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St Michael's



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A word from the editors

Welcome to our November 2024 edition. Our theme is “November - All Saints to Andrew,” which Sarah discusses in her letter. We hope you consider prayerfully what she says. How will you show God’s light shining in you? What examples will you set? How will you use your gifts to serve God and our communities?

In this edition of the magazine we’ve got lots of reports on recent events - thank you to those who make these events happen and to those who report upon them for us.

We’ve also got lots of forthcoming events - there are the many, regular monthly events, and there’s also the Family Quiz and the Community Breakfast in November.

Since our theme is Saint-related, we leave you with this Sainly collect:

*Almighty and eternal God,
you have kindled the flame of love
in the hearts of the saints:
grant to us the same faith and power of love,
that, as we rejoice in their triumphs,
we may be sustained by their example and fellowship.*

Graham and Sue Evans

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From Sarah Cottrill

St Andrew is one of those saints for whom I feel rather sorry. Unless you're a member of a church dedicated to him, his is a feast day likely to be overlooked. Coming as it does on the last day of November, most of us forget about St Andrew's Day, as our thoughts are dominated by Advent with its courses, carol services and all the busyness of preparing for Christmas.



St Andrew was amongst the first disciples of Jesus. According to Matthew and Mark, Andrew was working alongside his brother Simon (Peter), and the two were called together. John's account is slightly different as Andrew, having been called by Christ to follow him, goes and calls his brother to also follow Jesus.

Either way, Andrew left everything and followed Jesus, remaining a faithful member of the group and later suffering a martyr's death, being crucified on an X shaped cross in Patras. Between his initial calling and ultimate martyrdom, we hear little of Andrew in the gospel accounts, but John tells us that it was Andrew who introduced to Jesus the boy who was prepared to share his lunch, thus initiating the miraculous feeding of the five thousand.

It seems, then, that Andrew was content to stay in the background, not one of the "inner circle" but faithfully following and encouraging others in their own particular ministries. He called his brother; he encouraged the young boy to approach Jesus; he spread the gospel and eventually gave his life for it. In Andrew, we have an example of unassuming service which we would do well to follow. We can imagine him as a modest man, not minding that "his day" is overlooked by many, as long as his Lord is not!

St Andrew ends the month which begins with the celebration of All Saints – a cover all occasion which serves to remember all those countless individuals who can lay claim to canonisation. Some of these are universally known and even if your average man in the street could not name their patronal day or tell you much of their story, they will recognise the name. Others are less well known whilst still others are, frankly, obscure, known of by only a very few real enthusiasts – and our Team Rector when he wants to test members of the congregations! Well –known or almost lost in the passage of time, the saints all share at least one characteristic in common. They have all done their best to follow and serve God.

In his letters, Paul refers to all believers as saints. We do not have to be perfect. We do not even have to live up to the definition of a saint as an ordinary person doing extraordinary things for God. All we have to do, according to Paul's use of the word, is to believe in God and in Jesus as his Son who lived, died and rose again for us. That isn't quite all, though. As we continue to read Paul's letters and the other epistles, we find that belief, though vastly important, is not enough on its own. Belief – or faith – must be lived out on a daily basis. It must be the foundation on which we build our lives; directing everything we say and do. Our actions and words do not have to be dramatic, attention-grabbing and impressive. They will, more often than not, go almost unnoticed and unrecorded. Almost – but not quite! God notices and records everything; and those on the receiving end of our words and actions – whether good or bad – will also notice. Perhaps, by quietly living out our faith, day by day, week by week, we will, like Andrew, be bringing others into a relationship with Christ; even if we are unaware of doing so.

My favourite definition of a saint (and forgive me if you've heard me say so before), is one given by a young boy who'd been looking at stained glass windows. A saint, he said, is someone the light shines through! Does the light shine through you? Can people look at you and see the love of God reflected in you; or do you know anybody of whom you can say: Yes, the light of God really does shine through them?

In November we travel from All Saints and All Souls to Remembrance Sunday and finally, to St Andrew. In between there are other saints: Martin (11th); Cecilia (22nd) and, of course, St Clement (23rd) being amongst the slightly better-known examples. Each has their own story; their own particular example to set, their own gifts to bring to the people of faith.

Taking Paul's understanding of a saint, we too, are all saints and each of us has our own faith story to tell; our own examples to set and, most of all, our own particular gifts to bring to God and to our communities as, in his service, we allow his light to shine through us and, hopefully, bring others into a relationship with our God.

Sarah

Post Communion Prayer for “Stir up Sunday”

Stir up, O Lord,
the wills of your faithful people;
that they, plenteously bringing forth the fruit of good works,
may by you be plenteously rewarded;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.

In Memoriam

Robert Telfer Dedicott	2 November 1984
Rowland Taylor	4 November 1996
Andrew FI Jenkinson	4 November 2007
Rose Hodgetts	5 November 1985
Reginald James Rogers	6 November 1995
Margaret Dance	14 November 1996
Herbert Willian (Bill) Bosley	17 November 1998
Harold Ricketts	19 November 1996
Jeremy Edward Glyn Cole	22 November 2020

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

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An extension may be requested by family or friends of those named.

From the Registers, September 2024

St John's

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

8th September 2024 Esme Ivy Shaw

FUNERALS: *Rest eternal grant unto them O Lord*

d. 15th August Elizabeth Mary Gwilliam

SERVICES: Communicants 238. Total attendance at all services 489
including 67 at a funeral and baptism.

St Michael's

SERVICES: Communicants 98. Total attendance at all services 111.

Weekday services

The following mid-week Eucharists are scheduled throughout November:

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

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

Daily offices take place in St John's Church from Monday to Thursday. Morning Prayer is at 8.30am all year. Evening Prayer is at 4pm (5pm until 24th October). There are occasional days when other commitments prevent a service happening; the schedule for each week will be published in the pew sheet.

Farewell to Bishop John

On Sunday 29th September there was a special service in the Cathedral to say goodbye and thank you to Bishop John ahead of his retirement.

Bishop Martin was commissioned as the Acting Bishop of Worcester on 9th October.

Dates for your diary

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

(J) Mondays in term time, 10am: Little Lambs. See pages 9 and 28.

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(J) Saturday 2nd November, 4pm: Messy Church, see pages 8 and 29.

Doors open and drinks available from 3:30pm.

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

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(J) Saturday 9th November, 3pm: First rehearsal for Community Nativity, see page 17.

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(J) Thursday 14th November, 1pm: The Good Old Days present Discover History, "The History of Chocolate", see page 9.

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(J) Saturday 16th November, 6.30pm: Family Quiz Night, see page 9 or 10.

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(M) Monday 18th November, 2.30pm: Mothers' Union, see below.

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(J) Wednesday 20th November, 2.45pm: Tea/Coffee & Cake, see page 8.

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(M) Thursday 21st November, 2pm - 4pm: West Worcester Friendship Group.

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(V) Friday 22nd November: 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 November, 10.45am: Café Church@10:45am, see page 8.

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(J) Saturday 30th November: Community breakfast 8.30am to 11am.

See page 9 or 11.

Mothers' Union

Monday 18th November: Monthly meeting at St Michael's at 2.30pm. Open Meeting with Fun Quiz. We welcome anyone to join us for the afternoon. Come and see what we are about - men or women!

Tuesday 19th November: Diocesan "End of Triennial" service at the Cathedral. Time to be announced. Everyone welcome.

Jo Dowling

Events at St John's

St John-in-Bedwardine



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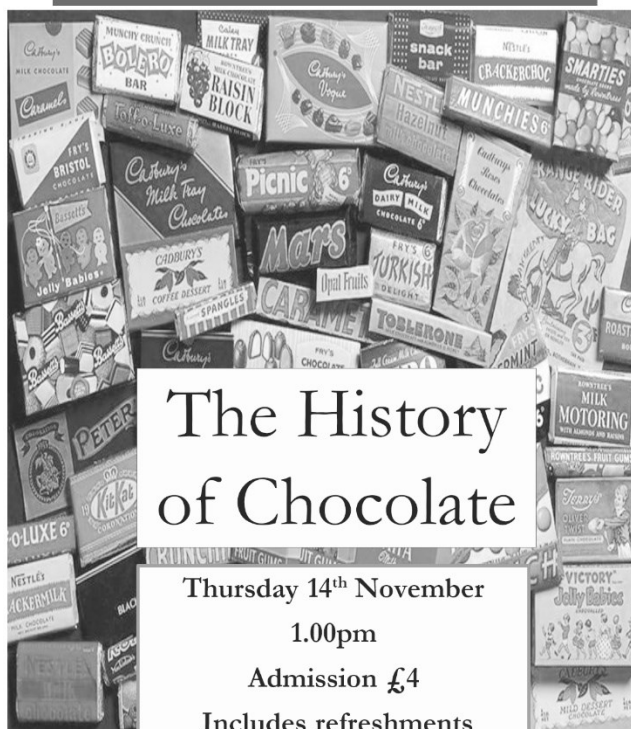
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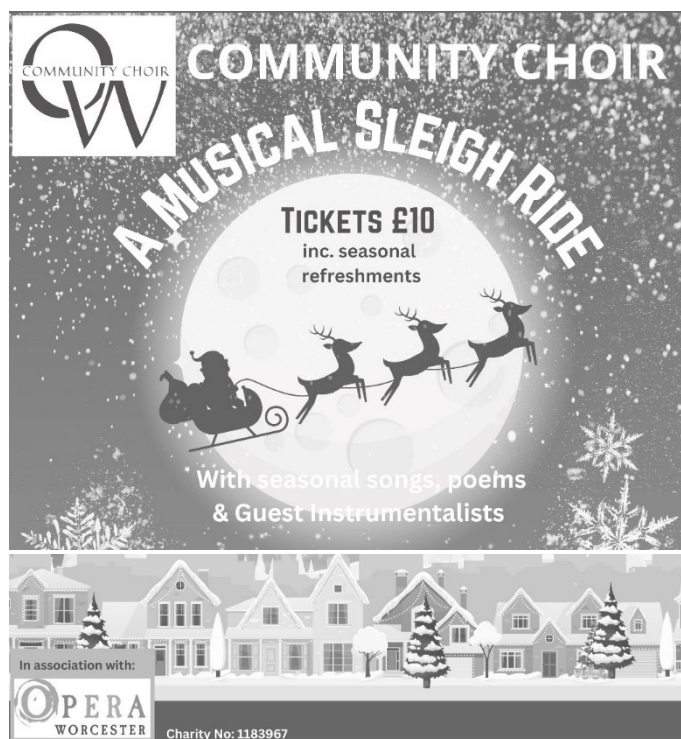
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Our Autumn Bazaar is on November 2nd, from 10am to 2pm. All welcome!

Our Christmas concert is on Saturday November 23rd, 2.30pm, with Opera Worcester community choir and special guests, Rory Woodward, Kings' organ scholar, and Finlay Hilton, cello and viola. All welcome. Refreshments and raffle. Tickets £10 are available on the door. In aid of St Clement's Church and Worcester Foodbank.



Philip Prince

Kingdom Arts

Kingdom Art is on Tuesday November 5th from 10.00am at St George's Church, Worcester (St Georges Square, WR1 1HX). There's all sorts of craft available to express one's faith. It starts with a short piece of worship and closes with sharing what has been achieved during the morning. Bread and soup lunch is available from 12.15pm.

Jenny English

Sundays and Principal Feasts in November

Friday 1st November: All Saints' Day

Sunday 3rd November: All Saints' Sunday (4th before Advent)

Sunday 10th November: Remembrance Sunday (3rd before Advent)

Sunday 17th November: Second Sunday before Advent

Sunday 24th November: Christ the King (Sunday next before Advent)

“Stir up Sunday”

Saturday 30th November: Andrew the Apostle

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A date for your diary



This year's Advent Carol Service will be held on Sunday 1st December.

The Church of England's theme for this year's Advent & Christmas period is **Follow The Star: Calm and Bright**, drawing on the carol Silent Night with the words: *"Silent Night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright..."*. The theme will have an emphasis on

'Calm' during Advent and focus on 'Bright' from Christmas Day to Epiphany.

The Advent Carol Service is an opportunity to begin our Advent journey in a quiet, calm and reflective way. It is a candle-lit service with readings from the Bible, prayers and music, which lasts about an hour. There will be Advent music sung by the choir and well-known Advent hymns for all the congregation to sing.

Philip Evans

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Forthcoming Children's Activities at St John's Church

There are lots of exciting activities coming up at St John's Church over the next few months.

Community Nativity

This year we are holding a Nativity performance on Saturday 21st December. This is open to all children who would like to take part.

There are two rehearsals – just turn up on the day, no need to book in advance.

- Saturday 9th November – 3-4pm
- Saturday 14th December – 3-4pm

Speaking parts are guaranteed for all children who come to the first rehearsal. This can be a great way to have a go at acting in a friendly and supportive environment.

The actual performance will take place on Saturday 21st December at 4.30pm.

Family Quiz Night

On Saturday 16th November we are holding a Family Quiz Night. Admission is £5 for adults and children are free.

Light Party

If you would like something different to do with your children on Halloween this year, we are holding a Light Party at St John's Church from 4pm – 6pm on Thursday 31st October. There will be crafts, snacks and lots of games. Entry is free and there is no need to book in advance.

Messy Church

Messy Church continues to run on the first Saturday of every month (2nd November/7th December). There are lots of activities and a short worship session, followed by dinner.

Children's Worship

Children's worship runs in our 10.30am services on the 1st, 3rd and 4th Sunday of each month. It is open to children of all ages and gives young people an opportunity to explore Bible stories through a range of fun activities.

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Children and Communion

Those of you who have been attending Sunday morning Eucharists at St John's in recent weeks may have noticed the children taking a more visible part in elements of the service, such as being acolytes (carrying candles in the procession) and helping with the Eucharistic elements. We now have around a dozen children attending regularly, and this is a conscious effort to involve them more fully in our worship. It is very important that the Eucharist should not be viewed by the children as something 'adult' and mysterious which takes place while they are out in Children's Church, and I feel very strongly that children who wish to participate should be allowed to do so, as a way of introducing them to greater participation in our worshipping life.

It is often remarked that children are the 'Church of the future,' but that is something with which I profoundly disagree. Children are part of the church today. They are not present in church merely to give us hope that our ways will continue, nor is our duty to prepare them to perpetuate the Church as it is today. Our role is to nurture their own spirituality now, to respond to their spiritual needs today, and to help them to grow in faith and maturity as Christians. We do not know what the Church will look like in their adult lives, and that is in God's hands, not ours. What we can do is make them feel a full part of the Christian family, active worshippers whose growth and learning is taken seriously, and who know that they belong to our community now and as they are. We must remember that all of us, of whatever age, are on a journey of faith, and that that is one which is lifelong.

I would like to propose, therefore, that we allow our children to participate even more fully in our worship. At the heart of Christian worshipping life is the Eucharist (or Holy Communion, or the Mass, if you prefer those terms). This was something Jesus commanded his followers to do when they met, and it has been a fundamental part of Christian life since the very beginning. Although most of us have been familiar with admission to receiving the Eucharist following confirmation by a bishop, this practice developed fairly late. Since 2006, the Church of England has allowed children who have been baptised to receive communion before confirmation, similar to first communion in the Roman Catholic Church. This does not replace confirmation, and the expectation is still that children will ultimately continue to be confirmed, but at an age when they can fully understand the more complex promises taken on that occasion. In accordance with the relevant Church of England regulations, I would like to propose that the Joint Council of St John's and St Michael's formally applies to the (acting) bishop for permission to admit children to communion.

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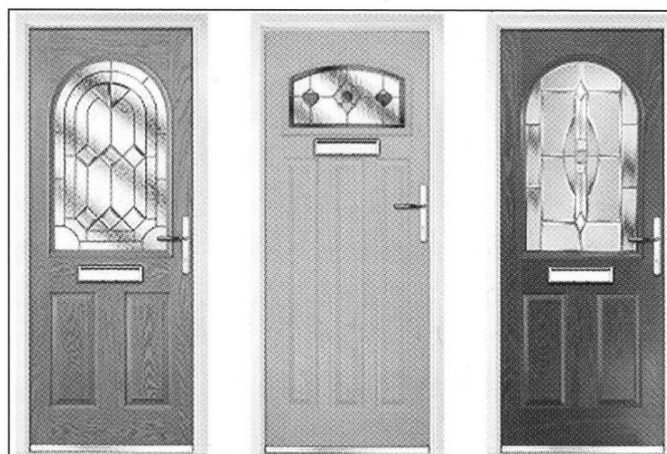
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The Council have already agreed in principle, but before a final vote can be taken and the bishop approached, the congregation need to be informed and consulted.

This has been under discussion with the leaders of Children's Church and the parents of the children concerned for some time. These exploratory conversations indicate that we have some children who would like to be prepared to receive communion, and that their parents will fully support them. Our feeling is that only those who are in Primary School Year 3 and above (essentially 8+) will be able to engage properly with the process, and that would therefore be a minimum criterion.

Diocesan guidelines have a clear process to be followed before the bishop takes a decision. In addition to the support of the Joint Council and the congregation (this does not have to be unanimous), we have to submit a clear plan of how we will prepare children properly, and how we will administer matters after permission is granted. For those interested in the fuller details, there is a resource pack on the diocesan website (**), and we will make some hard copies available at the back of church. The clergy and Children's Church leaders would work together on a suitable programme of preparation.

I would also encourage those who might have theological questions or concerns to look at some of the answers given in that pack. I feel strongly that children who wish to receive communion, who are prepared properly and have the support of parents, should be allowed to participate fully in our Eucharistic life. This was something which I did with a group of children while I was a curate at St Martin's, and it was something which the children took very seriously and enabled them to feel much more fully part of the worshipping communion. It is my hope that we can do the same here. Not everyone will agree with me, and some may simply have doubts and concerns about particular issues. I am very happy to talk to anyone who would like to discuss any of these, and I would encourage everyone to write to me with their views on the matter. These will be important as the Joint Council discusses a final decision. I will happily keep confidential to the clergy and anonymise any feedback circulated to the Joint Council on request, although as usual I will not consider anything submitted anonymously to me; we must all have the integrity to own our views. I hope that you will all consider this prayerfully and feel able to support this next step.

Phil Bradford

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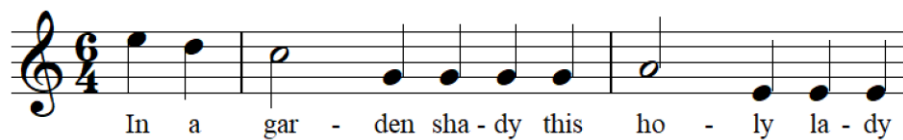
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Notes from the choir



*Blessed Cecilia, appear in visions
To all musicians, appear and inspire*

These words are taken from a poem by W. H. Auden and set to music by the English composer, Benjamin Britten, in his magnificent Hymn to St. Cecilia. Britten may well have had a particular affinity to Saint Cecilia as he was born on 22nd November which is her celebratory feast day. Long considered the patron saint of music and musicians, it is said that as the musicians played at her wedding, Cecilia 'sang in her heart to the Lord.' A Roman noblewoman of the third century AD, her true history has been lost in time, but it is believed that she took a vow of celibacy. Forced into marriage by her parents, she told her new husband that an angel of the Lord was watching over her and that, if he followed her instructions, he too would be blessed with the sight of the angel. Cecilia was later martyred along with her husband and his brother, and today her major shrine is the church of Santa Cecilia in Trastevere in Rome.

Saint Cecilia has inspired many famous composers over the years, with works composed in her honour by Henry Purcell, George Frederick Handel, Joseph Haydn, Charles Gounod, Herbert Howells and Arvo Pärt amongst others.

Sometimes, it is hard to relate to the lives of the saints as they seem so very different to ours, but through music we can at least find the link between ourselves and one of the saints. Saint Cecilia is often depicted in paintings as seated at an Organ, and we hope in our church choir of St Johns that she will inspire our organist and singers to make music to the Lord in this month of November.



Guercino - Saint Cecilia

Luise Horrocks

Prayers for November

Our prayers this month are for the victims of war in Ukraine, Lebanon, Palestine, Israel and Sudan.

*Christ stands at our door and knocks
The door has no handle on the outside
He waits for us to open the door
To unbolt it and to let Him in.*



Lord Jesus, you call us to pray for the people who are victims of war and violence, who have needs of healing, comfort and love, and above all for the violence to stop.

We remember, Lord, that you come to a sinful world and that you stand at the door of everyone's heart and knock.

At the beginning of November we celebrate All Saints Day, on the 1st, and at the end of November on the 30th we celebrate St Andrews day. We remember the saints called by God into our world to serve your people in their time. We remember family and friends who are no longer on this earth with us and have also been called by God. They opened the door to Christ in their lifetime and we now pray with them for peace in our world and for the victims of war and famine.

Lord Jesus, we pray for the innocent victims of war. The people of Ukraine, Lebanon, Gaza and all Palestinians, for the people of Israel and Sudan.

They have become the hostages and victims in the battles and violence that rages around their lives, their families and friends. Homes destroyed, and lives changed for ever in the endless wasteland of war.

Lord Jesus, you know each person and the burden they are having to face. You have engraved their name on the palm of your hand and you speak words of comfort and healing into their turmoil. We ask that they will be comforted by the light of your presence.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We see on our televisions the pain in the eyes of men, women and children, of what they have experienced and are experiencing. We hear the pain and loss of families separated by war; not knowing whether their relatives are alive. Lord Jesus, reveal to them the things of darkness and bring them into the light so that healing may take place within your kingdom.

Lord, hear our prayer.

We remember before you Lord that it is Christ who knocks at our doors.

Calling us to pray.



When the door is opened His light shines into the darkness.

Slowly all is revealed, insight into dark places within one's self.

Into the lives of others and into our world.

Places that need healing and love, for the victims of war and violence.

The light comes into our world as Jesus stands at the door knocking and we open the door and let the light in.

Amen

Jenny English

Time, Talents & Treasure

Thank you to everyone who has engaged with the 'Time, Talents & Treasure' stewardship campaign. The forms are now being reviewed and the information is being collated about where people have expressed an interest in finding out more about certain roles or getting involved in any particular activity. People will be contacted about their expressions of interest in due course.

Philip Evans

Sudoku Puzzle

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Mothers' Union

If you hear “Mothers’ Union” and think “church fete cake stalls,” “knitting,” “old women” or “only for married ladies with children” – think again!

With over eight million members worldwide, the Mothers’ Union has changed immensely since it was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876. No longer exclusively for married mothers, the organisation welcomes ladies who are single, married, divorced or widowed, with or without children. It also welcomes men! Whilst it is true that members do get involved with church events and are often to be found serving refreshments of one sort or another, we do so much more than this!

Mothers’ Union funds are used to send help to disaster areas across the world. Members support the work of hospital and prison chaplaincies, both by their physical presence, by provision of supplies and through prayer. We give help to those in need, providing free or greatly subsidised holidays for families who would otherwise never be able to go away, and we give help and support to families in crisis – for example, victims of domestic abuse.

In the Worcester City West Team, only St Michael’s still has an active branch but members of any of our churches are most welcome to join us. We meet on the third Monday of each month, in St Michael’s Church at 2.30pm where we enjoy a varied programme. A particular welcome is extended to any wishing to join us for our November meeting on 18th when we will be having a quiz.

For those of you unable to make an afternoon meeting, we are exploring the possibility of starting an evening group to run alongside our main group. If this is something you would be interested in, please to speak to myself or Jo Dowling.

Sarah Cottrill

Ride And Stride 2024

On Saturday, September 14th a small but enthusiastic group gathered at St Clements Church for the annual Ride and Stride Day.

Under the expert guidance of Philip Evans, we enjoyed a day of prayer, (Morning Prayer, Prayer during the day and Evening Prayer), discussion and, of course, walking. To say “striding” might not give an accurate picture of our activity; I’d rather say strolling! The weather was kind to us – neither too hot nor too cold, and our route included river side, canal tow path, and just a little pavement walking. In total we saw around thirteen churches, though unfortunately we weren’t able to go inside all of them. Worcester Cathedral

gardens provided an excellent spot to sit and enjoy our picnic lunches as well as a welcome opportunity to sit down for a while!

Philip – supported by Alice – puts a huge amount of time and effort into planning these days for us and I would like to thank him for providing us with such an enjoyable and refreshing day. Philip describes it as a day retreat and it really is; an opportunity to pray, to reflect – both individually and as part of a small group – to be out in the fresh air, in the midst of God’s creation and to visit, if only externally, many of the churches within our city.

Knowing Philip, I don’t doubt that he already has something in mind for next year’s event. Why not speak to him and at least get a provisional date to put in next year’s diary. You’re missing something very special if you don’t!

Sarah Cottrill

St David’s Church Remembers

November is a month for remembering. We begin the month with All Saints, followed the next day by All Souls. All of our churches will be holding special services over the weekend, giving families opportunity to recall their loved ones who are no longer with us.

A week later, on November 10th, the whole nation will honour the memory of all those who have given their lives through service during two World Wars and in conflicts since 1945.

At St David’s Church, in addition to these various acts of remembrance, we are inviting people to commemorate the life of loved ones by supporting our windows appeal. The windows in our church are in dire need of repair and this is costing us £4,300 which is money we simply don’t have. To raise the funds needed, we are inviting people to “Sponsor a sill.” For a minimum donation of £10, the name of a loved one will be entered into our Book of Remembrance and the donation gratefully acknowledged.

We are also raising money through various social events and through our sales table which is available every Sunday, at our monthly coffee mornings and at other social events.

Please consider donating to our windows appeal- even if you can’t afford the £10 for a commemoration, please give anything you can. In the words of a well - known supermarket: “Every little helps!”

Thank you.

Sarah Cottrill

Little Lambs - Craft Time

At Little Lambs we always enjoy our craft activities, and many children and parents make the most of the opportunities.



We have a good variety of activities, and we alternate between painting, sticking, colouring and seasonal ideas.

On Monday 7th October, Gail, one of our lovely volunteers, produced a lovely Little Lamb outline so our children enjoyed filling in the picture by sticking on cotton wool and adding features with crayons.

On Monday 14th October, we collected lots of pretty autumn leaves, including some from a tree in the churchyard, to do leaf printing by painting the underside of the leaves with autumn colours and printing them onto coloured paper.



On 21st October we plan to fill in an outline of a pumpkin by sticking on orange and red coloured paper.

My neighbours on Laugherne Road are a helpful group of people and they know about Little Lambs. Recently, we were donated a potty, a toilet seat and a stack of very useful craft items such as new brushes, paints and paper. Thank you for everyone's kindness.

Next half term will be bonfire night, Advent and Christmas themed. If you would like to come and join us to have fun, please just come along. The refreshments are good too!

*Blessings to all
Sue Fairman and the Little Lambs team*



Love God

The theme for Messy Church's this month was "Love God," focusing on the parable of the Prodigal Son and how God welcomes those who he has lost back into his love. Taken from Luke 15: 11-32, it tells the story of the son who upon receiving his share of his father's estate leaves and squanders his wealth. Penniless and facing famine, he works for a pig farmer, before realising the error of his ways and returns home a penitent son.

"Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants."

Exploring this first part of the parable, our activities included making edible pigs in pens, searching through 'pig swill' (spaghetti with random surprises such as fruit) and making tears of God as we thought about things that we do which make him sad.



Returning to the parable, the son returned prepared to work as a servant for his father, he was instead welcomed with open arms and a party was held for him.

"For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found."

You will see this moment of the parable reflected on the Messy Church board in St John's Church, with the pictures of a party scene. We also painted hearts, thinking about the love of our families and reflecting the meaning of the parable,

that though we may stray, God loves us and rejoices in our return to his teachings. We also made pencil toppers, encouraging us to write letters to loved ones, remembering the distance both emotionally and physically that the son had created through his leaving and how hard communicating would have been in the past.

Following our usual format, the short worship brought together these activities as we heard the whole parable and thought about why Jesus told this story to the sinners, tax collectors and pharisees, showing how God forgives us for doing wrong, and instead rejoices in our decisions to follow him. Our worship was followed by a delicious hot meal in the Blakefield Room.

The next Messy Church service is on Saturday 2nd November and our theme will be Love Your Neighbour – and yes for those of us from a certain generation, brush off those school memories of ‘When I Needed a Neighbour’ for our hymn! Messy Church service is at 4pm (doors open 3.30pm with drinks and biscuits).

Beth Broadway

Give us a try

We sometimes say about the choir at St Johns that it is small in quantity but high in quality! We certainly work hard to ensure that we produce the best sound we can so that we can help lead the congregation in singing. We also have a lot of fun in our regular practices on a Thursday evening, starting with a good vocal warm up which gets voices and brains up and running. There is something wonderful about joining together, singing in harmony and exploring so much different repertoire.

Small in number though is always a concern for, when people are away for whatever reason, there are sometimes gaps. So, why not come and join us and fill those gaps? We are always very happy to welcome new singers into the choir. Whether you sing soprano, alto, tenor or bass or indeed are, as yet, undecided, there is a place for you. If you are able to read music to some degree that is useful but, if not, then there is much help on offer. Maybe you already sing regularly or perhaps have sung in the past and are not sure about singing again. Or maybe you have never sung but would like to give it a try. Thursday practices start at 7pm and run for an hour. You can contact our organist John Brierley on 07940 012889 or john.brierley@wcw.church or if you are at a service, then do speak to any of us in the choir.

Come along and give it a go!

Luise Horrocks

Donation to Maggs Day Centre

On behalf of the team at Maggs Day Centre, I would like to say a massive thank you to everyone at St John's Church for their £500 donation to help the homeless and vulnerable people throughout the county.



This donation will be crucial to helping us keep the doors open at our Worcester Day Centre, where we provide cooked breakfasts for rough sleepers, offer showers, clothes washing and drying facilities, a bi-weekly health hub with voluntary services such as podiatrists, mental health agencies, local drug and alcohol services, and our dedicated support team who help with anything from opening bank accounts, housing referrals and debt management.

We have also recently introduced a weekly lunch provision, hosted by the SEN students at Heart of Worcester College as part of their work experience module and a weekly art therapy session, provided by Francesca Currie who previously volunteered with us pre-Covid and is now back to kickstart these exciting sessions.

We are extremely lucky that the community from St John-in-Bedwardine has supported us for over 15 years through donations of food, vital clothing and household items for our Clothing Project and financial gifts and we look forward to our continued partnership.

If you do have anything you can donate to us, particularly items for our Clothing Project, please contact John Prangnell, who can liaise with us on the logistics.

Alternatively, you can donate via our Just Giving platform on our website: www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk or get in touch with us at info@maggsdaycentre.co.uk for more information.

*Melissa Blewitt
Fundraising, Communications and Relationships Manager
Maggs Day Centre*

There was cake!

29th September was the feast of Michael and All Angels, an appropriate day for our Team Service to be at St Michael's to celebrate their Patronal Festival.

It was also the day of Bishop John's final service, ten years after he presided over the opening service at the new St Michael's church; to my knowledge, it is the only new church building he has opened during his time as bishop. I recall the challenges of writing a liturgy for something the Church of England does so rarely!



Bishop Jorge of Peru and his wife Sandra had been invited over for Bishop John's final service in the afternoon, so in the morning they joined us for our service, and Jorge gave the final blessing at the service.

There was then cake, naturally, to celebrate the tenth anniversary, and it was wonderful to see the church full for the occasion.

Phil Bradford



Dinesfest

Dinesfest was a celebration of 70 years of the Dines Green estate. It was a fun afternoon which took place on Saturday 28th September.

There was a lot to entertain people including pony rides for the children and lots of stalls offering food and drinks and a raffle and tombola, organised by local people. The afternoon was a great success with over 500 people attending.

The youth of the estate helped to get things organised as did the Guides, Brownies, Rainbows and other organisations on the estate. Manor Park church had a lovely cake stall and refreshments were available

The School hosted this event alongside an open day for the school. A taxi service was laid on for those of us who could not make it there under our own steam.

All in all, it was a wonderful afternoon and a great success.

Val Mason

Tudor Apothecary

Paul's talk this time was all about the Tudor apothecaries and how they helped heal the sick. He agreed to see people with any medical problems during the break. If they were of a more personal nature then we could make an area for them in the Vestry!



During the medieval age, the apothecaries were more commonly known as herbalists, and they were regulated. They provided lotions, potions, pills and preparations for people who were sick.

Before this, people would consult a 'Wise Woman' who would provide basic remedies for their illnesses. These could include such delights as tying a dead mouse to an ear if you had earache and then as it putrefied the juices would run into the ear and cure the earache! Pre-Tudor times, the best place to get help would be a church, such as the monastery based at Worcester Cathedral, where the monks had a medicinal garden that they could use to grow plants that were found to help cure illnesses.

As part of their regulation apothecaries could not diagnose a patient's ills but were only allowed to listen to the person describe the problem and then create a remedy specially for them.

Also around in Tudor times were the barber surgeons who could either give you a haircut or cut off your damaged limbs, which was their cure for most ills.

Many people would strew herbs, such as lavender, over the floors of their homes as they thought the smell would help clear the air. They would sweep away the herbs once a year. Herbs would also be put into small pouches that could be carried around to keep at bay the horrible smells and miasma (which



means an unpleasant or unhealthy smell). They would also carry bunches of herbs or nosegays that they could hold under their noses. This is a time when all the sewage would be tipped into the streets so there were some pretty unpleasant smells around.

People would also use a fuming pot in their homes to fumigate or purify the air inside the rooms. Fumigation was seen as an important method of preventing the plague from spreading. A few hot stones were put in the pot with herbs crushed on top.

One Tudor belief was that holes in teeth were made by a toothworm. Early sugar was not refined as it is today and there were black bits in the sugar that they thought were worm eggs. At night in the heat of the mouth the eggs would hatch and bore into the teeth. They believed this as they saw woodworm holes in wood and holes in the ground that the earthworms would make.



Famous herbalists/apothecaries included John Gerrard who created quite a few recipes and early books. He was a herbalist and lived in London. One of his early books was called *The Herbal*, which was used by other apothecaries to create the potions.

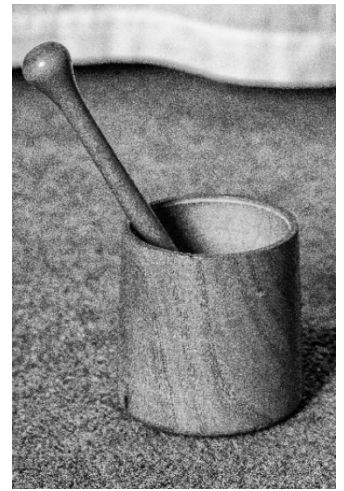
The apothecaries were very clever and some ingredients they used are still used today such as willow bark which is a component in aspirin.

Apothecaries generally lived in or at the back of their shop. Similarly, barber surgeons would also do the same. People could not afford to have a house to live in and separate place to work from.

They would have shelves full of the current reference books and their own recipes that they would consult when trying to help someone.



The symbols indicating that it was an apothecary shop were either weighing scales or a pestle and mortar. These tools were important as they would weigh things out to create a recipe and then crush or bruise the ingredients to release the chemicals. The scales were



generally made of two types of wood with elm wood used for the bowls as it does not absorb water from the air that could affect the balance of the scales and another type of wood for the stand. They would use small lead weights to get the right amount of an ingredient. They would also use small spoons to measure out the doses for the patient. To create pills, they would add the ingredients with a dough and roll it out, cut it into small squares to give to the patients.



The apothecaries started using a small still, called an alembic. It came in 2 parts with a small kettle, used to boil the water and then the top piece would be bound with cold wet linen to keep it cold, whilst it stood on the boiling kettle. The distilled liquid would drip out of the tube into a container and then it could be used in the recipes.

The apothecaries were able to make a wide variety of preparations such as pills, infusions, poultices and potions. They would make the infusions that people could then add to warmed ale, mead or water. Poultices could be made using oatmeal with added ingredients, which would then be strapped to the injured or diseased part of the body. Tobacco was initially sold in the apothecary shop as it was used as a medicine. It was used to purge the lungs of people when they smoked it, which would cause them to start coughing and that would then bring up anything on the lungs.

At some point the apothecary shop became the chemist shop, which sold many of the early new ideas to help people get better. They were the first places to sell sugar and tobacco.

Colin Nash

Wells Trip



After a period of inclement and bad weather the day for our coach trip to Well dawned cold, but bright and sunny. The journey down took a little longer than expected and we arrived in Wells at 11:30. We had asked to be dropped off outside the Bishop's Palace but,

unfortunately, the coach driver missed the small bus set-down lay-by and we had to go round the one-way system though the city centre, using fairly narrow roads. The second time round we stopped in the right place, and everyone

disembarked, and a long straggly line of people then walked across the green in front of the cathedral to the entrance of the bishop's palace. Nearly everyone had paid to do the tour of the palace and grounds and, as a group, we all had to be there at the same time to get our tickets so there was a long queue of our group outside the ticket office!



Once the tickets had been handed out everyone was free to come and go as they pleased. After the long journey refreshments and toilets were top of the list! Sandra and I joined Catherine and Gordon for our drinks and then went on the self-guided tour of the palace, which was very interesting and informative.

Following this we spent a very pleasant time walking round the palace gardens.

The walk round the gardens starts with this evocative statue Pilgrim by David Backhouse.

More of the beautiful gardens can be seen in the two pictures below.



Next, we walked to see Vicar's Close, which is the most complete medieval street in the country. It was originally built 650 years ago to house the vicars choral of the cathedral choir. The street is currently undergoing a major project to conserve the street and is expected to cost £6m by the time it finishes in 2028.



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After lunch in the cathedral café, Sandra and I had a walk around the centre of Wells, which has a thriving market on a Saturday.



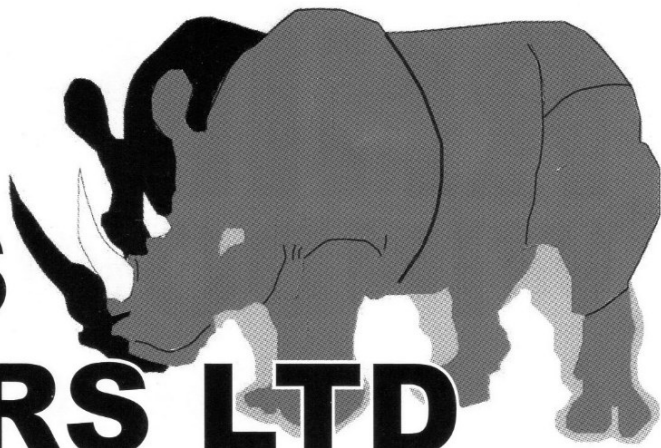
Wherever you go in Wells the cathedral dominates the skyline. You can see this in the picture on the above right, looking back up the high street, and in the picture below.



We made our way back to the coach pick-up. This was at the bus station at the other end of the city centre but as Wells centre is not much bigger than St Johns it did not take long! Once everyone was back, on time, we left shortly after 4pm for our return to Worcester.

Colin Nash

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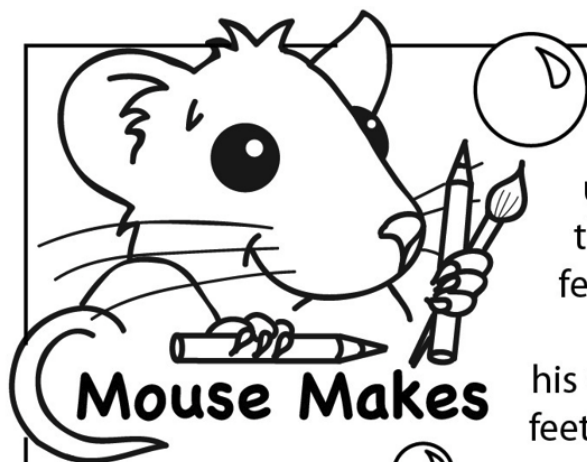
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READ

the story in
John 13:1-17

Then Jesus said:

*"Do you understand what I have done for you?
Now that I, your Lord and Teacher have washed
your feet, you also should wash one another's feet.
I have set you an example, that you should
do as I have done for you."*

By washing
his disciples' feet, Jesus
showed that as God's people
we are never too important
to serve and care for
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‘Apologetics’ doesn’t mean saying “Sorry”

Well! What a whirlwind this past month has been. When I was writing my last article I hadn’t been licensed, although thanks to some editorial wizardry the day did make it into last month’s magazine. So let me first begin by saying a massive thank you to everyone who made that day so special and for all the support that got me there in the first place...thank you cards have been purchased and are sitting waiting to be written...as they probably will be for the next month, but they are very pretty so I hope it will be worth the wait...if the worst comes to the worst I can sprinkle them with glitter and call them Christmas cards instead!

The day of my licensing was certainly exciting and slightly nerve wracking, but it was actually the following Sunday that I had been anticipating more. This would be the first time that as a Licensed Lay Minister I would preach at a Eucharist. As I took those first steps up to the pulpit it was pretty daunting but when I got there I felt a sense of calm and no one fell asleep or walked out so I’ll take that!

I think I mentioned last time that I had joined Doug’s Apologetics book club (Apologetics being the “defence of our faith”). Doug led the first session, but the idea is that we rotate. When he asked for volunteers and there was stony silence, I couldn’t help myself! It was great fun and as the leader you can’t really afford to skip any sections or wing it, so I now count myself an expert in the history of Apologetics. It was only afterwards that I reflected on just how far I had come over these past few years and it’s so exciting to think about what the future may hold and how I can put what I have learned into practice.



GK Chesterton (1874 –1936), in 1908.

I would encourage any of you to take a peek into the world of Apologetics. If it sounds a bit “high falutin” then perhaps you could start with the work of G K Chesterton. He was an author and converted to Catholicism after initially dabbling with Ouija boards and the occult! He sought to make Christianity more accessible by relating it to everyday human situations and if you like a bit of “cosy crime” you may enjoy his best-known character Father Brown on television (which I gather has been filming here in Worcester recently).

Rob Little

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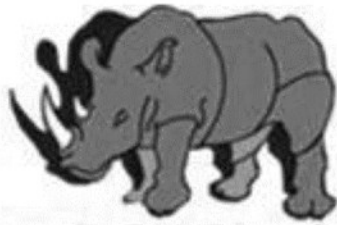
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Christ blessing little children (Henry Howe, 1816-1893)





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Harvest Supper at St David's

We thank thee, then, O Father, for all things bright and good

We said we wanted a traditional Harvest Supper, and that is exactly what we got!



On Friday October 4th, 36 members of St Clement's and St David's Churches sat down to a delicious "Ploughman's Supper" style feast of ham, cheese and a variety of salads, followed by homemade apple crumble with cream, tea or coffee. We enjoyed entertainment by Betsy Harmony and, judging by the buzz around the table, a good deal of lively chat and exchange of news.

A huge amount of effort went into making this event a success. From the initial planning, to arranging the delivery of tables from St Clement's to St David's (thanks to Men's Shed for their help with this); to tracking down Betsy and securing funding to pay for her services; from organising a raffle, to shopping for food, flowers and table decorations and putting it all in place on Friday afternoon.

This was a joint effort which saw our two churches working together and enjoying a really wonderful evening as a result. Thanks to the canny shopping, the generosity of those who donated crumbles and salad extras, and those who supported the raffle, the evening was also a financial success, raising over £200 to be shared between the two churches.



It is always dangerous to single out people for thanks and this was a team effort. My thanks to all who contributed in any way. Special thanks must go, though, to Carole and Wendy who master-minded and coordinated the whole event.

Sarah Cottrill

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30th November – Andrew, patron saint of Scotland

The apostle Andrew is patron saint of Scotland. According to the Gospel of Matthew, Andrew and his brother Simon Peter were the very first two disciples whom Jesus called. “Come, follow me, and I will make you fishers of men.” Without more ado, they obeyed. At once they left their nets and followed him.

Whenever the gospels mention the disciples, Andrew’s name is always in the first four. Rather than a boisterous leader of men (like Peter), he seems to have been an approachable person who wanted to help people.

It was Andrew who helped introduce a group of Greeks to Jesus (John 12:20-2) and Andrew who offered Jesus the five small barley loaves and two small fishes when Jesus challenged them to feed the five thousand. His faith in Jesus over small things was richly rewarded, and this faithful, kindly Galilean fisherman turned disciple went on to become one of the 12 apostles of the Christian Church.

Andrew never settled back in Capernaum by Galilee. Instead, his ‘fishing for men’ seems to have taken him far. One ancient tradition links him with Greece, where both Scythia and Epirus claimed him as their apostle. Another place in Greece, Patras in Achaia, claimed to be the place where Andrew was eventually martyred, in about AD60.

Like Jesus, he was crucified, but the story goes that during the two days it took him to die, he preached earnestly to the people about Jesus. Andrew was not afraid of death on a cross – he had seen it before, and knew one thing for certain: because of Jesus, there was nothing but eternal life ahead of him.

In the West, Andrew’s feast-day was universal from the 6th century, and hundreds of churches were named after him in Italy, France and England. But how did he end up as patron saint of Scotland? Well, according to one ancient legend, his relics were taken from Patras to Scotland in the 8th century, and ended up in Fife, where a church dedicated to him was built and became a centre for evangelisation and later pilgrimage. As Andrew was the only apostle to make it as far as Scotland, he was chosen as patron saint.

But Andrew did not stay in Scotland. His head was sent to the pope in Rome in 1461, where it became one of the most treasured possessions of St Peters, until it was sent to the church in Constantinople by Paul VI.

In art Andrew is depicted with a normal Latin cross in the most ancient examples. The saltire cross ‘X’, commonly called St Andrew’s Cross, and which represents Scotland on the Union Jack, was associated with him from the 10th century.

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

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

Other regular events:

Classic Film Club (14 & 28 November), fortnightly every other Thursday, 2:00pm to 3:30pm.

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

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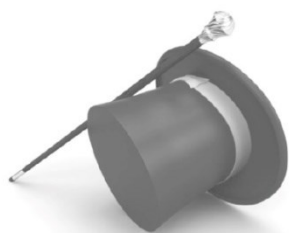
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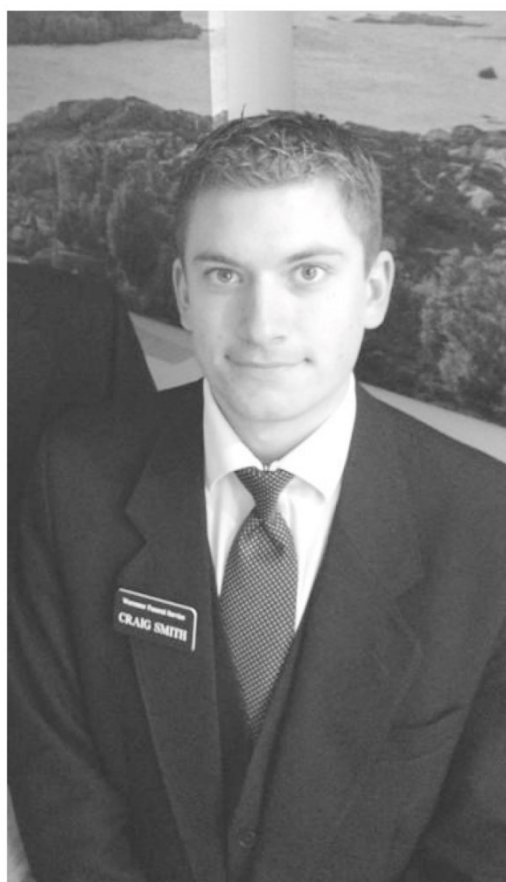
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HOLY DAYS THIS MONTH.

(1) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 1st, FEAST OF ALL SAINTS; Holy Communion at 7.30 a.m. and 10.30 a.m.; Mattins at 10 a.m.; Evensong at 7 p.m.

(2) SATURDAY, NOVEMBER, 29th EVE OF ST. ANDREW, APOSTLE AND MARTYR, will be specially marked as the **Day of Intercession** for the Work of the Church Abroad, Services in Church as follows:—

Holy Communion at 7.30 and at 10.30 a.m. (with Alms for our Parochial Missionary Association). Mattins and special prayers at 10 a.m. Children's Service at 6 p.m. Evensong and special thanksgivings at 7 p.m.

The Festival of All Saints.

This important church festival falls on Saturday, November 1st (see page 2). On Sunday, November 2nd, our choir will sing, at both morning and evening services, the anthem, "No shadows yonder," from Gaul's "Holy City."

The Missionary Work of the Church.

(1.) I am most anxious for a really good observance of the Day of Intercession on the Eve of St. Andrew, Saturday, November 29th. Please make a special note of the notice on page 2, (2). The Annual S.P.G. Sale of Work is to take place in the Public Hall on Thursday, December 4th. Contributions for the St. John's Stall may be sent, as usual, to Miss W. Norbury, 38, Bromyard Road. Further particulars by leaflet.

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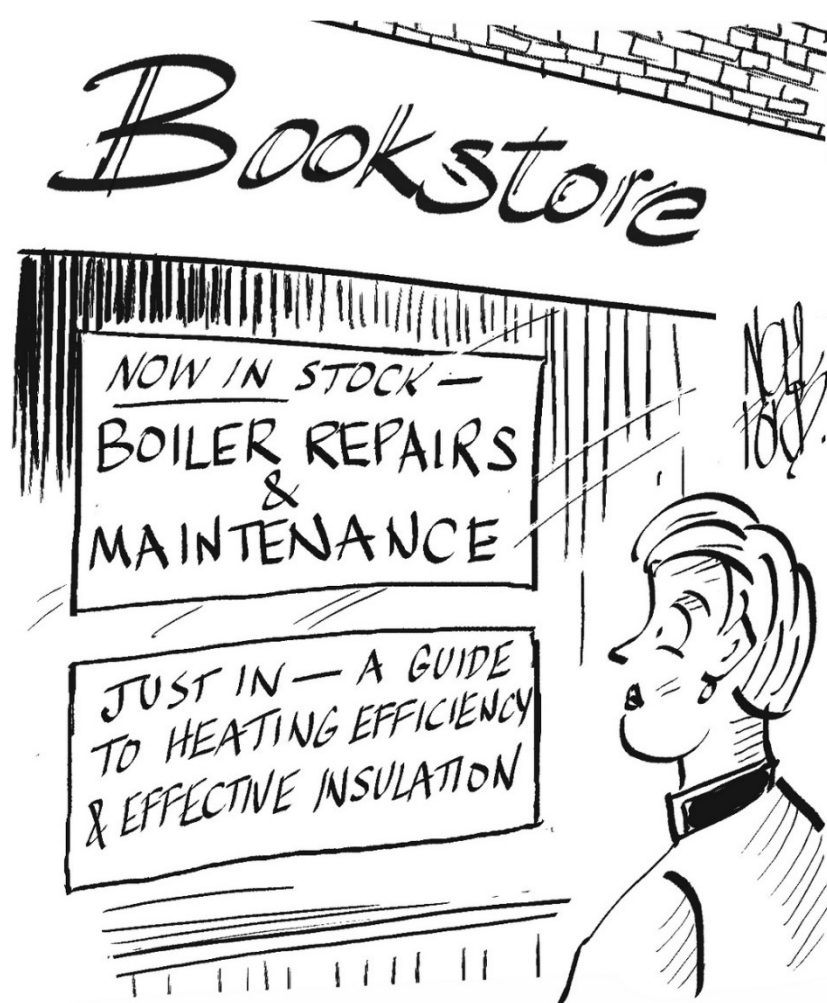
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And finally....



With the advent of winter, the vicar's thoughts turned to the urgent study of arcane and esoteric texts.

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Sunday Services in the Worcester City West Team – November

	St. John's	St. Clement's	St. David's	St Michael's
3rd November	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm All Souls' service	7.30pm All Souls' service	4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
10th November	8am Eucharist 10am Remembrance Service	10am Remembrance Service	4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Remembrance Service
17th November	10.30am Eucharist		4pm Eucharist	10.30am Eucharist
24th November	10.30am Eucharist	10am Eucharist	4pm Evening Prayer	10.30am Morning Prayer
1st December	10.30am Eucharist 5.30pm Advent Carols		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.