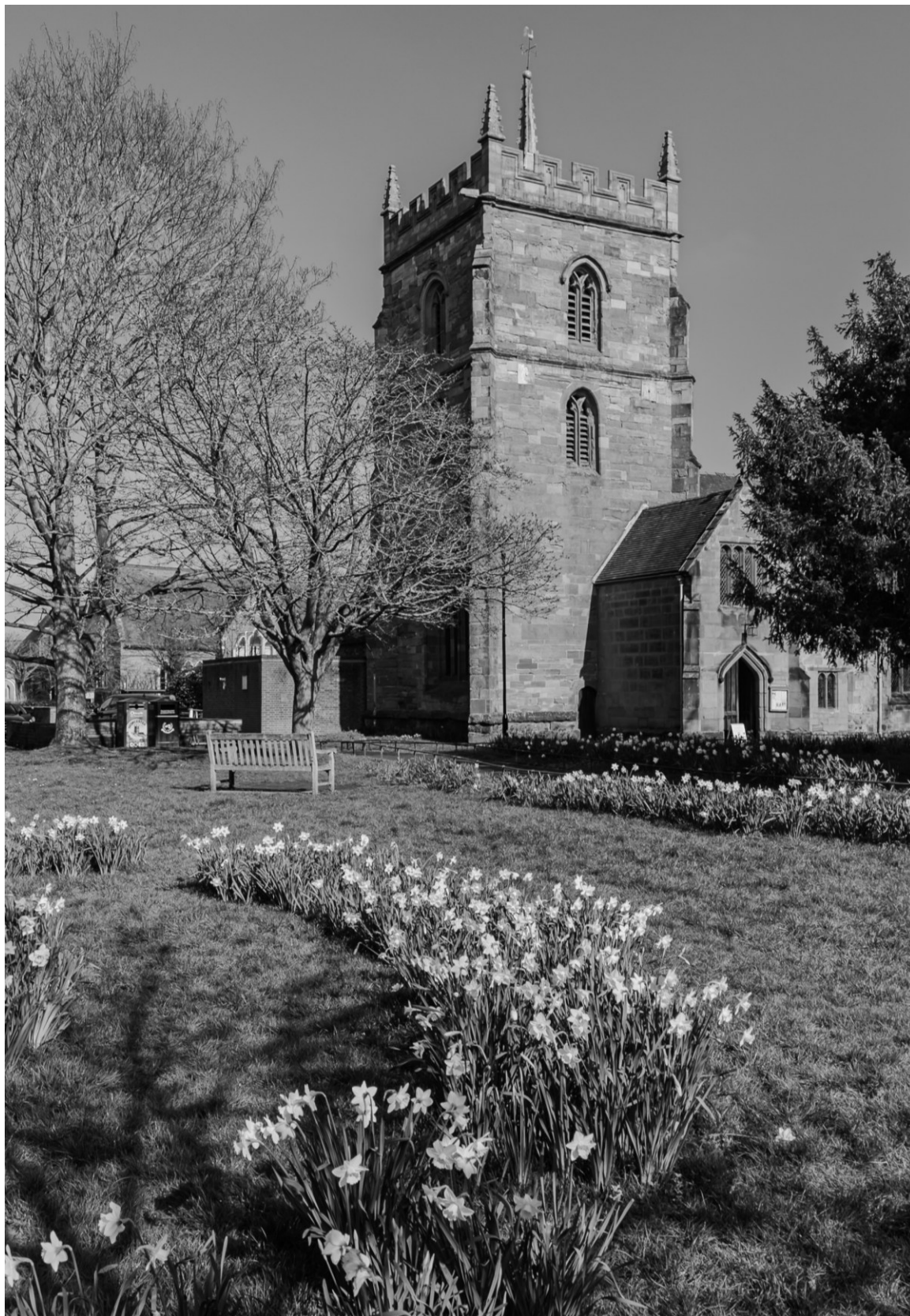
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A word from the editors

“We wish you a very happy Easter!”

Welcome to our April 2026 edition. In her letter, in the context of Easter, Sarah explores our ongoing theme of service, mission and outreach.

Continuing from last month's item about a current long-serving member of the choir, we've got an extended Magazine Archive piece (page 41) with material about and from Bill Davies, who received his medal for 50 years' service in 1987.

We've got our annual church meetings coming up highlighting the need for people to come forward to serve our churches and not assume that someone else will do everything. Please see pages 20 and 37. For once we are not leaving you with a prayer:

*There were important jobs to be done and
Everybody assumed that Somebody would do them.
Anybody could have done them, but Nobody did.
Everybody thought that Anybody could do the jobs,
but Nobody realised that Everybody wouldn't do
them. It ended up that Everybody blamed Somebody
when Nobody did what Anybody could have done.*

Graham and Sue Evans

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From Sarah Cottrill

When Graham reminded me that it's my turn to write the clergy letter for this month's magazine, he suggested that I might continue the topic of outreach and service, with a link to Easter. An initial head scratch left me a little perplexed, but when I sat down to think about it, I realised that in fact the link is an obvious one. Through his teaching, actions, death and resurrection Jesus reached out to the local communities around him, and through his disciples extended that outreach to the whole world. His life was one of service and we hear a great deal about how we as Christians should follow his example, reaching out to others not only through explicit evangelism, but also through our acts of service.



At Easter we celebrate our Lord's resurrection and a few weeks later we mark his ascension. That does not, however, mean that Christ's life of service has ended. He continues to serve us, his followers, as he intercedes for us at God's right hand. His service of others also continues but it does so now through us. As Teresa of Avila wrote:

*Christ has no body now but yours,
No hands, no feet on earth but yours....
Yours are the feet with which he walks to do good.
Yours are the hands with which he blesses all the world.*

The feet and hands with which Jesus walked, served and blessed are scarred, bearing the marks of his crucifixion; visible reminders of how costly outreach and service can be. This being the case, we shouldn't expect our service and outreach to be easy. In order to fully enter the Easter joy of resurrection, we must also expect to enter, at least in part, the suffering of Christ's Passion.

So what does this mean in practical terms? Service doesn't have to be a penance; indeed, we are called to serve lovingly and joyfully. With the best will in the world we can't do this if we attempt to take on too much, or undertake tasks for which we are totally unsuited.

We should, however, be prepared to allow ourselves to be challenged; to step outside of our natural comfort zone and find new ways to reach out, new groups of people to serve. This may be individually - perhaps by volunteering for a charity - or it may be collectively, as part of a neighbourhood or church initiative.

At St Clement's Church we have become involved in three such initiatives. The first two are relatively easy; through our Mothers' Union members we are supporting projects which seek to reach out to people who find themselves unexpectedly in hospital overnight, and to fathers in prison wanting to send gifts to their newborn children.

The third is more challenging, as we explore the issues around domestic abuse and how we might be able to support victims. On March 8th we welcomed Sue Coleman, CEO of West Mercia Women's Aid, who spoke to us about the work of her organisation. Domestic abuse is far more common than we like to think and Sue gave us a great deal of food for thought.

How we go forward with this is, of course, a matter for extremely careful thought, with all manner of safeguarding considerations to be taken into account! What we can all do however, with immediate effect and at no risk, is find out more about the subject, speak about it to raise general awareness, pray for both victims and perpetrators, and offer financial support to organisations such as Women's Aid. By doing this we may, directly or indirectly, reach out to and serve others in ways which may enable them to experience for themselves the love, peace and freedom which is the gift of the risen Lord - and the essential message of Easter.

There are all sorts of reasons why certain doors are closed to us. We cannot go blundering in where we may do more harm than good to ourselves and others. As we are reminded in the alternative Collect for Easter 3, however, no door is locked to Christ.

*Risen Christ,
for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred:
open the doors of our hearts,
that we may seek the good of others
and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace,
to the praise of God the Father.*

Even when we cannot enter ourselves, we may, through prayer, education and practical, financial support of the appropriate organisations, be able to help open the door for him, and reach out to those in desperate need of his love, healing and peace.

Sarah

In Memoriam

Florence A Lewis	4 April 1994
Patricia Rosalie Surman	7 April 1986
Rev'd James William Newton	10 April 1988
Doris Drinkwater	18 April 1989

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, February 2026

St John's

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

8th February 2026 Lyra Maeve Richards

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 5th January 2026 Dorothy Whitworth

d. 31st January 2026 Brett Hartland

SERVICES: Communicants 259. Total attendance at all services 617 including 84 at two funerals.

St Michael's

SERVICES: Communicants 53. Total attendance at all services 75.

Weekday services

Week commencing Monday 30th March (Holy Week): Please see the Easter information on pages 26 and 27.

Week commencing 6th April: No mid-week Eucharists or daily offices.

Week commencing 13th April and the remainder of April:

Tuesday St John's 10am (Holy Communion - Book of Common Prayer)

Thursday St Michael's 10.30am (Eucharist - Common Worship) **

** Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing: This is normally on the second Thursday of each month. Exceptionally in April and May, this will be on the third Thursday of the month (16th April and 21st May).

Daily offices take place in St John's Church from Monday to Thursday.

Morning Prayer is at 8.30am. Evening Prayer is at 5pm during British Summer Time and at 4pm during GMT. Occasionally other commitments will prevent a service happening; the schedule for each week will be published in the pew sheet.

Dates for your diary

Location key	(J) St John's Church	(M) St Michael's Church
	(V) The Vicarage, 7 Manor Road	

(J) Mondays in term time, 10am: Little Lambs, see pages 8 and 24. Returns from Easter break on Monday 20th April.

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(J) Friday 3rd April 10am: Messy Church, see pages 9 and 28.

Doors open and food (hot bacon and egg sandwiches) available from 9:30am. (Food is being served at the beginning of Messy Church, not at the end).

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(J) Thursday 9th April, 1pm: The Good Old Days present

Discover History, "The history of April Fool's Day", see page 8.

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(J) Saturday 11th April, 9am: Women's Breakfast, see page 8.

--- 000 ---

(M) Monday 20th April, 2.30pm: Mothers' Union.

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(J) Wednesday 15th April, 2.45pm: Tea/Coffee & Cake, see page 8.

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(M) Thursday 16th April, 2pm - 4pm: West Worcester Friendship Group.

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(V) Thursday 23rd April, 7.30pm: Mothers' Union.

--- 000 ---

(V) Friday 24th April: Fourth Friday Friendship Group. Look out for sign-up sheets in church or contact Sarah Cottrill for details.

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(J) Saturday 25th April, 10.45am: Cafe@10.45, see page 9.

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(J) Wednesday 15th April, 7.30pm: Bible Course commences. Come from 7pm when tea and coffee will be available, see page 27.

--- 000 ---

(J) Sunday 3rd May, after the morning service: St John's Annual Church Meetings (see page 20).

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(J) Saturday 9th May, 7.30pm: Concert by the Film Orchestra Choir. (see page 9).

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(M) Sunday 17th May, after the morning service: St Michael's Annual Church Meetings (see page 20).

Events at St John's

Little Lambs



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**Saturday 11th April
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ST JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE

**Join us for Tea,
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Wednesday 15th April

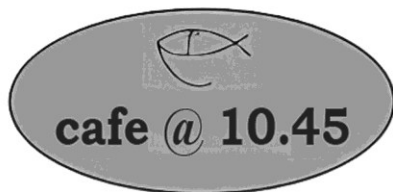
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Events at St John's

St John in Bedwardine



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ALL WELCOME



Good Friday

Friday 3rd April, 10am.

April's theme will be
" Good Friday and Easter"

Doors open at 9.30am for hot
bacon and egg sandwiches. (Food is
being served at the beginning of
Messy Church, not at the end).

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

The Film Orchestra Choir

On Saturday 9th May, we'll be hosting
The Film Orchestra Choir as they
perform songs and music from a range
of TV and film.

If you would like to see a taster of the
choir's repertoire, you can find videos
from their latest concert on The Film
Orchestra's Facebook page.

More details about this are coming
shortly – please do keep an eye out at
St John's Church and on our website
and Facebook page for these.

We look forward to seeing you for an
evening of beautiful music.

The Events Team

Coach trips

Saturday 13th June

*(Apologies - we put "Sunday" last month.
The Editors)*

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Evening Prayer with Bible Study

The theme for Sunday Evening Prayer with Bible Study on 12th April will be **Philemon: Bridging barriers to brotherhood**. As the weather hopefully will be warming up (!) we will once again be meeting in the font chapel.

These services are held on the second Sunday of each month at 5.30pm at St John's Church with hot drinks and sweet treats (cakes or cookies) available. The sessions last about an hour, set within a service of Evening Prayer.

Philip Evans

Children's Church – April 2026

Over the past few weeks we have been finding out about Lent in our children's groups. We discussed kind things we could do each day in Lent, and some of the children have decided to give things up instead. We have all been learning that Lent is the time in the lead up to Easter, and that, as March comes to a close, we will begin to think about the Easter Story.

During the school Easter holidays Children's Activities will be running at St John's on Wednesday mornings (1st and 8th April); anyone is welcome. Please book if you can (watch Facebook for details), but it's okay to turn up on the day.

On the morning of Good Friday (3rd April) there is a special Messy Church to remember the Easter Story. Instead of our usual dinner, bacon or egg sandwiches will be served at the start of the session (see pages 7, 9 and 28).

Children's Church continues to run on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays of each month at St John's Church. We have two groups: Scramblers for pre-school children and Explorers for primary school-aged children. Everyone is welcome.

Fiona Templeton and Amy Rees

Sundays and Principal Feasts in April

Wednesday 1st April: Wednesday of Holy Week

Thursday 2nd April: Maundy Thursday

Friday 3rd April: Good Friday

Saturday 4th April: Easter Eve

Sunday 5th April: Easter Day

Monday 6th April - Saturday 11th April: Easter Week

Sunday 12th/19th April: The second/third Sunday of Easter

Thursday 23rd April: George, Martyr, Patron of England

Saturday 25th April: Mark the Evangelist

Sunday 26th April: The fourth Sunday of Easter

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St David's News

The first of March (St David's Day) saw us have our Patronal Service which was led by Sarah. We were joined by some of St Clement's congregation who stayed after the service to join us for refreshments. Everyone who attended the service went home with some daffodils. Thanks for these must go to Sarah.

One afternoon in March was spent clearing and sorting through the corner at the back of church, ready to receive a bookcase from St Clements which they no longer need. This will be a great help for us in finding books much more easily.

The Coffee Morning in March was a very pleasant morning and our next one will be on Wednesday 1st April at 10.30am, to which you are most welcome.

We will be having fresh lilies in church for Easter and if you would like to give a donation towards these in memory of a loved one, please put your donation in an envelope with the name of your loved one on the front and give it to either myself or Wendy.

From all of us at St. David's, we wish you a very happy Easter.

Carole Stone, Deputy Church Warden.

Easter Flowers at St. John's Church

Spring is on its way and the Flower Team is planning the decoration of church for Easter. This year Easter Sunday falls on Sunday 5th April and the team will be decorating the church on Saturday 4th April from 9am until 1pm. Refreshments will be available from about 11am. Any gifts of greenery which you may have to spare would be most welcome.

If you wish to remember relatives or friends, you can do so by making a donation towards the Easter lilies and flowers. Please give your donation, in an envelope, with the name(s) of those to be remembered, to the church wardens or Sue Hussell. The names will be included in the memorial list which will be placed on the 'Welcome' table.

The Flower Team thank you for your continued support, and wish you and your families a blessed and joyful Easter.

Sue Hussell

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Holy Week and Easter 2026

Last month we described the services and activities that we would see during the month of March. This took us through Lent and to the start of Holy Week.

1st April is the Wednesday of Holy Week. This continues the week's pattern of daily **Morning Prayer** (7.45am), short morning **Eucharist** (8.05am) and Evening Prayer (5pm) at St John's with the addition of **Easter crafts & breakfast** from 9am to 11am, which includes Easter-themed crafts, trail and breakfast, also at St John's.

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April, again follows the week's pattern of daily **Morning Prayer** (7.45am), short morning Eucharist (8.05am) and **Evening Prayer** (5pm) at St John's plus a **Maundy Thursday Eucharist** at 10.30am at St Michael's Church and a choral Maundy Thursday Eucharist at 7.30pm at St John's Church.

On Good Friday, the day begins with **Morning Prayer** at St John's at the later time of 9am followed by **Messy Church** from 10am to 11.30am on the theme of



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Holy Week & Easter. This will include a breakfast of egg or bacon sandwiches. This is followed by **Stations of the Cross** at 12noon and then the **Liturgy of Good Friday** from 1.30pm to 3pm.

Holy Saturday is marked with a service of **Tenebrae**, this year at St John's Church at 8pm.

Tenebrae ('darkness' in Latin) is a quiet, moving, meditative

service of readings, Taizé chants and silence as night falls. During the service candles are gradually extinguished and we leave in darkness, to mark the solemnity and despair of the disciples after Good Friday. The service will last about an hour.

Easter Day dawns with the **Easter Liturgy** at 6am at St John's Church, where a fire will be kindled and the Paschal Candle lit. There will then be celebratory **Easter Eucharists** at 10.30am at both St John's (where the service will be choral) and St Michael's churches.

The celebration continues with another session of **Easter crafts & breakfast** from 9am to 11am on Easter Wednesday, 8th April.

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Women's World Day of Prayer



I attended the World Day of Prayer service on Friday 6th March and took this picture of the leaders. It was a very enjoyable service.

Anne Burrows

Marooned with Music

The new Bishop of Worcester, Bishop Hugh, will be 'Marooned with Music' at St Clement's Church on Tuesday May 5th at 7pm.

Based on the popular Radio 4 programme, join us for an evening of conversation and music as we get to know 'the man under the mitre.' There will also be an opportunity to ask Bishop Hugh questions, but these need to be submitted in advance. Please use the slip below and leave it in church (St Clement's or St David's) or email me on stclementschurch23@gmail.com no later than April 12th. The questions can then be checked for duplicates and sent to Bishop Hugh ahead of the event. Please give your name as anonymous questions will be discarded.

Tickets for this event will be available from early April. They cost £5 which includes cheese and wine.

Sarah Cottrill

Marooned with music

Your name:

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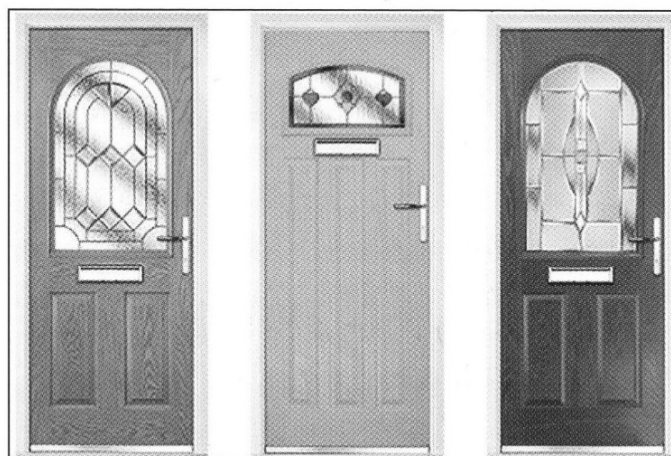
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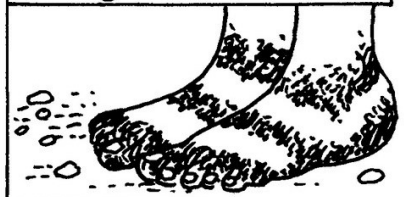
It can be read in the Bible in
Luke 22:24, John 13:3-17

Jesus and his disciples were celebrating
the Passover with the special meal.
The disciples were bickering again.

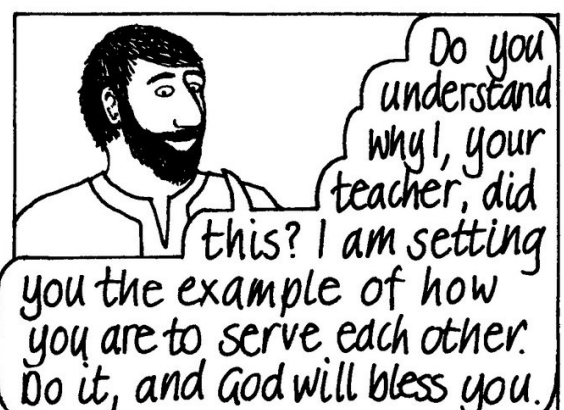


There was a
reason why
no-one wanted
to be the least
important - the
roads were mud
and everyone's feet
got very dirty.

It was the job of the
least important
servant to wash
everyone's feet...



Jesus took off his outer robe and tied a
towel around his waist.



Our annual meetings

Next month, in the month of May, both parishes will have their annual meetings: 3rd May at St John's, 17th May at St Michael's.

The annual meetings should be the place where we celebrate the successes God has given us, discern where God is calling us to join in with his mission over the next year and elect the right people to lead this mission through various roles.

Why do we say annual meetings (plural)? Formally there are two meetings: the 'Annual Meeting of Parishioners' and the 'Annual Parochial Church Meeting'. We usually hold them both together but there is technically a difference!

At the Annual Meeting of Parishioners any person who is on the local electoral register may attend and vote. It is at this meeting that churchwardens are elected.

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting is a meeting where those who are on the parish electoral roll may attend and vote. This is where reports from the Joint Council, various committees and the financial 'Annual Report & Accounts' are received and the laity (everyone who isn't clergy) elect various representatives.

Who are we electing and what do they do?

Churchwardens

- How many? Two churchwardens are elected each year for each parish. So two for St Michael's and two for St John's.
- How long are they elected for? They are elected for one year.

Churchwardens play a vital role in the life of each parish, with two individuals elected annually for each parish to serve a one-year term. The position of churchwarden is steeped in history, tracing its origins back to the 13th century, making it one of the oldest forms of recognised lay ministry within the Church. Their responsibilities are extensive: they serve as legal guardians of the church's moveable goods, including furniture, plates, and ornaments, and act as officers of the Bishop and trustees of specific charitable trusts (in practice this only applies to St John's churchwardens). By default, churchwardens are also members and trustees of the Joint Council. As officers of the Bishop, churchwardens must maintain order in the church and churchyard, especially during divine services, and their authority even extends to arresting anyone who disturbs a duly authorised preacher or priest during any sacrament or service. These elections provide an opportunity for parishioners to select representatives who will help oversee the practical and spiritual welfare of their church community over the coming year, continuing the enduring tradition of lay leadership and stewardship.

Representatives of the laity to the Joint Council

- How many? The number of representatives for each parish is based on the number of people on the parish electoral roll, ensuring fair and proportional representation. One-third of each parish's positions are elected each year.
 - St Michael's:
 - There will be one vacancy for a 3-year term up for election.
 - There is an ongoing vacancy with 1 year of the 3-year term remaining that will also be up for election.
 - St John's:
 - There will be three vacancies for a 3-year term up for election.
 - There is an ongoing vacancy with 2 years of the 3-year term remaining that will also be up for election.
- How long are they elected for? Each position is for a 3-year term.
- How many meetings do they attend? There are usually between 4 and 6 Joint Council meetings a year.

Representatives of the laity to the Joint Council are elected. One-third of each parish's positions filled each year for a three-year term. The exact number of representatives for each parish depends on the size of the parish electoral roll, ensuring fair and proportional representation. Those elected play an important role in voicing the concerns and aspirations of their fellow parishioners and contribute to the effective governance and collaborative work of the Joint Council.

Representatives of the laity to the Deanery Synod

- How many? The number of representatives for each parish is based on the number of people on the parish electoral roll.
 - St Michael's has two vacancies
 - St John's has three vacancies
- How long are they elected for? Representatives are elected from each parish every third year (2023, 2026 etc) for a three year term of office.
- How many meetings do they attend? There are usually about 4 meetings of the Deanery Synod to attend each year and between 4 and 6 Joint Council meetings a year.

The core role of Deanery Synod representatives is to serve as a vital link between their parish and higher levels of church governance, such as the Diocesan Synod and General Synod. They ensure that the views and experiences of parishioners

are conveyed at the deanery level and report back on synod discussions to their local church council. Additionally, these representatives participate in the election of members to both the Diocesan and General Synods, making them influential in shaping broader church leadership and policy.

Summary

Our church community is growing. At St John's in particular we have seen the number of children triple in the last five years and our usual Sunday attendance increase by about 50% in the last three years.

Now, more than ever, we need you to step forward and prayerfully consider whether God is calling you to take on one of these vital roles within our church community. Your voice and commitment can make a real difference in shaping the future direction of our churches. If you feel you'd like to know more about any of these roles before committing yourself, please speak to any of the current post-holders or one of the clergy.

Mothers' Union Evening Group

The St Michael's / St Clement's branch of the Mothers' Union holds two meetings each month; one at St Michael's Church on the third Monday of the month and one at my home in the evening of the fourth Thursday of the month. Members are free to attend either or both and new members are always welcome at whichever suits them best!

The evening group is particularly interested in supporting various projects run by Mothers' Union and we have been very grateful for donations of toiletries. At our April meeting we will be going through these, putting them into bags and arranging to get them all to the local coordinator. She then takes them to the hospital where they are given to patients who find themselves unexpectedly in hospital overnight and arrive without so much as a comb or toothbrush.

Over the next few months we hope to support the prisons project which enables fathers to send gifts to their new-born babies. Once I've heard back from the co-ordinator about suitable items, I will publish a list.

Meanwhile, we are also working on preparations for a picnic, to celebrate 150 years of the Mothers' Union. This will take place at St Clement's Church on August 9th and is open to anyone: members, prospective members, or those simply looking for something to do on a (hopefully) sunny Sunday afternoon! Look out for full details in the July magazine.

Sarah Cottrill

If it doesn't move, fertilise it!

Reverends Phil and Gilly visited the Hillborough Allotments on Stanley Road today to support the work that staff and clients at the Maggs Day Centre are carrying out on the site that they have recently begun to rent.

The allotment is in need of a considerable amount of improvement and our Joint Council Charities Committee has agreed to aid the development of this work by allocating £500 for the restoration of the site shed and purchasing timber from which raised beds will be created.



In due course, I shall report back on the progress that has been made in growing produce that can be used in the Maggs' Cafe and by Maggs' clients in their accommodation.

John Prangnell

Little Lambs Daffodils for St David's Day

Wow! The daffodils looked so bright and cheerful all around the church on Monday 2nd March and our children loved painting their own daffodil pictures. We provided smaller paintbrushes and hoped that our older children would be able to use these independently and carefully which they did as you can see from the photos.





The children in the photos on the previous page are all going to school in September and we will miss them but they are very much ready for school and we are sure they will be happy. We think that Little Lambs has helped to provide the opportunities for them to have fun and to get to know each other well.



The children also enjoyed playing with the bricks as a group and it was lovely to see them sharing and working together and chatting away too.

Thank you to Sandra Greenhow who has joined our volunteer team. We are very grateful for her help and enthusiasm.

Our last meeting this term will be on Monday 23rd March and we will return on Monday 20th April. If anyone is available to help with our sorting out and cleaning session on Monday 13th April, anytime between 9.30am and 11.30am, we would be delighted to see you.

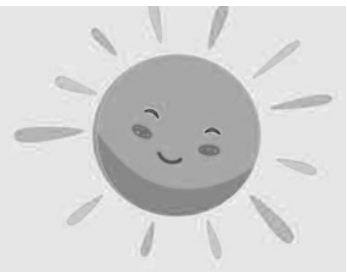
Blessings to everyone from Little Lambs.

Sue Fairman



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Our Lent & Easter events and services

We are offering lots of different services this Lent & Easter season.

You are invited to join us at any of them.

Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday of Holy Week, 30th March-1st April

St John's	7.45am	Morning Prayer
St John's	8.05am	Eucharist A said service, lasting about 20 minutes.
St John's	10am	Holy Communion <u>Tuesday only</u> . A said service using traditional (BCP) language.
St John's	9-11am	Easter crafts & breakfast <u>Wednesday only</u> . Enjoy Easter-themed crafts, breakfast and an Easter-themed trail around the church.
St John's	5pm	Evening Prayer

Maundy Thursday, 2nd April

St John's	7.45am	Morning Prayer
St John's	8.05am	Eucharist A said service, lasting about 20 minutes.
St Michael's	10.30am	Maundy Thursday Eucharist
St John's	5pm	Evening Prayer
St John's	7.30pm	Maundy Thursday Eucharist A sung Eucharist, concluding with the stripping of the altars. After the service, people are welcome to sit in silence in the darkened church for a time of personal prayer & reflection.



Good Friday, 3rd April

St John's	9am	Morning Prayer
St John's	10-11.30am	Messy Church: Holy Week & Easter Crafts and activities based on the theme of Holy Week & Easter, followed by a short worship session. Doors open from 9.30am with hot drinks and snacks available.
St John's	12noon	Stations of the Cross A reflective service of meditations and music, following the fourteen stations which represent Jesus' journey from condemnation to burial.
St John's	1.30pm	The Liturgy of Good Friday A service of prayer, reading from John's Gospel, hymns & choral music, and veneration of the cross, concluding at 3pm as we leave in silence, the traditional hour of Jesus' death.

Holy Saturday, 4th April

St John's

8pm

Tenebrae ('darkness' in Latin) is a quiet, moving, meditative service of readings, Taizé chants and silence as night falls. During the service candles are gradually extinguished and we leave in darkness, to mark the solemnity and despair of the disciples after Good Friday.

Easter Day, 5th April

St John's

6am

Easter Liturgy A fire is kindled in the churchyard, from which the Paschal (Easter) Candle is lit and processed into church.

St John's

10.30am

Easter Choral Eucharist A celebratory Eucharist using the High Altar and music led by the choir and organ.

St Michael's

10.30am

Easter Eucharist



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for reflection, and, of course, refreshments (served from 7pm) to keep you fuelled along the journey.

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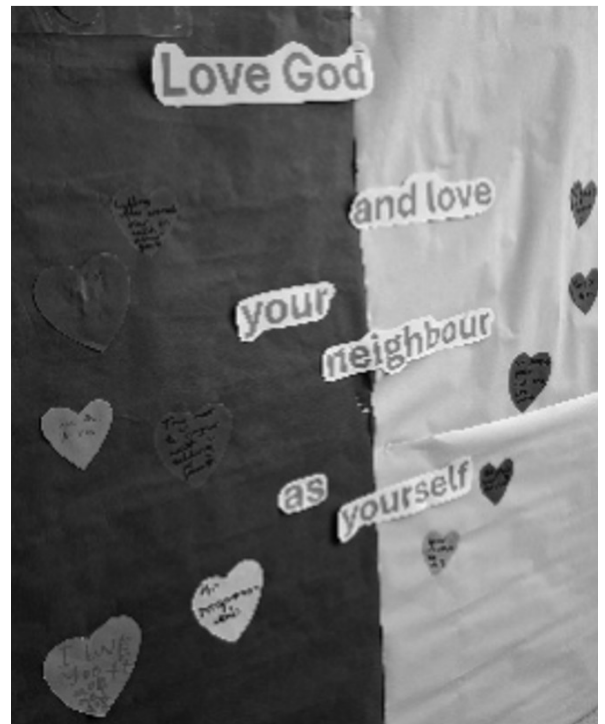


Love and Listening

March's Messy Church explored the theme of love through the story of Mary and Martha. From Luke 10:38–42, it tells of two sisters who had very different ways of showing their love for Jesus. Martha was busy preparing an impressive meal, rushing around the kitchen making sure

everything was perfect. Mary, on the other hand, sat down and listened to Jesus. Both were showing love, but in completely different ways.

Our activities reflected the different ways we show love and the importance of taking time to listen. On arrival, we wrote on hearts to express our thoughts about what love is. These are on the Messy Church board in St John's. Please do pop in and take a look.



'Martha's Kitchen' was particularly popular, with everyone making mug cakes that became our dessert. The chocolate fondant cake was definitely the favourite recipe!



As people prepared their treats, we were encouraged to think about how Martha was cross that Mary wasn't helping her. Are there times when we need to ask for help, or times when we should stop and spend time with others instead?

The marbled heart activity encouraged us to consider what ingredients go into love, with colours representing different aspects and emotions. People created beautiful marbled patterns, thinking about the different elements that make up love. Heart-shaped planting asked us to consider what helps seeds grow and what helps love grow, encouraging us to reflect on how Jesus showed love to the people around him.

Making paper clip bracelets reminded us that churches are made up of people who are linked together by their love for God and their love for each other. We also created spectacles, thinking about how it would make a difference to wear 'spectacles of love' and see everybody and everything through the eyes of love. At the end of all our activities, we gathered together to watch the volcano erupt – a reminder that sometimes we are so angry we feel like volcanoes about to erupt, just like Martha was with her sister! Children had helped to build the volcano, and everyone enjoyed watching it erupt with bicarbonate of soda and vinegar.



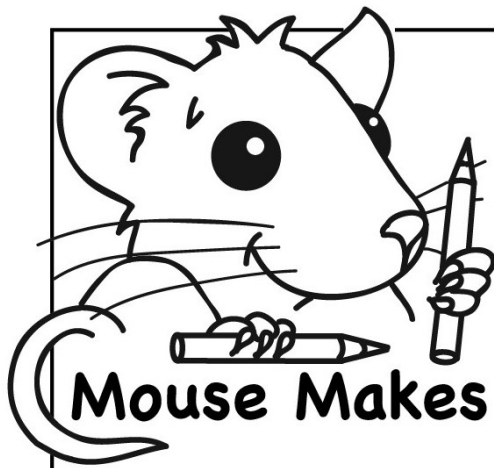
Our worship session focused on all the tasks we do at home – washing, cleaning, cooking and more. While these tasks are important, we also need to remember to take a moment to listen and focus on Jesus, just as Mary did.

A huge thank you to Chris for cooking our meal this month – your efforts were very much appreciated and gave us all a chance to sit together and enjoy good food and good company! The mug cakes were delicious!

In a change to our usual pattern, the next Messy Church is on Friday 3rd April at 10am, where our theme will be Good Friday and Easter. Doors open at 9.30am for hot bacon and egg sandwiches. Food is being served at the beginning of Messy Church, not at the end.

Everyone is welcome, and we look forward to seeing you there.

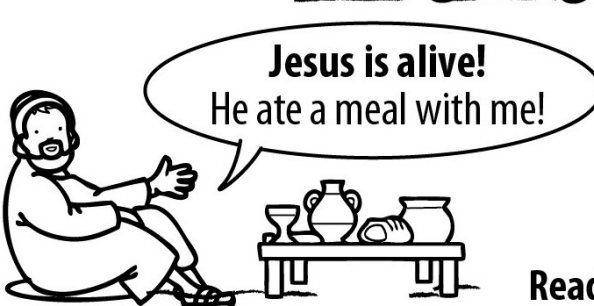
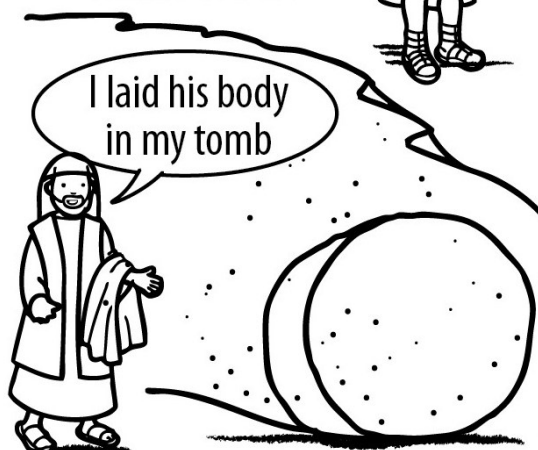
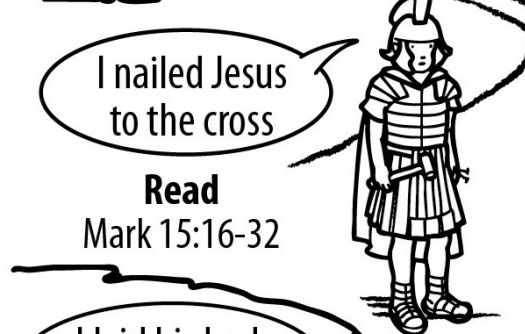
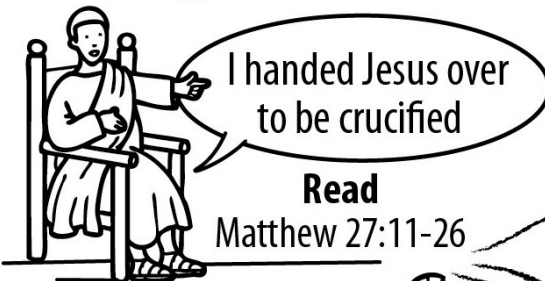
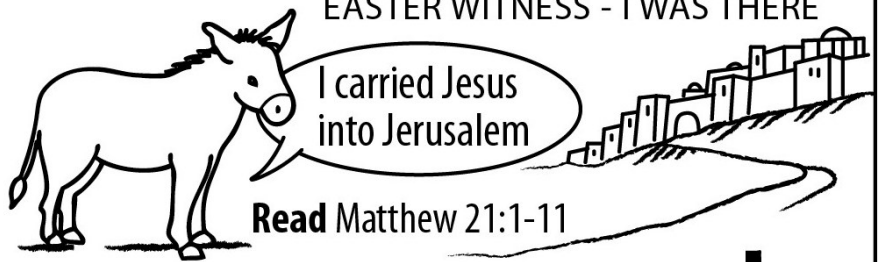
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Seen in church

At the bottom left, two of our younger children bringing forward the offertory.

The other two pictures are explained by Sue Fairman, who took the pictures: “After Little Lambs today [2nd March], the repaired organ parts were returned to church by the company that is doing the work. It was a pleasure to see.”

“John [Brierley] was there and explained what has been done.”



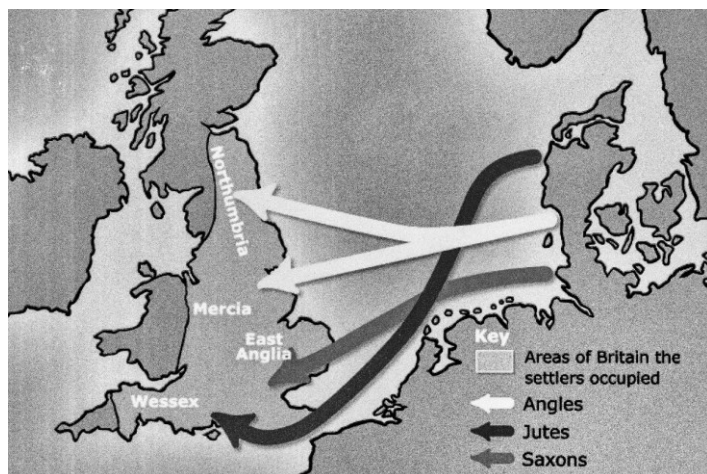
Saxon Life in Worcester

On yet another grey wet day we gathered in the church to hear Paul Harding from Discover History tell us about Saxon Life in Worcester.

Incredibly we had one of our highest audiences with over 100 people. This era used to be called the Dark Ages, due to most of the buildings being built of wood and so they disappeared when they rotted in the ground.

However, these days we have been able to understand more about the period due to various hoards that have been discovered, such as the Staffordshire one. The era is now called the Anglo-Saxon, or Early Medieval period.

In Worcester the Wealas people, or Welsh, started to come across to raid the old Roman cities, that had been abandoned. From Europe the Jutes, Angles and



were early Christians, whereas other Kingdoms were Pagan. Eventually this area came under the Mercian Kingdom.

The oldest area of Worcester is around the Cathedral, which dates to the Bronze Age. When the Saxons came there were Romano-British homes in the area. The Saxon homes were built with a wood fire in the middle of the house, but they did not include a chimney, so the buildings were very smoky. The fire would have a kettle hanging over the fire to boil water with

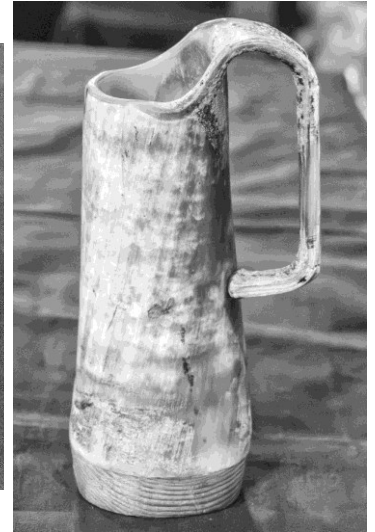
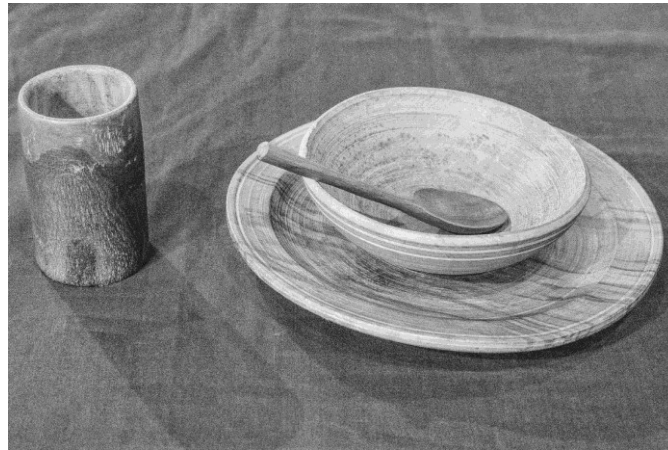


Saxons started to raid England across the Channel. The Anglo-Saxon slowly became the strongest group and controlled Britannia, which became Angle-land (England). The country was split into a number of Kingdoms and in the 5th/6th centuries the area from Gloucester to Staffordshire came under the Hwicca Kingdom. The Hwicca



meat and vegetables in it. As it was used, they would just add more to the pot so the food was always available for anyone who may turn up.

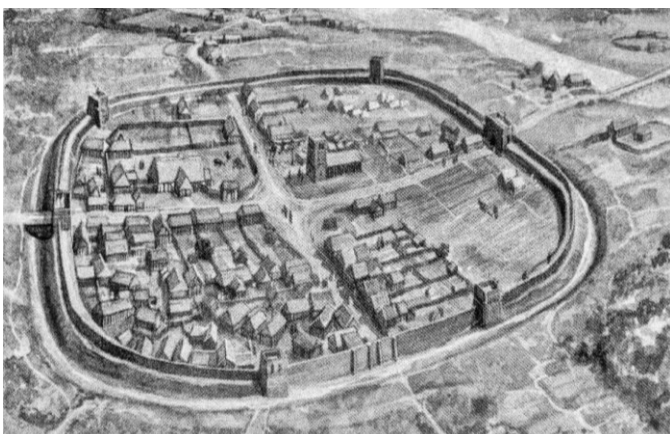
The Anglo-Saxons were good farmers and would grow vegetables and grain around the home. They would make beer from the grain to drink. Most of their utensils were made of wood or cow horns, such as tankards. They washed themselves with animal fats and used combs on their hair, the men even had combs for their moustaches.



The only two churches in Worcester that date from this period are St Helen's and St Alban's; although how much of the original churches are still there is debatable. Both churches are in the area that was part of the original inhabited area of Worcester.

There were constant conflicts between the kingdoms as they were warrior nations. The helmets they wore were a combination of various styles, based on old discarded Roman ones with additions.

The Saxons used Seax, knives, as weapons and this is how they became known Seax, or Saxons. Some were small as in this image, but others were the length of swords. The main difference between them was that swords had guards to protect the hand.



The Archbishop of Canterbury decided that Wigornia, the earliest name for Worcester, was a strong place of Christian worship and therefore it should have a Bishop. The first person sent died en route from Northumberland and so he appointed Bosel in 680, and that was when the diocese was created. Bosel

found the two Hwicca churches and decided that he needed a church to become his seat or Cathedral. The first one built was very small. It was named St Peter and St Paul and was built in the area in front of the present cathedral where the current Cathedral Square is. The population started to grow, due to the transport links along the River Severn and because it was a centre of Christianity.

King Alfred saw that Wigornia was becoming important and in the ninth century he issued the first charter for the city. This charter says that the town will be a fortified town with a burh (a built-up earthen bank with palisades on top of it) built around the buildings.

The Saxons started to farm sheep for wool, and this is what created the wealth of Worcester over the years. The Saxons started using silver coins as money. Each one was valued at one penny, which was the value of the weight of silver. They would cut a coin in half or a quarter if smaller values were required.

The era of the Anglo-Saxons came to an end when King Harold lost the Battle of Hastings to the invading Normans.

The ladies had produced the usual array of wonderful cakes. All the cakes were eaten due to the large audience size, and they even had to go hunting for more mugs for the drinks!

Colin Nash

Sudoku Puzzle

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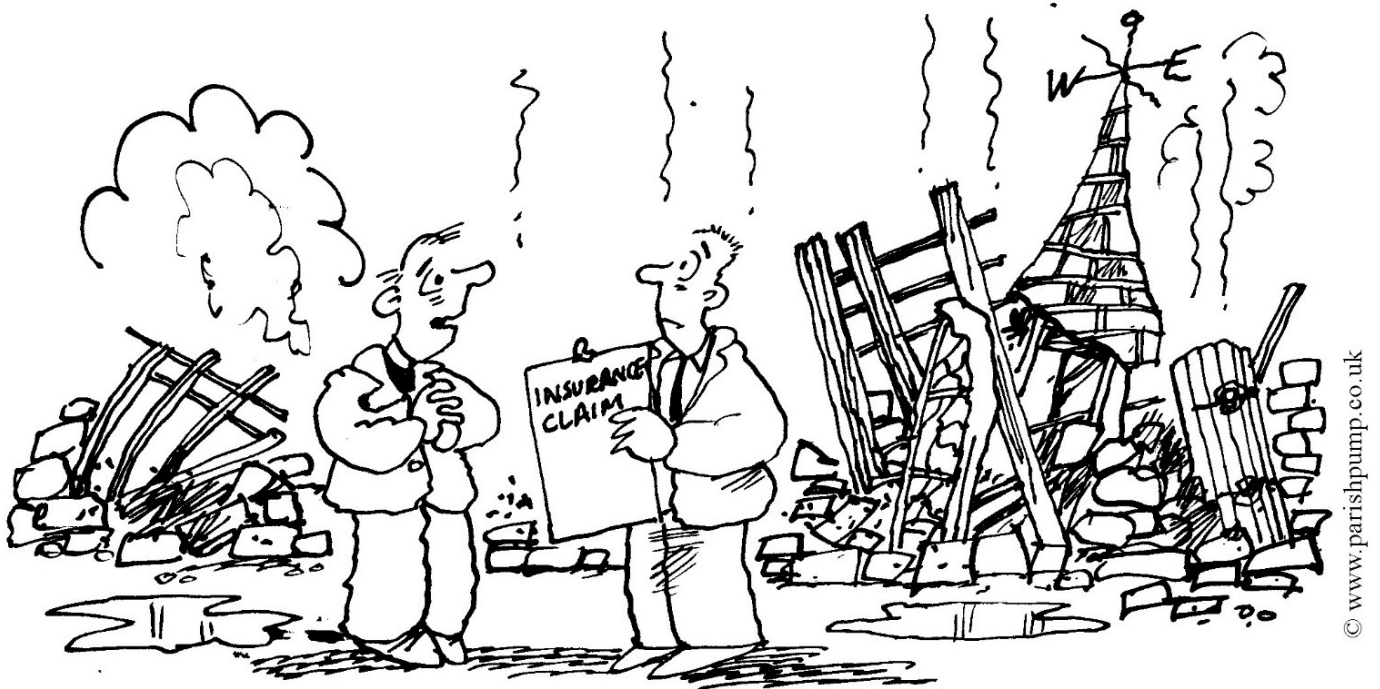
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Pancake Party

Shrove Tuesday saw people queuing up for pancakes in St Clement's Church! We were delighted to welcome young - and not so young - people to enjoy pancakes with a variety of toppings, plus drinks and chat. The youngsters enjoyed playing "Stick the handle on the frying pan" (a variation on the theme of "pin the tail on the donkey") and seeing who could toss a pancake the most times without dropping it. Others did timed relays around the church, played giant 'Connect 4' and 'Noughts and Crosses' or simply enjoyed a chat over pancakes and drinks. However people chose to spend the afternoon, all agreed they'd thoroughly enjoyed themselves and many requests were received for something similar next year!

My thanks to everyone who came along and helped to make the event so successful.

Sarah Cottrill



...er... apart from this little hiccup... it was an excellent church pancake supper...

Greetings from Rome

It's taken a little longer than I anticipated, but I've finally done it!

1,246.7 miles walked - the equivalent of the distance from St Clement's, Worcester to St Clement's, Rome. Now comes the hard part - collecting in the money!

Thank you to everyone who has sponsored me and already made their donation. If you promised to sponsor me and have not yet paid, please could you do so as soon as possible. Cash can be left in an envelope, clearly marked as being for my walk, at St Clement's Church or St John's Church office.

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Before you turn over the page, please note that we are NOT looking for deep finance knowledge or accountancy qualifications. Please read on!

Many tasks are about co-ordination, correspondence, record-keeping and a common-sense approach to receiving and spending money and do not require in-depth financial knowledge. Familiarity with spreadsheets is an advantage, but in-depth spreadsheet knowledge is NOT required (but will not be turned away!!).

These various tasks relating to the finances of the Joint Council are carried out by a team of people. Formally they are a sub-committee of the Joint Council. The key point is that there is a team and therefore the workload is spread out.

We have some vacancies within the team. The roles are as follows.

Finance team member: To keep down the workload for the individual members of the finance team, we would like to recruit another member. Tasks assigned can be tailored to the knowledge of the member.

Book-keeper: The day-to-day financial records of the Joint Council are kept in a spreadsheet known as the “Parish Accounts Workbook” (“P.A.W.”). All bank transactions are downloaded after the end of each month into PAW. The book-keeper goes through all the transactions ‘coding’ them against the various categories of income and expenditure (e.g. “Donations” or “Maintenance”).

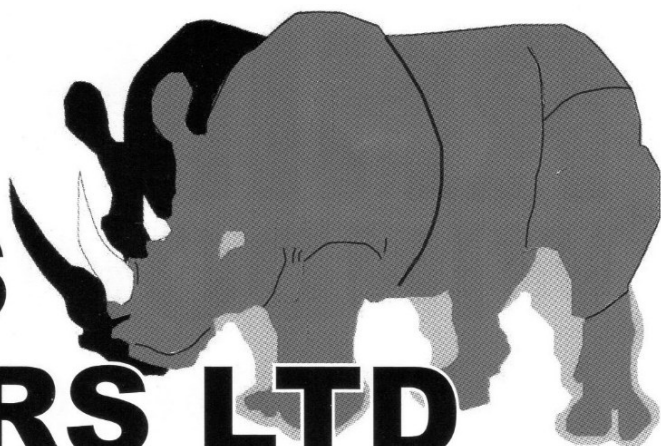
We estimate that this is one to two hours work per month once someone has become familiar with the task, ideally done within the first week or so of the following month. Full training and support will be given. Familiarity with spreadsheets is an advantage, but the book-keeper only needs to copy/paste/type and select from drop-down choices. The work can be done from home on your own PC, or in the Parish Office using a church computer.

Treasurer: The Treasurer has overall responsibility for the oversight of the work of the finance team and reporting of finances to the Joint Council. Thus the key elements of the role are:

- To attend Joint Council meetings (4 to 6 per year).
- To chair the Finance sub-committee (actual meetings are rare; most business is transacted by email).

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- To know the finance tasks that need to be done and who is doing them (we already have that list) and to keep an eye on things to make sure that the tasks are being done in a timely fashion. This will include recognition of the need for ad hoc pieces of work or new regular tasks and carrying out or delegating them.
- To report and interpret the financial position of the Joint Council to meetings of the Joint Council and the Standing Committee.
- To implement/monitor the financial decisions of the Joint Council.
- To compile and complete (with other members of the finance team) the Joint Council annual accounts.

The Treasurer will be the first port of call in many cases for people who have ad hoc finance queries. The intention is that the task of responding to such queries can be spread around the finance team.

The Treasurer will be a member of the finance team and will therefore get involved in finance team tasks as required.

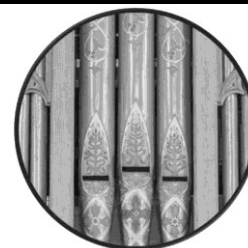
The finance team has members with the knowledge and skill who are willing and able to train and support a new Treasurer. Courses for new Treasurers are available from the Worcester Diocese and from ACAT (Association of Church Accountants and Treasurers).

For more information please speak to me, Philip Evans, Gordon Templeton or Gilly Maxim.

Graham Evans

Organ Update

At the time of writing, the organ is being reassembled. It should be back in operation by mid-March. There's still a funding gap!



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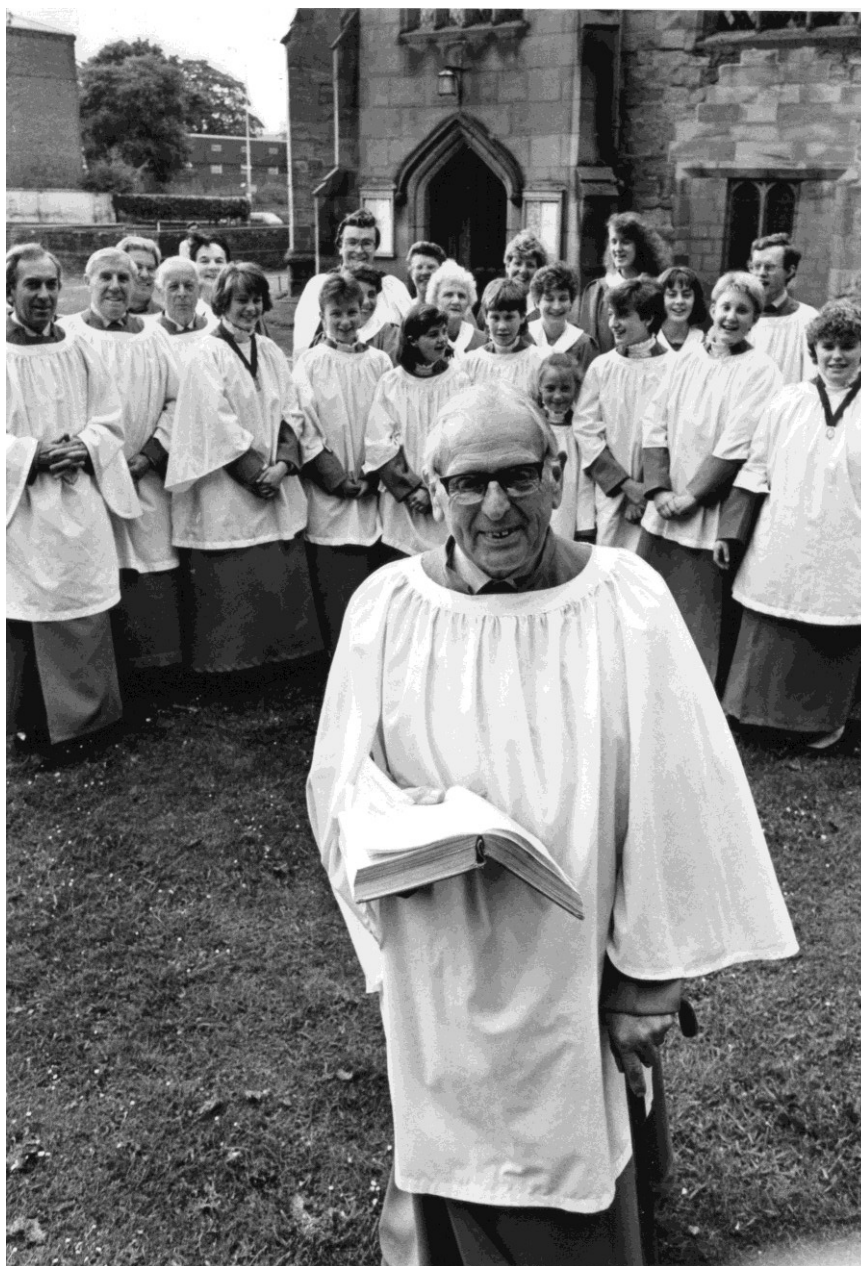
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From the Magazine Archive

With Sue Evans receiving recently her medal for long service in the choir, we thought you would find it interesting to hear some reminiscences from the previous person to achieve one. This was Bill Davies, who received his medal in 1987 and reached 61 years in St John's choir before ill-health forced him to retire in 1998. Thanks to Sue Hussell (Bill's daughter) for providing the magazine copies and the Berrows photographs used below.

The Editors

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BILL DAVIES – Thank You

Bill has had to resign from the choir, not having been able to sing with them for a year now. In the middle of May he had been a church choir member for 75 years, 61 of those years at St John's; 'I feel I have been so honoured to be there'. He says, 'I miss it very much, and the friends and kindness I have had all these years.' Well, we miss seeing Bill in his place too, and thank him gratefully and with affection for all that he has given down the years.

In the September 1998 magazine, the following article by Bill appeared. This is the whole article (scanned), although we have changed how it splits across pages.

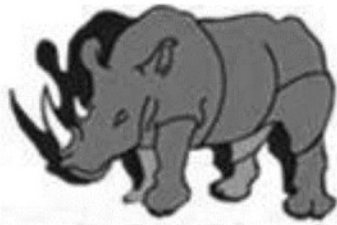
THE CHOIR - I REMEMBER

It was an honour to receive recognition from the church following my retirement from the choir at the end of May, this year. Having been a member of the choir for 61 years, you start to reminisce.

I had been a member of a church choir for a total of 75 years, serving with the choir of St. Mary's, Ross-on-Wye, before coming to Worcester in 1937. In those days, the choir had such a high reputation that there was a waiting list to join. I was introduced into the choir by Mr. Laflin who was a teacher at St. John's Boys' School (he later became headmaster) and I actually joined in the middle of May, 1937; the vicar at that time was Rev. Canon Powell. There were 35 members of the choir - 22 boys, 12 men and 3 ladies. The organist was Mr. Bishop and Canon Powell acted as choirmaster. It was Canon Powell who formed a choir of pupils from the Day School and coached them in order to perform in church once a year.

There have been many changes of organist/ choirmaster. At the end of the war, Canon Powell retired and Mr. Bishop became both choirmaster and organist. Rev. John Mort came to St John's (he was later made Bishop in Worcester Cathedral, which was unusual) and a little after that, Mr. Bishop resigned. Llethyd Williams, who was a lay reader at Worcester Cathedral, became choirmaster and Trevor Protheroe organist. Tony Hayward was choirmaster for a short while, followed by Pat Clifton and Jean Hattersley (a teacher at Christopher Whitehead Girls' School) and then Trevor Protheroe became organist and choirmaster, followed by the present post-holder, David Lindop.

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During the war, because there were no black out facilities in church, Evensong was held at 4 p.m., though, we carried hymn books and music to the Parish Hall in Blakefield Road, which could be blacked out, for choir practice on Friday nights. Over the years the night for choir practice changed to Thursdays, and now there are breaks for the school holidays - even the choir has a month off from services during August!

During my 61 years, the choir has served under six vicars - Canon Powell, Bishop John Mort, Rev. Malcolm Richards, Rev. Frank Bentley, Rev John Green and currently Rev. Chris Pullin. There have been many changes of curates - Clifford Carver, Chris Pilkington, Brian Morris, Sir Conan Aske and particularly Ruth Wintle, are names which readily spring to mind. When I arrived in St. Johns, Rev. Powell's curate was Deaconess Sykes; she was followed by Sister Gaunt of the Church Army.

There were memorable members of the choir, too. I remember Mr. Laflin, who not only introduced me into the choir, but befriended me when I first came to Worcester to work and live. Mr. Hicks who was also at one time headmaster of St John's Boys' School as was Mr. Platts, who later went as headmaster at Henwick Grove School (now Oldbury Park). Miss Minnett, one time headmistress of St. Johns Girls School who later married Mr. Armson, a lay reader. Of the three lady members of the choir when I joined, there was Miss Davis who owned the ladies outfitters on the Bullring and also was responsible for the distribution and sales of the Parish Magazine, and Miss Worster. There have been two lay readers who were both eye specialists. Trevor Tipple started as a choir boy and is now choirmaster and organist at St. Martin's, London Road. Roger Brooks learned to play the organ at St. John's and is now choirmaster and organist at All Saints', Bromsgrove. Keith Griffiths also learned to play the organ at St. John's and is organist at one of the cathedrals, I think. Sid Trenfield, who sang bass, was the only person to be cross bearer as well as a member of the choir. Choirboy, Christopher Parsons became cross bearer and has recently served the community as Mayor of Pershore. There are many others, but I fondly remember Jim Hughes - he was a real character.

While it was not unusual for fathers and sons to be in the choir at the same time, the Chalke family from Rushwick was an exception for Mr Chalke and his two sons were all choirmen at the same time.

The choir had such a reputation that distance did not deter members - Ray Marmont travelled from Malvern each week.

In 1937, the choir members wore black cassocks. In the early days of Rev. Richards, these were changed to red, and in Rev. Bentley's era, these were changed to blue. Originally the boys wore stiff collars; ruffs followed. The children were paid a small sum for Sunday attendance, but not the senior members or servers. The children were available for weddings and were paid extra.

The choir went to the cathedral on special occasions, for diocesan functions, and formed part of massed choirs. In those days, St. John's choir was reckoned to be next best to the Cathedral Voluntary Choir. The choir also sang at Martley Church for a dedication service. The choir was large enough also to send half of the members to Alfrick Church for a dedication service there.

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On Patronal Festival, and for Christmas and Easter, special music was performed by the choir. On Good Friday, for the three hours devotion, the choir was large enough for half to cover each of the two periods of the service.

In the early 50's, in the time of Rev. Mort, Evensong was broadcast live from St. John's on BBC Radio (on what would now be *Sunday Half Hour* on Radio 2). Llethyd Willims was choirmaster, but for that occasion a Mr. Green from the Cathedral came for the rehearsal and conducted during the broadcast. Recordings of the service were available for purchase.

There were social occasions, too. The choir used to go to St. John's Working Men's Club at Christmas to sing carols, and, on more than one occasion, went to sing carols at an old people's home at Lower Wick. Annually (usually before Christmas) the senior members of the choir were joined by the Vicar and his wife, and the church wardens, for a social evening. This was usually an evening meal at a local hotel and we made our own entertainment. On Patronal Festival, after Evensong, we joined members of the congregation for refreshments on the lawn of the vicarage (then adjoining the church).

There have been changes to the church itself - many during the time of Rev. Richards. The choir vestry was enlarged, the side galleries removed to provide more light in the church. The organ has been rebuilt twice in my time. Changes in the services - the new form of service not altogether popular with the choir.

Sadly, numbers started to dwindle in the 1980's. Of course, with teachers (and headteachers) of the boys school being members of the choir, they encouraged promising choristers to join. With the closure of the school, that source has gone.

There are many other tales which could be told, of people and events, but these are from the church and the parish rather than just the choir and would need to be told elsewhere

Over the years, the choir has become such a large part of my life and I miss that and all my friends. However, my wish now is to see the choir stalls filled again as they were in 1937.

William J. Davies

Choir jokes!

Q) How many choirmasters does it take to change a light bulb?

A) No one knows. No one ever watches the choir master.

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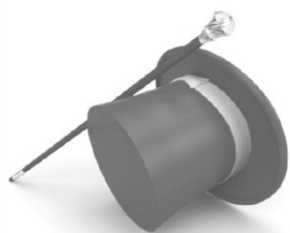
Q) What do you call a choir singing kneeling down?

A) A patella

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Q) C, E-flat and G go into a bar. What did the bartender say?

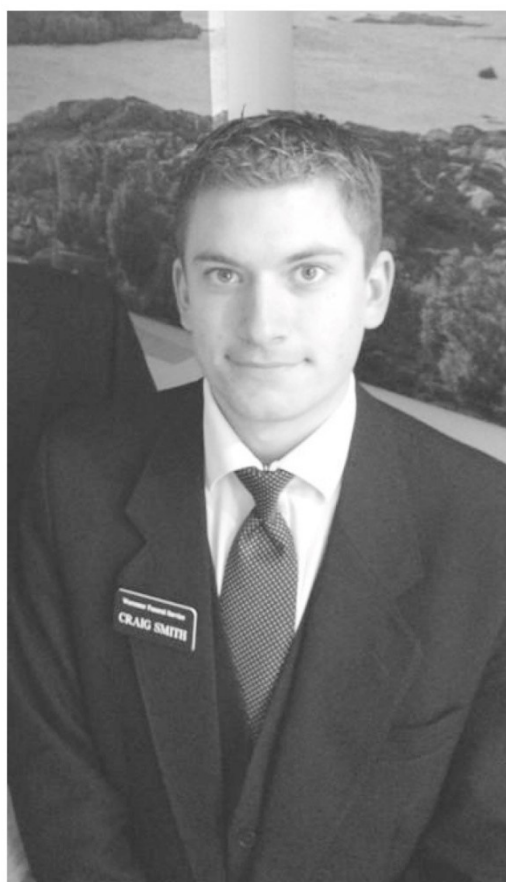
A) "Sorry, we don't serve minors."



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- Wednesday: 10am - 1pm
- Thursday: 2pm - 5pm
- Friday: 10am - 5pm
- Saturday: 10am - 1pm

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The library will be closed on the following dates:

- Good Friday 3 April
- Easter Monday 6 April
- May Day Monday 4 May
- Spring Monday 25 May

Events at St John's Library

Weekly events:

- Creative Tales, weekly every Monday, 3:30pm to 4:15pm (not 6 April).
- Chess Club, weekly every Tuesday, 2:00pm to 4:00pm.
- Cost 50p which can be paid on arrival.*
- Crochet and Chat, weekly every Wednesday, 10:00am to 12:00pm.
- Storytime and Song, weekly every Friday, 11:00am to 11:30am (not 3 April).

Other regular events:

- Classic Film Club, alternate Thursdays, 2, 16 & 30 April, 2:00pm to 3:30pm.
- Crime Readers' Group: First Friday of each month (does not meet in April), 12:00pm to 1:00pm.
- Photography Group: Third Friday of each month (17 April), 2:00pm to 3:00pm.

The group is open to anyone who is interested in photography regardless of their photographic experience or ability. Whatever camera you use right down to a phone camera, learn how to use your camera functions and improve your photographs. Monthly projects available to help inspire your creative eye. Free, but booking essential (01905 822722).

The information above is from the County Council website on 10th March.

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	St John's	St Michael's	St David's
5th April Easter Sunday	6am Easter Liturgy 10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist
12th April	10.30am Morning Worship 5.30pm Evening Prayer with Bible study	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer
19th April	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist
26th April	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Morning Worship	4pm Evening Prayer
3rd May	10.30am Eucharist followed by APCM	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist
In case there are any changes to the above, please watch the weekly church newsletters and websites for the latest information.			