

# The Parish Magazine

*St John-in-Bedwardine*

*St Michael's*



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## *A word from the editors*

Welcome to our December edition! The theme this month is “Follow the star,” completing the Church of England theme for Christmas 2023 which we started last month: “Follow the star. Join the song.” Phil in his letter discusses what it could mean to us in the modern world.

Christmas is, of course, coming. Rapidly! Being in the choir we are very well aware of it. Once December arrives, we have the Advent Carol Service, on 3rd December, then the Christmas Carol Service, on 17th December, only two weeks later. Please see the flyer on page 11 for details of all the Christmas services at St John’s and St Michael’s churches. We hope you will ‘follow the star’ to one of these services, where you will be able to ‘join the song.’ There’s something for all ages, so please do come along.

We wish all our readers a joyful Christmas and a happy new year, and offer you our favourite blessing:

*The peace of God,  
which passes all understanding,  
keep your hearts and minds  
in the knowledge and love of God,  
and of his Son Jesus Christ our Lord.*

*Graham and Sue Evans*

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## *From Phil Bradford*

There was a time, a blissful time in the rapidly receding past, when the theme of this month's magazine would have been wonderfully simple in meaning.

'Follow the star' would have involved quite literally charting a course based on one of the bright dots in the night sky. Today, light pollution means that there are plenty of places in the world that you would struggle to see any stars in order to do that.



Even worse, language has moved on. To follow a star might equally signify that you are a follower of a 'celebrity' on Instagram, or what was formerly Twitter, or TikTok, or one of the other social media platforms that I really don't understand. Quite what are the benefits of so doing is something which eludes me, although I gather that it gives you easier access to 'advice' from people who rarely know what they are talking about. (In a December magazine, it is probably not entirely appropriate for the vicar to go into Scrooge mode, but I have long accepted that this aspect of modernity will forever be beyond me.) Indeed, this is by far the more likely understanding of the phrase for youngsters. In the GPS age, where we can always know where we are by pulling a phone out of a pocket, there are now whole generations to whom the whole notion of following stars, or navigating by the sun, is a quaint and forgotten concept. The bewilderment of my youngest cousins when finding themselves in an area without signal, compelled into the use of some alien artefact called a road atlas, is a wonder to behold.

That should, of course, make us admire past generations even more. Our technological advancements have also led to far greater ignorance. If we imagine what people once had to learn, how they managed to navigate across oceans and around continents by observing the positions of the stars in the sky, we should marvel at that achievement. One can only imagine the trust that was required by our ancestors to set out into the unknown, with only the accumulated knowledge of celestial movements to guide them. And it is that faith which underpins the most famous story of star-following, that of the Magi in the Gospel of Matthew. Strictly speaking, of course, this belongs to the Epiphany story rather than the Christmas one, set up to two years afterwards, but the essential link between the two makes the error pardonable. The Magi set off without knowing where they would be taken, letting themselves be guided to the far-distant infant. In that

sense, our own journey to Christmas follows a similar path, for we too are invited to have the faith to discover Christ, to recognise God within a helpless child. It is a journey that will often take us into the unknown, for to follow God's way requires the faith that he will lead us to where we need to be, much as the Magi followed that star.

Yet that star in the story is far more than a mere directional aid, for it also represents hope. In our world of endless artificial light, it is easy to forget the hope that stars once provided as they shone in the sky, reassurance of the wonders of the universe as well as pointers towards the right way. It is a star which allows the Magi to recognise the true king, not the brutal, jealous Herod in his palace, but rather the lowly infant in his humble home. Amidst the darkness, the star held out the hope of something different, of God's promise to transform the hatreds and violence of the world into the love and justice of his kingdom.

We are coming to the end of a year when the darkness has seemed to close in on us, where all that we read in the news on a daily basis serves to make us despair of the state of the world around us. In the story of Christmas and Epiphany, in that star and all that it represents, we are reminded that this is not God's way. And in our recognition of the coming of God in the Christ child, we can have hope that the future will be something very different.

*Phil Bradford*

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## *Christmas Prayers*

Lord Jesus Christ,  
your birth at Bethlehem  
draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth:  
accept our heartfelt praise  
as we worship you,  
our Saviour and our eternal God.  
Amen.

God our Father,  
whose Word has come among us  
in the Holy Child of Bethlehem:  
may the light of faith illumine our hearts  
and shine in our words and deeds;  
through him who is Christ the Lord.  
Amen.

## *In Memoriam*

Alice Moulder	1 December 2009
Albert Harold Southall	3 December 1984
Sarah Rose	8 December 1985
Emily Potter	10 December 1984
Vera May Bullock	10 December 1991
William Bishop	10 December 1996
Hubert Mitford Harvey	12 December 1984
Charles Hubert John Lerigo	13 December 1983
Jack Taylor	16 December 1998
Ivy Muriel Rogers	17 December 2001
Harry Palmer	19 December 2001
John Goodsell	21 December 2004
Ivy Hooper	25 December 1984
Derek A Bowen	28 December 2007
Ann Smith	28 December 2010
Gladys Mitchem	30 December 1995

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, October 2023*

### **St John's**

**SERVICES:** Communicants 184. Total attendance at all services 302.

### **St Michael's**

**SERVICES:** Communicants 78. Total attendance at all services 80.

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## *Sundays and Principal Feasts in December*

Sunday 3rd December: First Sunday of Advent

Sunday 10th December: Second Sunday of Advent

Sunday 17th December: Third Sunday of Advent

Sunday 24th December: Fourth Sunday of Advent/Christmas Eve

Monday 25th December: Christmas Day

Tuesday 26th December: Stephen, Deacon, First Martyr

Wednesday 27th December: John, Apostle and Evangelist

Thursday 28th December: The Holy Innocents

Sunday 31st December: First Sunday of Christmas

## *Dates for your diary*

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

- (J) Mondays in term time, 10am:** Little Lambs, see pages 8 and 26.  
Little Lambs breaks up on 11<sup>th</sup> December and returns on 8th January 2024.  
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- (J) Saturday 2nd December, from 8.30am:** Community Breakfast, see page 9.  
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- (J) Saturday 2nd December, 4pm:** Messy Church, see pages 9 and 24. Doors open and drinks available from 3:30pm.  
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- (M) Monday 4th December, 1pm:** Mothers' Union - Christmas shared lunch in church.  
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- (J) Thursday 14th December, 1pm:** The Good Old Days present Discover History, "A Georgian Christmas", see page 8.  
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- (J) Saturday 9th December, 9am:** Women's Breakfast, see page 9.  
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- (J) Wednesday 20th December, 2.45pm:** Tea/Coffee & Cake, see page 8.  
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- (M) Thursday 21st December, 2pm - 4pm:** West Worcester Friendship Group.  
--- 000 ---
- (V) Friday 22nd December:** Fourth Friday Friendship Group. Look out for sign-up sheets in church or contact Sarah Cottrill for details.  
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- (J) Saturday 23rd December, 10.45am:** Café Church@10:45am, see page 8.  
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*For the dates of all St John's and St Michael's  
Christmas services, see page 11.*

See page 13 for details of mid-week services in December.

## Events at St John's



*St Johns Church  
The Good Old Days  
Thursday 14th December  
1pm  
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## Little Lambs



**Mondays in Term Time at  
St John's Church  
10:00am to 11.30am**

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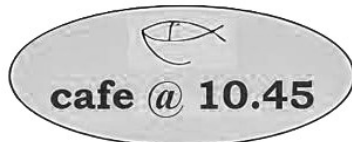
**Toys and Games, Art & Craft, Messy Play,  
Snacks and Stories, Singing**

**Birth to 4 years old and carers**

*For more details contact Sue Fairman on 07845 942962*

*Our last session this term will be on  
11th December and we will return on  
Monday 8th January 2024. We would  
welcome more adult help next term please.*

## St John in Bedwardine



Join us for Fresh Coffee and Danish  
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**At 10.45am on**

**Saturday  
23<sup>rd</sup> December**

***Thought for the day by  
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Christmas celebration.

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## *Events at St John's*



Women's Breakfast Meetings  
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Christian Fellowship

Why not join us?

Everyone is welcome!

Our next meeting is on

**Saturday 9<sup>th</sup> December**

9.00am until 11.00am

St John-in-Bedwardine  
in The Blakefield Room

Contact Margaret Rutter (425396)

*This month's speaker will be*

Margaret Rutter



## *Community Breakfast*

There will be a  
Community Breakfast  
on  
Saturday 2nd December.

We will be open from  
8.30am to 11am  
serving a full English breakfast,  
plus toast and marmalade,  
tea and coffee.

Free but donations welcome.

Start the day with a hot  
home-cooked breakfast!

## *St John-in-Bedwardine*



Our next Messy Church is on Saturday  
2nd December, 4pm.

Our theme will be Advent and Angels  
(with a sprinkling of Christmas!)

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

## *St John-in-Bedwardine*

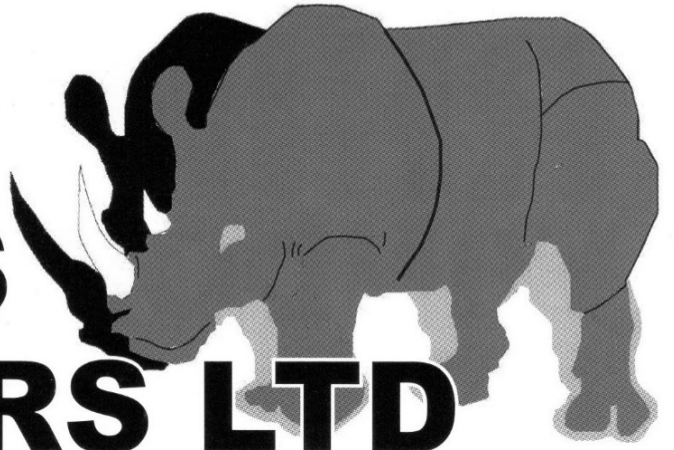


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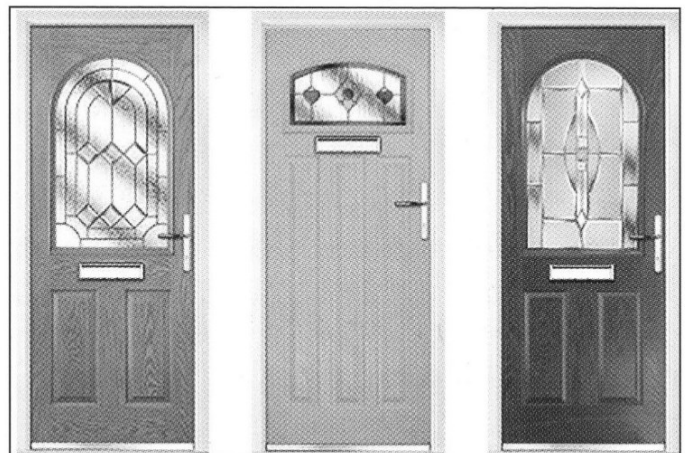
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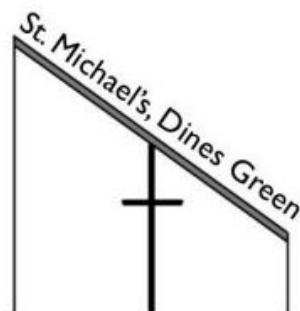


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# Our Advent & Christmas services



## **Advent Sunday, Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> December**

St John's      5.30pm      **Advent carol service** *a reflective service of Advent hymns, Bible Readings as well as music by the choir. Lasts about an hour.*

## **Sunday 17th December**

St John's      2pm      **Carols in the churchyard** *an informal outdoor service with popular Christmas carols. Dog friendly!*

St John's      6pm      **Candlelit carol service** *a traditional service of Bible readings, congregational carol singing and carols sung by the choir. Lasts about an hour. Followed by seasonal refreshments.*

## **Saturday 23rd December**

St David's      2.30pm      **Carols round the tree** *a service of readings and carol singing round the Christmas Tree, including a visit from Father Christmas.*

## **Christmas Eve, 24th December**

St Michael's      10.30am      **Carol service** *a service of Bible readings and carols.*

St John's      3pm      **Crib service** *we think about Mary & Joseph's journey to Bethlehem and getting the manger ready for Jesus' birth. Particularly for younger children and families seeking a service with a quiet and calm atmosphere without congregational candles. Lasts about 20 minutes.*

St John's      5pm      **Christingle** *a service for everyone, aimed especially for children with a lit Christingle candle for every child. Includes Christmas carols. Lasts about 30 minutes.*

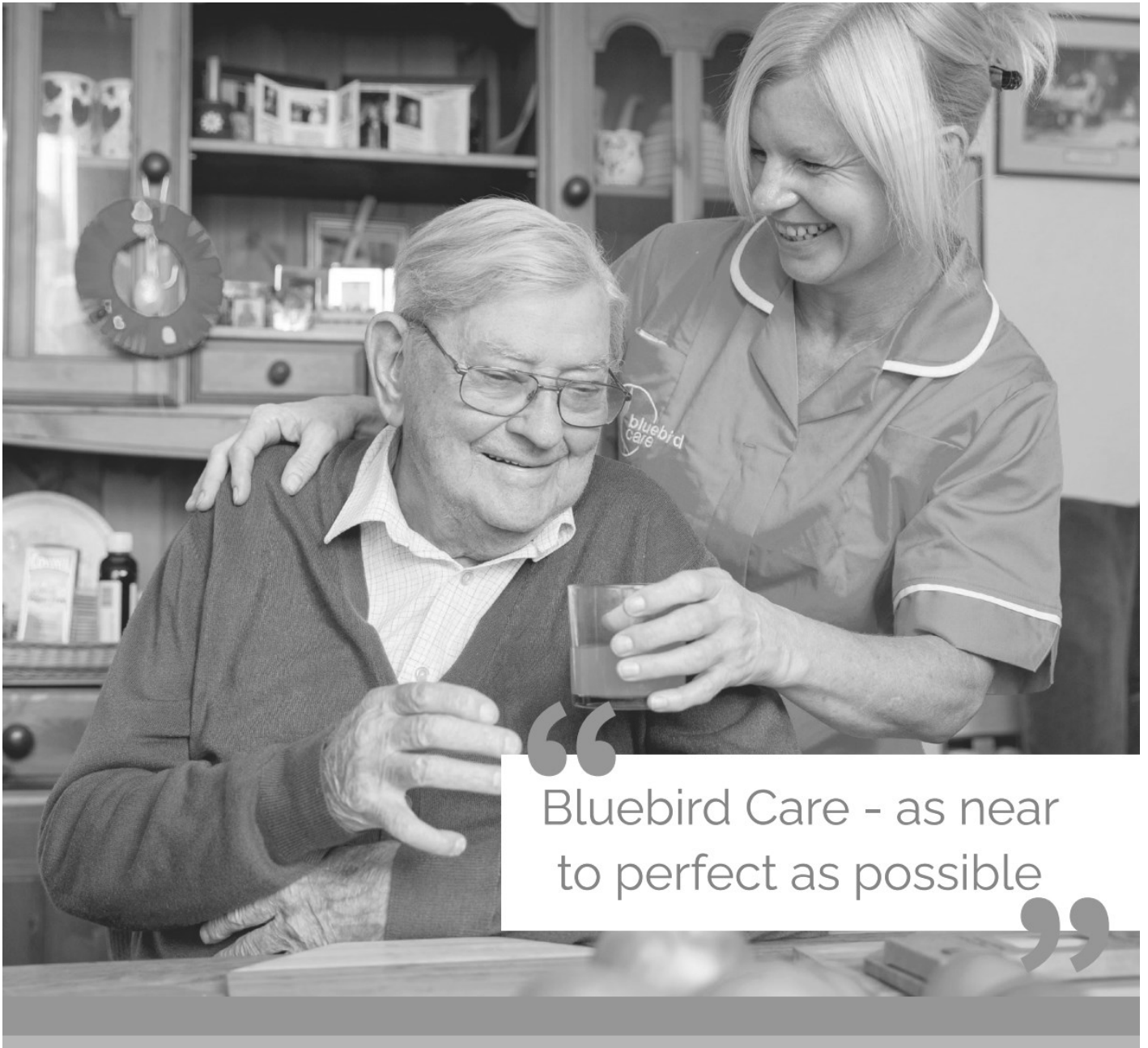
St David's      9.30pm      **First Eucharist of Christmas** *join us as we share bread & wine or receive a blessing. Lasts about an hour.*

St John's      11.30pm      **Midnight Mass** *join us as we share bread & wine or receive a blessing as we celebrate the start of Christmas Day. Christmas carols led by the Choir. Lasts about an hour.*

## **Christmas Day, 25th December**

St Michael's      10am      **Christmas Eucharist** *join us as we share bread & wine or receive a blessing. Lasts about an hour.*

St John's      10am      **Christmas Eucharist** *a service with Christmas music and hymns provided by the Music Group. Join us as we share bread & wine or receive a blessing. Lasts about an hour.*



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## *Welcome Charlotte*

We are delighted to welcome Charlotte Tidder as our new Parish Administrator.

Charlotte is a local girl who went to Christopher Whitehead and still lives in St Johns with her daughter. She enjoys going to the cinema, library, visiting museums and going for walks along the river, with her dog.

*Graham Evans*



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## *St David's Church News*

We may be only a small congregation at St David's, but this year has been a busy one for us. Many parts of the church have been de-cluttered which has given us more space. The Men's Shed have fitted a kitchen unit for us and put a light in the toilet area, for which we thank them. It makes such a difference to us when we have our monthly coffee mornings (First Wednesday of each month 10.30 – 12) and our Saturday afternoon events which have been very well attended.

On 23rd December we have our 'Carols Round the Tree' at 2.30pm where we hope to see some of our younger people as we are having a visit from Father Christmas.

Our next Saturday afternoon event will be on 27th January 2024 at 2pm and it will be a "Social Event."

*Carole Stone*  
*Deputy Church Warden*

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## *Mid-week services*

The following mid-week Eucharists are scheduled for December:

Tuesday (not 26th) St John's 10am (Eucharist - Book of Common Prayer)

Thursday (not 28th) St Michael's 10.30am (Eucharist - Common Worship)

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## *Christmas Eucharists*

There will be 10am Eucharists on Christmas Day at St John's, St Clement's and St Michael's.

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## *St Clement's Christmas Fayre*

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*Phil Prince*



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The flower team will be decorating the church for Christmas on Friday 22nd December, 9.00am to 1.00pm. You are very welcome to come and help us. Coffee and tea will be served between 10.30 am and 11.30 am. If you have any holly and/or variegated greenery to spare it will be appreciated. If you are unable to bring it into church on the Friday, please leave it in the porch on the day before.

Christmas is the time families come together to celebrate, but it is also a time when we remember family and friends. If you would like to make a donation towards the Christmas flowers in their memory please place it in an envelope (with the name(s) of those you wish to be remembered) and pass it to the churchwardens, Dorothy Little or me. The names will be included in the Memorial List which will be placed on the welcome table, just inside church, on Christmas Eve.

Of course, loved ones are remembered during the year, not just at Christmas. Donations in their memory can be made for flowers at any time of the year such as for a birthday or anniversary. The flower ladies will be happy to dedicate an arrangement for you. Please contact me (01684 893307 or [suehussell4@gmail.com](mailto:suehussell4@gmail.com)) in the first instance.

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*Sue Hussell*

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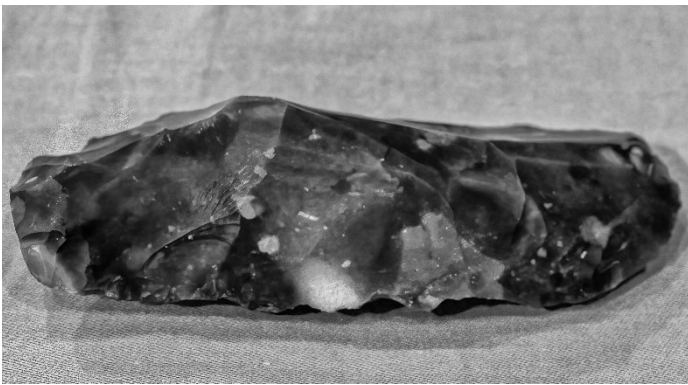


## *How did our kitchens get so cluttered with the gadgets?*



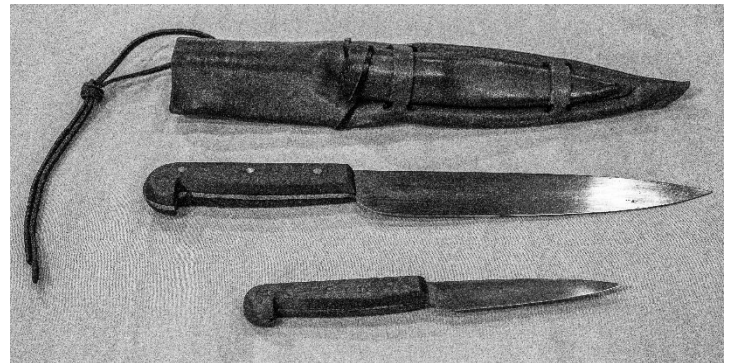
Nearly 90 people turned up to hear Paul talk about kitchen clutter. It was during the Victorian era that they started to clutter their kitchens as they liked to collect tools and implements. Clutter is a big thing from then on and each generation gathers more clutter than the previous one. Paul asked who had implements in their kitchens that have

not been used for over a year and nearly everyone in the audience raised their hand. Since Victorian times, the kitchen is the main room in the house that gets cluttered.



In Neolithic times they only used one tool, called a hand axe (see image on left), which was used for everything they need from digging, skinning animals and cutting up the meat. In the Middle Ages, after people stayed in one place more, a kettle (cauldron) would be over the fire.

By that time, they would have knives to cut and chop the food; modern versions of what these knives would have looked like are on the right. From the Tudor times it is possible to see what was left in wills to other people and that would include pots and pans.



By the Victorian age they would have knives for different purposes, such as meat cleavers, apple corers, cutting vegetables or herbs. Meat cleavers, as left, were used by butchers before the Victorian age, but it was only

then they entered use in home kitchens. Many tools were made of tin or iron, as stainless steel did not exist then.

Once tea came along you needed kettle, teapot, cups, saucers, sugar bowls and spoons, teaspoons, trays to carry it on, tables to serve it on.

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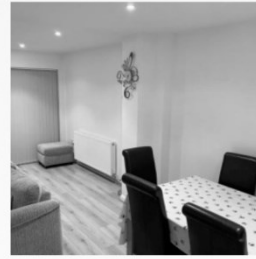
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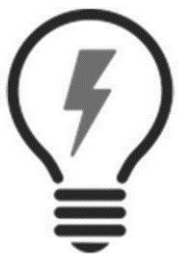
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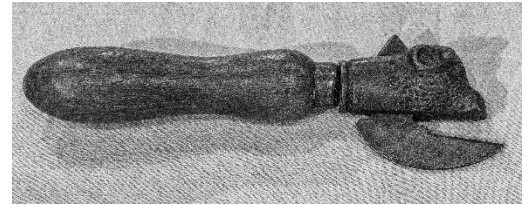
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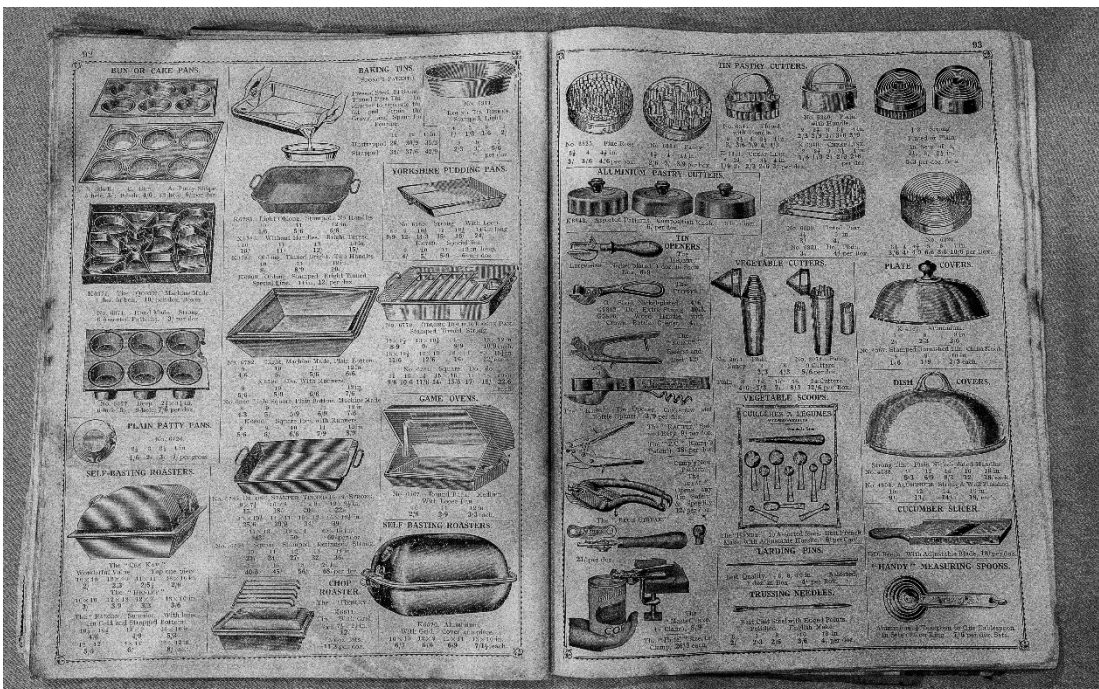
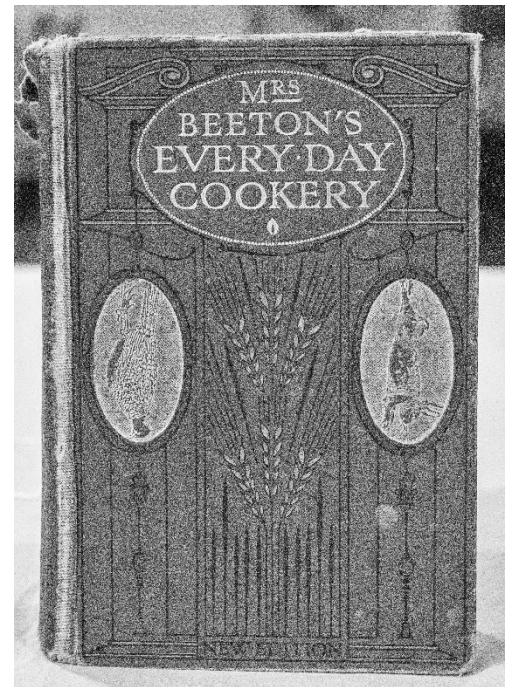
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Hill Evans, from Worcester, had one of the largest bottling factories for vinegar and wine. Canning was invented to allow food to be sent to soldiers in war zones, such as the Boer War. When the soldiers came home, they would bring some of the cans home. People started to want to be able to use cans to be able to keep food longer, as they had to buy food daily to have it fresh. So, we started to need can openers to open cans and bottle openers for the bottles.



There were many new inventions in the Victorian age, which led to many new patents, and these inventions led to new tools being created for the kitchen. Catalogues started to appear so people could see all the wonderful new tools that they 'needed' in their kitchens.

Mrs Beeton wrote two books, her Every Day Cookery book and her Household Management book. These books showed all the things that the modern house must have in the kitchen. With the catalogues and her books people built up their range of tools, pots, pans, and china etc.



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As recipes became more complex people needed scales to weigh out the ingredients. They also needed cup and spoon measuring items and individual measuring jugs for the smaller amounts in the recipes. The scales were balancing ones, so you also needed a set of standard weights to measure out the ingredients.

The books and catalogues also had plates for every possible use and then, of course, you needed different knives, forks, and spoons to eat the various courses and foods. On top of that, you needed a wide range of glasses for each of the different drinks at a meal.

After the two wars the availability of items decreased due to the shortage of basic materials. People also realised that they did not need all the different items and it was not until the late 50s and early 60s when people had more money that they were again able to buy extra goods. This has continued right through to the modern day, with the advent of such gadgets as bread makers, spiralisers and air fryers being promoted as the next best thing for the kitchen.



As usual the ladies of the church excelled themselves and everyone was given their tea and wonderful cakes during the interval, before tidying everything up during the second half of the talk.

*Colin Nash*

## *Bacon Sandwiches in Hanley William*

Hello friends! Lots has been happening since I last wrote so I'll jump straight in with an update on my placement.

When I was offered the opportunity to go on a placement, it was recommended that I go somewhere quite different to my home parish. That would have meant either a city centre church or something rural. I had no doubt that I would have learned valuable lessons from either, but I never feel happier than when immersed in God's creation and the thought of being able to experience that while also developing my ministry was too good a chance to miss and it was all I had hoped.

So, during the past 6 weeks I have been on placement in the Teme Valley South group of churches. I visited Stanford and learned about FOAG (Farmers Overseas Action Group). I was part of the harvest service at Eastham where I saw the biggest, shiniest pumpkin and interviewed a farmer. I learned a little of how the river that gives the area its name could have such an impact during the flood and I was privileged to be part of a service at Clifton, where Julia, the priest in charge of Teme Valley South, was licenced as curate in charge of three more churches around Clifton, as shown in the picture below.



I enjoyed delicious bacon sandwiches at cafe church in Hanley William, where I preached in front of a vicar, a curate, two retired vicars and a reader (with Ellen

for moral support!). During walking church, I explored the farms of Hanley Childe and Kyre, learning first-hand the history of the land and the hopes for the future. I've joined Saturday morning prayer and even sung over Zoom at Compline and yesterday I was able to read at the Service of Remembrance at Harpley.

And then in between all the gadding about, I have been trying to get to grips with the Holy Trinity...a topic that is blowing our collective minds as readers in training! We've learned about the Arian controversy and the significance of the council of Nicea in 325 and Constantinople in 381 that led to the Creed we now know. We've learned about the Christological heresies of Apollinarianism, Eutychianism and Nestorism...they are all very tempting as they try to explain the inexplicable...if God and Jesus are one, then how could God be Jesus' father...how could Jesus be "of God" and also God? We all just sat in stunned silence for that seminar asking the tutor to "make it make sense!"

This week we have the final dimension: pneumatology, the study of the third of the so-called *dramatis personae* that makes up the Trinity...The Holy Spirit. The reading for all these takes so long because I'm constantly having to look up words and references...oh well, Trinity Sunday is still a few months off so hopefully it will start to make sense by then!

I'm also just getting underway with the first assignment of second year so if you see me wandering towards the library looking vacant, you'll know why!

*Rob Little*

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## *Fourth Friday Friendship Group*

As the name suggests, we meet on the fourth Friday of each month, for chat, food and fun. We also raise money for charity; in return for a two-course meal, guests make a donation for a different charity each month. In October we raised £35 for the Royal Osteoporosis Society. As it was our closest meeting to "Bonfire Night" we had a "Bonfire Night style" meal of burgers, hot-dogs and jacket potatoes, followed by a choice of apple crumble or chocolate trifle. Our after-dinner games also included going outside for some sparklers. I turned down the offer, made by the proprietor of the Fireworks Shop, to purchase a large firework named "More Tea Vicar!" At something over £100 I decided this was taking the fun a little too far! Nonetheless, another very enjoyable afternoon and evening.

Our remaining gathering for this year is on December 22<sup>nd</sup> when anybody is most welcome at the vicarage from 4.00pm. Just look out for sign-up sheets in church or ask me for more details.

*Sarah Cottrill*



## *Jesus, light of the world*

November's Messy Church explored the theme of Jesus as our light in the darkness. While taking part in the activities, we were encouraged to think about the ways that we could spread the light to others. This could be as simple as smiling at someone, or sharing a packet of biscuits. It was lovely to see friends from both our Sunday congregation and Little Lambs, alongside new faces who came along to give it a go. As always, thank you to everybody who came and a massive thank you to all who volunteered, helping out with preparation, set up, activities and tidy up. A special shout out to our mini helpers!

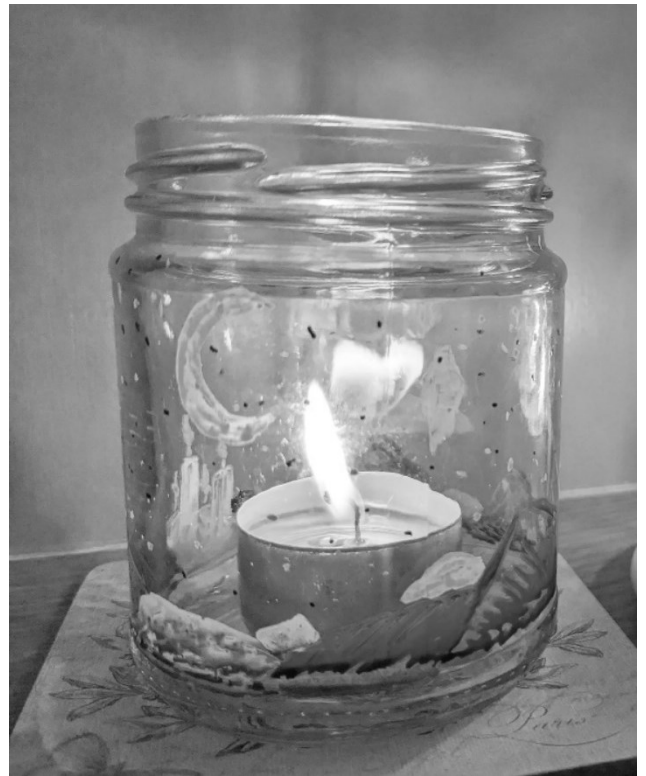


The theme for November was based on the Bible verse John 8:12 and additional Bible verses highlighting the continuing theme of light and darkness throughout. Following the Messy Church values, our Creativity activities included lots of glitter and sparkle! We made crowns, reflecting our own light, glittery stars and spiral decorations, thinking about how sparkly things can catch the light and reflect it, and whether there were ways that we could catch and reflect Jesus' light. The congregation really enjoyed making stained glass windows – including Phil, who took great care creating his example before Messy Church opened.





Another contemplative activity was decorating a tea light jar with acrylic pens and there were lots of beautiful designs. These were taken home as a reminder that we can take Jesus' light wherever we go and into the darkness. We also watched tea lights float on water, looking at their reflections and thinking about how we can reflect Jesus. If you are in St John's Church over the next month, do pop over to Children's Corner and have a look at a few of our sparkly creations!



Our short worship session, celebrating God, Jesus and this month's message was led by Phil. We started our worship by closing our eyes to experience darkness, and realised that in a city, even with all of the church lights switched off, there was still some light shining through. In Jesus' time, there were no streetlights, and the complete darkness could be very scary, making his message all the more meaningful. We concluded with the hymn 'This Little Light of Mine' which included actions, all led by Liz.



With Messy Church's value of Hospitality, our shared meal was delicious chilli con carne (for which many went up for seconds!), followed by cake and custard. It was great to sit down and share a meal with everyone. Thank you so much to Darren and Sarah for running the kitchen for us.

Our next Messy Church is on Saturday 2nd December, and it will then be on the following dates: 6th January and 3rd February 2024.

Messy Church is for all ages, with activities set at various levels and many offering the chance for mindfulness and contemplation while being creative. Please do come along – you'll be sure of a warm welcome!

*Beth Broadway*

## *Little Lambs*

We are having lots of fun at Little Lambs and we are really busy so thank you church for providing us with our warm, welcoming and safe space and for our amazing volunteers. One of our very talented volunteers called Gail prepared and set up our Remembrance Day craft activity which was very popular with our adults and children. The photos show their lovely pictures and each one was different and very special, so I think we followed the star to create our artwork.



Here are some more pictures of us all having fun!



Many thanks to our kind members who have donated toys for us such as an electronic keyboard and new dolls.

Vicar Phil enjoys having fun with the train set ....



.... and so do the children 😊.



On Monday 11th December we have a special visitor coming and he will be dressed in a red costume.

Any ideas who this could be?

Our last session this term will be on 11th December and we will return on Monday 8th January.

We would welcome some more adult help next term please.

We hope everyone has a very happy and peaceful Christmas and New Year and thank you all.

*Sue Fairman*

# *Remembrance*

On Armistice Day, at 11am on 11<sup>th</sup> November, there was an Act of Remembrance at the St John's war memorial.



A little later on Armistice Day, there was a service at the memorial of Woodbine Willie in St John's Cemetery.



On Remembrance Sunday, there was a large turnout at St John's Church for the Remembrance service and the following Act of Remembrance around 11am.





## *A Woven Prayer Cord for Ukraine, Israel, and Gaza*

Celtic Christians use the symbol of a woven cord to represent different aspects of our Christian faith. Because the cord is woven together it is strong and it brings a love of wholeness to our prayer life. When used in prayer it reminds us to pray for healing, to pray for others and to pray for ourselves.

If you can find some ribbons, wool or thick thread, plait or wind them together to use as your woven cord for our prayers this month.

Choose a colour to represent PEACE.

We pray today, Lord God, for our woven cord of prayer to heal the lands and the people of the past. Cleanse and heal these lands, Lord God. Restore them to be peaceful places for your people to live in harmony. We pray that all people will be brought to acknowledge where sin has prevailed and led to violence and war against the aggressor and where the innocent become the victims. We pray for leaders of our world to influence the need for peace and for humanitarian aid to reach innocent victims, to allow creation and peace to be restored and healing of the nations to take place.

Choose another colour to represent SAFETY.

Lord God, we pray for all the innocent people caught up in war. For children, the elderly and disabled. For those maimed and coming to terms with a disability. For the homeless and refugees.

We pray for all humanitarian workers, serving and caring for others in very difficult circumstances. We pray for their safety as they work together.

We pray for the safe delivery of food, water, fuel, and medicine. To bind people together and restore healing into the midst of such unspeakable pain and destruction that war causes.

We pray for all who work in hospitals, making decisions moment by moment on the best way to help the victims, to offer hope and healing and compassion to all. Strengthen the faith of all, by your grace and love, Lord.

Choose another colour to represent HOPE.

We pray for the hostages of war and the hostages of aggression, where people are held against their will and are powerless. Grant them your strength, hope and love, as they live for each other, praying to be free.

Loving God fill all who grieve, with your hope and comfort. We pray today that they will remember that everyone who has died is loved by God and remembered



by him in death. Grant them hope in their hearts and belief in a future, where war and aggression will cease and they are able to live peaceful lives.

Father Son and Holy Spirit we hold our cord of prayer to bind your people together:

To bring healing to Ukraine, Israel and Gaza.

To bring peace into the violence.

To bring hope into the hearts of all who suffer and care.

Pray that in using our prayer cord this month, it may bind us together and strengthen our prayer for peace and hope in our world.



Let us remember this Christmas that God sent His Son to heal and restore all people to himself. He is the Light in all the dark places.

Amen.

*Jenny English*

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## ***West Worcester Friendship Club***

Meeting in St Michael's Church on the third Thursday of every month, this group provides friendship and company for those who live alone following a bereavement. We offer a varied programme, featuring guest speakers, games, quizzes, crafts and general chat over a cup of tea or coffee and a slice of homemade cake.

Our October meeting enjoyed a talk by Jo Dowling about a trip she made to Mexico. At the time of writing, we are looking forward to welcoming Nigel Owens, chair of the Worcester and district branch of the Royal Air Force Association, to speak to us in November. Nigel will tell us about the work of RAFA and his own career in the RAF. We will end the year with our Christmas party in December.

Anybody wanting more information about this group, for themselves or for a friend or neighbour, please speak to me, Val, Jo or Mike.

*Sarah Cottrill*

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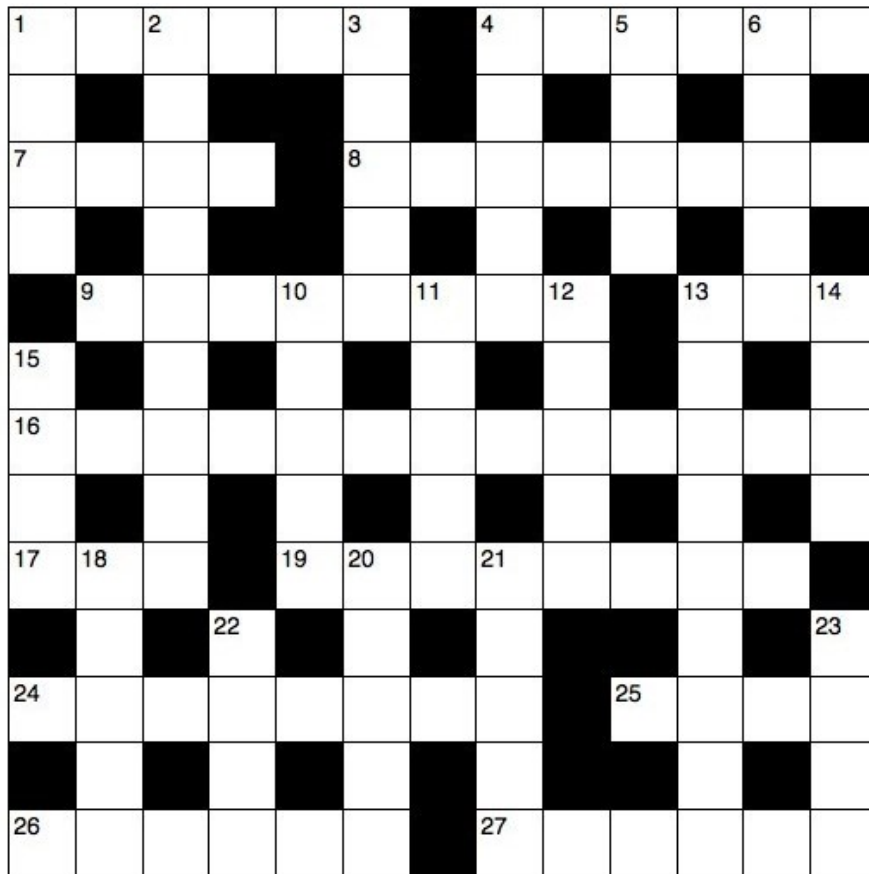
## ***Kindness***

Constant kindness can accomplish much. As the sun makes ice melt, kindness causes misunderstanding, mistrust and hostility to evaporate. *Albert Schweitzer*

The ideals which have lighted my way, and time after time have given me new courage to face life cheerfully, have been Kindness, Beauty, and Truth *Albert Einstein*

# Puzzles

The solution is on the inside back cover.



## Across

- 1 Rely (Psalm 62:7) (6)
- 4 ‘He stretches out the heavens like a — , and spreads them out like a tent to live in’ (Isaiah 40:22) (6)
- 7 What the dove carried the olive leaf in, when it returned to Noah’s ark (Genesis 8:11) (4)
- 8 Annoy (1 Samuel 1:6) (8)
- 9 Judah’s last king, who ended his days as a blind prisoner in Babylon (Jeremiah 52:11) (8)
- 13 ‘They all — and were satisfied’ (Luke 9:17) (3)
- 16 Eliphaz the Temanite was one; so was Bildad the Shuhite and Zophar the Naamathite (Job 2:11; 16:2) (4,9)
- 17 National Association of Evangelicals (of the USA) (1,1,1)
- 19 Popular song for New Year’s Eve, Auld — — (4,4)
- 24 Able dock (anag.) (8)
- 25 The number of stones David chose for his confrontation with Goliath (1 Samuel 17:40) (4)
- 26 Elgar’s best-known ‘Variations’ (6)
- 27 Soak (Isaiah 16:9) (6)

## Down

- 1 Money owing (Deuteronomy 15:3) (4)
- 2 Conciliatory (Titus 3:2) (9)

- 3 'Do this, whenever you — it, in remembrance of me' (1 Corinthians 11:25) (5)  
 4 A group assisting in the governance of the Roman Catholic Church (5)  
 5 One of the gifts Joseph's brothers took with them on their second journey to Egypt (Genesis 43:11) (4)  
 6 'Reach out your hand and — — into my side. Stop doubting and believe' (John 20:27) (3,2)  
 10 Be outstandingly good (2 Corinthians 8:7) (5)  
 11 'What — — that you are mindful of him, the son of man that you care for him?' (Psalm 8:4) (2,3)  
 12 Horse's feet (Judges 5:22) (5)  
 13 Notice (Deuteronomy 17:4) (9)  
 14 Comes between 2 Chronicles and Nehemiah (4)  
 15 One of Israel's northern towns conquered by Ben-Hadad (1 Kings 15:20) (4)  
 18 Narnia's Lion (5)  
 20 One of the two rivers in which Naaman would have preferred to wash (2 Kings 5:12) (5)  
 21 Avarice—one of the evils that come from inside people (Mark 7:22) (5)  
 22 Knight Grand Cross of St Michael and St George (1,1,1,1)  
 23 Jacob's first wife (Genesis 29:23) (4)

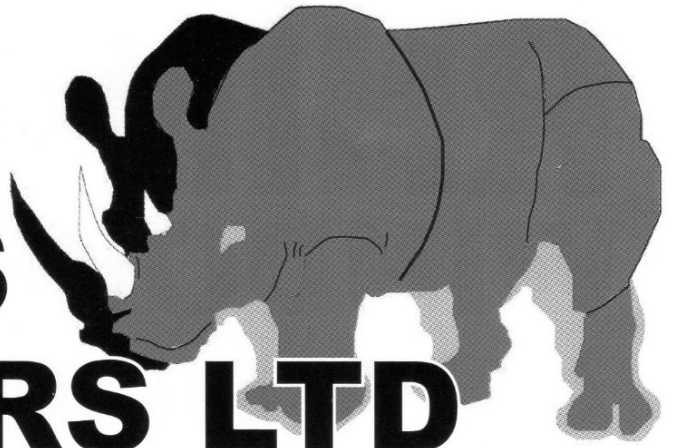
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## *Mothers' Union News.*

On Tuesday October 17th, MU members from the Worcester Archdeaconry met together in St George's, Barbourne, to celebrate our annual Archdeaconry Festival.

The service was presided over by our South Archdeaconry Chaplain, Revd. Stephen Buckley, assisted by Revd. Peter Davies.

A parade of several MU banners took place, with Jean Chidlow carrying St Michael's banner. As part of the service Stephen blessed a quantity of knitted shawls and teddies that MU use as part of our ministry.



St Michael's MU branch contributed 10 teddies made by Ann and Val. Several Long Service Certificates were presented by our President, Judith Grubb. Jo Dowling received a certificate for 50 years long service.

Thanks were also given for the long ministry of Stephen, as he retires from the chaplain role shortly.

An ample supply of refreshments was provided by members of St George's and Claines MU branches.

*Jenny Claydon*

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### *Follow the star. Join the song.*

Picking up the full theme from this month and last month reminded me of this song, and its lovely words, that we sang with our local choir in France. It's by Carol Barratt and Karl Jenkins called "Just another star":

*"Just another star to light the sky, just another town to passers-by,  
Just another night so cold and grey,  
Strangers look for shelter, couldn't find a place to stay.  
Just another donkey warm and brown,  
Just another journey through the town,  
Just another search for somewhere warm,  
Found a tiny stable just before a child was born.  
Love isn't ever far, look up from where you are,  
Look for another star, shining like it shone down on Bethlehem."*

Happy singing or happy listening - on your journey to follow the star!

*Arthur Miller*

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## *Gifts*

Gifts we bring our Lord and King,  
To praise Your name and glorify our King.  
Your name in our hearts and minds,  
upon our lips.  
May it please our King.

And what do we bring this Christmas morn?  
We bring ourselves weak and poor,  
We bring our sin, asking to be forgiven,  
We bring our tears, our sadness, our grief.  
We know your touch will heal our pain.

We bring our joy and laughter,  
our hope and love.  
We bring our music, our voices.  
We bring ourselves to worship,  
Our Lord and King.

We think of new life.  
innocence and purity as we worship  
Your Holy name.  
We think of the gifts you gave,  
in giving us your Son.  
New life, peace, light and love.

May this be reflected in all that we do.  
All those gifts we are giving today,  
to our families and friends.  
May we have new life Lord,  
Peace in our hearts,  
Light in our lives  
Love in our actions.  
May they be our real gifts  
to one another today,  
The true gifts you gave,  
in giving us your Son.

*Jenny English*  
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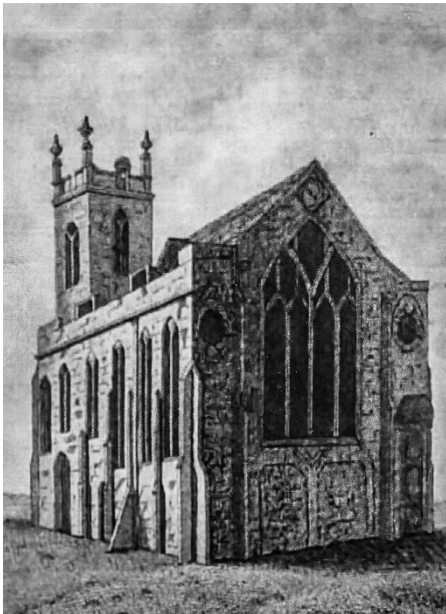
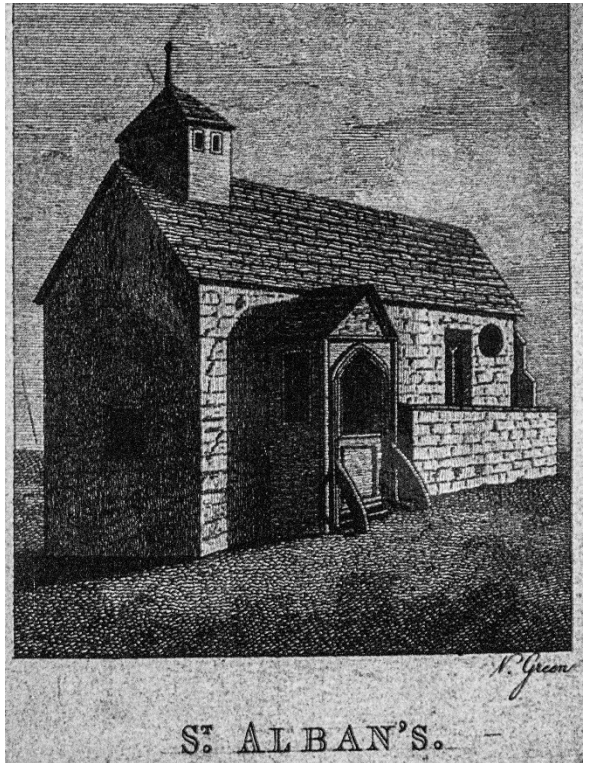
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## *GODs – Saints and Sinners*

Paul explained that his talk is about the saints and sinners of Worcester and is linked to a walking tour that Discover History do in the city. Worcester has had many churches over the centuries, but they are or were very close together. However, this does help produce the lovely skyline across the city with all the towers and spires. The reason for this is linked to Worcester being a centre for trade in the past. One of the oldest churches, St Alban's, is now Magg's Day Centre, which was dramatically changed in Victorian times. There are still over 20 Anglican churches listed in Worcester, not including other faiths.



The earliest church is believed to be St Helens, the current church is based on a 15th Century building, but it is on the site of a much earlier church. It was one of the richest churches in Worcester. More recently it was the site of the Records Office.

There are two main saints associated with Worcester. They were both Bishops of Worcester and were responsible for the building of the priory, which became the cathedral. The older one was St Oswald and the other was St Wulstan, who was Bishop of Worcester at the time of the Norman Conquest.

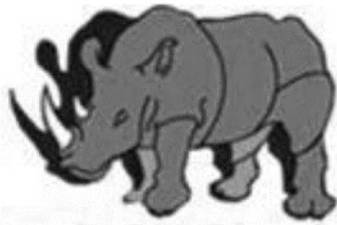


St Oswald (on the left) is often shown holding a church as he did a lot to reform the early church.

William the Conqueror removed all the Anglo-Saxon Bishops and replaced them with French Bishops except St Wulstan (on the right). Worcester became a place of pilgrimage due to the miracles



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associated with St Wulstan. One of those miracles concerned Thomas of Eldersfield who had an altercation with another man in 1217. They were ordered to fight a duel to determine who was right and Thomas lost so he was 'Guilty'. He was sentenced to blinding and castration and then left to die of his wounds. Luckily a sister from the Commandery Hospital found him, took pity, and tended his wounds. He claimed to have a vision of the Virgin Mary and St Wulstan following which his wounds began to heal. The Bishop of Rochester visited the hospital and declared it a miracle.

In early days the law of the land was kept by the Shire-Reeves (Sheriffs). They tried any cases of bad people brought before them in the Sheriffs House, which is now 2 smaller buildings on the edge of the Cornmarket, one of which is the King Charles House. There is a bottle dungeon in the pub, which has a glass top on so that you can see into it. People would be lowered in there for a period until the sheriff decided that they had served their time, and they would be pulled up.



Public executions were carried out at Redhill at the top of London Road, people would be dragged up there from the Sheriff's House. For minor infringements there were stocks and a Pillory opposite the house. Other punishments were carried out on a ducking stool by the River Severn.

A new Court was built on the site of the Guildhall. This had a birching table for punishing children outside the back of the building until the neighbours complained about the noise, so they moved it to the holding cell in the basement.

Worcester had a county gaol, which was on Salt Lane, now Castle Street. There was also a city gaol on the corner of Union Street and Farrier Street, now the site of the Lasset's Almshouses.

Paul finished his talk with a quick rundown of various saints and sinners (in the context of Worcester), including the following.

Saints:

Thomas Tomkins, a composer from the period of the Civil War, who tried to dismantle the cathedral organ to protect it during the War.

William Laslett, pictured on the next page. With no immediate family and spending little on personal needs, Laslett gave much of

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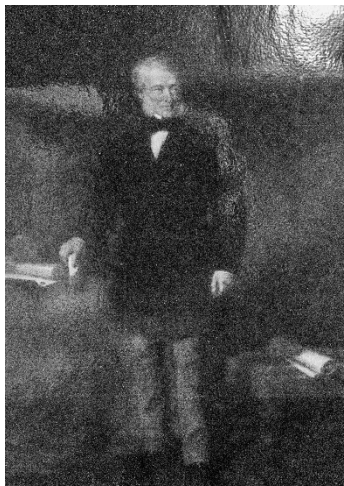
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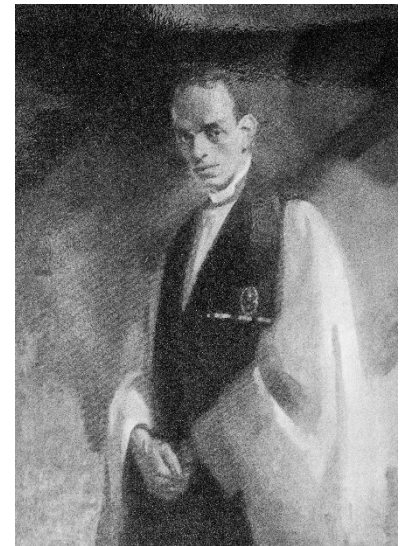


his money in private and public charity. He financed restoration or rebuilding of several churches and bought Worcester's old gaol, which he converted into housing for indigent married couples, Laslett's Almshouses.

Sir Charles Hastings. He trained in Edinburgh, but the air was not good for him, so he came back to Worcester. He worked at the Infirmary, where he studied the use of the stethoscope and the health of the general people. He also started to look at occupational health. People in certain occupations were afflicted by specific diseases. For

example those working in the porcelain industry went mad before dying, due to the lead used in the process. He formed the British Medical Association (BMA).

Woodbine Willie, pictured on the right. He gave all his money away to the people of Worcester. He won the Military Cross for rescuing people in the trenches. He gave away bibles and Woodbine cigarettes to the soldiers in the trenches.



Sinner: King Henry VIII. Worcester had great medical facilities such as the priory and the Commandery but when Henry closed the monasteries the city lost all its medical support.

Over 70 people attended the talk, and they were thoroughly entertained by Paul and well fed and watered by the ladies during the interval.



Not sure if they come for the talk or cakes sometimes, judging by the way there is a dash to the cakes at the break.

*Colin Nash*



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  - Tuesday: 9am - 6pm
  - Wednesday: 9am - 5pm
  - Thursday: 9am - 5pm
  - Friday: 9am - 5pm
  - Saturday: 9am - 4pm
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### **December opening times:**

- Sunday 24th December - closed
  - Monday 25th December - closed
  - Tuesday 26th December - closed
  - Wednesday 27th December to Saturday 30th December - normal opening times
  - Sunday 31st December - closed
  - Monday 1st January - closed
  - Tuesday 2nd January - normal opening times
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## *Weekly events at St John's Library*

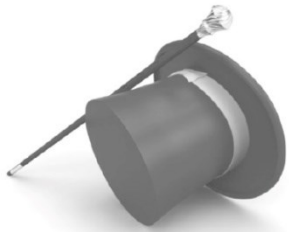
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- Bounce and Rhyme - Tuesdays, 11.00am-11.30am
- Scrabble Club - Tuesdays, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Chess Club - Tuesdays, 2.00pm to 4.00pm
- Crochet and Chat - Wednesdays, 10.00am to 12.00pm
- Storytime and Song - Fridays, 11:00am to 11:30am
- Lego Club - Saturdays, 2.00pm to 3.00pm

## *Other December events at St John's Library*

- Crime Readers Group Film Club - Monday 11th December, 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Crime Readers Group - Monday 18th December, 11.00am to 1.00pm
- Photography Group - Thursday 28th December, 11.00am to 12.00pm





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## *From the magazine archive, December 1950*

### CHILDREN'S FANCY DRESS PARADE

SATURDAY, November 4th was Children's Day in our Fayre Fortnight, when a Fancy Dress Parade was held in the hall of the Christopher Whitehead School. Despite the counter attraction of Guy Fawkes there were nearly eighty entries and many parents and other friends were also present.

There was a wonderful array of costumes both humorous and beautiful. There were crinoline ladies, golliwogs skeletons, scare-crows and, of course, most of the favourite nursery rhyme and fairy tale characters. The judge was Miss Anne Scott, a singer from the Theatre Royal, and she and her husband had a very hard task in deciding who should be the prize-winners. After the Parade the children were entertained to tea.

Our most grateful thanks are due to everyone who helped in any way to make the afternoon a success, especially the parents of the children who must have worked very hard to produce such delightful costumes. The prize-winners were:

*Group I.* Judith Mann (Fairy), John Nicholls (Boxer), Judy Steadman (Chocolate Box).

*Group II.* Margaret Stone (Old Lady), Peter Richardson (African Warrior), Geoffrey Glover (Road Accident).

*Group III.* Janet Wilks (Gainsborough Lady), Noel Sneed (Old Mother Riley), Jeremy Richardson (Scarecrow).

*"Advertisement" Fancy Dress.* Janet Tipping (Clarke's Stranded Cottons), Richard Moule (Quality Street Toffees).  
E. HARWOOD

### ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

MAY I express my sincere appreciation of the most beautiful silver cigarette case which was presented to me during an evening when a (smashing) supper was laid on for the workers who had helped with the redecoration of our Parish Hall some weeks back.

Though I did not wish for any kind of gift because of my part in the said decoration, I am, nevertheless, pleased and very *proud* of my silver cigarette case, which by the way, is artistically inscribed with my name and object of its presentation. *Thank you* one and all who contributed to same.

I hope to be forgiven for this rather belated expression of thanks, but I had intended it for last month's News Letter. However, with painting scenery, memorising my lines, and "nagging" Mr. Carver to learn his lines for the Youth Club plays, it regrettably slipped my memory.

HEDLEY COOMBS

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*And finally....*



*“Of all the cheek!  
Rides up on his  
sleigh in his flashy  
red suit, pushes to  
the front of the  
queue to the stable  
shouting ‘Ho! Ho!  
Ho!’...  
Who DOES he think  
he is?!”*



## Sunday Services in the Worcester City West Team – December

	<b>St. John's</b>	<b>St. Clement's</b>	<b>St. David's</b>	<b>St Michael's</b>
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> December</b>	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Advent carol service	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
<b>10th December</b>	10.30am Morning Worship	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Eucharist
<b>17th December</b>	10.30am Eucharist 2pm Carols in the churchyard 6pm Candlelit carol service	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
<b>24th December</b>	10.30am Eucharist 3pm Crib service 5pm Christingle 11.30pm Midnight Mass	9.30am Eucharist 4pm Crib Service	9.30pm First Eucharist of Christmas	10.30am Carol service
<b>31st December</b>	<b>10am Team Eucharist (St John's)</b>			
<b>7th January 2024</b>	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Evensong	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
The information above is correct at the time of going to press but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.				