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# *Tardebigge and Bentley Parish Magazine*



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# June



**From Richard, the Team Rector**



We can underestimate the effect of the power of God to influence us in our daily lives, and the role that the Almighty God played in the establishment of the foundational truths upon which our faith is based. Yet so much of that influence is subtle, implicit, and not easy to directly discern, as God the Holy Spirit gently blows us in our humanity to express something of His divinity. Indeed, for us today, there may well already be more of God in our lives than we realise. Why then do we not discern that active presence of God? This is either because we are not looking for Him, or because we do not believe that we should credit anything to God unless we can be utterly certain that what has happened could not come from any other means, as if God only works independently of His world, and our humanity. God, however, is not a God of the gaps in our understanding, but is, for the believer, our Lord and Saviour, the One for whom we exist, who will never leave us or forsake us.

The Anglican year sees June commence the long run of Sundays after Trinity. This is the time of year when we consider the pastoral and evangelistic mission of the Church in the light of the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost, and the revelation of God as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, which have been celebrated on the last two Sundays of May.

The earliest church of all was essentially Jewish in nature, forming itself into an alternative community of believers on the one hand, but still faithful synagogue-goers on the other. Quite soon after the first day of Pentecost opposition arose out of the claim of the followers of Jesus that He was alive, and was the Messiah, the one on whom all hopes of the Jewish people rested to bring them liberation. The infant church was attacked by some Jewish leaders, leading to a first wave of persecution during which many followers of Christ found Jerusalem to be too uncomfortable to live in, and they began to travel elsewhere, taking the gospel message with them. In this way Antioch, and then Ephesus, Alexandria and Rome, became significant centres for the early church, and bases for further growth. This growth was slow in some locations, sometimes because of persecution, and fast in others. The conversion of Saul, who was renamed Paul, heralded the expansion of the mission of the Church to include non-Jews. It was not very long before churches became predominantly non-Jewish, although there are examples of Jews and Christians worshipping together into the first half of the second century AD.

The conversion of non-Jews enabled the church to grow, and come to the attention of the Roman authorities, who could no longer dismiss the new religion as being just an internal



matter concerning only members the Jewish faith. The Roman authorities found Christianity to be a challenge to the established order because it, like Judaism, refused to worship more than one deity, and had its own moral code and form of initiation that made it virtually impossible to maintain a polytheistic position. In other words, the basic order of the Roman Empire, which rested on an open and

accepting view of almost any gods or goddesses worshipped within its bounds (although the Romans drew a line at the human sacrifice practiced by some British pagans), was being undermined by this new faith, the followers of the Way, or Christians. It was not long, therefore, before Christianity was outlawed throughout the Roman world.

How did the infant church survive when everything was set against it? Firstly, it was real to its followers and not merely an intellectual proposition nor a collection of fine ideas and soft sentiments. The awareness of the presence of the triune God was so strong, and belief in eternal life so great, that believers were willing to accept hardships, marginalisation, and even torture and death for the sake of Jesus Christ. Secondly because God, through the Holy Spirit, gave His Church power to be able to live the Christian life, be His witnesses, and to make new disciples wherever her members went. In fact, the doctrines of the Church, and even agreement as to the make-up of the New Testament itself, were formed in the crucible of persecution.

Today some Christians can be embarrassed to speak openly about their faith and what it believes. This is the total opposite to the attitude and approach upon which the Church was built. As it says In Romans 10:

“How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? <sup>15</sup> And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: ‘How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!’

Let us ask God this month to make us more aware of His activity in our life; that our relationship with him might grow, our faith in Him increase and that we might learn not just to believe but how to share that belief.

*Richard*



## The Tardebigge Show

**Saturday 8th September 2018 - Save the date!**

**For enquiries and to volunteer, please contact Lynne Reading**

**Phone 01527 559207**



## NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER

A powerful day of prayer and worship  
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**Saturday 9th June 2018, 11am - 5pm**

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**Early bird tickets:**  
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.....'How can they hear about Him unless  
someone tells them?' Rom 10:14 NLT

...grow His church!

**Saturday, 16th June, 10am-3pm.**  
Oasis Christian Centre,  
Redditch, B97 4QB.

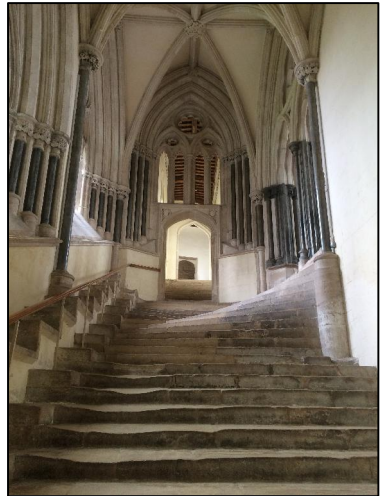
Free Admission - arrange through your church or contact below

Info: Graham Bounds, Tel No 0121 445 2757

## Wardens' World

June 2018

A rare Sunday away from Tardebigge last month for one of your wardens saw him down in Somerset, singing the weekend services at Wells Cathedral with the Clent Consort. It was a challenging and intensive weekend, because Wells offers just as many services as St. Bartholomew's does on some Sundays, but with an immense and beautiful space for the choir to fill with its music, and plenty of witnesses if you get it wrong! A particularly memorable occasion was the 9.45 am Sung Eucharist – a Common Worship communion service, but with full ceremonial, including processions with cross and candles at the start and the end, numerous priests and helpers taking the ceremony, and choral singing almost every time something happened. It was memorable too for the size of the congregation – about three hundred people of all ages from a town with a population of just over 10,000 (or a less than an eighth of Redditch)!



This, together with the Royal Wedding on 19<sup>th</sup> May, really brings home how the church is still very important in some people's lives, and how the introduction of something unusual or a little ceremony (or in the case of the Royal Wedding, a lot of it!) can make a church service more magical and perhaps more meaningful to some people. The television audience were perhaps more ready to listen Bishop Curry's rather dynamic address, and the prayers at the Royal Wedding, because of the framework in which it was set. Why else do so many people opt for church weddings, baptisms, funerals and burials in churchyards rather than choosing registry offices and municipal facilities? However, to arrange such services and ensure the church can continue providing ceremonial services such as weddings, baptisms and funerals in the future takes effort and input from the community, such as joining the choir to sing at such services, helping set up the church, and keeping the infrastructure going with everything from stonework repairs to paying the heating bills. Hence our current appeal for volunteers to join in and take on even a small part of the activity. Hopefully Bishop Curry's message of love and, if harnessed, its power to shape the whole world still resonates with those who heard it. We have already had some volunteers come forwards and it is that care for each other and willingness to come together which will shape our future.

We had a brilliant example of this in May with the Plant Sale – people who may not always (or ever) attend church helping us to pull together less than two hours' involvement which was not only a highly enjoyable activity, but raised well over £1000 for the church. In preparation, people potted up plants, donated plants no longer wanted in their own gardens or baked a cake or two. On the Friday evening, half an hour of energetic work by a few musclemen saw the tables set up, and on Saturday morning



almost everything sold out within an hour! There was something for everyone to do whatever their talent or age, and a lot of it took no time at all. This is how the church can really develop, so join in and don't be left out next time!

Lastly this month we remind you to keep giving us your feedback. What is the best way for us to use our church buildings on a Sunday and what are the services that not only you will attend but happily invite your friends and neighbours to? This is the volunteering that we all need to take on; to grow our church by bringing people to it. At PCC we can help by representing your views and asking for the things to be in place that you want to come to but ultimately church is a body of people so please bear this in mind.

Chris and Dean

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## **Services at Tardebigge and Lower Bentley**

### **Sunday 3rd June (Trinity 1)**

9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*  
(breakfasts from 9.00am)

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6pm Traditional Holy Communion

### **Sunday 10th June (Trinity 2)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Traditional Holy Communion *at St. Mary's*

11.00am **Family Service**

6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 17th June (Trinity 3)**

11.00am Holy Communion and **Sunday Funday**

6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 24th June (Trinity 4)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am **Worship For ALL**

6.00pm Evensong



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at St. Philip's Church, Webheath



Thursday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

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Contact Rev. Richard Clark (07970 823462) email: [trhredditch@gmail.com](mailto:trhredditch@gmail.com)

Café Church – 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month  
In the Church Hall



Family Friendly Worship in a Café Style  
Breakfast is served from 9am  
Worship from 9.30am  
There is **no charge** for refreshments.

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### July/August Magazine

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**[contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk](mailto:contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk)** by **MONDAY 18<sup>th</sup> June**



## Verse for the Month

Follow the way of love  
and eagerly desire gifts of the Spirit,  
especially prophecy.

**1 Corinthians 14: 1**

# The Evergreens

Evergreens is a group that meets in the afternoon several times a year and is open to all people, though it tends to be those who are retired who come along.

If you need further information please ring either  
Vivien Mackenzie (0121 445 1245) or Mary Watkins (0121 445 3075).

# 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 [janeehall73@gmail.com](mailto:janeehall73@gmail.com)*



On Thursday 17th May it was a lovely spring evening and a group of us went for a walk along the canal from Tardebigge to Stoke Pound. We ended the walk at 'The Queen's Head' where we ordered drinks and sat outside.

Jane Hall



## Jam Jar Appeal

If the recent sunny weather has brought out your inner spring-cleaner, both Lucy Parkes and Mary Watkins would be pleased to have any **clean, label-free** jam jars you find!

Please leave at the back of church.

Many Thanks in anticipation!

June 1967

**Vicar:** Rev. D J Copley, M.A.

**Curate:** Rev. R F Lodge

**Lay Reader:** Mr Roy Edge

**Vicar's Warden:** Mr F D Goulbourne

**People's Warden:** Mr W P Beck

**PCC Secretary:** Mr F H Guise

**PCC Treasurer:** Mr E V Sadler

**Magazine Secretary:** Mrs C D Underhill

**Magazine Treasurer:** Mrs J R Hutchings

**Organist:** Mr A Drew

### **Looking both ways**

.....I have been so glad to know of the concern of Tardebigge Church members for, say education in Bromsgrove and housing in Redditch, and for healing in both. More specifically, from the point of view of Christian ministry, they have been concerned lately with the possible provision of a Church middle school in Bromsgrove and with the pattern of Christian witness in the New Town of Redditch. Is it to be a fragmented witness or a united one? Is it to be Churches in competition with one another or a Church bearing witness to the love of God for all men?

A lot of people are becoming impatient with the perpetuation of our 'unhappy' divisions. Unfortunately there are members of all Churches who seem to enjoy being unhappy. I do not know all the facts, but it seems as though plans are already being laid for the Methodists to have one site and the Anglicans another. The Roman Catholics already have theirs. What about the Congregationalists, and the Presbyterians and the Baptists? With all these people jockeying for position there will be no room for the new town at all!

Does not a new town give opportunity for a new experience of a shared ministry and shared buildings; even though there are those who tell us that we are not ready to share the one Bread and the one Cup? Myself, I do not think of Christ as Anglican or Methodist, Presbyterian or Congregational, Catholic or Protestant. I think of Him as embracing all the 'isms', which are but pale reflections of His transcendent glory. And surely the Bread and Wine in all the Churches must be fundamentally the same, for it only comes to any of us by the grace of Him Who comes to us in it.

These confessions stem from my having been impressed that there are people in Tardebigge Church who are involved in Bromsgrove affairs and who, especially just now, are involved in Redditch affairs, and of course elsewhere as well. If Tardebigge Church is a place of withdrawal for them it is only so, that it may be a place from which they advance again to bring to bear upon the situations of the week a Christian insight and a Christian love.

I pray that we may not fail them.

**David Copley**

# **Concerts and Services in Tardebigge Church during Bromsgrove Festival 2018**



## **Friday 29<sup>th</sup> June at 7.00pm A Summer Concert**

An informal concert of music and song from the school, church and other local amateur musicians sharing their joy of music in various styles; from madrigals to instrumental performances covering several centuries.

Proceeds in aid of the church's Nicholson organ fund.

Tickets: £5 payable at the door

## **Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> July at 6.00pm Compline with the Clent Consort**

End a summer Sunday with beautiful contemplative music, as the Clent Consort sings the evening service in this glorious parish church.

The Consort is a choir from the Bromsgrove area, which since its formation 16 years ago has sung services in cathedrals and abbeys from Chichester to Beverley.

No charge

## **Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> July at 4.45pm and 6.00pm The Oakville Singers (Concert 4.45pm and Choral Evensong 6.00pm)**

The concert will have both secular and sacred choral works by a variety of composers including Cohen, Queen, Schoenberg, Anderson, also works by Schubert, Elgar, Lauridsen and Sumsion.

The evensong will include the Nardone responses and settings by Atkins.

There will also be an introit and anthem.

No charge

## Celestial Corner

June, the month of the summer solstice and not the best month for budding astronomers, unless you want to stay up until around 2.30 in the morning!

The spring triangle is still well placed at midnight although dipping down in the west. Venus is now in Cancer, high up in the west after sunset but sets around midnight. Jupiter is low in the south in Libra and Saturn is low in the south-east in Sagittarius. Mars is about to rise in the east, but it will be a while before it is easily visible.

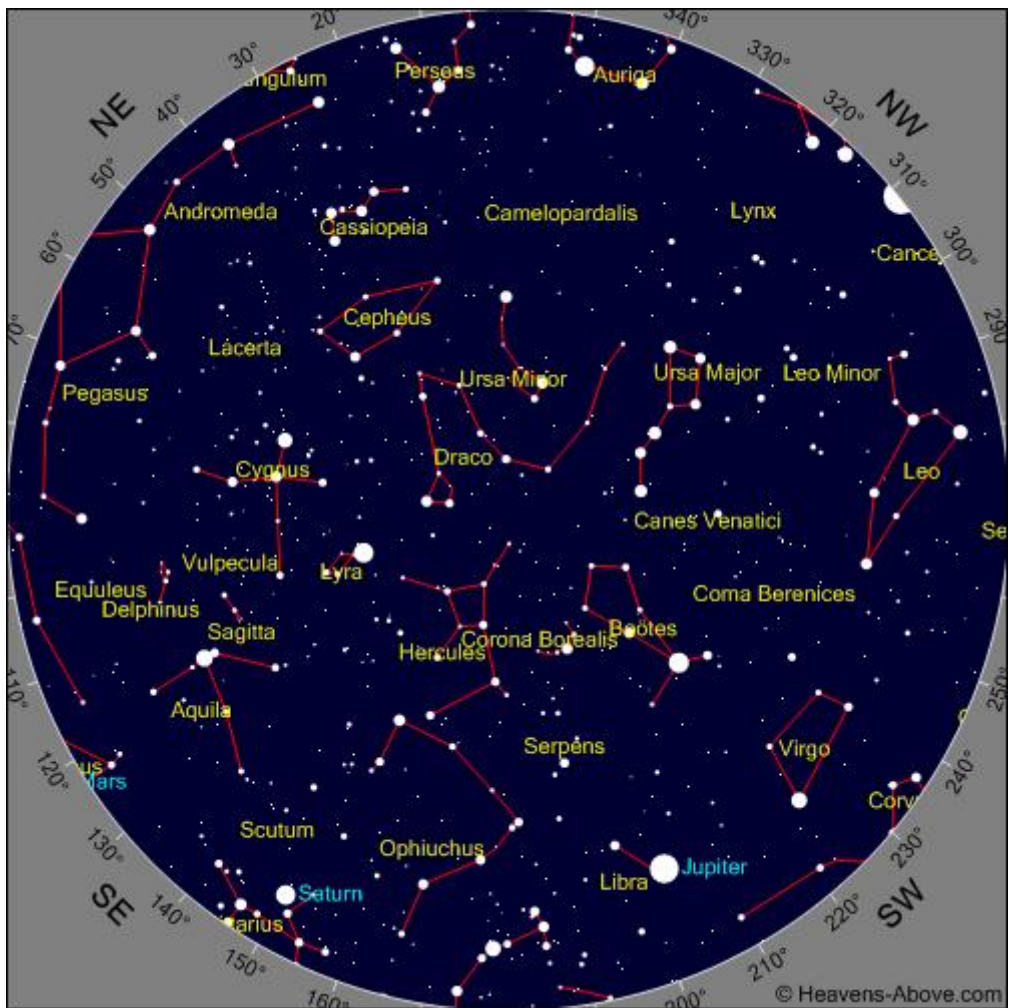
The map is for midnight on 14<sup>th</sup> June and shows that Hercules is almost overhead, with Corona Borealis, the Northern Crown, to the right and the bright star Vega, in Lyra the Lyre, to the left. One of Hercules' twelve tasks was to fight with Leo, the lion, which he had to kill with his bare hands! When Hercules is high up it is a good time to go to a place away from lights and see if you can spot the fuzzy patch of M13, a globular cluster of stars. Star clusters come in two types, globular and open. M13 lies just below the top right-hand star of the "square" marking Hercules' body.

The map shows that lying in the south is Scorpio, the scorpion which killed Orion, according to Greek legend. Because of this the Gods placed them at opposite sides of the sky, so that as Scorpio rises, Orion sets, in an eternal chase across the sky!

The word planet means wanderer and when you watch them over a period of time they seem to move against the starry background. The inner planets, Mercury and Venus, have quite simple paths against the stars, but the outer planets of Mars, Jupiter and Saturn trace more complicated paths. They seem to move from west to east, gradually slow to a stop, then move back east to west for a period, before stopping again and resuming a west to east movement! The movement west to east is known as "Proper" motion and movement east to west is known as "Retrograde" motion. Obviously they don't actually move this way, it is a "line of sight" effect due to the Earth overtaking them on our journeys around the sun. If you were to plot their positions on a star map over a period of time you would see that as they move they trace a loop as they go into retrograde and then back to proper motion. Mars shows the largest, and fastest, movement as it is nearest to us, in fact it can move from one constellation to another and back again over the period it is on view. The planets Uranus and Neptune show the same motion, but are so far away that the loop is tiny compared with Mars and they are so faint that, without binoculars or telescope, we need not concern ourselves with them, Uranus is only just in the range of naked eye visibility at magnitude six.

You might like to keep the map for reference next month. It will be the same at 10pm on 14<sup>th</sup> July. Next month I shall be talking more about August and show a map for that month, as the magazine is a two month edition.

**R. B.**



**The Midland Sinfonia**  
**Saturday 23 June 7.30pm**  
**St Laurence Church, Alvechurch**



**Fret and Fiddle present 'And All That Jazz'**

Sally Minchin and her quartet played for us last season and were so enjoyed that they return to us with the addition of Steve Street on the drums. They play Stéphane Grappelli-style jazz and during the evening will perform a Gershwin Medley, Nature Boy, Mack the Knife, and other old and new favourites.

Tickets: on the door £14.50, in advance £13 from 'Gin & Pickles', The Square, Alvechurch or online at [www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk](http://www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk)  
 FT students and schoolchildren accompanying an adult free.

For more information: [midlandsinfonia@gmail.com](mailto:midlandsinfonia@gmail.com) or 0121 447 7040

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## Tardebigge CE First School



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- An enthusiasm to improving children's education, attainment and progress
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To apply please complete an application form (available in the recruitment pack) by Friday 18 May 2018. Informal interviews will take place in June 2018.

## News from School

In the Vision Statement of the Worcester Diocesan Board of Education, the aims are declared as follows: *'The Worcester Diocesan Board of Education (DBE) aims to promote and enable the delivery of excellent education in all of the Church of England schools within the Diocese. We shall support and challenge school leaders to bring about the very best holistic outcomes for children, young people, their families and the wider school community so that all may flourish as unique individuals made in the image of God. In doing so, we work to further the Diocese of Worcester's Kingdom People vision for the flourishing of God's people.'*

In May the school was given a week's notice for a Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools (SIAMS). The main purpose of an inspection is to meet the requirements of section 48 of the Education Act 2005 for schools which have a religious character. There are four main areas of focus for self-evaluation and focus:

- Distinctive Christian character
- Collective worship
- Religious education
- Leadership and management

Tardebigge CE Voluntary Aided First School was inspected 22 May 2018 and is delighted to report that the SIAMS inspection grade awarded was 'outstanding' in all areas.

If you would like to read the SIAMS inspection report, it can be found on our website (in the section 'About Us' and filed under 'Ofsted'). If you don't have access to the internet, you are welcome to contact the school for a hard copy.

### ***Jane Hall***

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**Head Teacher: Julie Cutler**



## Bentley Pauncefoot WI

May was a month during which our members came together to support and celebrate each other in very different ways. Bentley's monthly meeting was devoted to consideration of an important resolution, concerning mental health, put forward by the National Federation.

*"The NFWI urges all WI members to recognise the importance of parity between mental health and physical health, and to make it acceptable to talk about mental health issues, and to lobby the government for better support for mental illness."*

Monica Carden put the resolution in context and then handed over to two of our members who had bravely, and not without some personal cost, decided to share their different experiences with us. The first told her story of depression and anxiety. She explained that she was not a pair of curtains and advice in the past "to pull herself together" was not helpful and would not be to any other person with depressive illness. Her condition was due to a chemical imbalance and developed over time until she was in an awful place. With the right medication and support from her GP who had identified her depression she had recovered, but later was stricken with anxiety, but is gradually recovering with medical help. She pointed out that people should realise that depression is an illness and it takes time to resolve. She stressed the importance of talking to people and that if you know anyone with depression urge them to see their doctor. A second member then movingly described her experiences. In her case her mental health problems were due to a combination of factors. A series of family bereavements, a child being bullied, money worries which led to doing 2 jobs contributed to breakdown and an accidental overdose. Sadly, this member experienced mixed treatment at the hands of the NHS. Although she received some good counselling later, she was treated badly in hospital and considers that she got through it because of family support. It was telling that with both ladies most members had had no idea of their issues and their accounts provoked much thought and respect. We then split into groups to discuss how the WI might make a difference. As a result, Bentley Pauncefoot WI voted unanimously in support of the resolution and committed in the future to find out more about mental health, to talk about it and to put helpline numbers on the WI noticeboard.



Later in the month Bentley multitasked by holding a May Lunch which celebrated the centenary of the founding of Worcestershire Federation of WIs and women getting the vote, not to mention the ninetieth birthdays of two redoubtable ladies, Mary Wilkes and Doreen Bayliss. The Village Hall was resplendent with suffragette themed purple, white and green decorations. The food was delicious and was complimented by Worcestershire Federation's Centenary wine. President Christine Badger produced a magnificent cake. All in all, it was a memorable and happy occasion.





Mary and Doreen cutting the celebration cake.

The cake (pictured overleaf) was made by Christine Badger

Lynne Reading

Concert in aid of the annexe project at St. Philip's Church, Webheath.  
All Welcome! For ticket enquiries, please contact Jane (07980 358252)

**Mambo Jambo**  
In Concert

Friday 8th June  
7.30pm

At St. Philip's Church,  
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Children FREE  
Refreshments included

Proceeds in aid of the annexe project  
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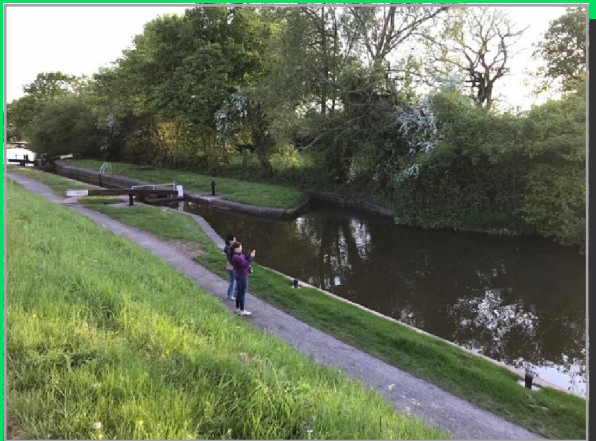
'Musical sunshine from a multi-instrumental duo'

[www.mambojambo.co.uk](http://www.mambojambo.co.uk)

The poster features a central photograph of a man in a hat playing an acoustic guitar and a woman playing a saxophone. To the left of the main text is a small image of a guitar and a musical note. To the right is a yellow banner with ticket information and another musical note. At the bottom, there is a photograph of the duo performing outdoors with various instruments like a banjo and drums. The entire poster is set against a white background with a black border.



**Spring  
Greens**





**Evening walk  
(our meeting)  
17th May**



## **Mr Arth Ritis**

**We have a lodger in our house  
Who came along one day,  
No matter how I beg him  
He will not go away.**

**It's seventeen years since he appeared  
My days and nights he wrecks,  
At times he can be very quiet  
And show me some respect.**

**He came with me to hospital  
And sat beside my bed  
The pain he left behind with me  
Was very hard to shed.**

**Some days he's quietly resting  
And I forget he's here,  
But when he starts his ranting  
He fills my heart with fear.**

**Now I'm aware of how he works  
I know of his intent,  
Because I understand his moods  
My lifestyle's more content.**

**Mrs J Field**



## The Earl of Plymouth



Many of us may have missed the passing on March 7<sup>th</sup> of the third Earl of Plymouth, aged 94, and we are grateful to the parishioners who did spot his obituary in the *Times* and drew our attention to it. This may seem of minor importance, as he lived in near Ludlow in Shropshire, but for the

community of Tardebigge, the events of his life had very great importance. Other Robert Ivor Windsor-Clive was the Earl who, despite growing up at Hewell Grange, had to sell it, give to the nation the family's other large property of St. Fagan's Castle in Wales, and move to the family's smallest house at Oakly Park, near Ludlow.

The Earl succeeded to the title in 1943, aged only 19, when his father died suddenly of a heart attack. He was born in 1923, at a time when the family owned 32,000 acres in Glamorgan, Shropshire, Warwickshire and Worcestershire. Upon returning from his war service with the Guards Armoured Division, in 1946 he was faced with an inheritance tax bill which in today's money would be £70 million, and he therefore had to make some very hard decisions, including the closure and sale of Hewell Grange. Further sales of property, land, furniture and paintings eventually paid the tax bill, and he then devoted himself to the development of agriculture and other businesses on the estates which remained.

He was generous to the arts, and only entered the House of Lords once. Indeed, he was quiet, modest, did not lead an extravagant lifestyle, and, to quote the *Times*, had an 'heroic lack of concern for his appearance' – which included wearing old clothes to help with farmwork, and having tea with the Reagans at the White House wearing a suit and gym shoes! The photograph which accompanied his obituary and reproduced here, however, shows him rather more formally in his robes at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth.

He will not return to Tardebigge, but will be buried, like most recent generations of his family, at St. Mary's Church, Bromfield, close to Oakly Park, and a thanksgiving service will be held there on May 21st. He is succeeded as Earl by his eldest son Ivor, now the fourth Earl, who did visit St. Bartholomew's in recent months, and we hope to see more of him in the future.

**Chris Milton**

# Registers

## Baptisms

May 5	Charlotte Wilma Eileen TOLLEY
May 6	Chloe Ellen TIMMINS
May 13	Ella-Rose GREEN
May 20	Archie Richard ALBUTT Lyris Isla ROE
May 27	Emmylou Ine May BERLYN



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## Sidesmens' Rota

June 3	11.00am	E Price and V Mackenzie
	6.00pm	P Hopkins
June 10	8.00am	G R Underhill
	11.00am	G Price and P Hopkins
	6.00pm	M Price
June 17	11.00am	J Oldaker and L Parkes
	6.00pm	P Hopkins
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**Modern Slavery**

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If you thought slavery ended with William Wilberforce then think again.

Each and every human being is made in the image of God – the Imago Dei – so anything less than human flourishing is an affront to God. Any behaviour that values some human beings less than others, or exploits or abuses them, is contrary to God's will. This is why, as Christians, we must take a stand against modern slavery in all its forms. In such a way, we follow in the steps of Jesus in proclaiming release to the captives and letting the oppressed go free.

Working to combat modern slavery is the responsibility of us all. The Church of England's Clewer Initiative is working to bring these crimes to the attention of the wider public. It is also helping us to spot the signs that are there, often in plain sight before us, if only we had the eyes to see.

For further information about their work and what you can do to help, please see [www.theclewerinitiative.org](http://www.theclewerinitiative.org), and for indicators of trafficking, domestic servitude and labour exploitation, see their "spot the signs" page.

Together we can make a difference and banish the scourge of slavery in our midst.

**Bishop Graham**



## A Song of Summer



A blackbird is singing to welcome the dawn  
 In the dew spangled beauty of a Midsummer morn,  
 The buttercup filled meadow, its glory displayed  
 Becomes part of the perfection of the Summer's parade.

Knowing such pleasures are transient in memory we store  
 The blessing of the morning for when such joys are no more,  
 In the quietness that comes in the soft early light  
 We should relish each bird song, each high Summer delight.

When Winter's cold winds return, as surely they must,  
 We'll remember this day and look forward with trust  
 To the Midsummer glory with which each year we are blest  
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		6	3		9			2
4	2							7
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		3	2	1	8	7		
	5					1		4
7							9	5
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		1		2	3			

Solution next month

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

Last month's solution

# Word Search

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life. For God did not send his Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. Whoever believes in him is not condemned, but whoever does not believe stands condemned already because they have not believed in the name of God's one and only Son.'

**John 3: 16-18**



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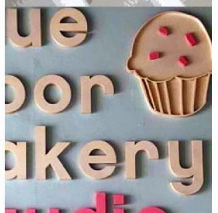
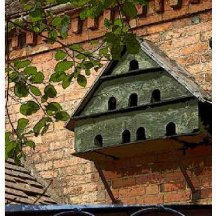
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