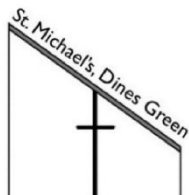




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St John-in-Bedwardine

St Michael's



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A word from the editors

Welcome to our September 2026 edition. Our theme this month is Gratitude. Gilly found inspiration for her letter in Deuteronomy of all places. Do read it!

The 150th anniversary year celebrations for the Mothers' Union continue and Sarah (p17) and Julie (p19) have written about commemorative events. We should indeed be grateful for the work of the MU to share God's love and reach out as his hands across the world.

We are also grateful to those who work to organise special events and the day-to-day life of our churches, reflected in the events listing and reports in this magazine.

To reflect our theme, we leave you with part of a prayer by St Ignatius of Loyola:

*Almighty God, give us we pray, such a sense of all
your mercies that our hearts may be thankful,
and that we show forth your praise, not only with
our lips, but in our lives,
by giving up ourselves to your service,
and by walking before you in holiness and
righteousness all our days.*

Graham and Sue Evans

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From Gilly Maxim

Gratitude in Difficult Places

I sometimes look in the Bible for something specific and end up going down some kind of rabbit hole, and sometimes I just open the Bible and see where the pages fall. When I was looking for something to inspire me to write about gratitude, I did exactly that, only to find myself in the middle of Deuteronomy, and I struggled to find the gratitude in those chapters.

These are not easy or familiar chapters, with a bewildering mixture of ancient laws about marriage, debt, slavery, property, warfare, hygiene, punishment, fair weights and measures, and what to do when you find yourself in someone else's vineyard! Some of it is difficult for modern readers, and some of it is deeply uncomfortable.

Not exactly the obvious place to go looking for a reflection on gratitude, and yet perhaps that is precisely why I landed there, because gratitude is easy when life is going well. It is easy to be thankful when the harvest has been plentiful, when the family is thriving, when the bills are paid, when relationships are flourishing and things seem to be falling into place, but what happens when they aren't?

I think about this particularly when I visit people after someone has died. Quite often, in the midst of their grief, someone will say something like, "I know this is the price I pay for having loved them so much." I usually respond with a small smile, enough to say, "I have heard you," but not quite enough to say, "I agree." Because sometimes that sentence is doing other work. It may be the safest way of saying, "I am furious." Furious at death, furious at God for allowing it, furious that the person they loved has been taken from them, and they may not feel able to say any of that to someone wearing a clerical collar.

Christian hope does not require us to call suffering God's intention. Sometimes the more faithful response is simply to make room for grief, anger and bewilderment and to trust that God can more than bear those reactions. This is why we should be careful about making gratitude a way of silencing such feelings. Scripture itself does not ask us to do that. The Psalms are full of anger, grief and bewilderment; Job is hardly a model of cheerful acceptance; and even Jesus does not shy away from sorrow, lament or protest. Faith does not require us to be grateful for things that wound us, nor to pretend that suffering is somehow less painful because we believe God is present within it. Sometimes the most faithful response is simply to tell the truth about our experience,

trusting that God can do more than merely tolerate our grief, anger and bewilderment: God can receive them, hold them and work within them.

There is, I think, an important distinction between being grateful for something and being grateful within it. How could we be grateful for illness, bereavement, loneliness, disappointment or failure? I don't think we can, and I don't think we have to be. Yet even there, in the midst of despair, there may still be things for which we can give thanks. Gratitude does not erase suffering or explain it away, rather, it helps us notice that suffering is not the whole story. We may not be grateful for every difficult circumstance in our lives, but we may discover gratitude within them. Gratitude for the friend who stays, the stranger who helps, the courage and strength we didn't know we had, the unexpected kindness or simply that that we have got up and shown up today. Gratitude for the fact that we are not carrying everything alone, for moments of beauty that break through unexpectedly, or for signs of God's faithfulness that become visible only in retrospect. That seems to me a much more honest kind of gratitude, and perhaps this brings us back to those awkward chapters of Deuteronomy. One of the things that runs through them is the command to remember.

In the middle of all these seemingly mundane regulations is a profound idea: gratitude is not simply a feeling, it is a way of remembering, and remembering changes how we live. The Israelites are being asked to remember their own experience of hardship, not so that they can pretend hardship was good, but so that they will become people who notice the hardship of others. That is a more demanding kind of gratitude as it asks us not merely, 'what am I thankful for?' but, what difference does my thankfulness make?

If I am grateful for having enough food, what does that mean for someone who doesn't? If I am grateful for a home, might I notice someone who has none? If I am grateful for friendship, might I notice the person who is lonely? If someone once helped me when I was struggling, might I now be willing to help someone else? And perhaps gratitude also changes how we look at the ordinary things we can easily take for granted: a familiar voice, a shared meal, a safe place to sleep, someone who notices when we are not ourselves, the freedom to begin again after getting something wrong.

Gratitude, in this sense, becomes a form of generosity. It does not explain suffering, it does not demand that we find a silver lining or declare that everything happens for a reason. Sometimes gratitude may simply be the quiet recognition that something precious has been given to us, and sometimes it may sit alongside anger, confusion and tears.

So perhaps my accidental journey into Deuteronomy wasn't as unhelpful as it first appeared. I went looking for a warm and comforting passage about gratitude and found instead a collection of awkward laws telling people to remember where they had come from and to consider how their lives affected others.

It wasn't quite what I had in mind but maybe it was what I needed.

Gilly

In Memoriam

Mrs RI Dobbins	1 September 1996
Bessie Sage	4 September 1995
Glenis Cole	5 September 2025
Alice Beatrice Ingham	5 September 1999
Beatrice Eva Jones	11 September 1987
Martha Ricketts	13 September 1996
Reg Brunyee	16 September 2006
Florence Smith	17 September 1996
Joan Pauline	19 September 1996
Elizabeth Goodsell	21 September 2003
Doreen Hall	24 September 1987

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, June/July 2026

St John's

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

14th June 2026 Charlotte Jadwiga Tomaney
Henry Wilfrid Tomaney

WEDDING: *Those whom God has joined together*

20th June 2026 Kyle Harding & Natasha Parry

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them, O Lord*

d. 30th May 2026 Anthony John Evans (Tony)
d. 15th June 2026 Eileen Davies
d. 30th June 2026 Pat Clifton

SERVICES: **June** Communicants 184. Total attendance at all services 515 including 94 at a funeral and a wedding. **July:** Communicants 267. Total attendance at all services 649 including 103 at a funeral.

St Michael's

SERVICES: June/July: Communicants 63/45. All services 77/68.

Dates for your diary

Location
key

(J) St John's Church

(M) St Michael's Church

(*) Please contact Sarah Cottrill for details (see inside front cover).

(J) Mondays in term time, 10am: Little Lambs returns on Monday 14th September. See pages 8 and 22.

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(J) Saturday 5th September, 4pm: Messy Church, see pages 9 and 26.
Doors open and drinks available from 3:30pm.

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(J) Thursday 10th September, 1pm: The Good Old Days present Discover History, "The Battle of Worcester", see page 8.

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

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(M) Monday 21st September, 2.30pm: Mothers' Union. [*Usually on the third Monday of the month, but this occasion has not been confirmed to the editors*]

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

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

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(*) There will be no evening Mothers' Union meeting this month.

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(*) Friday 25th September: 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 September, 10.45am: Cafe@10.45, see page 9.

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(J) Saturday 26th September: Coach trip to Bath (full).

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(J) Saturday 10th October: Hops & Hymns - Join in with popular hymns while enjoying a beer or cider (soft drinks also available). See pages 9 and 13.

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(J) Saturday 31st October: Community Breakfast 8.30am to 11.00am. Come and share a full English breakfast with unlimited supplies of tea, coffee and toast.

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(J) Saturday 14th November: Family Quiz - See pages 9 and 13.

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(J) Saturday 21st November: Coach trip to the National Memorial Arboretum.
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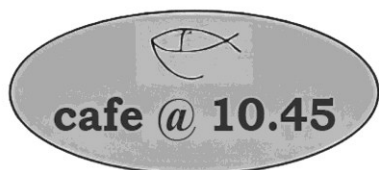


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Evening Prayer with Bible Study

The monthly service of Evening Prayer with Bible Study returns in September after a summer break. We will meet on Sunday 13th September in the font chapel at 5.30pm for about an hour to consider questions around the theme of “Hannah: Praying in Pain” based on 1 Samuel 1.

Advance notice: Whilst we ordinarily meet on the second Sunday of the month please note that the service will be held on the **first** Sunday of the month in October.

Philip Evans

Weekday services

The following mid-week Eucharists and Daily Offices are scheduled in September:

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

** On the second Thursday of each month (10th September) this is a Eucharist for Wholeness and Healing.

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.

St David's News

In July, thanks to fundraising, we were able to get someone to clear the garden outside church. We can now see a pathway which most people didn't know about. We also came across a Plaque which was dedicated to Henwick Towns Womens Guild from 1967 - 1988. If you went or know anything about it we would love to hear from you.

A big thank you must go to Tim and Julie Crowley for their very kind donation of a new microwave. This will be very useful when we have events at church.

Our next coffee morning will be on Wednesday September 2nd at 10.30am.

A date for your diary - on Friday 16th October we shall be having our Harvest Supper in conjunction with St Clements. More details will be in the October Magazine. Tickets will be limited as usual.

Carole Stone
Deputy Church Warden

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Events to look forward to

Hops & Hymns will be on Saturday 10th October, celebrating harvest. Join in with popular hymns while enjoying a beer or cider (soft drinks also available) - see page 9.

Family Quiz returns on Saturday 14th November. Test your knowledge with questions tailored for young and old - see page 9.

Organ recitals - Full details of these are yet to be confirmed, but these will be a chance to hear the organ in all its glory with wonderful pieces of music.

Christmas....we know, too early. However, we're mentioning this early for schools, charities, community groups and businesses to have it in your minds. We're planning a Christmas Tree festival! We're resting scarecrows this year, but following its success are planning a similar opportunity, this time with Christmas trees. It'll be in the first weekend of December and, similarly to the scarecrows, groups can display Christmas trees for the community to come in and see (see page 15).

Watch the Parish Magazine, St John's Church notice board, and Facebook for more details in due course.

Beth Broadway

St Clement's Café Church

St Clement's Cafe Church for the next few months will be:

September 1st: Bartholomew and other "lesser known" Apostles

October 13th: St Luke and medical pioneers (NB Change of week from first week to second week of the month, due to other commitments).

November 3rd: All Saints v All Souls

December 1st: Advent Reflection

All Café Church sessions start at 11am and include drinks and homemade cake.

Everyone is welcome.

Sarah Cottrill

Sundays and Principal Feasts in September

Sunday 6th September: The fourteenth Sunday after Trinity

Sunday 13th September: The fifteenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday 14th September: Holy Cross Day

Sunday 20th September: The sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

Monday 21st September: Matthew, Apostle and Evangelist

Sunday 27th September: The seventeenth Sunday after Trinity

Tuesday 29th September: Michael and All Angels

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Children's Church – September 2026

We're excited to come back together in September and find out what everyone has been up to over the summer!

Before we broke up, Gilly joined with our older children and they were able to ask some of their 'big questions'. Some of these included 'Was God a trinity before Jesus was born?', 'Why did God let natural disasters happen?' and 'How can God hear everyone's prayers?' Gilly chatted with us and discussed the children's ideas. We're looking forward to members of the clergy joining us again. In September the Explorers will be digging deeper into the life of Moses.

We're very lucky that The Burrows Room where the Explorers meet during the Sunday Service is being given a makeover so that we have more space to play games and do activities. One of the things that we'd like to provide is a lending library. If anyone has any older children's or adolescent religious based books that they no longer need they will be gratefully received! Please give any donations to Amy.

Our Scramblers members are getting bigger and are enjoying some crafts and storytelling as part of their session. Our older children enjoy coming in to help them learn about suitable bible stories and festivals, as well.

Children's Church is currently led by Fiona and Amy, however we always welcome new volunteers who would be interested in helping at or leading sessions. If you would like to get involved, please come and speak to us on a Sunday morning.

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 and younger primary children and Explorers for older children. Everyone is welcome.

Fiona Templeton and Amy Rees

Christmas Tree Festival

The Christmas Tree Festival will be open for viewing of the trees on Friday 4th December (5pm - 7.30pm) and Saturday 5th December (10am - 1pm). Seasonal refreshments will be available. You can meet Father Christmas on the Saturday between 10.30am and 11.30am.

If you would like to exhibit a tree, please email office@wcw.church. Briefly the rules are:

- Trees between 2 feet and 5 feet high. Battery powered LED lights only.
- Set up on 4th December 10am-4pm. Collection 7th December noon-4pm.
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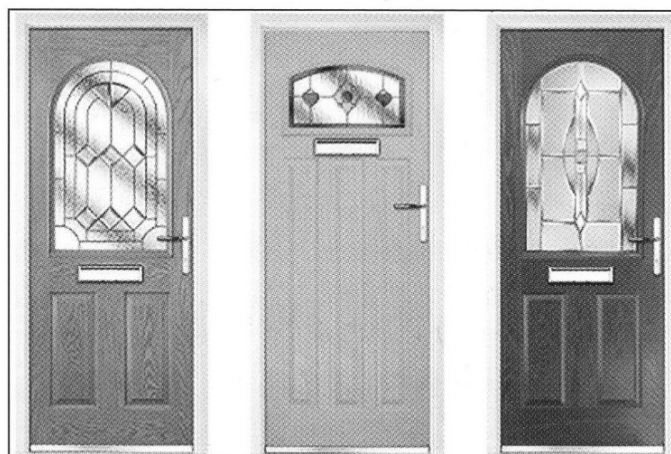
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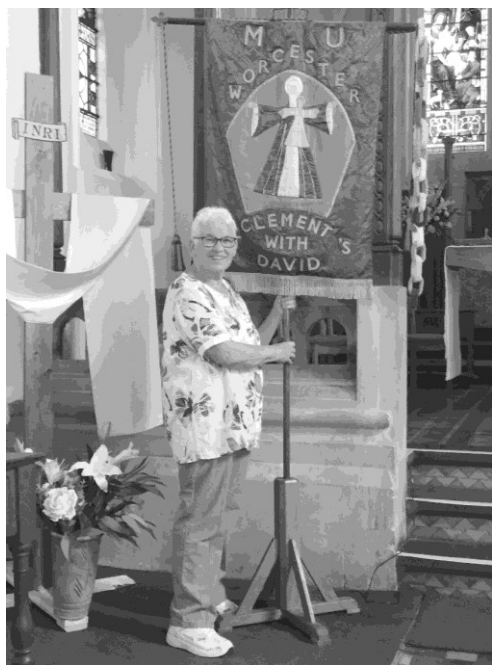


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A weekend of celebration

If the air didn't turn blue over St Clement's Church, that was certainly the dominant colour inside the church for the weekend of August 8th and 9th. Along with many other parishes, we were celebrating 150 years of the Mothers' Union (MU) and blue clothes, blue flowers and blue balloons were the order of the day!

Our celebrations began on Saturday afternoon when our regular Pastoral Tea was "ambushed" by the Mothers' Union. Tables were decorated with blue tablecloths and blue paper hearts, while most of those attending were dressed in blue. We enjoyed building a mum (a game like Beetle Drive, but drawing Mum instead of a beetle) and guessing whose mum was whose from a range of photographs brought in.



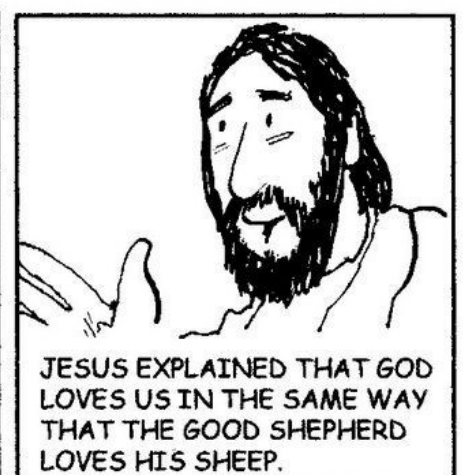
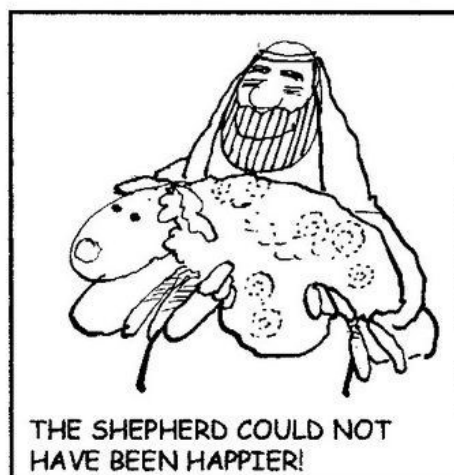
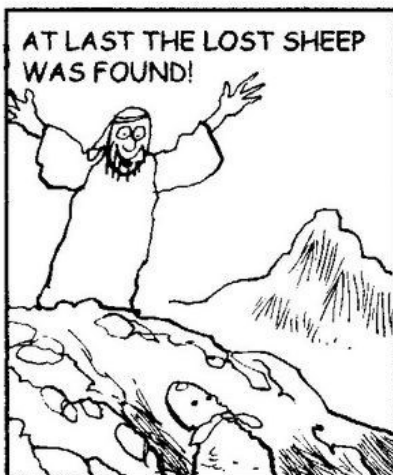
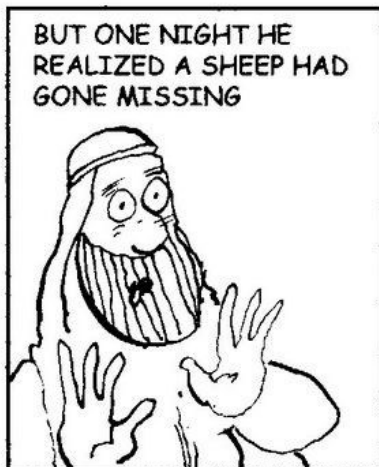
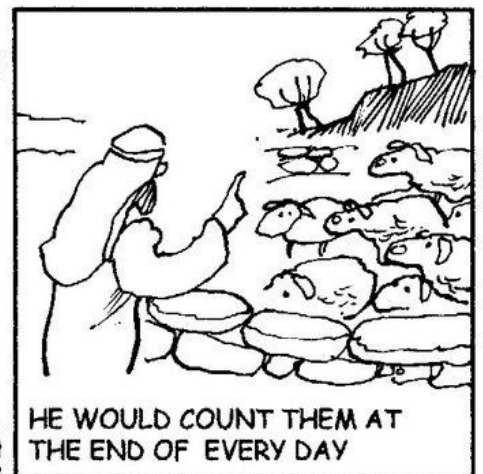
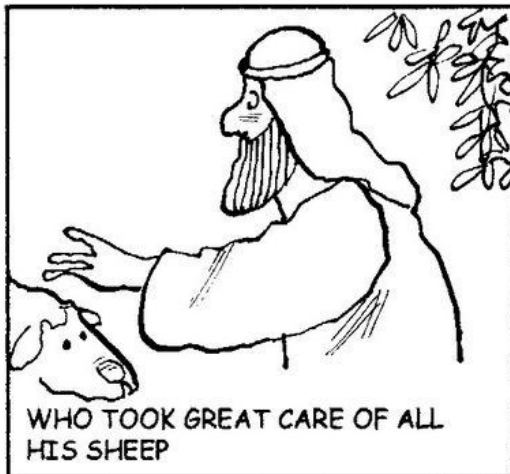
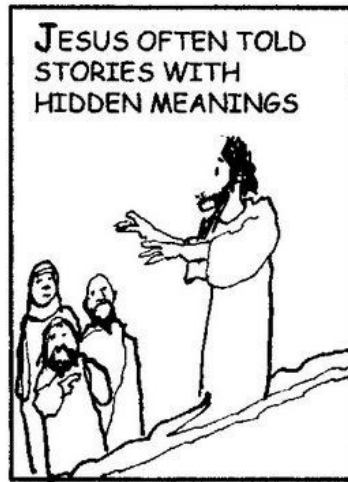
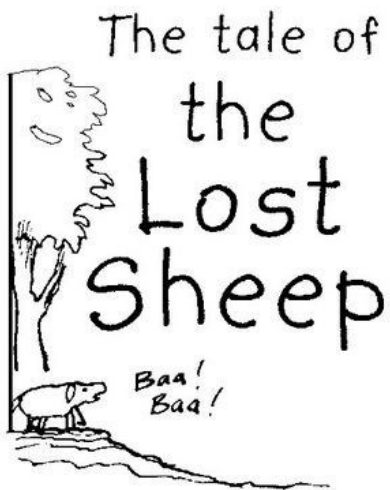
At our service on Sunday, MU members took key roles in the service; welcoming, reading, taking the collection and bringing up the Elements. Thanks to Sally-Ann, our old branch banner even made a rare trip up the aisle!

The service was followed by a picnic where John provided an MU based quiz and my church treasure hunt showed people how much they don't know! Other games were provided but not used very much as people were happy to sit and chat over a glass of Prosecco and a piece of cake - made by me and beautifully decorated by Shirley.

To round off a busy but highly enjoyable weekend, some of us from St Clement's and St Michael's attended a special Evensong at the Cathedral.

Still to come in this year of celebration is the Global Gathering in Durban next month and the Festival at the Cathedral in November. Watch this space

Sarah Cottrill



Mothers' Union 150th anniversary year: Mary Sumner Day

On Sunday 9th August, Morning Worship at St Michael's commemorated Mary Sumner day, in this the 150th Anniversary Year of Mother's Union (MU).



Mary was born in 1828. She married her husband George, a clergyman, in nearby Colwall in 1848. They moved to the parish of Alresford in Hampshire where they had three children. When their daughter Margaret had her own children, Mary, remembering how hard it could be for mothers with small children, gathered a group of women in the parish for mutual support. They were unusual in that the only criterion to join was to be a mother, so that the group crossed class barriers,

and with the idea of raising the status of motherhood to a profession as important as those of the men of the time.

Initially, Mary did not find public speaking easy but eventually found the courage to talk about her ideas. She was asked to speak to a group of women in nearby Portsmouth, which began the spread of the MU to a number of other dioceses. By 1892 there were 60,000 members, rising to 169,000 by the end of the century. In 1895 the first MU Central Council was convened and in 1897 Queen Victoria became its patron, beginning a long line of royal patrons with Sophie, Duchess of Edinburgh taking on the role today.

The MU seeks to uphold Christian teaching on marriage, bringing up children and family life and to help families where this is more difficult through “a worldwide fellowship of Christians united in prayer, worship and service”.

Archbishop Sarah Mullally is a patron of the Mothers’ Union. At their anniversary service at St Paul’s Cathedral in June this year, she said to MU members, “*You are salt and light*”, a reference to Matthew 5.13-16, where Jesus also says, “*let your light shine before others*”.

At St Michael’s, we talked about how the development of the Mothers’ Union and its impact across the world remains a very good example of not hiding your light under a bushel. What began with a small group of women in an unremarkable parish, grew through the dedication and belief of Mary Sumner that sharing and encouraging others reflected Christian belief.

Today, there are about four million MU members in 84 countries, many in Africa and Asia. Maintaining the principles begun in 1876, the MU continues to educate in the widest sense. It supports literacy programmes as a way of tackling social injustice and runs parenting programmes, as well as raising awareness and prevention of gender-based violence, financial education and work in prisons to help keep families together.

The Mothers’ Union summarises its activities as follows:

“For 150 years, we have been making a meaningful difference in the lives of millions worldwide through our unique, faith-based and community-led approach to tackling poverty, injustice and violence. We understand that these challenges are deeply interconnected and as such, our response is holistic, while confronting the systemic causes and consequences of marginalisation and oppression.”

Without a doubt this reflects the good news of the gospel message, and embodies Jesus’ mission to work with marginalised, oppressed and disadvantaged groups in society.

Mary Sumner died in 1921 and is buried in the grounds of Winchester cathedral alongside her husband, who became bishop of Guildford.



The MU continues to empower women, just as Mary Sumner did with her own family and in her parish. Several members of the St Michael's congregation are long-standing members of the Worcestershire branch of the MU (and wore their MU badges!).

It was lovely to share this celebration at St Michael's and to hear members' stories. In our intercessions, we used the MU prayer, reproduced here:

Loving Lord,

We thank you for your love so freely given to us all.

We pray for families around the world.

Bless the work of the Mothers' Union as we seek to share your love through the encouragement, strengthening and support of marriage and family life.

Empowered by your Spirit, may we be united in prayer and worship, and in love and service reach out as your hands across the world.

In Jesus' name.

Amen.

Julie Berrow

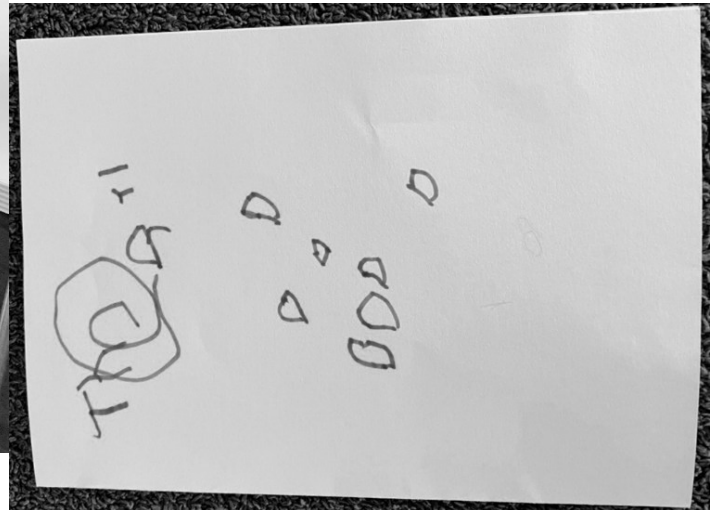
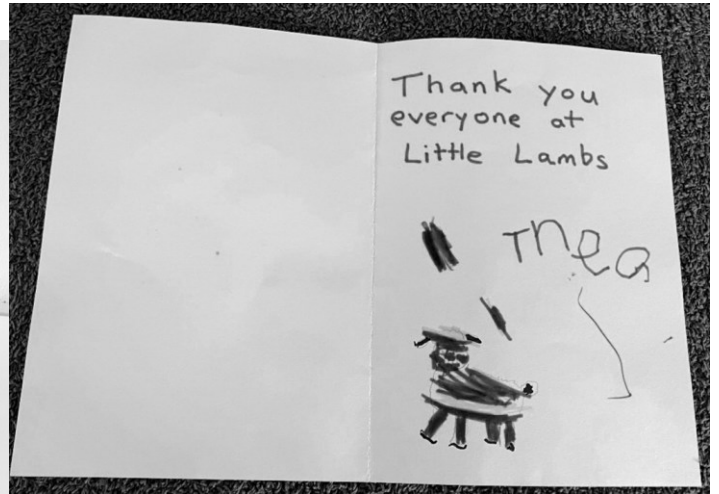
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Common Worship "Daily Prayer".

Mothers' Union homepage: <https://www.mothersunion.org/>

Little Lambs say Goodbye and Well Done

In July we said goodbye and well done to some of our older children as they leave us and move on to school. It has been a pleasure seeing these children grow and develop every week. They are ready for school and are looking forward to new experiences.



Thank you to their parents and carers for bringing them every week so the children have had a regular, consistent and rewarding time with us. These photos show them independently reading books, looking after our dolls, enjoying craft and creating their playdough shapes and we have loved hearing them chatting away to each other and us. Some of you may notice that these children have featured in our photos before so you may have seen their progress too.





In July our craft involved strawberry jelly. The week before we sang ‘Jelly on a Plate’, one of our favourite songs, and I asked everyone if they liked jelly and had ever made it. Well, a few people said they liked jelly but it seemed that no-one had made it so guess what, I said I will make some for next week! After a discussion and voting about the merits of strawberry and orange jelly we agreed on strawberry and so that’s what we had. There was a lot of excitement about this and everyone enjoyed seeing it go wobble wobble very nicely and eating it. Another time we will have to try orange jelly!

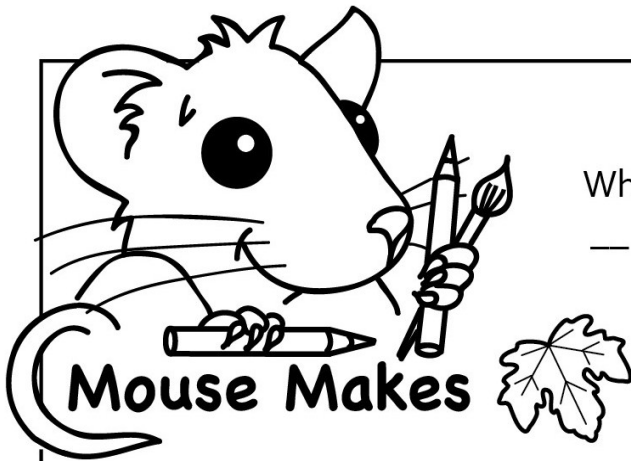


Well done to Millie's family for growing their beautiful giant sunflower from the seeds we planted in April. It's just fantastic!

We hope everyone has enjoyed their summer and the sunshine and we look forward to seeing everyone on Monday 14th September.

Blessings from us all at Little Lambs.

Sue Fairman



THE TRUE VINE

Who is the vine?

— — — — —
John 15:1

What does Jesus ask us to do?

"Go and bear

— — — — —"
John 15:16

What happens to the branches that do not remain in the vine?

Thrown into the

— — — — —
and



READ
John 15:1-17

How many times does Jesus use the word **FRUIT**?

What does Jesus command?

To — — — — —
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John 15:12,17

How many times does Jesus command us to **LOVE** one another?

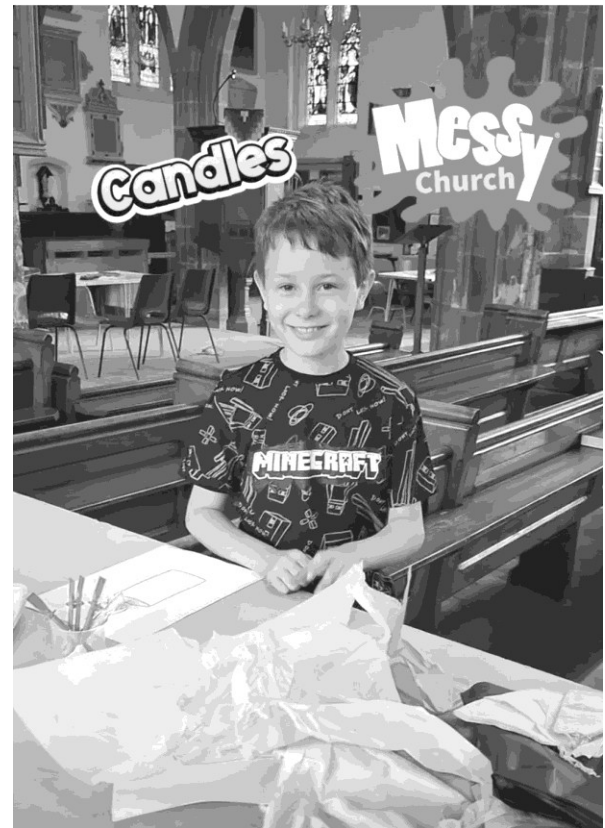
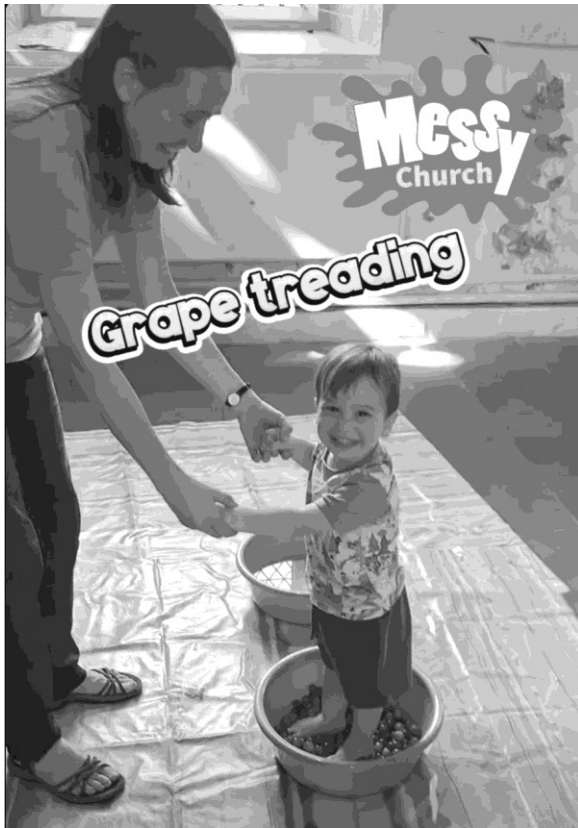
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Communion

We had a great Messy Church last time we met in July. The theme was Communion. Here are some pictures of what we got up to:





**Join us
next time!**



**Saturday 5th
September, 4pm**

The next Messy Church is on Saturday 5th September. Doors open at 3.30pm to start at 4pm.

Please do come along and experience a Messy Church service for yourself!

Beth Broadway

Welcome, Julie!

On Sunday 5th July, we welcomed Julie Berrow to the Worcester City West team. Members of St John's, St Michael's and St David's all joined in with the service and a bring-and-share lunch afterwards.

During the service our Team Rector, Phil Bradford, finished the last part of Julie's deaconing by reading her in.



As usual the youngest members of our congregation took the collection and carried it down to Phil to be blessed.



There was a wonderful selection of goodies for the lunch and some incredible desserts, including homemade ice cream and Black Forest trifle.

Colin Nash

Views from the tower

Here are a couple of the views from the tower taken during the ‘Teddy Bear Zip Wire’ at the St John’s Fayre on 21st June.



Phil Bradford

Sudoku Puzzle

*The solution
is on the
inside back
cover.*

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Bible Bite

A short story from the Bible

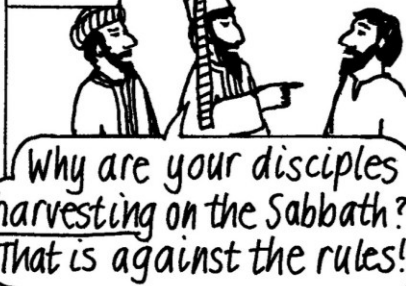
It can be read in the Bible in
Matthew 12:1-14, Luke 6:1-11

The Pharisees watched Jesus to see if he broke any of God's laws, or the rules they had made up to stop the laws being broken.

Jesus' disciples were hungry so they picked some wheat from a field as they walked.



The Pharisees said to Jesus



But King David broke the rules when he ate the bread that was only for the priests*



And priests are allowed to work in the temple on the Sabbath*



Don't you understand when God says 'Keeping rules doesn't make up for not having kindness'?*



If you understood, you would know my disciples did nothing wrong.



The Pharisees followed Jesus to the meeting place



The Pharisees wanted to accuse Jesus of breaking rules, so they asked him a trick question.



If your sheep fell into a ditch on the Sabbath you would lift it out.



People are worth far more than sheep, so it is right to do good on the Sabbath



Hold out your hand.



The Pharisees left and made plans.



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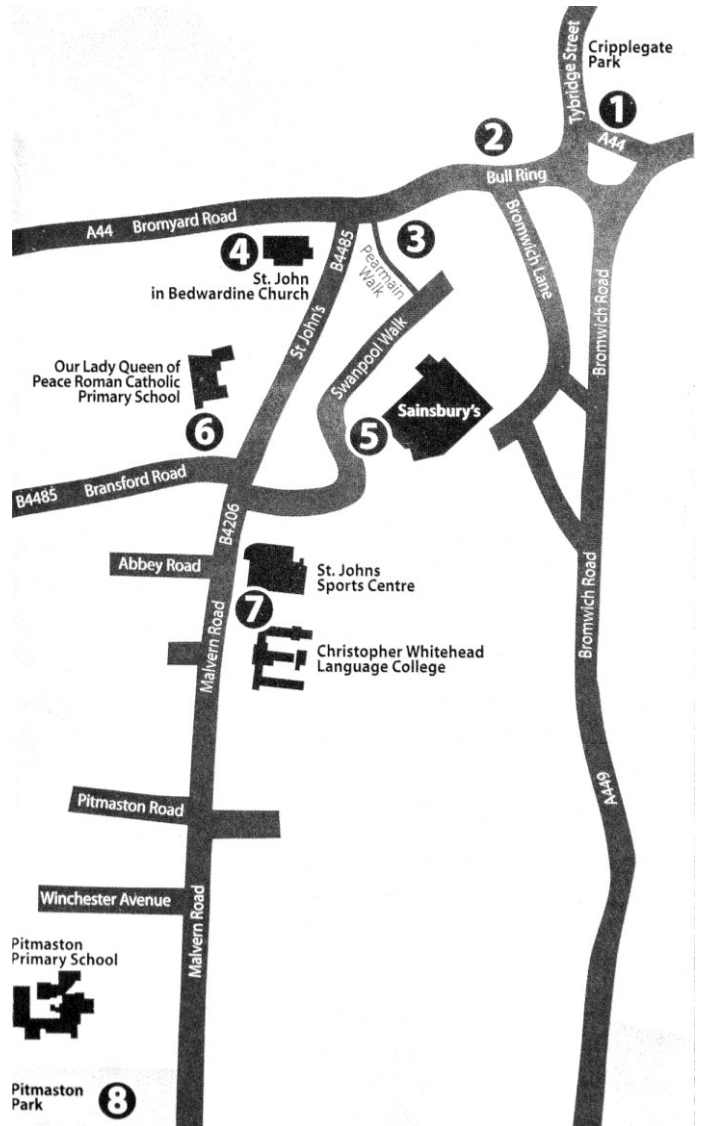


St John's Heritage Trail



Over 100 people turned up to hear Paul Harding, from Discover History, talk about our own area of Worcester, the St John's Heritage Trail.

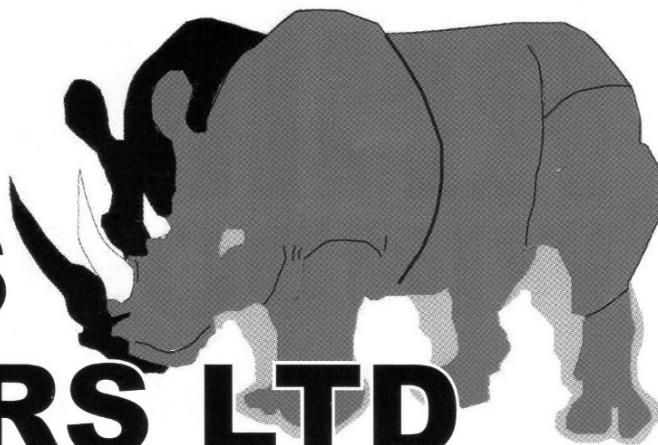
The Council has produced a leaflet on this trail, which can be obtained at the Tourist Information Centre. There are also several other trails around Worcester, one on iconic points to take photos of the city and one about the black and white buildings in the city. There are 8 points of interest in the St John's trail. The Council involved local school children in identifying these points and they suggested that small plaques in the shape of a pear to describe the point of interest.



The start and end points are marked with different objects; the start is in Cripplegate Park and is a large pear, whereas the rest of the points are marked with stone plaques.

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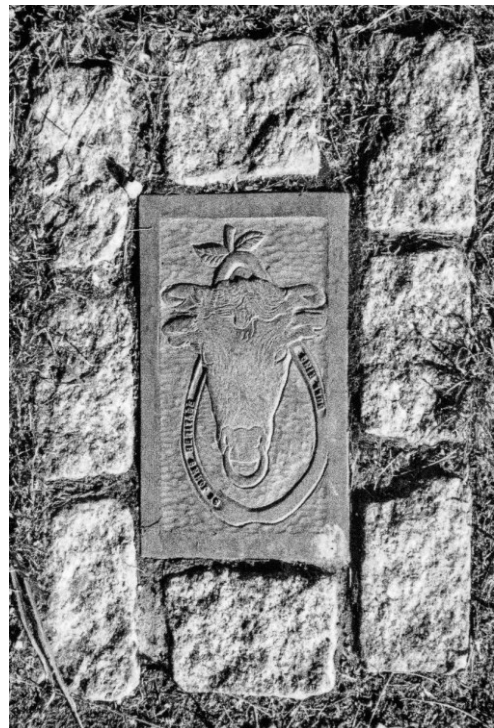
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Cripplegate Park officially became a park in the 1930s but before then the area was full of small back-to-back houses. The area flooded on a regular basis and the houses never really dried out. Cripplegate is an agricultural term and has nothing to do with disabled people. The term means a narrow gate so that the cattle coming from the west would have to cross the old medieval bridge one at a time. The pear became the symbol of Worcester following a visit of Queen Elizabeth in 1575 when she mentioned it was lovely to see all the pear trees in the city. This makes it an ideal object for the starting point for the trail. A Black Pear tree was planted when the Park opened in 1932 by the Prince of Wales, (future King Edward VIII).

The second point is by the bus stop near the flats and refers to the Bull Ring. This was an area where they carried out bullbaiting, which was carried out as they thought it helped improve the flavour of the meat before it was slaughtered. Obviously we now know that a stressed animal does not improve the flavour and is extremely cruel. The last bullbaiting was held here in the 1840s.



The third point is in Pearmain Walk and is split into four sections showing the various shops that could be found in St John's. In the 1970s the area became known as an independent area and was commonly called The Village in the City and had a variety of shops and trades that served the community west of the river.

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The fourth point is on the back wall of our church and represents the Civil War. It shows a scene from the Battle of Worcester in 1646 depicting a pikeman with his 18-foot-long pike. The siege lasted all summer, and a Royalist officer Captain Wheeler was shot in the head and killed in St John's. Col Whalley requested that his body be returned, which the Parliamentarians agreed to and following the swap near the river it was recorded that both sides ate and drank for 2 hours. Soldiers killed in the first Battle of Worcester at Powick bridge were buried in the churchyard. The medieval spire on top of the church tower was destroyed during the Civil War.



The fifth point is by Sainsbury's and shows the ancient history of the area. The pear has bones and pottery pieces on it to show the archaeology that has been done in the area. It is believed that the area has been inhabited for over 2000 years. There are iron age currency coins, called staters, which show a horse with 3 tails, and this belongs to the Dubonni tribe. Roman finds have also been found in the area.

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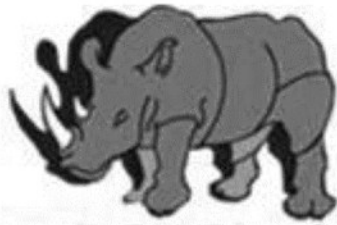
The sixth point is by Our Lady Queen of Peace school and depicts Ernie Payne, the 'Worcester Wonder'. He was a world-famous cyclist who came from St John's. He won the gold medal for team pursuit at the 1908 London Olympics. He also played football for Worcester City and Manchester United. He later had a cycling shop in St Johns and was a member of the St John's Cycling Club. A cut out of Ernie Payne can also be found at the Diglis Bridge.

The seventh Point can be found between the St John's Sports Centre and Christopher Whitehead Language College on the Malvern Road. It shows a person working in the tanning industry, which was one of the main industries in Worcester in the 18th and 19th centuries. Tanneries were often put in areas away from main inhabited areas as they used dog faeces and old urine in the process of curing the leather. The plaque also shows cow horns, which were used in many different ways, almost as an early form of plastic.



The last object at the end of the trail is in Pitmaston Park, where there is an apple, similar in style to the pear at the start. The apple stands for all the orchards that were in the area. John Williams, a horticulturalist, lived in Pitmaston House, and he was worried about losing the old heritage apples so kept many of these heritage varieties alive. He was also a keen experimental plant breeder and created the Pitmaston Duchess pear and the Pitmaston Pineapple apple.

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A Message from your New Neighbourhood Inspector

I wanted to take a moment to introduce myself as the new Safer Neighbourhood Team Inspector for Worcester and Warndon.

While it's not the most significant leadership change making the news this week [this came to us in the week of Andy Burnham becoming prime minister - Editors], I thought it was only right to let you know who'll be leading your local neighbourhood policing team.



I've recently moved from an equivalent neighbourhood policing role in rural South Worcestershire.

During my nearly 20 years in policing, I have been fortunate to serve as a neighbourhood constable in Cathedral Ward and as part of the City Centre Team. As a result, I know Worcester well and understand what a privilege it is to return and serve the city as its neighbourhood policing Inspector.

I expect our neighbourhood teams to continue being visible, accessible and focused on tackling the crime and ongoing issues that cause the most harm to our communities.

If there are priorities you would like us to focus on, please contact your local Safer Neighbourhood Team through Neighbourhood Matters or complete one of our Priority Surveys. Your feedback helps us understand the issues that matter most to local residents.

I'd also like to take this opportunity to remind you of your local team's email address which will allow you to reach out to ask advice, offer feedback or provide information.

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There isn't room for all the following report, but the first part is a remarkable tale of "Can-do" spirit! We've printed it sideways to get more in!

CAMP REPORT

THE final preparations for the Boys' Camp on the Isle of Wight had been completed, everyone concerned was familiar with the details and with the travelling arrangements. On Saturday, August 12th, an advance party was due to leave Worcester in order to prepare for the arrival of the main body on Tuesday, August 15th. Then suddenly and almost without warning the epidemic of Infantile Paralysis gave rise to fear in the minds of those responsible for the organisation of the Camp and in the minds of the parents of those who were to go.

There can be no doubt about it, the Island was a danger spot, and after consulting with the Medical Officer of Worcester and the Medical Officer of the Isle of Wight it was decided to abandon the idea of going to St. Helen's in 1950.

The Vicar and Mr. Carver were deeply aware of the disappointment which the boys would feel after looking forward to their holiday for so long, and they immediately set troubled minds at rest by announcing that "The children shall not be disappointed—there will be a Camp."

A meeting of Parents was called without delay and it was explained that negotiations had already taken place with a view to obtaining a suitable site on the Gower Peninsula in Glamorgan.

Several places were mentioned but Mr. Carver announced his intention of travelling to South Wales in order to see for himself and make the emergency arrangements on the spot.

Twenty-four hours later Mr. Carver returned and informed the parents that he had taken the Parish Hall at Penmaen overlooking Oxwich Bay, about nine miles from Swansea.

Four ladies, Mrs. Harrison, Mrs. Ricketts, Miss Watts and Mrs. Biddle, volunteered to join the Camp in order to take over the cooking arrangements.

The next 24 hours were devoted to preparation for the new Camp. The Railway authorities were most kind and co-operative, local tradespeople came to the rescue, all the parents and those responsible for the All Saints, Stourbridge and Bridgenorth contingents were kept informed of the later developments.

A van was hired, and at 10 a.m. on Tuesday, 14th August, the advance party which included two of the ladies, left St. John's for the Gower Coast. Mixed up with the passengers was a large amount of luggage and Camp utensils and a supply of foodstuffs.

The rain beat down in torrents when the van arrived at Penmaen late in the afternoon, but not a single person was damped in spirit as we unloaded the cargo. A meal was quickly prepared and eaten, and soon we were under way preparing the Hall for the arrival of the Main Party next day.

The Chief Constable of Swansea, in response to an appeal from the Pulpit by the Rev. Harry Williams, Vicar of Sketty, came forward with the offer of mattresses and sanitary equipment. These arrived next morning and by the time the main party arrived at 5 p.m. the Hall had been cleared, disinfected, and completely prepared for their reception.

Farmer Sidney Davies had generously offered his field adjoining the Hall for the boys to play in, and they lost no time in clambering over, through, and under the fence. Bedding down on the first night was quite a problem as space was limited, but this was soon overcome as were all our other problems.

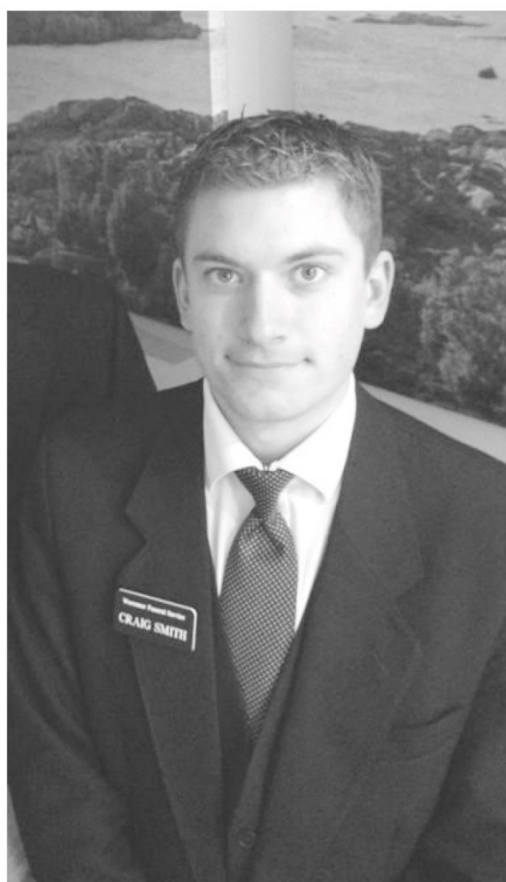
From now on the Camp was very orderly and disciplined. Officers were appointed to be responsible for certain duties. The meals were of the highest quality and were very well prepared.



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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.
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Other regular events:

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- Photography Group: Third Friday of each month (18 September),
2:00pm to 3:00pm.
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The information above is from the County Council website on 12th August.

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You must pay an amount of Income Tax and/or Capital Gains Tax at least equal to the tax that the charity reclaims on your donations in the appropriate tax year (currently 25p for each £1 you give).

Signed:.....

Date:..... / /20

NOTES

1. If in the future your circumstances change and you no longer pay tax on your income or capital gains equal to the tax that we reclaim, you can cancel your declaration.
2. If you pay tax at the higher rate you can claim further tax relief in your Self Assessment tax return.
3. If you are unsure whether your donations qualify for Gift Aid tax relief, ask us.
4. Please notify us if you change your name or address.



Puzzle solutions

i	s	v	p	g	z	k	u	s	c	j	q	g
l	d	p	w	a	c	l	r	q	c	e	a	h
m	p	i	o	h	r	z	u	s	s	l	a	
c	l	c	r	i	p	p	l	e	d	u	l	r
v	a	k	t	p	r	i	e	s	t	s	o	v
s	n	e	h	m	a	s	s	t	a	w	w	e
x	s	d	q	d	i	s	c	i	p	l	e	s
h	h	s	b	r	e	a	k	o	m	p	a	t
t	e	w	a	n	b	b	y	n	n	e	a	i
r	e	h	d	i	r	b	u	h	l	o	v	n
i	p	n	w	h	e	a	t	a	a	p	i	g
c	i	f	m	k	a	t	e	n	w	l	d	o
k	x	o	o	b	d	h	b	d	s	e	t	q

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

And finally....



*As far as Reg
could tell,
the burglar
had disturbed
nothing
in the vestry.*

Worcester St John-in-Bedwardine and St Michael's Joint Council is a charity with the Registered Charity Number 1205354.

Sunday Services – September 2026

	St John's	St Michael's	St David's
6th September	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Evensong	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist
13th September	10.30am All Age Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer with Bible Study	10.30am Morning Worship	4pm Evening Prayer
20th September	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist
27th September	10.30am Eucharist	10.30am Morning Worship	4pm Evening Prayer
4th October	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Evening Prayer with Bible Study	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.			