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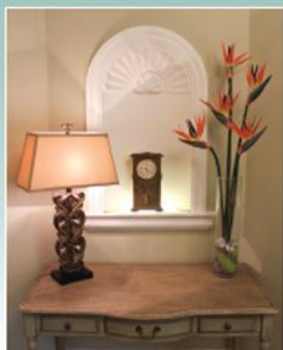
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Services at Tardebigge and Lower Bentley

Sunday 7th October (Trinity 19)

9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*
(breakfasts from 9.00am)
11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer
6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

Sunday 14th October (Trinity 20)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Harvest Service at *St. Mary's*
11.00am **Family Harvest Service**
(Harvest Lunch in the Church Hall at 1pm - *tickets available from Church Wardens*)
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 21st October (Trinity 21)

11.00am Holy Communion with **Sunday Funday**
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 28th October (Trinity 22)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am **Worship For ALL**
11.00am Traditional Holy Communion
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 4th November (All Saints)

9.30am **Café Church** in the Church Hall
(breakfasts from 9.00am)
11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer
6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

Sunday 11th November (Remembrance)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Service of Remembrance at *St. Mary's*
10.45am Service of Remembrance at Tardebigge
6.00pm Evensong

October

From Richard, the Team Rector



The beginning of October features our Harvest Thanksgiving. This is not the deep thankfulness and rejoicing of an Agrarian community as it might have been 200 years ago or more, but, nonetheless, we give thanks to God for all that we have been able to grow; I know yields have been down, but our challenge pales into insignificance when compared to the major droughts elsewhere that can directly lead to malnutrition, with its associated susceptibility to health conditions that can easily become life threatening, or even starvation.

Mind you, if Redditch had a Harvest Thanksgiving for what we grow here, we might as well fill the church with springs, and other small metal components, such as these produced by GKN. Now that would be an original way to decorate a church!



October often marks the change of seasons in to full-on autumn, as the days shorten, and leaves begin to turn and fall from wind-blown trees. The birds of summer have gone, to be replaced by new arrivals from the north, such as Fieldfares, Redwings and flocks of geese that have bred near the Arctic Circle. Then, just when you think you are safe, at the end of the month half term arrives and children are unleashed from school for a week of energetic mayhem.

It is God who founded the Universe, and then the world in which we now live. He provided times and seasons, with the intention that we should celebrate him by thanking him for creation and the seasons that give us our rhythm of life.

We all like to be thanked; in fact, the more we are thanked the more we want to give. God feels that way, too. If we never thank him for what he gives us, we are unlikely to improve our relationship with him, which makes us less likely to receive the blessings he would have liked to give us. In fact, the apostle Paul tell us to “give thanks in all circumstances”. This should be easy to do when we feel good about things – although at such times we often forget to thank God – but when things are going badly we not only find it hard to thank God but may even blame him for our challenges in life. If someone treated you or me like that, blaming us for their problems when we didn’t cause them, then we might be rather upset. The worse thing we can do, however, is to hurt God’s feelings.



After all, it was God who sent his only son to die for us so that when our bodies die we will have the opportunity to be with him for ever. Everlasting life, the ultimate gift. Now that's something taking the time to thank God for, every single day of the year.

Richard

St. Bartholomew, Tardebigge and St. Mary, Lower Bentley

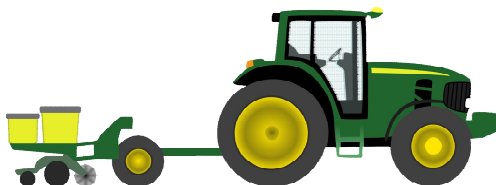
Harvest Lunch

Sunday 14 October

Tardebigge Church Hall at 1pm

Adults £12 per person (including wine)
Children aged 12 and under £5 each
Family Ticket (2 adults and 2 children) £25

Tickets available from the Churchwardens
Dean Hall 07985 165168 or Chris Milton 07825 749467



Wardens' World

October 2018



Once again, September saw the parish offer yet another Tardebigge Show, a somewhat scaled-down version of previous years but nevertheless offering an enjoyable afternoon for the several hundred people who came to Tardebigge to admire the quality of produce in the Produce Show, bid repeatedly in the auction to allow them to take it home, and enjoy the usual delicious cakes and tea. A mild drizzle provided the usual precipitation on Fair day, but did little to dampen people's enthusiasm, and at least we did not have the deluges of the last few years to mark the day! Just under £2,500 was raised for church funds, and our gratitude is due to

Lynne and Nick Reading for pulling it all together, and to the volunteers who came to run the stalls, set up and break down the event. However, with the number of helpers and volunteers much lower than in previous years, Lynne has confirmed that managing the event represents an enormous amount of work for one person to handle on their own, and that a small committee will be the only way to lead it in future years – please see the article elsewhere in this Magazine. If you want the Show to continue, or even to return as a larger scale Fair and Show, please let Chris know and he will put you in touch with like-minded people!

In the last issue of the magazine, Dean also pointed out that your churchwardens have only a year and a half of their term of office to go, and that successors are being sought to ensure the continuation. We are also looking for a Treasurer following the resignation of the previous post-holder. Please give a thought to who might volunteer, be persuaded or coerced (!) into taking on one of these roles to ensure there is time for training and a seamless handover. The job of churchwarden is fascinating and wide-ranging, and very rewarding; one minute you can be putting a new tyre on the churchyard trailer, the next minute discussing restoration of a listed monument with an architect, and half an hour later be making sure there is someone available to help with serving at a Communion service! Even if you don't want the full job, we will be happy to talk to you about any part of it – the more the merrier!

As just one part of our work, you will also see (and hopefully hear!) that St. Bartholomew's has had its sound system brought up to date with state of the art digital equipment which will provide integrated audio/visual support to services in the future.

As summer recedes, your wardens are also busy with preparations for the next phase of the

church year, with some real highlights coming up in both St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's. We recommend the Harvest Festival on October 14th, to be held in both churches and followed by the Harvest Lunch for all - contact either of us for tickets as soon as possible! Remembrance Sunday on November 11th falls on the centenary of the Armistice which ended World War I, and will also be celebrated in both churches. In fact, the service at St. Bartholomew's will be very special – get there for 10.45 so that the Last Post will sound at exactly 100 years to the minute. We look forward to seeing you!

Chris and Dean



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Listening Service

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Café Church – 1st Sunday of the month
In the Church Hall



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Worship from **9.30am**
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November Magazine

Please send your articles and items to our central email address:
contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk by **MONDAY 15th October**

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).

Our traditional annual summer outing to a garden centre for Afternoon Tea took place on Monday 23rd July, when fourteen of us met at Little Heath Garden Centre at Lickey End.

The weather was perfect – too hot to sit outside – as we tucked in to sandwiches and cakes, including scones with jam and clotted cream and, of course, rank lots of tea. A relaxed occasion where everyone had a chance to chat.

Our next meeting will be in the Church Hall on Monday 29th October at 3.00pm, which is during half-term week, so that we do not have to displace Fun Zone and the time has changed so that we will leave before it is dark.

The final meeting of the year will be the Christmas Lunch on Saturday 8th December, also in the Church Hall. Further details in future Magazines.

Meanwhile, if you know of anyone who might be interested in Evergreens, please encourage them to join us.

Vivien Mackenzie (0121 445 1245 or vivienmackenzie@aol.com) or Mary Watkins (0121 445 3075).

Verse for the Month

Love must be sincere.
Hate what is evil; cling to what is good.

Romans 12: 12

September 1974

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

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Reader: Mr Peter Frowley

PCC Treasurer: Mr E V Sadler

Church Wardens: Mr W P Beck & Mr F H Gateley

Magazine Treasurer: Mrs J R Hutchings

Organist: Mrs M Goulbourne

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A Life Centre

Today it is fashionable to refer to certain places in the High Street as Centres. There are tea centres, food centres, medical centres, carpet centres, and garden centres. In at least one parish I know the complex of church buildings is known as the church centre. That set me thinking. A good description for a church could be 'The Life Centre'; for the church is about life. That is why it is sad when services are dead and when the spirits of people who attend are depressed instead of being raised. People sometimes whisper when they go into church as though they don't want to disturb the dead; but perhaps we who were in Tardebigge Church on the 15th September should have clapped to show our appreciation to the Salvation Army for splendid playing and singing and even more to show our gratitude to God for simply being alive. We sat demurely in our English way, but we did greatly enjoy that living service.

Jesus is alive, and the Holy Spirit is among us, and God is the living God. And the Gospel is about Jesus who comes that people may have life and have it more abundantly. The church is the life centre and it is a poor church if it does not live up to that true description.

What is meant by the words 'eternal life', which trip so easily off the preacher's tongue? Eternal life is Life from beyond which interpenetrates the life we have already and gives it a higher quality. Eternal life is a gift to those who believe, from Jesus who lived and died and rose again. Eternal life is a power to replace fear, despair, complaint, and give hope and courage and the will to achieve. It is that indestructible something which is of God and which can draw something good out of what seems wholly bad (as the resurrection followed the crucifixion).

In 'Thought for the Day' recently Paterson Ross mentioned that kind of life when he referred to a young man who was blind and who had had first one leg and then the other amputated. From his hospital bed he encouraged by his words and example those around him. When asked the source of his courage and the encouragement he gave to other people, he said it was because he believed in himself and in God who had created him. He believed so passionately that he knew that no disease could destroy the life God had given and was giving him, life that he possessed at the very centre of his being. The speaker said it was that young man who had given him the speaker when he was very ill the will to live and to believe that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared to the glory which shall be revealed.

I hope and pray that the church everywhere and especially the churches of our parish may be Life Centres, giving encouragement to those who come and through them to other people, giving strength for the way whether it be easy or whether it be hard, and giving to the members and to others the life which comes to them from Jesus.

David Copley



Parish Registers

September 2018

Baptisms



Sunday 9th September

Charlotte Amy ROBERTS

Weddings



Saturday 11th August

Scott Christopher O'CONNELL and Sophie Louise LENNON

Funerals



Wednesday 5th September

Nancy STURGESS

Tuesday 25th September

Connie Claire SWANN

The Great Tardebigge Church Clean



On Saturday 29th September, a small army – fourteen of us to be precise – gathered in church. Armed with buckets, mops, vacuums, dusters and polish we vigorously participated in the Tardebigge Church Big Clean.

Whilst most of us beavered away washing and polishing pews, cleaning tables and bookcases, the most spectacular task was undertaken by Lucy, who, perched on a ladder, wielding a brush on the end of a long pole, removed cobwebs from

the chancel windows. At one point she disturbed a huge number of ladybirds (a 'loveliness of ladybirds' is the collective description, according to Google).



As well as plenty of talking, we were entertained as we worked by the choir practising hymns and also by the sound of music emanating from the new sound system as Dean put it through its paces.

Jane was involved in the MacMillan coffee morning in the church hall and when it came to 'elevenses', we were all pleased to join her to support the event.

All-in-all, a satisfying morning.



Mary, Chris and Nick W, Chris M, Lucy, Sarah, Janet, Marion, Gladys, Joanne, Val, Allison, Angela and Viv



N.B. The MacMillan Coffee morning was organised by the family of Jane Powell, who passed away in April after a sudden and short illness with liver cancer. Jane was just 65 and a highly respected childminder in Webheath who was about to retire when the illness struck. Jane regularly attended Spring Greens with her eldest daughter, Harriet.

Harriet would like to thank the 'Big Clean' team for supporting the event, which raised over £760.

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



New members always welcome!



At our meeting 20th September, Val Richardson kindly agreed to bring her quilts and she talked about why and how she became involved with quilting.

We were then given the opportunity to make a simple nine patch to take home. However, as there was not enough time to complete them at the session, we took our projects away with us to complete at home.

It was a really enjoyable evening!



Work in progress



Jane Hall

Celestial Corner

When looking at Sagittarius we are looking towards the centre of our galaxy, the Milky Way, and not only is it the most dense part as far as stars go, but there are also a lot of nebulae and star clusters, both open and globular, for those with small telescopes or binoculars, if you can get away from the glow of street lights. Unfortunately there are few places in Britain where the sky is really dark due to the amount of light pollution both from street light, house lights and even garden solar lights! Every source of light adds to the pollution both from street lights, house lights and even garden solar lights! Every source of light adds to the pollution and Mid-Wales and the wilds of Scotland are two examples of dark skies and there are not many more!

As you know, the Earth is divided up by lines of Latitude and Longitude and the sky is divided up in the same way, only longitude becomes 'Right Ascension' and is referred to as hours RA, 0 to 23. Latitude becomes 'Declination', but is still referred to in degrees, 0 to 90, North to South.

Zero hour RA is the same as the Greenwich meridian, the line of longitude that passes through Greenwich observatory. That is our starting point. Because the earth spins west to east, the hour lines are marked eastwards from Greenwich. Therefore stars on the zero hour line on one day are still on that line the next day, next month or year. Another imaginary line on the sky is the path of the sun throughout the year. This is called the Ecliptic. We know that the sun is higher at mid-day in the summer (1pm BST) than it is at mid-day in the winter. This is due to the axis of the earth being tilted at 23.5 degrees. Therefore the sun's position varies from 23.5 degrees above the celestial equator to 23.5 degrees below.

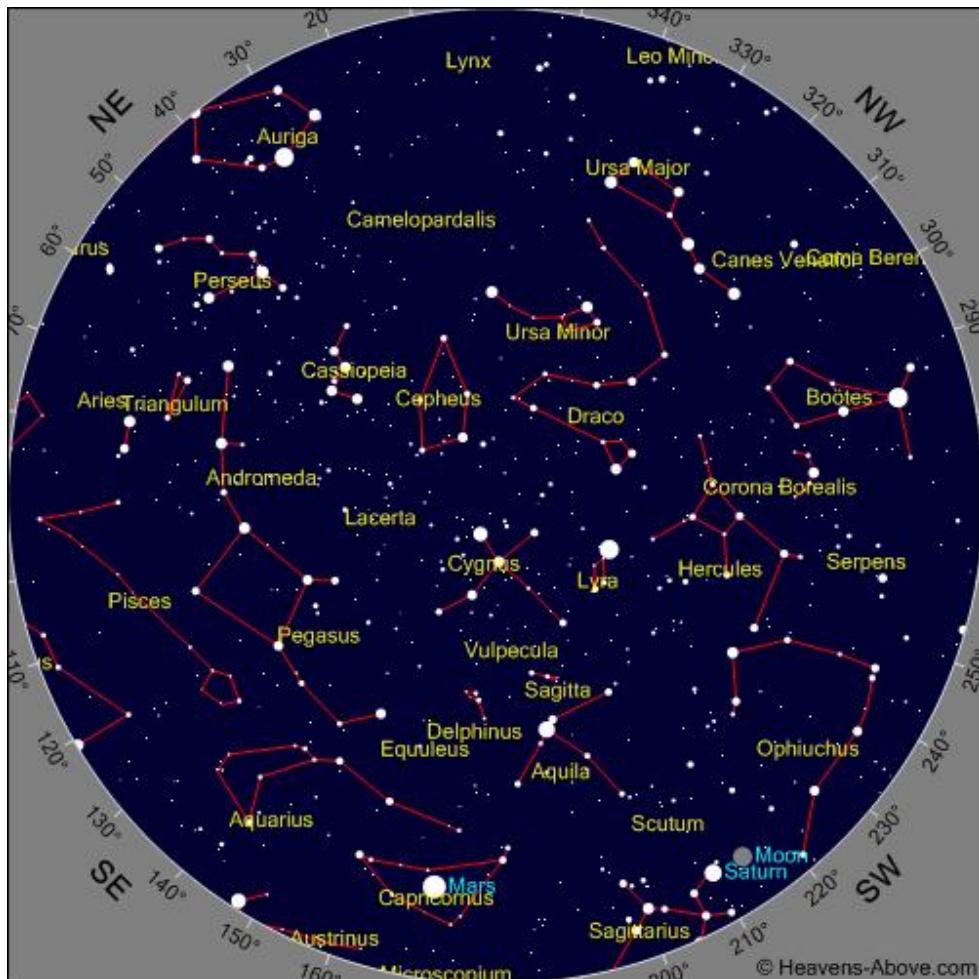
On its journey north in spring the sun crosses the celestial equator on the hour 0 RA. This point is known as the 'First point of Aries' and occurs at the spring equinox. Six months later, on its journey south the sun crosses the celestial equator on hour 12 RA, the autumn equinox, the 'first point of Libra'. However, due to a thing called precession, which I will explain next month, these points have shifted and are now in Pisces and Virgo respectively. You can see that RA and declination help astronomers line up their 'scope and/or camera on any object in the heavens they wish to study.

Basically there are two types of mounting for telescopes, Altazimuth and Equatorial. The first can turn horizontally through 360 degrees and up and down. The second has one axis pointing to the pole upon which is the axis for moving up and down. This enables the 'scope to describe an arc as you turn it and so, when it is aligned correctly with the pole, it will follow a star as it travels across the sky. To line up with an object the mount has two 'setting circles'; one on the axis that points at the pole marked in hours of RA and the other on the 'up and down' axis marked in degrees. They are adjustable so that you can set the declination circle according to the latitude of the observer and the RA to the hour line that crosses south of the observer at a particular time on any day of the year. So if you are starting to observe at 10pm you need to know which hour line is due south, set your RA circle and then turn to the hour

of the object of the study and adjust the declination. To find the hour and declination you need a star atlas. Norton's star atlas is a good one and it also tells you which hour is on the southern meridian at any one time along with information on the sun, moon and planets etc.

By the time you read this, Venus will have disappeared from the evening sky, as too will Jupiter; Venus in the process of passing by the sun and Jupiter will have gone behind. On the 14th at 8pm the moon will be close to Saturn in the Southwest and Mars will be roughly due south. Venus will reappear in the morning, rising about 6.45am.

As I have said, next month I shall deal with precision and explain why stars do not stay on the same hour line over time. The map is for 8pm on October 14th.



The Parting

**The road two people walked together
One must now walk alone
But conscious always of a presence,
A bond that love has sown.**

**A memory, a photograph,
A song, a special tune,
A walk together hand in hand
On one golden afternoon.**

**Love 'tis said will never die,
It transcends both time and space,
Within our hearts we hold each touch,
The loved, remembered face.**

**When two hearts have seemed to beat as one
Unbroken is the bond,
The love they knew is everlasting,
Through eternity and beyond.**

L M Wadlow



Sidesmens' Rota

October 7	11.00am	E Price and P Hopkins
	6.00pm	P Hopkins
October 14	8.00am	D Hall
	11.00am	J Oldaker and L Parkes
	6.00pm	M Price
October 21	11.00am	G Price and V Mackenzie
	6.00pm	P Hopkins
October 28	8.00am	G R Underhill
	11.00am	D Stubbings and P Hopkins
	6.00pm	T Powell

Flowers

Vivien Mackenzie
Harvest - team
Gladys Price
Elizabeth Price

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BIRTHDAY!



3rd October
Marnie Izerein

23rd October
Chris Milton

27th October
Michael Price



4th October
Jane and Dean Hall

5th October
Mary and David Peers



News from School

Our new children in Reception who started school in September have settled in well and our other pupils are now used to the routines in their new classes. We have our parents' evenings soon and half term is fast approaching.

At the beginning of each academic year, the staff and governors prioritise areas of the curriculum. This year the main focus is maths and we are delighted to have been accepted on the central maths hub to take part in a mastery maths project and the staff will receive specialised training. We are also aiming to achieve a Science mark and will be working with other local schools to raise the profile of this subject. We also aim to provide continuous provision of Art, Design Technology, History and Geography and to embrace the dangers of on line/E safety.

Later in October our younger pupils will be participating in the Beeline Storytelling Festival organised by Worcester University. Our Reception children will attend a puppet show called 'The Little Red Hen' and our pupils in Years 1 and 2 will meet the wife of Mick Inkpen who will talk to them and read them one of her stories. (Her husband wrote the much loved stories about Kipper the Dog).

We are looking forward to our Harvest Festival is on Thursday 18th October at 9.15am and the children are invited to bring donations of non perishable food to be donated to those less fortunate than ourselves.



Jane Hall

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Lexie's Sponsored Walk



On Saturday 22nd September, Gail Teague's poodle Lexie raised funds towards toilet facilities in the annex currently being built at St. Philip's Church, Webheath. (Current toilet facilities is a portaloos in the car park). Lexie's 10 km (over 6 miles) sponsored walk followed the old Webheath parish boundary.

Lexie and Gail were joined by Jane and Dean Hall at the start of the walk at 'The Brook', Elcocks Brook. After a relatively easy walk (and having got

lost in the wood), they joined Allison Davies for coffee at the 'Foxydiat' and Allison then joined them in the rain for the challenging part of the walk crossing fields of muddy clay and climbing over stiles.



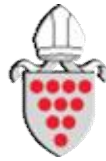
'Finally, 'The Brook' was reached at 1.55pm and just in time before last food orders.



The sponsored walk has so far raised £232. It's not too late to support Lexie's fundraising effort. If you would like to give a donation, please contact Gail, Jane, Dean or Allison. Thank you.

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Letter from the Bishop of Dudley The Rt. Revd. Graham Usher

The hymn 'Dear Lord and Father of mankind' is a favourite of many. I love the calming sense of the hymn as it progresses from verse to verse. The third verse speaks of the Sabbath rest by Galilee, recalling Jesus taking himself off into the hills in prayer to enter into communion with his Father in "the silence of eternity interpreted by love".

Within Judaism, as we see from many stories in the gospels, the Sabbath has a central place in the rhythm of the week and in the makeup of life. In fact, it has a central place in the Ten Commandments, as the commandment to keep the seventh day unlike all other days is found between those commandments that talk about people's relationship with God and those that speak about relationships with other human beings. This Sabbath commandment, then, is the hinge point. It brings together God and the human world, the loving of God and loving of neighbour, in a unique way.

The Sabbath day is a place-marking gift. A day on which to stop toiling and to rest. It is also a day of joy to unwrap again all of the blessings we have been given and to be re-thankful for them. Rest and joy lead into freedom and we read of the sabbatical year when land is allowed to breathe, debts are cancelled, and slaves are released from that which binds them. In turn, this leads back to rest and joy.

In our own lives, there are various rhythms that are played out. We find we need to snatch periods of Sabbath time amidst pressing other responsibilities. Carers speak of the crucial need for rest, and whilst respite care often carries a sense of guilt, it allows the carer to go on caring. After a traumatic or difficult period, we begin to see small signs of joy again and count our blessings. Freedom comes in many forms and I recall talking to a prisoner in HMP Hewell about his sense of freedom when he sang hymns of praise.

During the autumn, with the agreement of Bishop John and the support of the Archdeacons, I will be on sabbatical. I hope this extended Sabbath time will offer some rest which, to my mind, isn't loafing but is about doing things that bring me spiritual, intellectual and physical replenishment. I'm going to spend time writing which always brings me much joy. Freedom will come from having a break from some of the ministerial responsibilities which come with my role!

I am hoping to learn more about Orthodox Christianity which will resource my involvement with the International Commission for Anglican Orthodox Theological Dialogue. I will be

spending time on pilgrimage to Mount Athos in Greece and taking part in a week-long painting retreat at the Bethlehem Icon School. In both places, as well as in the creativity of writing, I hope to encounter the silence of eternity interpreted by love.

I am delighted that sabbaticals are taken seriously in this Diocese and hope that the fact that I am taking one will encourage other clergy, who have not done so for seven years or more, to consider doing so. Do encourage them! My one previous experience of a sabbatical was personally very enriching and parishioners were kind enough to say that it was, in turn, beneficial for them - though they lacked clarity whether that was during or after the sabbatical!

I'm enormously grateful for this gift, and especially the generosity of colleagues in making it possible, so that I can go deeper into Sabbath life at the hinge point of serving God and my neighbour.

Bishop Graham

Nancy Sturgess



16th November 1920 - 5th August 2018

Nancy was born in Birmingham on 16th November 1920; her parents were Marion and Frank Gray. When Nancy was 1 year and 10 months old her mother died the day after giving birth to Nancy's sister.

When Nancy was 6 years old her father married again and they became a very happy family. Nancy met Douglas at school in Stirchley, but after leaving school she did not see him for a few years. As the family moved to Yardley Wood near Trittiford Park, Nancy and her friend went to the park and to the Dingles; low and behold Douglas and his brother Edward were also there. Nancy and Douglas had a courtship and married in 1940. They lived in Acocks Green next to the canal and had three daughters: Janet, Pat and Joyce.

Over the years they had lots of animals; Douglas raced pigeons and Nancy had to clock them in on their return home. She was also a charge hand at Corona Pop until it closed down. She then joined Pat at Perry Pens making pen nibs and other stationery; unfortunately that also closed down.

The next move was to Redditch in 1961 and they went on numerous holidays. A memorable one for Nancy and Douglas was a trip to America to see Douglas' sister, Lorna and her family.

After being married for 72 years, Douglas passed away. This was a big shock as he did everything he could for Nancy. He was her husband and her best friend to the end. God bless them both.

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Bentley Pauncefoot WI

September was a month when Bentley focussed on the community. Lots of members were happy to contribute to the Tardebigge Show. Christine Badger, Lynne Reading, Virginie Eckersley and Michelle Stafford enjoyed success in the photography, cookery and preserves classes while other helped with the arrangements. As is customary the WI ran the White Elephant stall and others helped on the plant stall and with teas. However, Doreen Baylis must be congratulated on amassing an amazing £103 by selling raffle tickets for the WI hamper.

In 2017 the National Federation of Women's Institutes passed a resolution on the issue of loneliness. It called on members to try to work with their local communities to raise awareness of the cause and impact of loneliness. In response to this, members of Bentley Pauncefoot got in touch with the Redditch/Bromsgrove group of Contact the Elderly. Contact the Elderly is a charity dedicated to tackling social isolation among the elderly through face to face contact. They arrange free monthly tea parties for people seventy five years or over and raise funds to take guests on day trips.

After hearing a talk about the activities of Contact the Elderly, members decided to hold a big tea party. Thus, on Sunday afternoon September 16 over fifty guests, helpers, drivers and co-ordinators, Alan and Gill, made their way to Bentley Village Hall. There was a real mix of the generations as many of the drivers were young women in their twenties and thirties and the eldest visitor was ninety six.



The hall was a perfect place for afternoon tea with its view across the beautiful Worcestershire countryside and with the Malvern Hills in the distance. Bentley Ladies were on hand to welcome the visitors and serve tea. Members had provided an abundance of sandwiches, savouries, scones and cakes. There was quite a buzz in the room as our guests chatted to their friends. Then Mitzy, a local singer, ramped up that atmosphere with lively versions of Motown favourites. There was a lot of foot tapping and the sprightlier of us danced in the aisles. All in all, a great afternoon.

Lynne Reading



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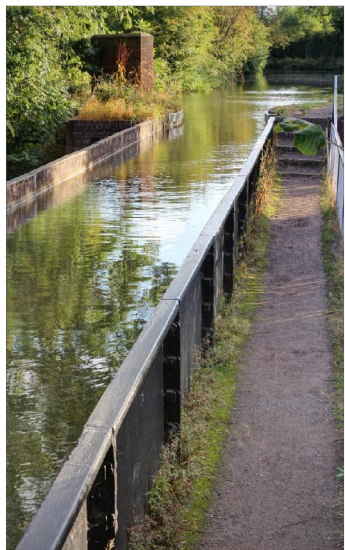
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Webheath Digital Photography Club

An Assignment night on August 8 based on either “Abstract” or “Blue or Red” let the members exercise their imaginations. Keith Waldron saw “Double Vision” in his smoke trails. Richard Freail saw a spectral McDonnell Douglas F-4 Phantom in a darkened hangar – very atmospheric.



A photoshoot around the canal and village at Wooton Wawen on August 13 found our members commenting on the super quality of the evening light, which was bright with areas of high contrast. This certainly brought some fine images at the “Show & Tell” evening on September 3. Some members ventured along the canal and into the field where they found the Riley Pathfinder, threshing machine and other “left-overs” still abandoned there, waiting for the click of a camera. Alan Hitchcock was satisfied to find tranquility in the side lighting and reflections on the aqueduct over the road.

The next week saw members at Kenilworth, not such a good evening for lighting but one member saw these threatening “Stormy Castle Skies”. Others found interesting textures in the castle stonework – another satisfying evening to conclude the year’s outside photoshoots, generally blessed with good weather.



August bank holiday spoiled the weekly club sequence but we resumed on September 3 with the “Show & Tell” covering the shoots at Wooton Wawen and Kenilworth, as well as some catch-up images.

September 10 was a technical evening. Graeme Tozer first gave a short and fascinating talk on “Anthotypes”, a photographic process first used in the 1840s, where paper is impregnated with a vegetable die and exposed to light to give a shadowgram. Here Graeme used beetroot juice to get his fern anthotype.

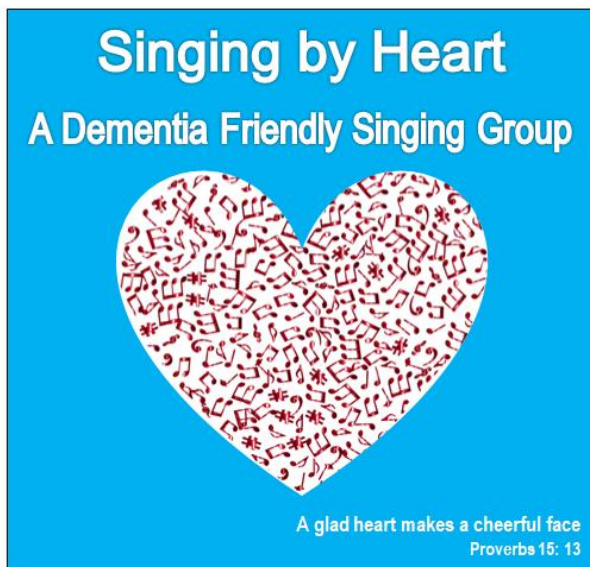


October is a five-week month. The programme starts on the first with an external speaker James Kerr with his topic "Battlefield Photography". A week later we have an assignment – "The Chairman's Challenge" – but what will he have in store for us? The following week, 15th, we have another speaker, Warren Alni, who will take us "Through My Viewfinder". This is followed by a Quiz Night and the month ends with an Assignment asking us to capture movement or generate it by moving the camera during the shot.


Our Club website is webheathdpc.com where you can find details, such as how to contact us, our programme and more. The Village Hall, Webheath, is our venue on Mondays at 7:30 now that the summer is over and we won't be out on photoshoots. Anyone with an interest in digital photography, whether the owner of a compact camera or the latest DSLR, is very welcome to come along to our regular meetings. Our range of external speakers is chosen to reflect both the technical and artistic aspects of photography. You can also find us on Facebook. And don't forget our recently renewed gallery of prints on the wall by Wilko's in the shopping centre.

P. Dewell October 2018

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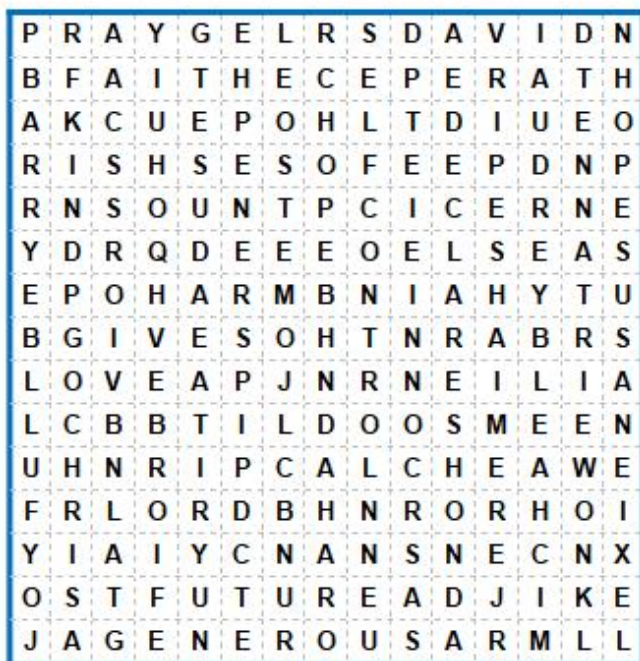
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Last month's solution

Word Search

"For I know the plans I have for you" declares the Lord. "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future".

Jeremiah 29: 11



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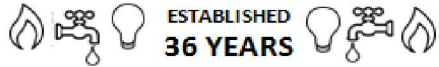
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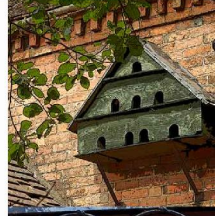
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