

# *Tardebigge and Bentley Parish Magazine*

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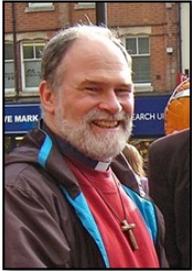
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# May



## From Richard, the Team Rector

People view this parish in all sorts of ways, but what do the official statistics say? The Church Urban Fund has statistics, last revised in 2015, for every parish in the country. If we add those in to the general parish profile, Tardebigge parish can be described as follows:

Tardebigge St Bartholomew has a parish inhabited by 5,452 people covering Brockhill area of the Borough of Redditch, and Tardebigge Ward in Bromsgrove District. This figure does not include the prisoners at Hewell. The parish

population is set to rise by at least 1500 people by 2025 owing to new housing developments either side of Brockhill. The parish is part of the diocese of Worcester, and the deanery of Bromsgrove. It borders on the diocese of Birmingham and the parish of Alvechurch St Laurence to the north, the parish of Redditch Holy Trinity to the east, and Bromsgrove parish to the west, with country parishes in the deanery of Droitwich to the south. Redditch Borough and Bromsgrove District, our two local authorities, operate in partnership. Presently in two constituencies, proposed boundary changes would place the parish in a single Redditch parliamentary constituency after the 2017 General Election.

Although very pleasant environmentally and made up primarily of owner-occupied housing, the parish ranks 5,936 out of 12,599, where 1 is the most deprived parish. (bottom 47%). The parish does not have any significant deprivation issues. We actually have one of the youngest overall populations in the diocese, perhaps because a large part of our parish population live in new houses in Brockhill.

St Bartholomew's and St Mary's left the team parish at the end of March 2015 although they remain part of the wider team ministry of Redditch Holy Trinity (population 33342) and St Bartholomew's Tardebigge. These parishes are held in plurality by the incumbent.

The official staffing allocation to the team is 2.5 priests (assistant curates are not included). This is an allocation of 15517 people per priest. The strain of this arrangement on the stipendiary clergy is mitigated by the addition of the Revd Dick Johnson, a full-time industrial chaplain, to the team, and the work of the readers, one of whom, Raymond Hopkins, is very active at St Bartholomew's. We also have two excellent church wardens.

The ministry of the churches at Tardebigge and Lower Bentley is directed mainly to retired people and couples with younger children, although the overall parish profile suggests that we have an unusually low proportion of older people. This suggests that our strategic approach in 2017-18 should be to enhance our ministry to children and their parents whilst caring for our faithful core membership of older people who prefer a traditional worship style.

The PCC mission statement is:

**“Our Mission is to offer a wide variety of modern and traditional worship  
and to reach everyone with the good news of Jesus Christ.”**

This statement encapsulates the challenge that we face in the coming twelve months.



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## **Letter from the Bishop of Worcester By Bishop John**

### **Thy Kingdom Come**



From Ascension Day on 25 May to Pentecost on 4 June, parishes across the Diocese will be joining with Christians worldwide in a ten-day wave of prayer for the coming of God's Kingdom. This is the second year of the initiative from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York and this year it's become a global movement with Christians of several denominations around the world praying together for more people to come to know Jesus. It hardly needs saying that this fits well

with our Kingdom People Vision.

Throughout our own diocese, many of us will be getting involved with prayer events planned in deaneries and parishes. We hope lots of people will also join us in pilgrimage – walking from the four compass points to form the shape of a cross as we converge at Worcester Cathedral for a service of praise and celebration at 7pm on Pentecost Eve.

Christians in the north of our diocese will have their own event as well - at 2.30pm on Pentecost itself. People from all denominations will be gathering in Priory Ruins to pray for particularly for Dudley Borough.

At the centre of this is prayer. Together we'd like to cover the ten days in a wave of 24/7 prayer and hope as many people as possible will join in and 'pledge to pray'.

As Archbishop Justin says: "In praying 'Thy Kingdom Come' we all commit to playing our part in the renewal of the nations and the transformation of communities... I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit."

I pray that the evidence of this being a great work of the Spirit will be very clear to us in this Diocese.

**+John**

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# Wardens' World

May 2017

As we are writing this edition of Wardens' World it is Maundy Thursday. At Easter we have all the symbols of new life around us; the Easter chick, the egg and of course the cross that appears both on the bun and is fashioned out of palm leaves. The next three days represent the foundation of the Christian faith. Good Friday sees the death of the greatest and most righteous man who ever lived but it is not until Easter Sunday that we have a faith. We are called to witness the ultimate symbol of new life in the resurrection of Christ and our church is born. We hope that by the time you read this, you have had a good Easter and spent time together with friends and families.



In May our Café Church, held on the first Sunday of every month in the hall from 9am (café opens at 9.00am to serve a complimentary breakfast and we worship from 9:30am ) will be starting something new. We will be embarking on a new course in which we study the fruits of the Spirit by looking at each of these qualities in turn. The first will be love, on 7th May.



Easter is a time of change, and recently in Tardebigge we have seen some changes too. Many thanks to all of you who attended the Annual Parish Meeting and elected the PCC for the coming year. We have a new Treasurer; so please welcome Kate Healey and give our heartfelt thanks to Tim Powell for his service in that post in recent years. We also thank Gladys Price, Mary Watkins and Sheelagh Keen for their long service as members of our Parochial Church Council and look forward to welcoming their successors.



Our buildings have also seen some changes. The Church Hall has been redecorated, and work to restore the north wall of the church has been completed, protecting the stonework with new lead work to replace the roofing felt which was damaged in the storms at the beginning of last year. We also took advantage of the scaffolding to check the gutters, apply Smartwater protection to the metal, and simply admire the glorious view! One thing which unfortunately hasn't changed is

the Cookes Memorial, which remains taped off as we await a final report into the work needed to make it safe. This is likely to be a sizeable sum, but work we cannot ignore, as the memorial forms part of our Grade II\* listing.

The next event in the Tardebigge calendar, true to our theme of new life, is the long-established and popular Plant Sale, coming up on 20th May. Do keep potting those seedlings and cuttings ready for the day, and if (like us) you don't have the green fingers needed to supply it, you have a great opportunity to make up for it by coming along, having some tea and cake, and simply buying those missing plants for your garden!

Chris and Dean



## **Plant Sale Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> May**

Thanks so much to all of you who have already volunteered to help this year – I still need more of you to man stalls, please!

I'd also be really grateful if you would display the enclosed colour flyer somewhere prominent as soon as you receive your magazine. Your porch, your car, your office, your surgery – anywhere people are likely to see it would be fantastic.

We usually get some coverage in the local press, but we also rely heavily on word of mouth for this event, so please do your bit! Please mention the plant sale to anyone you think might be interested – and we look forward to seeing you too!

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### **PLANT SALE at TARDEBIGGE CHURCH (B60 3AH)**



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sale - see you there!**

# The Spring Greens

The Spring Greens is our ladies' group for women of all ages with a young outlook. We usually meet in the Church Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm. For more details please contact Jane Hall (07980 358252); or Email [janehall73@gmail.com](mailto:janehall73@gmail.com)



Jane Hall

## Tardebigge Church Men's Group

Our Church Men's Group exists for fellowship and service. Besides holding meetings for our members, we also organise several social events each year to which all church members and friends, including the ladies, are invited.

*For more information please contact Rev. Richard Clark*

# The Evergreens

The Evergreens are an informal group of people of our church and other friends, all over 50 years of age, who are happy to meet several times a year for fellowship, for afternoon tea some months, for a Christmas lunch, and for a garden visit in the summer....

Our next meeting will be on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May; details to follow.

*For more information please contact Rev. Richard Clark  
(01527 543967)*

### **A verse for May**

**Therefore, there is now no condemnation for those who are in Jesus Christ**

**Romans 8: 1**

## Evergreens

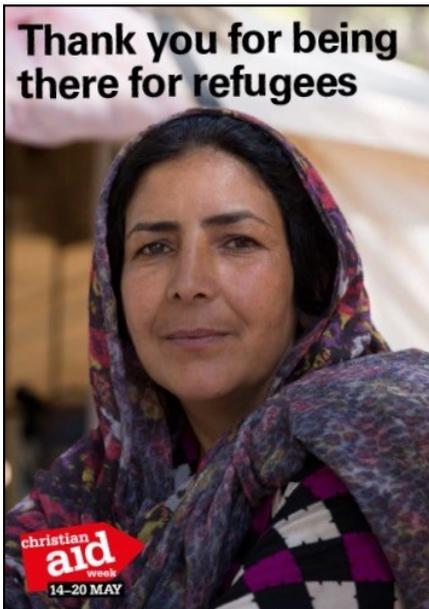
As mentioned in April's Magazine, Evergreens will definitely be meeting in May – on Monday 15<sup>th</sup> May at 4.00pm, to be precise – having had to be cancelled in March, because of Alan's accident.

So, all regular attenders and anyone else who would like to join in (the only qualification being you should be over 50) please put the date in your diary. It will be the usual format of tea and fellowship and a raffle.

If you would like a lift, could you either contact me, Vivien, on 07727 293664 or 0121 445 1245 or the person who regularly brings you to the meeting.

Several church members have mentioned that they missed having a meeting in March, because Evergreens is something they look forward to, so let's all get together and enjoy ourselves!

Vivien



Christian Aid Week was set up 60 years ago to support the charity's work with refugees in Europe following the Second World War.

For more details about Christian Aid and to find out how you can support the charity, see [www.christianaid.org.uk](http://www.christianaid.org.uk)

## **Easter 2017**

### **Services at St. Mary's Church, Lower Bentley and the Cathedral church of St. Mary the Virgin, Lincoln.**

“Let all things seen and unseen, their notes of gladness blend”

Palm Sunday was a perfect Spring Day – clear blue sky, warm sunshine, primroses, cowslips, bluebells, wild cherry blossom, birdsong and lambs calling from the bright green fields. The walk up to St Mary's was thus gentle and meditative and the atmosphere of peace engendered by the sounds, sights and scents of the countryside permeated the service because we were able to leave the doors wide open. Although small in number, the congregation, led by Richard, sang the traditional hymns with vigour, celebrating Jesus' triumphal entry into Jerusalem; the donkey a symbol of peace and the palms of victory. Richard's sermon emphasised that Jesus was well aware of how this journey would eventually end – that He had chosen this course. Maundy Thursday and Good Friday services at St Mary's and St Bartholomew's respectively, further commemorated His sacrifice for our sins.

To attend the Easter Sunday Sung Eucharist in Lincoln Cathedral, which was consecrated 800 years earlier than St Mary's, was an altogether different experience, both in terms of architectural grandeur and the nature of the service. However, the walk through the old streets of uphill Lincoln, accompanied by the joyful peals of the Cathedral's 20 bells, was as uplifting in its own way as the quiet walk through Lower Bentley. Until 1549, when its central spire collapsed, the Cathedral was the tallest building in the world, and it still dominates Lincoln. It is difficult to describe the impact made by this golden house of God with its majestic bulk, soaring Gothic arches and continuing history. To attend a service here is a joy.

The Cathedral quickly filled up and it was good to be among so many Christians, some of whom, as evidenced by their accents, their dress or their features, clearly came from different parts of the Anglican Communion. It was also good to see so many families among the congregation with children from a few months old to teenagers. This reduced the average age of the congregation to a figure somewhat lower than we are accustomed to. Thus one was reminded that the community of believers is far more extensive than some parish services might suggest.

The music was extraordinary- a grand 19<sup>th</sup> century organ for fanfares and hymns, with an orchestra accompanying a choir of 20 boys, 20 girls and a dozen adults who led the congregation to awe inspiring heights when singing “The Day of Resurrection”, “Love's redeeming work is done” and “Jesus Christ is risen today”. The choir also sang

beautiful sections of Schubert's graceful Mass in G minor during the service with the rousing "All we like sheep" from Messiah as one of the choruses sung as the bread and wine were distributed.



The whole service was a testament to life. On this day, the Bishop's sermon emphasised that "We are an Easter people", not only because we celebrate the feast but also because we seek to be ourselves transformed through Faith, Hope and Love. Whether worshipping in a grand Cathedral or small chapel of ease we are drawn together by this common aim.

J.W.



## **Bible Study Group**

**Usually meets in the Church Hall at 7.45pm on the first Tuesday of the month. ALL WELCOME**

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## Celestial Corner

Here we are in May. Celestial Summer is here, having begun on May 1<sup>st</sup> (Beltane in the old Celtic year). Lambs are in the fields, the hedges are green and almost all the trees are now in full leaf, only the Ash is left to catch up.

Apart from Auriga and Gemini, Orion and his companions are gone from the evening sky until around mid November. In Greek mythology, Orion was killed by a scorpion and the Gods put them both in the heavens, but at the opposite sides of the sky, so as Scorpio rises, Orion sets. If you look at the sky map, Betelgeuse in Orion, (just to the right of Gemini), is just about to set around 10pm, while over in the SE, at 130 degrees, you can see the first two stars in the scorpion's head peeping over the horizon!. Regulus in Leo, by now, is high in the Southern half of the sky followed by Arcturus in Bootes. The third member of the "Spring Triangle", Spica in Virgo, is roughly in the South. Above and to the right of Spica, and a lot brighter, is the planet Jupiter which will dominate the evening sky for most of the summer.

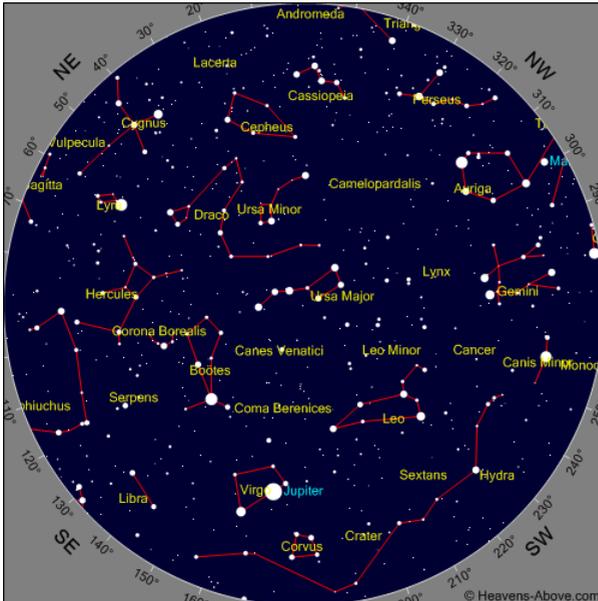
By now Venus will have overtaken earth on their journeys around the sun and will now longer be an evening object being too close to the sun in the sky to be seen. However in a few weeks, Venus will appear in the morning sky high in the East.

Mars is still an evening object, but is now getting close to the sun as we leave it behind and so is much fainter low in the WNW.

Returning to the stars, Ursa Major, (the great bear, which includes the Plough), is now getting close to the zenith, so a crick in the neck is in the offing if you look too long! However, if you

face East use the pointers of the plough to find Polaris, the pole star. This star lies at the end of the tail of the little bear (Ursa minor). Between the two and curving round the little bear is the sprawling Draco, (the dragon) who's head lies close to Vega, one of the "Summer Triangle", low in the North-East. Vega is one of the circumpolar stars, which never set when seen from the UK. More about that next month.

The sky chart is for 10pm on 14<sup>th</sup> May.



R.B.

## News from School

Our Easter parade was held as always, on the last day of the spring term. Children were asked to either make an Easter bonnet or hat, or to decorate a cross to parade on the playground at the very start of the school day.

The children then went into church for our Easter concert performed in front of many parents, grandparents and carers. The pupils told the Easter story and performed songs from 'Resurrection Rock'; the assembly ended with prayers and Friends of Tardebigge School (FOTS) served tea/coffee and hot cross buns.

We would like to thank the church for the palm crosses which were distributed to each pupil and to any family members and friends who were in church and wished to have one.

The end of term would not be the same without our Chocoholics raffle. The raffle was drawn before going into church and the lucky winners were announced after the children had returned to their classrooms. FOTS had spent a lot of time creating raffle prize hampers made up of Easter eggs and bars of chocolate which children had brought into school on our 'non uniform day' held the previous week. A big thank you to FOTS and to everyone concerned who helped make the morning special.

*Pictured are the raffle prizes waiting to be claimed.*



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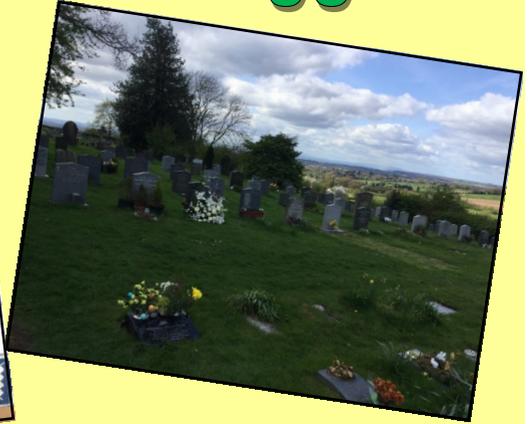
# Spring Greens



At our meeting recently we welcomed Yvette from Tropic Skincare [www.yvettetropic.co.uk](http://www.yvettetropic.co.uk) for an enjoyable pamper evening.



# Easter at Tardebigge





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## **Quiet Reflection**

**At times of quiet reflection  
We tend to put the world to rights,  
To visualise all good things  
Rid ourselves of all unhappy sights.**

**At times of quiet reflection  
When we have chance to quietly sit  
We can appreciate our planet's beauty  
And give thanks because of it.**

**At times of quiet reflection  
We think of friends and family  
Of those people whom we care about  
Who mean much to you and me.**

**At times of quiet reflection  
We recall the good times and the bad  
We can recall each blessing,  
Each joyous time we've had.**

**Those times of quiet reflection  
Can become part of every day  
If we use times of peace and quiet  
In a very special way.**

**They come sometimes in the morning  
Before the day has scarce begun  
Or in the evening solitude  
At the setting of the sun.**

**We must appreciate these moments  
Which give us chance to think, to pray  
To walk in our minds the path ahead,  
With hope born anew each day.**

**L M Wadlow**

## Bentley Pauncefoot WI

Last year members were deeply moved by a speaker from Burnaid who described the work done by this small local charity which aims to support burn survivors and their families. Burnaid is based at the Birmingham Children's Hospital and the Queen Elizabeth Hospital, Birmingham, the only two such centres for the whole of the West Midlands (for details see [www.burnaid.co.uk](http://www.burnaid.co.uk)) Bentley Pauncefoot ladies have decided to raise funds throughout 2017 for "Enzo's Friends" which is a club for children and young people who have sustained a burn injury and their families. Enzo, the red dragon, is the mascot for the Children's Burns Service. It arranges a variety of activities to help with social skills and build self-esteem and confidence. By bringing together children to who have shared the same experiences it is hoped that they may come to terms with trauma and burns scars and, above all, have fun. We are now actively planning fun events to support the work of this immensely worthwhile cause.

Meanwhile Spring certainly seemed to have sprung at our last meeting. The members had taken charge in order to give the Committee a well-earned rest and the theme was Spring Flowers. Rob Cole, from Meadow Farm Garden and Nursery, Feckenham, gave a fascinating and presentation complimented by some stunning images on "Springtime – From Snowdrops to Daffodils". We learned new things about old favourites and discovered more unusual varieties of bulbs to track down. The competition, "Three Spring Flowers", was won by Judith Allen whose delicately beautiful pink and white striped camellia put everything else in the shade. A delicious supper rounded off the proceedings nicely. It was a special evening particularly as many members who have suffered mishaps or who have been ill recently were able to attend. One lady who shall remain nameless had really entered into the spirit of things by sporting a flower decorated surgical boot as well as an Easter fascinator! Only at Bentley....

Lynne Reading



**Bible Word Search:**  
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# Registers - April 2017

## Baptisms

2<sup>nd</sup> Noah James BOYNES  
 30<sup>th</sup> Nancy-Jayne Ada WOOD



## Weddings

8<sup>th</sup> Gary Steven BROOM and Sharon Louise TRUEMAN



## Funerals

10<sup>th</sup> Joyce Mary SMART  
 11<sup>th</sup> Eric Henry WARNER  
 27<sup>th</sup> Roy HIMES



## May Rotas

### Sidesmen

### Flowers

|                  |      |                                 |                  |
|------------------|------|---------------------------------|------------------|
| 7 <sup>nd</sup>  | 11am | E Price <i>and</i> P Hopkins    | Jane Hall        |
|                  | 6pm  | P Hopkins                       |                  |
| 14 <sup>th</sup> | 8am  | D Hall                          | Brenda Quinney   |
|                  | 11am | G Price <i>and</i> C Lee        |                  |
|                  | 6pm  | M Price                         |                  |
| 21 <sup>st</sup> | 11am | J Oldaker <i>and</i> P Hopkins  | Audrey Stubbings |
|                  | 6pm  | P Hopkins                       |                  |
| 28 <sup>th</sup> | 8am  | G R Underhill                   | Gladys Price     |
|                  | 11am | L Parkes <i>and</i> D Stubbings |                  |
|                  | 6pm  | T Powell                        |                  |

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

### Birthdays

#### May

27<sup>th</sup> Brenda Quinney  
 28<sup>th</sup> Gladys Price



### Wedding Anniversaries

#### May

20<sup>th</sup> Alma and John Westwood

**From Tardebigge & Bentley Parish Magazine – May 1989**

### **Funeral at Tardebigge of Irene, Countess of Plymouth**

On Tuesday March 28th the funeral took place at St. Bartholomew's of Irene Corona, Countess of Plymouth, widow of Ivor Miles, the second Earl of Plymouth, who died in 1943. The large congregation included her son the present Earl of Plymouth, Lady Plymouth and members of the family, relatives and friends. The service was conducted by Alan White, the lesson being read by Keith Ewen, Priest-in-charge of the Parish of Bromfield in which is situated Oaky Park, the home of Lord Plymouth; a tribute to the late Countess was given by Sir Tom Hopkinson, her close friend and neighbour in Penarth where she lived for many years.

Irene Corona Charteris was born in 1902, the youngest of seven children of the Earl and Countess of Wemyss. She had a disturbed upbringing during the first World War in which two of her brothers lost their lives and she moved from one school to another. She was married at the age of 19 to Viscount Windsor, the son of the Earl and Countess of Plymouth, and she was a help to him during his time as M.P. for Ludlow from 1921-23 and then when he was in the House of Lords and held government posts in the Colonial and the Foreign Office. During this period the family's main residence was Hewell Grange, where they spent weekends and the Christmas and Easter recess. Her husband retired in 1939 through ill-health, but had to do many things for the war effort in Glamorganshire where he was Lord Lieutenant and living at St. Fagans Castle. Besides supporting her husband, Lady Irene became a Senior Commandant in the ATS until 1941, then served for the Red Cross as County President and later for the Order of St. John, by which she was honoured as Dame Grand Cross.

Lady Irene had become Countess of Plymouth on the death of her husband's father the first Earl of Plymouth, in 1923. From 1943, when her husband died suddenly, she looked after the estates until her eldest son returned from his war service in 1946. After living for some years in Brighton, she came, around 1970, to live in Penarth, a place she had always loved since her childhood days. Here she made many friends and took an active interest in the Dany-Bryn Cheshire Homes, Cancer Research and the R.S.P.C.A. She also made frequent visits to members of her family and to old retainers.

Latterly, due to ill health, she had moved to Bromfield, near Ludlow, to be near her son and she died after a long illness, bravely borne, in the Nuffield Hospital, Shrewsbury.

Lady Irene was a kind, impulsive, gifted and courageous person, with a wry sense of humour. She is still remembered with affection by many people in this area who recall the days when the Plymouths were in residence at Hewell Grange.

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#### Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> May

- 9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall* (**Complimentary breakfast served from 9am**)
- 11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer
- 6.00pm Holy Communion (BCP)

#### Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May

- 8.00am Holy Communion
- 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP) at *St. Mary's*
- 11.00am **Family Service**
- 6.00pm Evensong

#### Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> May

- 11.00am Holy Communion (BCP) **and Sunday Funday**
- 6.00pm Evensong

#### Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May

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## Sudoku

The rules for Sudoku are fairly easy to understand. They are as follows:

In standard Sudoku, you're presented with a 9 x 9 grid. The grid is subdivided into nine 3 x 3 sections.

You'll see that many of the cells in the grid are blank. Other cells contain a single digit, 1 through 9, already pre-filled in. (The number 0 is not used.)

The goal is to fill the rest of the 9x9 grid with single-digit numbers 1 through 9 with the following basic restrictions: A number can only be used once in each row, column, and 3x3 cell

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|   | 2 | 1 | 9 | 7 | 6 | 3 | 8 |   |
|   | 3 |   |   |   |   | 1 |   |   |
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Solution next month.....

(Solution to last month's puzzle)



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