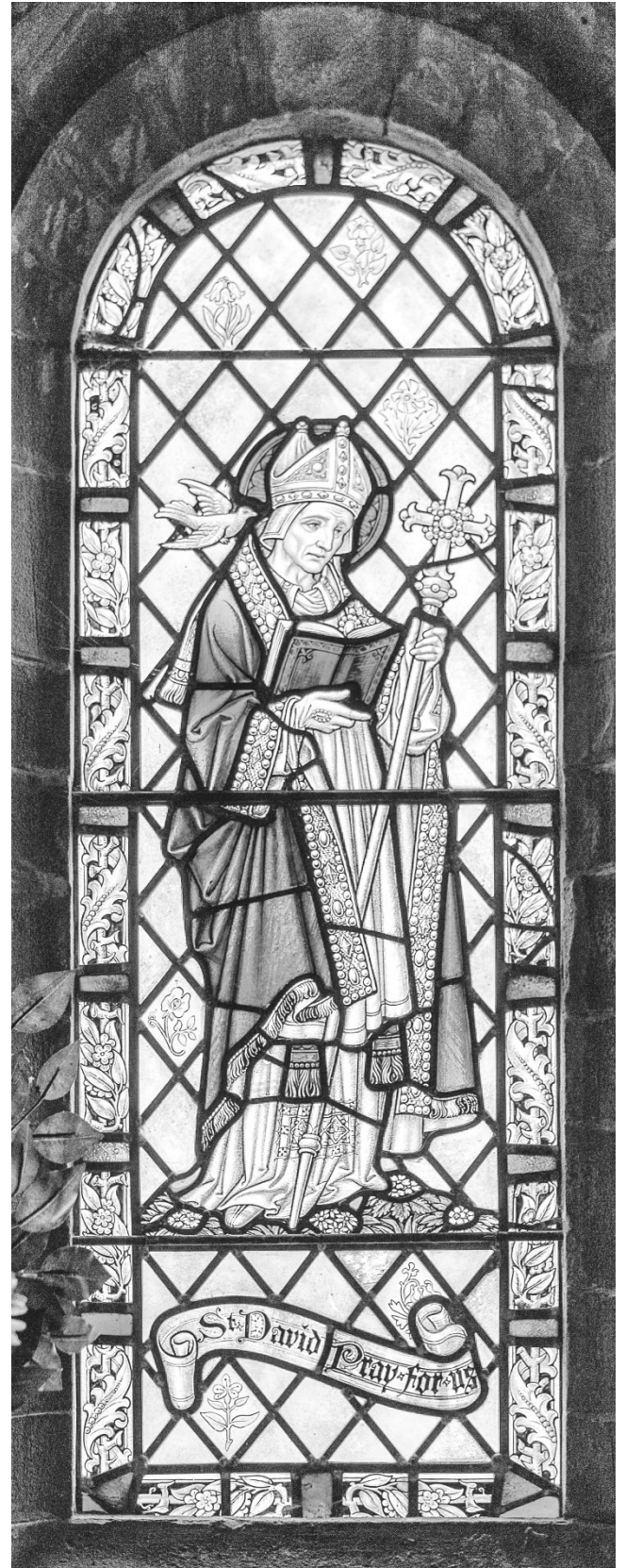




St John-in-Bedwardine *Parish Magazine*

March 2020

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Welcome to
St JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE
The Parish Church of St John's

St John's is far more than the most historic building on the Westside of Worcester; it is the centre of a worshipping and sociable community of people, and a resource for everyone in St John's.

The church is open most weekdays for people to drop in to visit or for quiet; to sit, pray or light a candle.

WEST WORCESTER CLERGY

The Reverend PHIL BRADFORD

Day off

The Reverend SARAH COTTRILL

Friday

Monday

CHURCHWARDENS

Gordon Templeton, Joy Job.

SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST JOHN'S

These are the **usual** service patterns for each Sunday in the month. Please see the other notices or the Parish Magazine or website for the actual services in a month.

2nd Sunday in month	8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
1st, 3rd & 4th Sunday	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist with Children's Worship
2nd Sunday in month		All Age Worship
1st & 3rd Sunday in month	5.00 p.m.	Evensong (BCP)
4th Sunday in month		Service of Wholeness and Healing
5th Sunday in month	Group service: See magazine back cover or other notices for location and time (usually 10am)	

WEEKDAY SERVICES

Monday to Saturday	5.00 p.m.	Evening Prayer (4pm during the winter months)
4th Saturday in month	10.15 a.m.	Cafe@10.15
Tuesday	10.00 a.m.	Holy Communion (BCP)
Thursday (at St Michael's)	10.30 a.m.	Eucharist (Modern language)

OTHER INFORMATION

PASTORAL CARE: The church's Pastoral Care Group offers support if you are lonely, bereaved, or unable to attend church. Please contact Sylvia Render (telephone 422654/email sylviarender@talktalk.net).

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

A Word from the Editors

Welcome to our March 2020 magazine. This year is the centenary of St David's church, and March sees St David's Day, so how could our theme be anything but "St David"?

In her letter, Sarah highlights St David's exhortation to fulfil the small tasks through which we can spread kindness and show God's love and compassion to the world. Lent offers us the opportunity to make a start on that, and our ambition should be to make it last for 365 (or 366) days of the year not 40.

Neil Morris, the headteacher at Christopher Whitehead, reporting on their week of Random Acts of Kindness, also makes the point that kindness, tolerance and empathy are not once a year actions, but something that should occur regularly. Part of the school prayer says this well:

"Render to no one evil for evil;
strengthen the fainthearted;
support the weak;
help the afflicted;
honour all people;"

We pray that God will help us all to live up to this.

Graham and Sue Evans

Important information

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The magazine

We publish a Parish Magazine each month, except August.

Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes and anecdotes are welcome - do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact. Do include your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered. If you can, please use e-mail (address below left). The editors will always acknowledge items sent by email; please try again if you do not receive a response. Please send all written correspondence for the magazine to the Parish Office.

The magazine costs 50p to purchase and can be obtained from the back of church. Subscriptions are available at the discounted price of £5 per year; by subscribing you make things easier for our printing team as we know more closely how many copies to print.

You can subscribe by filling in the form on page 52 or by taking a subscription form from the rack (where the magazines are) at the back of the church. Please return the form and your payment to the parish office.

Opinions!

Opinions expressed in this magazine are personal opinions of the authors concerned and may not represent the views of the editors, our PCC or The Church of England. Such material is offered as a source of debate or reflection.

To advertise

Please see page 36.

From Sarah Cottrill

Later in this magazine (page 12) you will see that at St David's we are preparing to celebrate one hundred years of Christian worship in the building in Comer Gardens. Originally the Comer Gardens Mission, the building was dedicated to St David on March 1st 1966, this particular saint being chosen as there was no other church in Worcester dedicated to him.



So what do we know about Saint David?

According to James Bentley (Macdonald & Co Ltd, 1988) David was born in Henfynyw, Cardigan, at the end of the fifth century. His father was a prince named Sant and his mother was Saint Non. According to legend, David learned to praise God, as the Holy Spirit, in the form of a dove, hovered over him as he learned to read the Psalms. Another legend has St David winning a great victory over the Saxons, telling the Welsh soldiers to wear a leek in their headgear so that they could recognise each other on the battleground.

Educated at Ty Gwyn by St Paulinus, David was elected abbot of the monastery there and he is credited with the founding of twelve monasteries, including the one at Menevia, now St David's. David's rule was extremely harsh with speech restricted to extreme necessity, a limited and sparse diet and hard physical labour. The monks were expected to remain awake and at prayer from dusk on Friday until dawn on Saturday. This will probably not inspire many of us to want to follow David's rule but the saint was also known for his kindness and compassion for others, particularly the poor and the sick. On his deathbed, in about 601, David instructed his followers to: "Rejoice, hold fast to the faith. And remember to fulfil those small tasks that you have learned while you were with me."

There's something there that we can all take hold of and should be trying to reflect in our daily lives.

"Rejoice!" It's so easy to focus on the problems we face or the things we consider to be wrong in our lives, forgetting all the many blessings for which we should be thankful. Health, homes, safety, freedom, occupations, friends and family are all things we can take for granted until we don't have them any more. Above all, we should be grateful for, and rejoice in, our faith and our Salvation.

"Hold fast to the faith;" for so many Christians around the world, this is a real challenge as they face persecution and oppression for their faith. We don't face

those challenges but there may be others. We all face times of crisis in our lives; times when it may be difficult to hold fast to the faith but it is at exactly those times that we most need our faith; our trust in the God whose will we may not understand; whose ways we may not like, but whose love and faithfulness we should never doubt.

Remember to fulfil those small tasks ... St David was known for his kindness and compassion and we can all follow his example in this. Acts of kindness and compassion don't have to be big. Small things can make a huge difference in the life of somebody else. As I write this, we are just over two weeks from the beginning of Lent. Perhaps, in our Lenten practice of giving up some favourite luxury, we will be reminded of St David's rule of abstinence from alcohol and the simple diet he imposed on his monks. More importantly, though, perhaps we will remember his compassion and kindness and resolve to make a more conscious effort to follow his example in this. Stewardship are once again operating their "40 Acts of kindness" initiative by which, for each day of Lent, people are encouraged, alongside prayer and reflection, to commit to a daily act of kindness for somebody else. Some of the suggested acts are more demanding than others – both in terms of effort and finance, but all are designed to demonstrate selfless kindness and generosity towards others. Selfless they may be, but don't make the mistake of thinking that the giver won't receive pleasure and satisfaction from performing these acts. And the really good thing is that, having known the pleasure that performing some act of kindness for another can give us, we go on repeating it; the "one off" act of kindness or generosity can become a habit which continues long after the end of Lent.

At St David's Church we are aiming to make 2020 "The Year of St David" but perhaps that vision is too limited. Perhaps we should rather be aiming – and praying – to make it the year in which that congregation leads the people of West Worcester in growing as a community which rejoices as it holds fast to the faith and doesn't forget to fulfil the little tasks which reflect the love of God and make such a difference to the lives of others.

Sarah

Collect for St David's day

Almighty God, who called your servant David
to be a faithful and wise steward of your mysteries for the people of Wales:
in your mercy, grant that,
following his purity of life and zeal for the gospel of Christ,
we may with him receive the crown of everlasting life. Amen.

In Memoriam March

Beatrice Edna Gilbert	1 March 1980
Joan Kathleen Burgess	1 March 2009
Robert Leslie Osborne	6 March 1986
Henry Barrow	8 March 1998
Ronald Victor Roberts	10 March 1995
Lily Williams	15 March 1983
Marjorie Mary Jones	22 March 1984
Susan Alice Potter	23 March 1990
Frederick John Halls	24 March 1987
William Hooper	27 March 1985
Stanley Norman Frank Parrott	28 March 1987
Samuel Frank Hodgetts	28 March 2005

Additions to In Memoriam are not automatic but must be specifically requested via the clergy.

In memoriam items are included until the fortieth anniversary.
An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

From the Registers, January 2020

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

- d. 10th December 2019 Arthur John Beale
- d. 19th December 2019 Christopher John Berry
- d. 27th December 2019 Iris Eileen Russell

JANUARY SERVICES: Communicants 369. Total attendance all services 531
(including 87 at funerals outside the principal service).

Collect for Ash Wednesday

Almighty and everlasting God,
you hate nothing that you have made
and forgive the sins of all those who are penitent:
create and make in us new and contrite hearts
that we, worthily lamenting our sins
and acknowledging our wretchedness,
may receive from you, the God of all mercy,
perfect remission and forgiveness;
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.

St John in Bedwardine



Join us for Fresh Coffee and Danish
'Friendship and Thoughts'

At 10.15am on
Saturday 28th March
Thought for the Day by
Graham Evans.

Come and share with us and have a
little space for you in a busy weekend.

Jenny and Margaret.



West Worcester Anglican Group Churches
Women's Breakfast Meetings
for Friendship & Christian Fellowship

Why not join us?
Everyone is welcome!

Our March meeting is on Saturday
14th March.

This month's speaker will be
Barbara Davies
Mothers Union

8.30am till 10.30am
St John-in-Bedwardine
in The Blakefield Room
Contact Margaret Rutter (425396)



Little Lambs



Mondays in Term Time
10:00am to 12:00pm

FREE!

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

Birth to 4 years old and carers

Come and join the fun!

Friday 27th March 1pm

The Spitfire and its role in the
Battle of Britain with Discover
History
at
St John's Church



WE NEED YOUR
HELP TO CARRY THE
STORY FORWARD

Dates for March 2020

Please see the back cover for services on each Sunday.

Unless otherwise stated, the venue for all the events below is

St John's Church, or one of the church rooms.

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

See
page

Sunday 1st March: First Sunday of Lent

4.00 p.m. St David's Patronal Festival Eucharist

Wednesday 4th March

12.30 p.m. Lent Lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm 17

Friday 6th March

1.45 p.m. World Day of Prayer service 19

Saturday 7th March

8.30 a.m. St John's Community Breakfast, 8.30am - 11.00am. 13

3.00 p.m. Children's Activities (3-5.30pm) 15

Sunday 8th March: Second Sunday of Lent

Wednesday 11th March

12.30 p.m. Lent Lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm 17

Saturday 14th March

8.30 a.m. Women's Breakfast. 7

Sunday 15th March: Third Sunday of Lent

Wednesday 18th March

12.30 p.m. Lent Lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm 17

7.30 p.m. Craft Group (Blakefield Room) 15

Sunday 22nd March: Mothering Sunday (Fourth Sunday of Lent)

Wednesday 25th March

12.30 p.m. Lent Lunch between 12.30pm and 2pm 17

Friday 27th March:

1.00 p.m. Discover History - the Spitfire 7

3.15 p.m. Fourth Friday Friendship Group (at 7 Manor Road)
(drop in from 3.15pm)

Saturday 28th March

10.15 a.m. Café@10:15 (Café Church). 7

Sunday 29th March: Fifth Sunday of Lent

1.00 a.m. Clocks go forward one hour

All the events information is correct at the time of going to press, but please watch the weekly church newsletters and website for the latest information.

Changes to the pattern of Sunday services

After Easter, there will be changes to the pattern of services across the Group. I will write more about this next month, but for now there are two main changes of which to be aware at St John's.

1. There will no longer be an 8am service on the second Sunday of the month.
2. Evening services on a Sunday (Evensong and the Healing Service) will move to the later time of 5.30pm.

These changes will take effect from May.

Phil Bradford

Weekday communion services

Tuesday	St John's 10am. (Book of Common Prayer)
Thursday	St Michael's 10.30am. (Common Worship, modern language)

Future events at St John's

Saturday 25th April: Coach trip to Oxford (see page 14)

Saturday 27th June: Coach trip to Lacock village and Abbey (see page 14)

Some events at the other churches

Sunday 1st March	St David's: Patronal Festival Eucharist, 4pm
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Wednesday 4th March	St David's: Coffee morning, 10.30am - 12noon
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Friday 6th March	St Clement's: Fun Quiz, 6.45pm for 7pm, £5 per head. Sign-up sheet at St Clement's church, tickets available until 2nd March - NO TICKETS ON THE DOOR.
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Thursday 12th March	St Michael's: The 10.30am Eucharist is for the Mothers' Union Wave of Prayer
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Saturday 14th March	St David's: Café Church, 3pm, theme St Joseph
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Monday 16th March	St Michael's: 2.30pm: Mother's Union. Speaker Susan Price - "With Hope and Confidence we build"
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Saturday 28th March	St Clement's: Pastoral Tea, 2pm - 4pm
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Saturday 30th May	St David's: Church Fayre, 2pm - 4pm

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Our Church

St John-in-Bedwardine Church is an active Anglican church which has its roots in the Norman period.

The church is open daily, as a haven of peace at a busy road junction in the St. Johns area of Worcester.

The church was originally built in 1165 as 'The Chapel of St John' – the parish church then being St. Cuthbert's in Lower Wick. When the church of St Cuthbert's was demolished in 1370, St John's became the parish church.



Our Vision

We envisage St John's church as a vibrant hub for the worshipping and wider community.

Our Magazine

We publish a Parish Magazine each month, except August. It costs 50p to purchase and can be obtained from the back of church. Subscriptions are available at the discounted price of £5 per year.

If you would like to subscribe, please see page 52 or contact the parish office and leave details of your name and address. If you wish to advertise, please see page 36 and contact Sue Hussell (details below).

Articles on all aspects of Christian and parish life, letters, jokes and anecdotes are welcome - do contribute if you can. If you have a story to tell, please make contact. Include your name as anonymous contributions will not be considered.

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Celebrating St David's Church

CELEBRATING
100
St David's Church
(formerly Comer Gardens Mission)
Eucharist Service
Sunday 1st March
4pm
Refreshments to follow
All welcome

On March 1st St David's Church will be celebrating 100 years of Christian worship on the site in Comer Gardens. We hope that friends from across the whole group will be able to join us for our celebration Eucharist at 4pm on that day, which will be followed by refreshments.

Throughout the rest of the year, there will be a wide range of events to mark the "Year of St David." Look out for details of these over the year and help us to make 2020 – The Year of St David – a year to remember!

Sarah Cottrill

Easter flowers at St John-in-Bedwardine.

Easter Day is celebrated on 12th April this year and we will be decorating the church and arranging the Easter garden on Holy Saturday, 11th April, from 9am to 1pm.

You are most welcome to come and help. Refreshments will be served about 11am, and if you have any suitable greenery or flowers which would be useful they will be gratefully received. If you wish to donate money for Easter lilies or flowers in memory of loved ones, please place your gift in an envelope with names to be remembered on the front, and give this to a member of the clergy, one of the church wardens or myself. The memorial list will be placed on the welcome table by the porch in church.

The Flower Team joins me in wishing you all a very blessed and joyful Easter. Thank you for all your encouragement and generosity throughout the year.

Eileen Cantrill.

St John's Community Breakfast

The next community breakfast is taking place on Saturday March 7th from 8.30am. Everyone is welcome to come and share with us. We will have bacon, eggs, black pudding, baked beans plus tea, coffee and toast.

We will set up on Friday 6th at 6pm.

Jenny English

WELCOME



Free

Community Breakfast

Saturday 7th March

08.30 to 11.00

All are welcome to come and share a full English breakfast with unlimited supplies of tea, toast and coffee

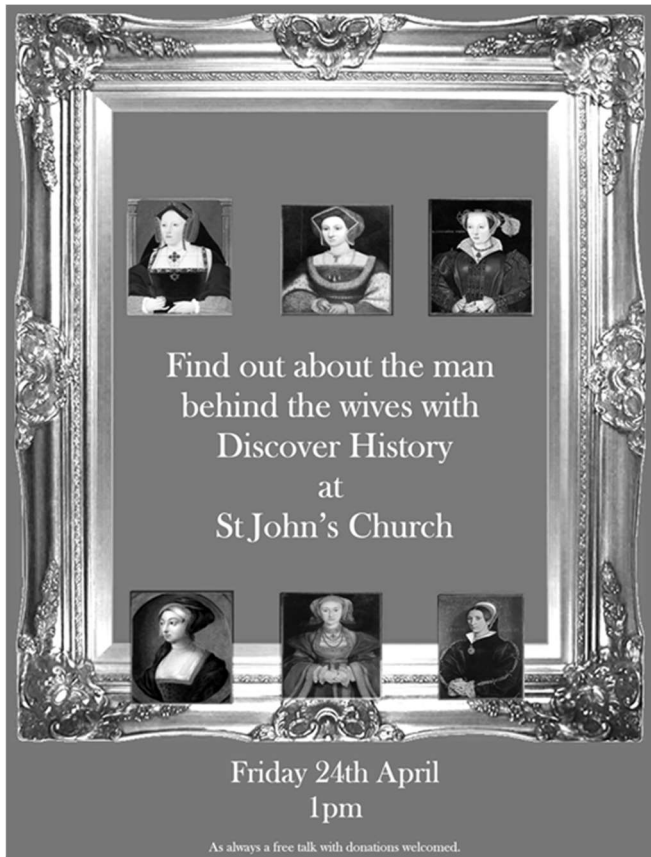
St John's Church



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Friday 24th April

Friday 15th May



Find out about the man behind the wives with Discover History at St John's Church

Friday 24th April
1pm

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Discover History

*Battle of Tewkesbury:
The last battle of the
War of the Roses
was at
Tewkesbury.*

Coach trips 2020

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of
Oxford



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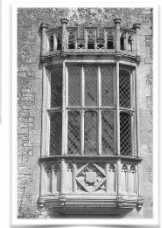
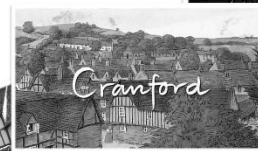
There may be an opportunity to visit one of the colleges but numbers would be restricted and on a first come basis.

Saturday 25th
April

Approx cost £20

Coach will leave
St John's Church

Lacock Village
and Abbey



A real must for fans of a period drama or Harry Potter.

Downton Abbey, Pride and Prejudice, Cranford and Wolf Hall all had scenes filmed here in this beautiful N.T. Village. A photography buff? Fox Talbot lived in the Abbey so you can see his famous Oriel Window.

Saturday 27th June

Approx cost
Coach only £15
Inc the Abbey for non members
£30

Coach will leave St John's Church at 9am

Craft News

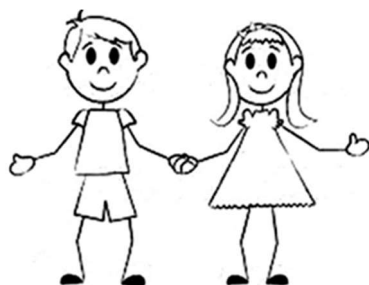
Our next session will be at 7.30pm on Wednesday 18th March in the Blakefield Room. Feel free to come along or telephone 424811, for details. The cost is £5.00 to include refreshments and all materials.

In February we did some decopatch and in March we will be trying out another way with paper flowers.

We always welcome new ideas so if you have a craft you would like to share with us, let us know. We aim to finish what we are making in the session so that we don't have any more unfinished projects in our cupboards.



Brenda Price and Jane Askew



Children's Saturday Activities

The next children's activities will be on Saturday 7th March 2020, 3.00pm – 5.30pm.

This month our talk was about Valentine and thinking about Lent. We reminded ourselves about what had happened during Lent. We then discussed what we could do during Lent. Rather than giving up something, we thought more about what we could do for other people. Lots of ideas came from helping at home to helping someone at school.

After our talks in January we have decided to help Worcester Foodbank. The children each year decide to support a charity and this is their choice for this year. They will be putting a box at the back of the church and if you would like to help by adding donations please do. Two of the children who come had paid a visit to the Foodbank with scouts, to find out a bit more. They found out they do not need beans!

For craft we made Valentine cards and felt hearts. As we had talked about Lent, we just had to have pancakes with our tea!

The Saturday Group

Hymns for occupations

Flow, river, flow...	Canoeist
Shall we gather at the river...	Fisherman
Tell me the old, old story...	Historian
All creatures of our God and king...	Zookeeper
All people that on earth do dwell...	Statistician

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ST JOHN-IN-BEDWARDINE

LENT LUNCHESES

*Soup, bread, cheese and fruit
with tea or coffee*



Wednesday 4th March
Wednesday 11th March
Wednesday 18th March
Wednesday 25th March
Wednesday 1st April

In the Blakefield Room

Between 12.30pm and 2pm

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World Day of Prayer

All are welcome at the Westside 2020 World Day of Prayer Service to be held at St John's Church at 1.45pm on Friday 6th March. Members of Westside churches and our music group will be taking part in the service which this year focuses on Zimbabwe.

As we participate in this service, we are part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe, which begins as the sun rises over Samoa and ends some 36 hours later back in the Pacific as the sun sets over American Samoa. We will be joining with people in over 120 countries and islands around the world.

Each year the service is written by a different country. This year it has been prepared by the Christian women of Zimbabwe who call us to "Rise! Take up your mat and walk". We are encouraged to reflect on the difficulties and unrest that have plagued their country over many years. They share the challenges they have met and the hopes they have for the future and invite us to support them as they continue their often-turbulent journey towards full reconciliation.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2020
Praying with Zimbabwe 
FRIDAY 6TH MARCH



10.30am	United Reform Church, Albany Terrace, WR1 3DU
1.45pm	St John-in-Bedwardine, Bromyard Road, WR2 5BS
2.00pm	St John the Baptist, Claines, WR3 7RN
2.00pm	St Mary's, Kempsey, Rectory Lane, WR5 3JH
2.30pm	Fernhill Heath Baptist Church, O'Keys Lane, Fernhill Heath, WR3 8RL
6.30pm	Quaker Friends Meeting House, WR1 1UG
7.30pm	St James', Callow End, WR2 4TE

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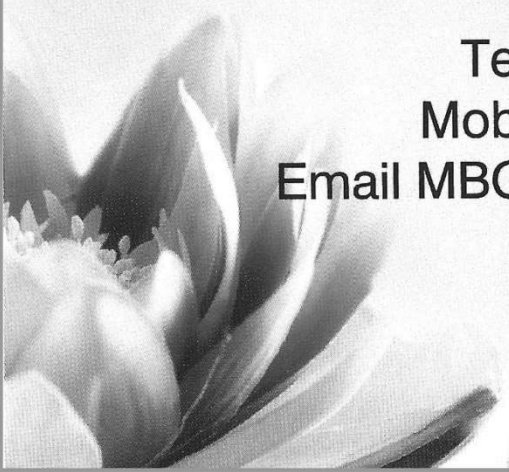


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Good Neighbour Cake

St Clement's school held a "Vision Day" on 10th January looking at the meaning of "Love your neighbour as yourself". Years three, four, five and six made "Good Neighbour cakes".

This is my recipe for a Good Neighbour cake:

Ingredients

- 175g of kindness.
- 150g of happiness.
- 100g of smiles.
- 50g of speaking clearly.
- 50g of helpfulness.
- 1 heaped tbsp. of patience.
- 2 heaped tbsp. of laughter.
- Sprinkle in fun, respect and joy.

Method

- Give both ways in equal amounts.
- Use generous amounts of smiles.
- Blend in laughter to lift spirits.
- Sizzle and fry irritations and unforgiveness.
- Stir together then beat until lumps disappear.
- Pour in 500ml of encouragement.
- Add respect, fun and joy and mix well.
- Bake in the love oven.
- Leave to cool and share with your friends.

We are all bound to one another - whether by birth, by circumstance, or simply by our shared humanity.

Jenny English.

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Children's Worship

The Diddy Disciples have been learning about Epiphany. We have learnt a song to remind us that we do everything in the light of God. Next, we will be moving on to find out about John the Baptist and then Lent. The Explorers (ages 7 and up or KS2/3) have been looking at the readings from the Sunday services and have also been thinking about Epiphany. They had a very interesting discussion about superheroes at Candlemas! If you think you'd find the children's discussions interesting do speak to Chris and join them for a session.

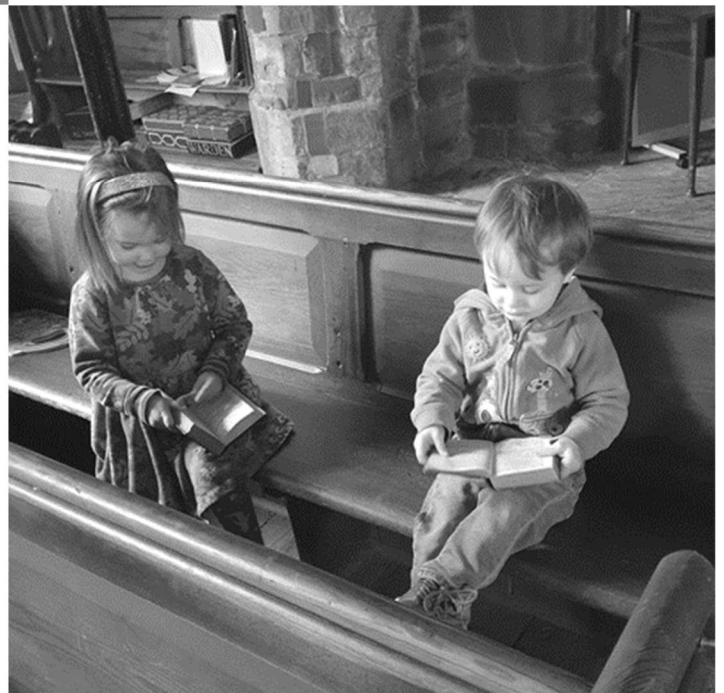


On 9th February, a number of the congregation braved storm Ciara to attend the All Age Worship. The children did a fantastic job singing their prayers and helping with the talk. It is lovely to see how comfortable the children are in church and how happy they are to share what they are learning.

Please do sign up to our visiting rota as we would love to welcome you to one of our children's worship groups. Don't forget that the older children would love to welcome you into Explorers as well. There are sign up sheets at the back of church or speak to Amy, Fiona or Chris.

If you would like to help out in either of the children's worship groups (however frequently!) or think you know someone who would enjoy it, please speak to Amy, Fiona or Chris. We need helpers for both groups but there is real need at present with the older children.

Amy Rees and Fiona Templeton



You are invited....



.... to hear talks at Christopher Whitehead

Christopher Whitehead Language College and Sixth Form has once again extended an invitation for members of the community to come along to its Impetus Programme of visiting speakers.

The next events are:

Wednesday 18th March, 3.20pm. Prof. Michael Scott, Warwick University

Delphi: Centre of the Ancient World.

Wednesday 25th March, 3.20pm. Dr. Caroline Gray, Aston University

Modern Languages at Aston University - A taster session.

Wednesday 3rd April, 3.20pm. Chris Hale, Travers Smith LLP

A life in Law.

If you wish to attend, please telephone 423906 and leave a message for Beth Morgan, the programme co-ordinator, or email her on b.morgan@cwlc.email.

Prof Michael Scott - Classics and Ancient History

Wednesday 18th March 3.20pm - 4.20pm

Sixth Form Centre



Michael is a Professor in Classics and Ancient History at the University of Warwick and member of Warwick's Global History and Culture Centre. His research and teaching focuses on aspects of Ancient Greek and Roman society, as well as ancient Global History. In 2017-18 Michael held a Leverhulme Research Fellowship to work on an ancient global history research project looking at the movement of luxury goods between the Mediterranean and China in antiquity. He is a National Teaching Fellow (the UK's most prestigious award for teaching in Higher Education);

Principle Fellow of the Higher Education Academy; winner of the Warwick Award for Teaching Excellence and Foundation Fellow of the Warwick Higher Education Academy. In 2015, Michael was also made an honorary Citizenship of Delphi, Greece in recognition of his work related to the sanctuary of Delphi; and in 2019 he was elected a Fellow of the Royal Historical Society.

Michael is also well known for his public engagement and outreach work as a speaker and broadcaster. He is President of the Lytham Saint Annes Classical Association, the largest branch in the UK and is a Trustee and Director of the charity Classics for All. He has written and presented a range of TV and radio programmes for National Geographic, History Channel, Nova, BBC & ITV. He has also presented a radio series for BBC Radio 4 'Spin the Globe', written for national and international newspapers and magazines, lectured to schools and groups in the UK and Europe and has taught in the UK, Europe, US and Brazil. In 2019 he was re-created as a Lego figure in honour of his contribution to Classics.

.... to support a *Christopher Whitehead* student



I'm running the Virgin London Marathon 2020 and fundraising for Mind.

Anyone can struggle with their mental health at any time in their life and this is the reason Mind is such an important charity, especially in today's society. I want to contribute to this great charity to help it to continue the wonderful work it does.

I have recently been through GCSE's and A level mock exams so I understand the strain on youth, how it can affect mental health and the great need for support during this time. I believe that Mental health awareness

in teenagers is extremely important, especially when considering the worry and stress that some teenagers go through when taking GCSE's and A levels, while also balancing the pressures of society.

Fortunately, I have a supportive family and find running creates a safe place through all my revision and exams, it helps me de-stress and think more clearly. It is well known that running is good for our mental health and releases happy endorphins afterwards, for me it helps through stressful times and allows me to achieve my full potential. However, not everybody has a secure support network or enjoys running to relieve stress and therefore Mind is crucial to the people that need its support.

I'll be training for the London Marathon alongside studying towards my A Levels and I will participate in the event shortly after my 18th birthday.

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Laura Bessant
Christopher Whitehead Language College and Sixth Form

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Dear Parents/Carers/Members of the local community,

We would like to inform you of the language lessons we will be offering next half-term, which will run from **Monday 27th February to Thursday 2nd April 2020:**

- A. 5-6pm Mondays – Beginners’ Spanish – continuation of the current class.
 - B. 6-7pm Mondays – Beginners’ French – continuation of the current class.
 - C. 7-8pm Mondays – Intermediate French – continuation of the current class.
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- D. 6-7pm Tuesdays – Beginners’ Spanish – this course ran in November-December and we hope to re-start it.
 - E. 7-8pm Tuesdays – Intermediate French – continuation of the current class.
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- F. 6-7pm Wednesdays – **Beginners’ Spanish *NEW CLASS***
 - G. 6-7pm Wednesdays – **German *NEW CLASS*– beginner or intermediate – please state your preference.**
 - H. 6-7pm Wednesdays - Adult Mandarin – continuation of the current class.
 - I. 7-8pm Wednesdays – Intermediate/Higher Spanish – continuation of the current class.
 - J. 7-8pm Wednesdays - **German *NEW CLASS*– beginner or intermediate – please state your preference.**
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- K. 6-7pm Thursdays – **Beginners’ Spanish *NEW CLASS***
 - L. 6-7pm Thursdays - Adult Mandarin – continuation of the current class.
 - M. 7-8pm Thursdays – Beginners’ Spanish – continuation of the current class.

Mr Juan Carlos García, our Foreign Language Assistant, will continue to lead the French and Spanish sessions in classroom A103 and Miss Abbie Lu will continue with the Mandarin classes in A031. Mr Richard Roberts, the former Head of MFL at New College Worcester, will lead the German sessions in A203. NB we do require at least six people per German class to run either.

Please park in the Arts Block car park off the Bromwich Road and follow the signs once you are in the school. For those joining the new beginners' Spanish classes, or either of the German classes, an exercise book will be provided for you.

If you would like to take part in one of these courses, the cost will be **£30** (which equates to £5 per session), and **the full amount must be paid in advance** via **parentpay** if your child attends the school, or via bank transfer. If you are paying via bank transfer, the details are as follows: **Lloyds Bank, Sort code: 30-99-90, Account number: 00089309**. Please insert the words '**Adult Language Classes**' as a reference. If you are unable to pay via bank transfer, we will be able to receive cash payments, but **the full amount must be paid up front at the first lesson.**

If you would like to join a group, to confirm the session you would like to attend, please email me at m.goffe@cwlc.email with the following information:

- **Your name;**
- **confirmation of how you have paid/intend to pay;**
- **the session you plan to attend** (just the letter from the list opposite, e.g. **A** for the 5-6pm session on Mondays).

Kind regards,

*Mr Martin Goffe,
Head of MFL department, CWLC*



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Food for thought

For her birthday I really annoyed my friend by giving her a box of Celebrations: I changed all wrappers around, with the result that she got her Snickers in a Twix. The fact there is a highway to Hell and only a stairway to heaven says a lot about anticipated traffic numbers.

A good time to keep your mouth shut is when you're in deep water

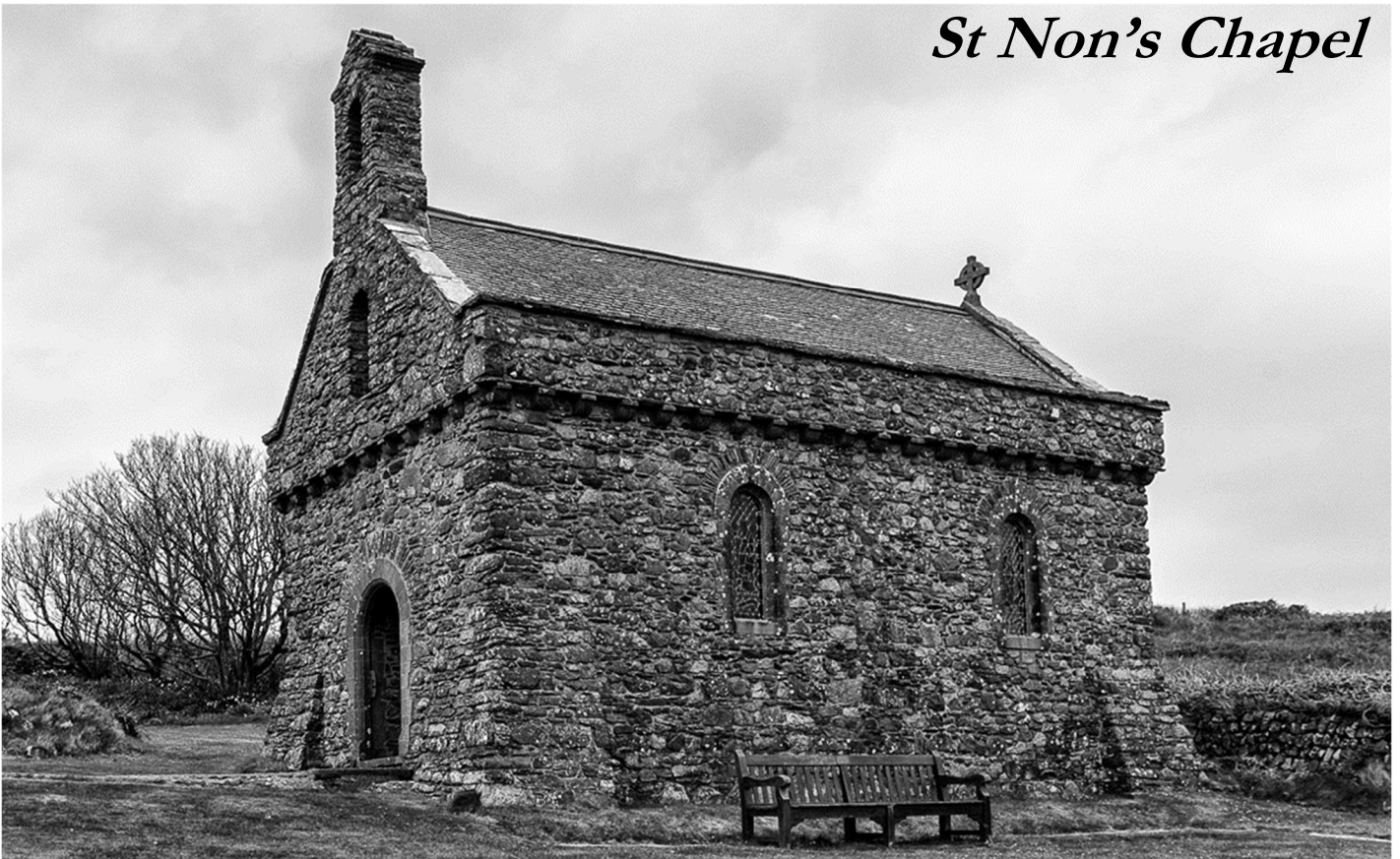
Atheism is a non-prophet arrangement.

Pictures from Pembrokeshire

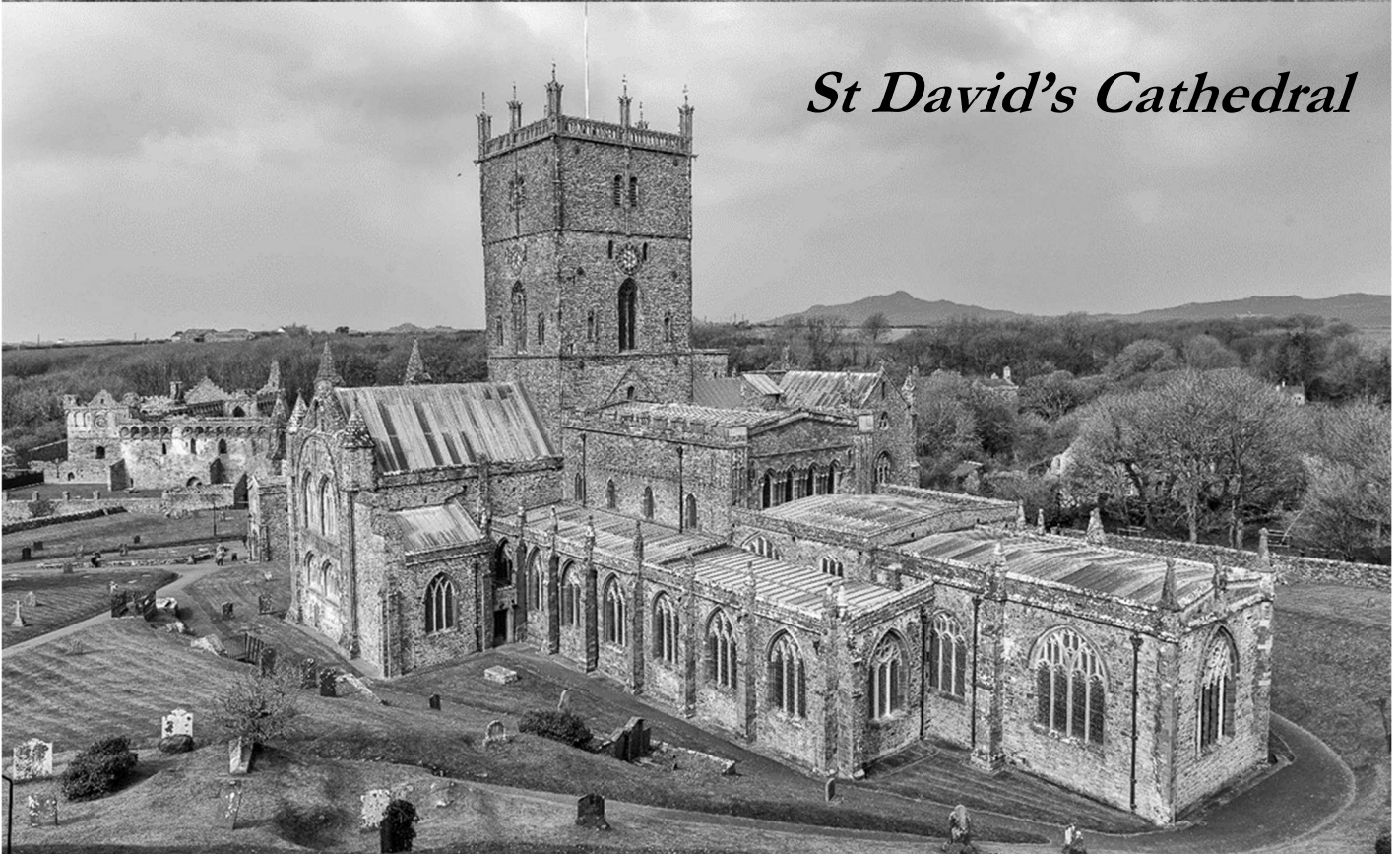
Linking to our St David's theme, Colin Nash sent us these pictures which he took last year along the Pembrokeshire Way and at St David's cathedral.

The editors

St Non's Chapel



St David's Cathedral





St David's tomb (St David is in the centre)



(From this angle the lighting makes the images less clear, but the inscriptions are clearer)

Little Lambs

Hello,

We've had a brilliant start to the term with lots of familiar faces as well as new families each week.

The children have been painting using different tools and have enjoyed cutting and sticking. Little Lambs also celebrated the Garden Bird Watch by making birds with play dough and doing a craft activity to make a hanging bird – we had some very colourful specimens! The children also took home a sheet of common garden birds to spot in their gardens.



As you can imagine we get through a lot of craft supplies, but we are trying to do our bit to remain eco-friendly. This month we had to replace our wax crayons as the old ones had become so broken up. Instead of binning them though, we peeled off the labels and melted them down in silicone moulds to make rainbow egg crayons. They have been very popular and have been used to make some stunning masterpieces.

We all have a fantastic time on a Monday morning and would love to welcome more helpers to the team. If you're interested please speak to Amy.

Amy Rees and the Little Lambs team

Candlemas flowers



Young Adults go bowling!

On Saturday 1st February the West Worcester Young Adults ventured all the way to Worcester Bowl for a fun afternoon of bowling and lots of chatting!



It was a great turn out - we had ten adults and six children, so we spread out across two lanes.

With the help of the bumpers (and much to the surprise of many of us) several of us got strikes on our first bowl! It was a very enjoyable event and great to catch up with everyone.

We hope to do more events for Young Adults in the future so if you or someone you know would like to get involved please let Beth Broadway, Philip Evans or Alice Evans know or go to our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/westworcesteryoungadults/>

New members are always welcome!

Alice Evans



Sudoku Puzzle

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Notes from the Choir

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Saint, Saint, Saint le Seigneur, Dieu de l'U - ni - vers !

As you may know, Margaret and I spend part of our time in France, so the editors asked me to write something about the differences between music in church here and there.

The first distinctive difference between the English musical scene and that found in France is the presence of the law of 1905 - the separation of Church and State.

The second is the absence of formal music education in the school curriculum. So all music is taught privately and paid for by those parents who wish it, leading to a paucity of provision.

Thirdly much rural music is founded in a folk tradition which often sits unhappily with a strict Roman ecclesiastic tradition and framework: Mass, Matinales, Vespers, Compline - to which may be added the Angelus (7am, midday, 7pm)

The larger rural churches may have a children's choir, often singing in unison, and a Cantor (male or female) that lead the singing of the Psalms and other major prayers (when sung) plus the responses.

La Messe du Peuple is the most commonly used vocal setting. It is available in four voice parts (SATB) but is frequently sung in unison (using the Soprano line) when there is no choir. This setting roughly equates to our Mass of St Thomas which we use often at St John's, consisting of Kyrie, Gloria, Sanctus, Benedictus and Agnus Dei.

There is, in the Messe du Peuples, a setting of the Credo for those churches that choose to use it and all the dedicated masses include a psalm. Masses always have a dedication/intention - at the behest of a family or families to remember departed loved ones, for which a donation is made to the Intendant (Treasurer) of the church where the mass is being celebrated.

Other services are largely said services. The evening Vespers, which I am used to leading, has a mix of said elements and others which are sung (or intoned): The Welcome, Act of penitence, the Lord's Prayer, Intercessions and final Benediction

are all said. The Psalms (three of them), Magnificat, Nunc Dimittis, Prayer of St Ignatius Loyala, Evening Hymn, Ave Maria and Verses/Responses of the Angelus are all sung/intoned in plainsong.

Everyone has a “pew sheet” so it is all easy to follow. Notice also that in France very few men sing (exceptions being Corsica & the Pays Basque). It is usually the ladies that do so.... hence the dominance of the Soprano line!!!

With the advent of the internet, and YouTube in particular, it is easy to listen to some examples of the various offices of the Roman tradition - search KTO TV for some French examples. Enjoy the differences as well as the similarities!

Arthur Miller

Normally we leave the musical snippet in ‘Notes from the Choir’ untitled as a little puzzle for our musical readers to work out. This month we will be kind and tell you (if you have not already guessed/worked it out) that it is from the Messe du Peuples (the Sanctus).

The editors

Acts of kindness

At times I feel the teenager gets unwarranted criticism. The young people I work with are generally fiercely ambitious, have a clear moral compass, care about our planet and our welfare. My favourite annual week, ‘Random Act of Kindness’, occurred during the week commencing 10th February and saw a huge number of actions:

- A much-needed community litter pick
- A bake sale to raise funds for the charity CALM (Campaign Against Living Miserably)
- The selling of personalised Valentine roses to raise funds for the RSPCA
- Sixth formers bake and serve bread and butter puddings for their weekly contribution to the homeless Street Café.

However, students are regularly reminded that kindness, tolerance and empathy are not once a year actions, but something that should occur regularly.

I was impressed mightily when, during two potentially tragic incidents on two Worcester bridges, two vulnerable young men were talked down by ex-student, A Salter, and current sixth former, M Lee. Crucially, they stayed with them until the emergency services arrived. These were not only acts of kindness, but life changing events, worthy of commendation and our praise.

*Neil Morris
Headteacher*

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Martin's consecration as Bishop of Dudley

On Tuesday 28th January, Martin Gorick officially became the next Bishop of Dudley after being ordained and consecrated as a bishop by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, in a special service at Southwark Cathedral.



In the service, the Archbishop explained the role of a bishop as one who is called to serve and care for the flock of Christ; to nurture God's people in the life of the Spirit and lead them in the way of holiness and to proclaim the gospel boldly, confront injustice and work for righteousness and peace in all the world.

Martin was presented for this new ministry by the bishops of Worcester and Oxford. He was prayed for by bishops from throughout the Church of England and anointed with oil by Archbishop Justin. He also received a bible, an episcopal ring and the Bishop's staff that he will use as Bishop of Dudley.

Martin said: "I'm delighted to be joining Bishop John and the people of Dudley, along with all across the Diocese of Worcester, as we discover together how best to be the Church for England in this new decade. As a Black Country bishop I look forward to the church playing its part in the regeneration of Britain's heartland in the West Midlands, and to working in partnership with all people of good will"

At the service Martin was joined by colleagues from Worcester as well as his sending Diocese of Oxford where he had most recently been Archdeacon. There were also other friends and family present from throughout his life. The sermon was given by the Bishop of Hull, Alison White who talked about meeting Martin when he was first ordained as a curate.

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More about Bishop Martin

Martin was born in Liverpool in 1962, and grew up in Nottingham. He read Theology and Religious Studies at Selwyn College, Cambridge 1981-84. He enjoys sport, especially football, supporting Liverpool and Notts County. He values walking, gardening, travelling and birdwatching. He is married to Katharine, who is County Lead for Visual Impairment in Oxfordshire and they have three adult children.



Martin was ordained in 1987 and started his ordained life as Curate of Birtley, an industrial and mining town near Gateshead in the Diocese of Durham. Prior to moving to Oxford in 2013, he was Vicar of 'Shakespeare's Church' in Stratford-upon-Avon where he was also Chaplain to the Royal Shakespeare Company. From 1994-2001, Martin was Vicar of Smethwick Old Church and Area Dean for the Black Country Deanery of Warley.

As Archdeacon of Oxford, Martin had particular responsibility for the churches and clergy in the city of Oxford, as well as being Diocesan Interfaith Adviser. He has held strategic responsibility for growing new congregations of all shapes and sizes across the three counties that make up the Diocese of Oxford, overseeing an ambitious £5 million bid to support church revitalisation and planting, fresh expressions of church and pioneering ministry in major new housing areas. Martin has always enjoyed the Church of England's connections with people and places outside the church, and oversees and supports the work of over 100 chaplains in prisons, schools, colleges, military bases and hospitals.



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- John Calvin

Faith, to put it simply, is the conviction that God does not tell lies. - Frank Retief

Wherever there is genuine faith it must blossom into works. - Joseph B Mayor

Trust the past to the mercy of God, the present to His love, and the future to His providence. – Augustine

It is but right that our hearts should be on God when the heart of God is so much on us. - Richard Baxter

God wants us to be victors, not victims; to grow, not grovel; to soar, not sink; to overcome, not to be overwhelmed. - William A Ward


Deep in your heart it is not guidance you want so much as a guide. - John White

While all men seek after happiness, scarcely one in a hundred looks for it from God. - John Calvin

Speed reading may be a good thing, but it was never meant for the Bible. It takes calm, thoughtful, prayerful meditation on the Word to extract its deepest nourishment. - Anon

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PCC meeting

Here is a brief summary of the minutes of the January PCC meeting. A full copy of the minutes has appeared on the porch noticeboard.

Tower Repairs: Alan Simcox (our inspecting architect) joined the meeting to explain the nature of repairs that are required to the tower. Many areas of stone are badly worn and decayed. The string course is particularly urgent (already bits have fallen off). Doing the work piecemeal will cost more in the long run due to repeated costs of scaffolding, etc. A full survey (necessary to invite tenders) will cost about £10k. The whole job could be in the region of £100k. The PCC agreed to seek a grant from the Heritage Lottery Fund for the survey.

Worcester City West Team: Nothing further to report - this seems to be stuck with the Church Commissioners.

Re-ordering: This is moving along. The action group proposed and the PCC adopted the following:

Parish Vision Statement: *“We envisage St John’s church as a vibrant hub for the worshipping and wider community.”*

Re-ordering project Mission Statement: *“To provide a welcoming and flexible space for present and future use by the church and the community. We want our building to be a meeting place for the St John’s community, a place for learning and listening and a place where creativity can thrive as well as a home for worship that can be both passionate and reflective.”*

Service Pattern: The proposals across the group will give a Sunday service pattern that does not rely regularly on retired clergy or overload ALMs. Sunday morning Eucharist services will be reduced to two within the Group. The PCC agreed to cease the Sunday 8am service and move the evening services to 5.30pm. There will be no service on Easter Eve this year as members of the congregation are being confirmed in Worcester Cathedral.

Finance: The Treasurer presented financial figures showing:

- For 1st January to 31st December 2019 an actual deficit of £6.8k
- For 2020 a budget showing a projected deficit of £13.5k

These figures will be shown at the APCM in preparation for a Stewardship Scheme which will start on Trinity Sunday.

Two people have signed up for the Parish Giving Scheme. The system of offertory cards to be continued for those that pay by standing order.

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Children and Youth: It was reported that Children's worship is going very well with good feedback from the leaders, children and others involved. Diddy Disciples has 8 regular attendees with 4/5 who attend less frequently. Explorers have 1 regular attendee and 4 less frequent. This group really needs more adult support. Little Lambs is running really well with positive feedback from parents and helpers; an average of 32 children per session with the first back after the Christmas break seeing 43 children. Children from the local community were involved in the nativity and put on a fantastic performance. Parents asked when the next one will be, so we will definitely be doing another one this year.

Welcome and Hospitality: There have been some comments about people showing disapproval with children making noise in services. We need to stamp on this and ensure that children are made to feel welcome and encouraged to be part of our services. Phil asked the PCC to keep an eye on this and encourage friendliness and acceptance. The All Age Worship service to be looked at again, with a view to making it even more child friendly.

Blakefield Room Toilets: It was agreed that the toilets be changed to unisex as there is no reason to have them designated.

The Standing Committee have agreed staff salaries for 2020.

Reports were received on Safeguarding and Health and Safety, and from the Accommodation Committee ('Jobs on the Books'), the Charity Committee (grants made), and the Pastoral Care group.

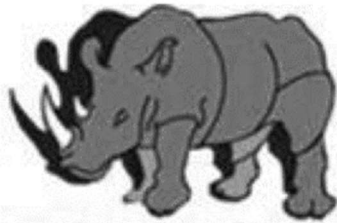
The Treasurer advised that our letting agents are putting up the share of the rent that they charge us. He hopes to have a proposal for the PCC in March regarding a move to a new, less expensive, agent.

The new Bishop of Dudley, Martin Gorick is being welcomed to the Diocese of Worcester on Saturday 22nd February, at St Thomas' Church, Dudley ('Top Church'). He is being installed as Honorary Canon on Sunday 23rd February, at Worcester Cathedral.

Updated Church Representation Rules 2020: These have been completely re-written. Phil highlighted some of the significant changes relevant to us. He noted that PCCs in benefices held in plurality or within Groups and Teams can now form joint councils while retaining their own PCCs. This is something St John's and St Michael's could explore in the coming months.

The meeting closed with everyone saying 'The Grace'

Graham Evans, PCC member



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Extracts from Wendy's 1982 scrapbook

March 1st - alterations in the ex-laundrette. Bedding shop to let.

March 4th - Service at Bromyard Road. In a group after with Judith + Keith Pearce.

March 5th - service with Judith. I read, lovely + peaceful.

March 7th - Jim preached on God's call.

March 11th - First of Lent studies at Heron Close. Judith, Bessie + Arthur, Byron Welsh + some other visitors. Very good.

March 14th - Moving sermon by Frank on Peter. He went outside and wept.

March 18th - group at Heron Close. A good evening about Philip, scripture and witness.

March 21st - Jim preached on responsibility for things.

March 25th - Lovely, 15 of us.

March 28th - Moving sermon by Frank. He saved others - He cannot save Himself. World says look after number one and any resources left over, use for others. Stones - bread - feed yourself.



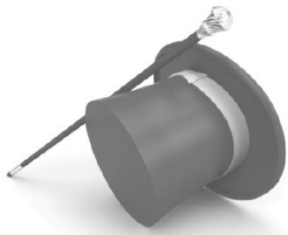
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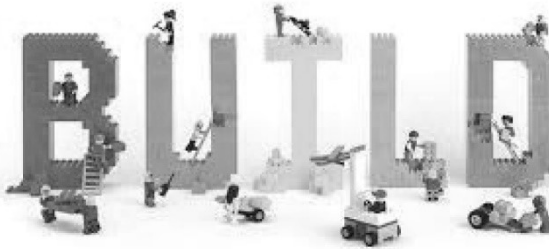
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NAVE OR CENTRAL ALTAR

Quoted below are two comments following on the item regarding the suggested Nave Altar in last month's Magazine.

From M.W.:— Yes, I share the view of J.H. about the modern Altar Cloths. I always think they look so out of place in our own beautiful Cathedral. When I mentioned it to someone, the person smiled and said, "We are old-fashioned!".

From A.P.:— While appreciating and agreeing with your ideas on it may I make one observation ?

The Nave Altar will be used for the Family Eucharist which has the biggest congregation, and a good many of us have to, or may prefer to, sit in the side aisles. At present it is just possible to sit in the Lady Chapel and see the Celebrant and the Preacher in the pulpit. With a nave altar I think it will be either/or. Perhaps this will be the penalty for sitting in the quieter part of the Church.

With reference to J.H.'s comments: I agree that we do not want 'garish' furnishings for the altar, but let us have bright, modern, good design. All ages have contributed to the furnishings and memorials in the church. Let us make our contemporary contribution.

ADAM AND HIS SON ABEL were taking a walk, some years after being expelled from the garden of Eden: they passed by that lovely garden, and Abel exclaimed:

'Gosh, Dad, what a beautiful place! Wouldn't it be nice to live there?'

Adam paused for a moment, then answered: 'Well, son, we did live there

once, but your mother ate us out of house and home.'

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And finally....



*Amy and Fiona
had been asked
to prepare posies
for Mothering
Sunday.*



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Join us for toys and games, arts and craft, snacks, stories and singing. Mondays in Term time, 10-12, for children aged 0-4 and their carers.

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For bumps, babies, pre-schoolers and their carers. Join us for Bible stories, craft and Christian discussion on Fridays at 7 Manor Road. Contact Sarah on 01905 426257 or talk to Amy at Little Lambs for details on times.

Children's Activities

The first Saturday in the month 3pm-5pm for children aged 3 - 14 years. During the afternoon we do a variety of Christian based activities including sharing stories, singing songs, playing games, craft activities and finishing off with a light tea. Do come along and join us. Phone 424811 for more details.

Sunday during the 10.30 service, do come along - we'd love to see you!

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Explorers are encouraged to look more deeply into the weeks readings and enjoy some interesting conversations as well as craft as we continue to explore our faith.

SOME OF OUR CHURCH GROUPS

To avoid disappointment, in case the arrangements are different in any particular week, please contact the person shown before turning up at one of the groups.

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Sunday services in the West Worcester Group, March 2020

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
1st March	10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist (Centenary Patronal)	10.30am Eucharist
8th March	8am Holy Communion (BCP) 10.30am All Age Worship	9.30am Eucharist	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Eucharist
15th March	10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Worship 5pm Evensong	9.30am Eucharist	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Morning Prayer
22nd March	10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Worship 5pm Service of Wholeness and Healing	9.30am Eucharist	11.15am Morning Prayer	10.30am Eucharist
29th March	10.30am Parish Eucharist with Children's Worship	9.30am Morning Prayer	4pm Eucharist	10am Eucharist (Followed by APCM)

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.