

# Tardebigge and Bentley Parish Magazine

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# February



## From Richard, the Team Rector



Is there such a thing as a “religious type?” What is “being religious” anyway?

Religion is simply what or who we devote ourselves to first and foremost. We can hardly say we are following Jesus, for example, but always find other things are more important than going to worship, praying and reading the Bible. Our religion is probably to do with whatever in our lives is most important, the last thing we would ever want to be taken away from us. This might not be an activity or passion that appears to have any spiritual element at all, but is crucially important to us, nonetheless. In other words, we are all religious types, even if we never attend a place of worship.

Football is the religion of some people, and the stadium of the club they support is their place of worship. Others may be so devoted to a cause, a job, a political party, a hobby or an interest, that family and friends take second place, and Jesus comes a bad third. Some people can be over-devoted to their family or see the success or otherwise of their children as something that is of ultimate importance; many a schoolteacher has suffered from an over-passionate parent. Some of us are simply so fond of money that we cannot get enough of it, or we cannot bear to give almost any of it away. Some of us are simply people who worship ourselves. We can become overly concerned about every detail of our appearance; we can fail to take other people and their views into account; we can be partial towards the people we like or who will conform to our ways; we are never wrong about anything important. Excessive self-criticism can be part of self-worship; we set our own standards for ourselves without reference to the way Jesus feels about us or His will for our lives. There are many other examples of people pursuing something with a religious passion that really isn't very important in the long run.



The Bible says that anything we put before God is an idol; idolatry is heavily condemned throughout the scriptures. God's will for us is Jesus first, things that God tell us are important second, and other things third. There will still be a place for hobbies and interests, exercise and activities, but without the emotional edge that can make us devastated or elated about minor matters because we have allowed ourselves to invest so much in something that we gain or lose self-worth by its success or failure.

The Bible tells us that "Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world." (James 1:27)

God's chosen people are those who choose to put Him first, allowing that decision to affect their lifestyle and the way they use their finances. They do so because they believe that the most important things in life, the ones that last for ever, come from Jesus.

*Richard*

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

### **Sunday 3rd February (5 Before Lent)**

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

### **Sunday 10th February (4 Before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion  
9.30am **Family Service** at *St. Mary's*  
11.00am **Family Service** at Tardebigge  
6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 17th February (3 Before Lent)**

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

### **Sunday 24th February (2 Before Lent)**

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

### **Sunday 3rd March (Next Before Lent)**

9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*  
11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer  
6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

## **2019 Annual Meetings for St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's churches**

The Annual Meetings for our Churches will take place on  
Tuesday 2nd April 2019, in Tardebigge Church Hall, as follows:

### **7.15pm: A meeting of the parishioners for the purpose of electing Churchwardens.**

This meeting may be attended by:

- All persons whose names are entered on the Church Electoral Roll of the parish and
- All persons resident in the parish whose names are entered on a register of local government electors by reason of such residence.

### **7.30pm: The Annual Meeting of the Parochial Church Council**

At this meeting, there will be a review of the year in the parish which will include:

The election of a new Parochial Church Council (PCC), which has 12 elected members. *All nominees must be at least sixteen years of age; be actual communicants and have been on the Electoral Roll of the Parish for at least six months. (All proposers and seconders must be on the Electoral Roll of this Parish.)*

Nomination forms for the positions of Churchwarden, and PCC member are available from both churchwardens or can be found at the back of the church.

**Tea, coffee and wine, with nibbles will be served**

**Do come along – your parish needs you!**

## **Electoral Roll 2019**

**This year we are required to compile a *completely new* Electoral Roll and applications will need to be completed by everyone wishing to be on the Electoral Roll for Tardebigge Parish.**

If you are baptised, aged 16 or over and a member of the Church of England, you are eligible to apply:

- If you are a resident in this Parish
- If you don't live in this Parish, but during the past six months have habitually attended public worship in Tardebigge Parish

Application forms are available at the back of church, or please contact *Jane Hall* on 07980 358252 or email [janehall73@gmail.com](mailto:janehall73@gmail.com)

# Wardens' World

February 2019

Welcome to the new year 2019! We hope you all had a relaxing and refreshing Christmas and New Year, and start the new year fortified by good resolutions which will help your wardens! Many thanks to all of you who came to our Christmas services – once again it was wonderful to see the church packed for the candlelit Carol Service and the Christingle, and we were heartened by the numbers who turned out for the late-night communion on Christmas Eve and on Christmas morning.



Down at St. Mary's in Lower Bentley, we celebrate the new year with a new window to replace one of those stolen last year by metal thieves – a superb re-creation of the original by Ben Sinclair at Norgrove Studios, using some of the few original panes to survive the theft. A second window is still in production and will be fitted as soon as possible. New heaters have also been installed to replace the old storage heaters, hopefully leading to much cosier services!

One major concern for all of us who wish to see the continued existence of a church at Tardebigge is the financial situation. Not so much for repairs and renovation, more in our general 'operational' expenditure. We are forecasting a deficit in our budget for 2019, and on top of this have been asked by the Diocese of Worcester to increase significantly our Parish Share contribution to ensure the continued survival of churches throughout the area. Please remember that as a charity, our church (like all churches) depends entirely on voluntary contributions for its funding, and receives no government or local authority support, nor support from education services to provide and heat a 'school hall' for Tardebigge First School. We receive some fees for funerals and weddings, but in most years, these do not even cover our gas and electricity bills. As an indication, our annual gas bill for the church and Church Hall is over £3,000, our electricity bill is over £2,000, and the annual insurance bill is almost £5,000! We would therefore ask everyone to give generously to the collections taken at services, to perhaps consider regular giving by standing order or other convenient means, and if you are in any way able to offer money or your time to support the church or save costs, anything will be most welcome!

As part of our general fund-raising, we also need to consider whether the Tardebigge Fair and Show will continue in the future – a diminishing number of willing volunteers meant that last year's event was smaller than previous efforts, but nevertheless helped to raise over £2000 for the parish. We will hold a meeting on February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall, to see how many people can come forward to help a possible event in September – please see the article elsewhere in the Parish Magazine.

Although the year hasn't started yet, we're already planning a packed programme of activities and festivals – please put the list below into your new diaries, and we look forward to seeing you at them!

Mothering Sunday	March 31 <sup>st</sup> (services at both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's)
Palm Sunday	April 14 <sup>th</sup> (services at both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's)
Easter Sunday	April 21 <sup>st</sup>
Plant Sale	May 11 <sup>th</sup>
Rogation	May 12 <sup>th</sup> (services at both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's)
Tardebidge Show	September 14 <sup>th</sup> (if it happens)
Harvest	October 13 <sup>th</sup> (services at both St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's, and the Harvest Lunch)
All Saints' services	November 2 <sup>nd</sup> – remembering those who have recently passed away
Remembrance Sunday	November 10 <sup>th</sup> (services at both St. Mary's & St. Bartholomew's)
Bentley Carol Service	December 8 <sup>th</sup>
Carols by Candlelight	December 22 <sup>nd</sup>

Best wishes for 2019,

**Chris and Dean**

**Christmas 2018**



**St. Bartholomew's, Tardebidge**

The collage features four distinct images: on the left, a large Christmas tree decorated with blue lights and colorful ornaments; in the top center, a church altar with three lit purple candles; in the bottom center, a single lit candle in a dark holder; and on the right, a large, vibrant floral arrangement with red and white flowers and greenery.



## Bumps, Babes and Toddlers

at St. Philip's Church, Webheath



Thursday mornings 9.30am-11.30am

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and Toddlers



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

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



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

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For enquiries contact Dean or Jane Hall  
(contact details inside back cover)

*Thank you for supporting  
St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's Churches*

## March Magazine

Please send your articles and items to our central email address:

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



## Tardebigge Show 2019 – Volunteers urgently needed!



Since at least the Second World War, the Tardebigge Fair and Show has been an annual highlight of the year in our parish, and a valuable fund-raiser for church activities in the area. However, many of the volunteers and organisers who have kept it going for so long have now retired or even passed away, and it can only continue if a large number of able-bodied and willing volunteers can be found to manage and staff it.

In 2018 we experimented with a scaled-down version of the Show, focusing on the most popular activities such as the Produce Show, the teas, the plant sales and the raffle. We missed having a beer tent, and with fewer sideshows there was less for children to do - we need to fix these in 2019.



If you do not want to see the Tardebigge Show fade away into history, but are willing to be part of the biggest annual event and a central activity for our community, please come along to a meeting on Monday February 18<sup>th</sup>, at 7.30 pm in the Church Hall at Tardebigge. The more people band together and join up, the more successful it will be!

**Put the meeting date in your diary now:**

**Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February  
7.30pm  
Church Hall, Tardebigge**

*Only with your support will the show go ahead*

If you can't make the meeting, please just email or phone Chris Milton on 07825 749767 or [cmilton@btinternet.com](mailto:cmilton@btinternet.com)

## Celestial Corner

February 1st, Imbolc, the first day of celestial spring (as opposed to meteorological spring which is March 1st), the 'Fair maids of February' (snowdrops) and the primrose (Prime Rosa, the first rose) will herald the main awakening of nature in all its glory. As if to back up the signs on earth, the heavens are bright with Orion and his companions high in the South at 8pm.

Just below Orion is Lepus, the hare and stretching to the west is Eridanus, the river. Even further west are the sprawling constellations of Cetus, the Whale, and Pisces, the two fish. Pisces is not an easy constellation to pick out as it has no bright stars to help. The square of Pegasus is now diving down towards the North West horizon, followed by Andromeda. It is still a good time to see if you can spot the Andromeda galaxy (M31) if you can get away from lights and the air is clear with no haze. It lies not far from the small star on the map below the letter 'D' and slightly to the right. It is a member of the 'local group' of galaxies, which includes our own Milky Way. In fact M31 and our galaxy are the two largest of the group and are both Spiral Galaxies, which means they are like Catherine wheels when viewed with a large enough telescope. Close by M31, but not visible to the naked eye, is M32 and between Andromeda and Triangulum is another of the local group, M33.

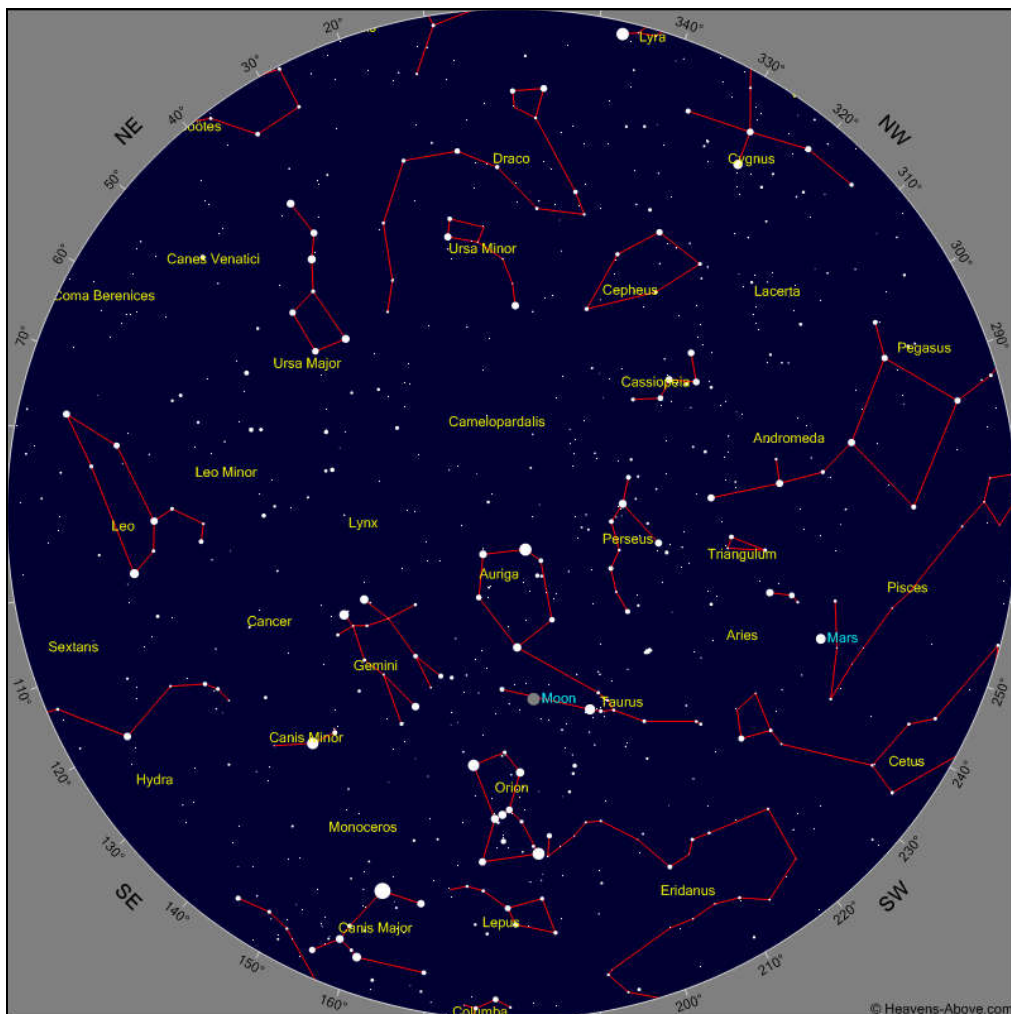
To the East of Orion lie the two hunting dogs, Canis Major, with Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, and Canis Minor, a small constellation with one 1st mag star, Procyon. Roughly between the two dogs lies Monoceros, the unicorn, another large and difficult fellow to pick out! Rising in the East is Leo, the first of the Spring group of constellations.

There is only one planet in the night sky at the moment, Mars. However you may have noticed during December that bright thing in the morning sky before the sunrise, our friend Venus which will soon pass behind the Sun and will appear in the evening once more in the autumn. Jupiter and Saturn have all reappeared from behind the sun but are soon lost in the daylight.

Comets. The things that put the fear of God into the ancients as they thought comets were a portent of doom, King Harold could be forgiven for thinking so in 1066! That was Halley's Comet, which comes around every seventy six years. What is a comet? Until recently Patrick Moore's label of 'a dirty snowball' was the accepted view. However we now know that some comets, if not all, have a rocky core which contains frozen gases. Comets are contained in a belt of debris, believed to be left over from the formation of the solar system, which lies way outside the orbit of Pluto and is known as the Kuiper belt. Every so often some disturbance causes one of these rocky 'snowballs' to head in towards the sun. If its path takes it too close to one of the planets, its path can be altered by the planet's gravity. This can close the comet's orbit so that it becomes a 'Periodical' comet, or it can open it out so that after passing the sun it passes through the Kuiper belt to leave the solar system for good. As the comet approaches the sun, the gases in it vaporise, and together with dusty fragments of its core,

form the 'tail' of the comet. Due to the pressure of the Solar wind, the tail always points away from the sun.

More on comets next month. The map is for February 14th at 8pm.



R. B.

**Midland Sinfonia - Quiz & Supper Evening**  
**Friday 8th March at 7.30pm**  
**St. Laurence Church and The Ark, Alvechurch, B48 7SB**  
Teams of up to 6 with singles accommodated

**Booking essential**  
**0121 447 7040**  
**07889 147 861**

## Carols by Candlelight

Another Christmas and another carol service done and dusted and I would like to say thank you to Dudley and our choir for putting in the effort, allowing us to include three carols as choir items. We were a little late in beginning to practice the choir items this year as it was October before all holidays were out of the way and with only seven choristers it is rather difficult to do any serious learning when three or four are absent.

We were lucky to have four people who were prepared to come along to help us out and thanks must go to Allison and Jess who bolstered the sopranos; Delia who joined the altos; and to Rob who provided the bass. It was great to have them with us. Unfortunately Sue Atkinson, who has helped us out in the past, was unable to join us this year.

With four choristers aged 70 or over, the question of how long we will have a choir at Tardebigge looms larger every year, but hopefully we will still be around for the next carol service and hopefully our friends can help us out again. However, without new people joining us, the future looks somewhat bleak for choral lead services. We have a rest from practices during the cold month of January and possibly during February as well (depending on how the weather looks), but come March we will be back to normal, so anyone who would like to join us is welcome to come along at 10am on a Saturday for a chat. Younger people might like to know that we have had a strong family involvement in the past with mothers, fathers and their children in the choir. It is a great way of having a family occupation and it is a proven fact that singing is good for both physical and mental health, reduces stress, builds friendships and gives satisfaction when any special music offering has been accomplished. So perhaps you should grab the chance to join us while we are still in existence!





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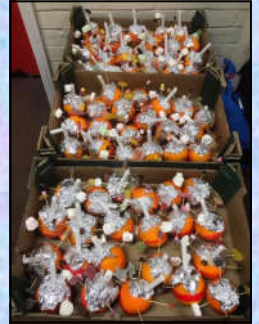
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### Our Christingle Workshop



Val's presentation at our Christingle service in recognition of her 50 year involvement with Christingles



## February 1978

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**Reader:** Mr Peter Frowley

**PCC Treasurer:** Mr E V Sadler

**Church Wardens:** Mr J D H Hedley & Mr F H Gateley

**Magazine Treasurer:** Mrs J Hutchings

**Organist:** Mrs M Goulbourne

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### Unity

Justice, freedom, democracy are great words. But they can be drained of meaning by constant repetition, propaganda words tossed about by the Communicators.

So with unity. It is the magic word of a thousand sermons, especially in January's week of prayer for Christian Unity. Stifling a yawn I ask is it a good thing after all and something worth aiming for, or is it just one of the Church's propaganda words?

Having asked the questions I had better try to answer them. Unity for Christians is a good thing and is worth aiming for, because it comes from Christ the source of our life and the object of our faith. If we are 'in him', as the New Testament puts it, then we must have a new relationship with others who are 'in him'. In other words, 'in him' we are united with one another already.

In fact there are disunities as we know only too well. For centuries Christians have been divided from one another and for a long time now have been trying to reverse the process and draw closer together. But it is worth remembering that one of the reasons for division wherever it occurs is because human nature is what it is.

Having given us minds to think with God runs the risk of our disunities and divisions. Christians, like other people, think their own thoughts and make up their own minds and sometimes disagree. In any case they don't all reach the same growing points together. Insight and understanding vary from person to person. This is our humanity. Puppets wouldn't have these problems.

Nature has so much variety, and human nature has too. It is life's glory, though it frustrates the plans of dictators and their yes men trying to build a conformist and uniform society.

The purpose of prayer for Christian unity and action for Christian unity is therefore, as I see it, threefold. It is to help Christians to rediscover the unity which is already theirs in Christ, and yet to preserve the variety of experience and freedom of conscience which are necessary if they are to remain human. And it is that Christians in trying to learn these hard lessons for themselves may contribute to the nations' search for unity in their common humanity and diversity in their varied cultures and achievements. It is these things which make the world an exciting place to live in, and heaven an even exciting prospect. For there we shall not all be issued with standard harps and regulation nightshirts (wings attached) but shall find a wonderful diversity and a wonderful unity in the presence of the king.

*David Copley*

## News from School

At Tardebigge CE First School, reading is prioritised. Reading increases vocabulary, general knowledge, spelling and grammar skills and it is important that children are encouraged to read for pleasure. Parents/carers sharing a book or story at bedtime with their children is one way of instilling in them a love of reading.

Children who read at least five times a week at home and have their reading diaries completed are rewarded with team points. Before Christmas we invited some parents to our 'read-a-thon' and children enjoyed sharing a book with them in school; we intend to invite more parents to our 'read-a-thon' this term.

On Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December we held a Christmas Jumper day; children were allowed to wear a Christmas jumper to school and encouraged to bring in a suggested £1 donation. Children then chose to donate to either Save the Children charity or to the local Primrose Hospice. We are pleased to announce that our Christmas Jumper day raised £61.45 for Save the Children, and £64.03 for Primrose Hospice. Following the Poppy Appeal in November, we received notification that £232.07 was raised. Many thanks to all who donated!

J.E.H.



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**Head Teacher: Julie Cutler**



## **February**

February, the 'fill dyke' month  
Has finally arrived  
So maybe we should offer thanks  
That at least we have survived  
All the challenges that the New Year brought  
The cold, the shortest days  
The resolutions made and already broken  
The lack of warmth from sunshine's rays.

February is the shortest month  
Leading, when it's over,  
From the daffodil, the Lenten Lily,  
To the first celandines and clover,  
To the forty days of preparation  
When Winter is no more  
To the festival of Easter  
With all the hope it has in store.

**L M Wadlow**





## Tardebidge Community's Christmas tree



A huge thank you to everyone who supported Tardebidge Community's Christmas tree in the festival at Worcester Cathedral; the tree looked amazing with all the handmade decorations. Your efforts are really appreciated! Thanks again!



## Bentley Pauncefoot WI

2019 began brilliantly with a fascinating talk by Colin Millett on Worcester porcelain. He explained how his passion for Worcester began and developed to such an extent that he had been forced to annexe the dining room as a display space for the 500 pieces in his collection. He was particularly interesting when telling us about the painters and painters and showing us many examples of their work that he had brought along. They all had their particular specialisms; for example, Henry Baldwyn painted birds and swans in flight, the great Harry Davis sheep and landscapes, Harry Stinton Highland cattle and James Stinton game birds. Perhaps the painter we would like most to have met, however, was Kitty Blake. She worked at the Royal Worcester Factory for 48 years from 1905 to 1953. She was especially talented at painting fruit and her signature piece was a bunch of blackberries exquisitely depicted. By all accounts Kitty was a real live wire with a great sense of humour. She was a leading light in the “saucy six” group of female painters who would terrorise any male staff who upset them. She was never seen without her red lipstick and a cigarette. It was a very enjoyable talk from which we all learned something as demonstrated by the fact we could answer the quiz questions posed by Colin at the end of the presentation as a test of whether we had been listening!

We now look forward to the programme for the rest of the year which provides a mixture outside speakers, talks and demonstrations given by our own members and social events. Visitors are welcome and all meetings take place in Bentley Village Hall at 7.30 pm. Contact Lynne on 559 207 for more information.

Feb 12	The Members Speak
March 12	Chris Edward “Birds- I didn’t know they did that”
April 16	Members’ Evening
May 14	Resolutions
June 11	Andrew Crabtree “Songs from The War Years”
July 9	Sandra Grayson “Handwriting- hidden meanings”
August 13	Social Evening
September 10	Georgia Jacobs “What lies beneath our feet?”
October 8	Terry Church “1942-A vintage year”
November 12	AGM and Produce Show
December 10	Christmas Party

# 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)



New members always welcome!



At our meeting 6th December, Jaquii kindly offered to lead a craft session, and with help from her friend Di, demonstrated how to make Christmas cards.

We were so busy, we hardly had time for a break, but when we did, we savoured Lucy's home made mince pies, which were yummy, as always.

It was a really relaxing and enjoyable session and we were really pleased with our creations.

**Jane Hall**



# 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).



Thirty of us gathered in the Church Hall on Saturday 8th December for the annual Evergreens Christmas Lunch. Unlike last year, when we had to battle through ice and snow, this year the elements were kind to us, ensuring an excellent turn-out.

The hall looked Christmassy, with beautifully decorated tables and a tree (courtesy of Rainbow Kidz) and everyone tucked into,

and thoroughly enjoyed, Angela's sumptuous buffet. Some of the Christmas puddings had been made by members of Spring Greens. Thank you, Angela for all your work.

There was laughter, lots of talking and a raffle. A good time was definitely had by all!



## Further Evergreens News

Sadly, just before Christmas, two members, Graham Hall and Gladys Price, passed away. Graham, although a relatively new-comer to Evergreens, joined in all the activities; Gladys had been a stalwart for many years, regularly helping at meetings, where her delicious cakes and sandwiches were always appreciated. We will miss them both.

**Vivien**



Fed up with winter? Keen to meet up with friends and new acquaintances?

Come and join the Evergreens for  
Coffee, Cake (homemade) and a Chat  
in Tardebigge Church Hall  
on Monday 18<sup>th</sup> February,  
between 10.30am and 12.30pm.

Whatever the weather outside, you can be sure  
of a warm welcome inside the hall!

Coffee and cake £2 and a raffle  
ALL are welcome

Vivien (0121 445 1245) or Sheelagh (0121 445 2379)

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**Verse for the Month**

Direct my footsteps according to your word;

Let no sin rule over me

**Psalm 119: 133**

## Gladys Price



Gladys was born in Liverpool in 1934, the daughter of Jack and Maureen Lloyd, growing up as a young girl in Falkner Street in the Abacromby district of Liverpool which was recently featured in a documentary by the BBC. Gladys was five when WW2 broke out and went through black outs, air raids, rationing, the issuing of gas masks and the construction of the Anderson shelters. The first bombs were dropped on Liverpool, Birkenhead, in August 1940; this area may well have been in sight and earshot of Falkner St, this was the start of a sustained bombing attacks on Liverpool. Gladys and the rest of the family were evacuated to Rainhill. Gladys was always very proud of the history between Rainhill and Stephenson's Rocket which was built in 1829 and passed through Rainhill during the Rainhill trials held by Liverpool and Manchester railways.

Gladys had two sisters and one brother, and the family decided not to move back to Liverpool after the war had ended. Gladys had a job on a farm where she learnt to milk cows, drive a tractor and tend to farm animals. Later on during her teenage years she had a job at Vernon's pools in Liverpool; one Wednesday her boss asked her to go to Manchester and pick up his match tickets for Manchester City, the distance between Liverpool and Manchester is only thirty six miles but it was a day's journey in those days. When she was asked again to collect the tickets, she asked if she could take a friend along as company; her boss agreed and most Wednesdays Gladys and her friend had a jolly out to Manchester, and was paid for the privilege. Gladys's motto 'if you don't ask, you don't get'. Gladys was also an auxiliary nurse at Whiston hospital.

In the mid fifties Gladys met Barry who was in the British Army. Whilst Barry was stationed away in Gibraltar, Gladys would stay with Barry's parents in Prescot and look forward to when Barry came home on leave. Gladys and Barry were married in the late fifties. Soon after, Barry left the Army. He was an apprentice at Stoves in Liverpool and then had a carpenter's job at the British Insulated Callanders Cables in Prescot (commonly known as the BI). Their first child Stephen was born in Whiston Hospital in January 1960; Stephen recalls Gladys telling him that they had to walk to the bus stop through a foot of snow to catch the bus to the hospital; a truly spirited woman. They bought their first house in Bretherton Rd, Prescot where their second child Angela was born in November 1964. The house in Bretherton Rd was only a two bedroom house, so they moved to Horwood Avenue in Rainhill which had three bedrooms.

Barry was becoming increasingly frustrated at the BI. One Sunday morning he wrote a letter to his parents (calling them Gran and Grandad as he always did) describing the normal Sunday morning activities: Gladys cooking breakfast; Angela eating an orange and Stephen crying because Everton had lost. He eventually got round to telling them that they were thinking of moving to Australia; one of Gladys' school friends had emigrated. They had also discussed a move with Joseph, Gladys's brother. He signed off the letter "your lovable son Barry".

At the beginning of January 1969 they set sail from Southampton to Adelaide, South Australia; the journey was going to take four weeks. The first part of the journey was quite rough and Gladys and Angela spent most of the time in the cabin. Stephen being Stephen thought it was a great adventure. When the ship moved into calmer oceans Gladys and the family enjoyed deck games, crossing the equator ceremony and evening shows. When the family docked in Adelaide they were housed in a hostel. Barry very quickly found work as and they bought a house in Camden Park, Glenelg. Soon after they had settled Gladys brother, his wife and family landed in Adelaide. Both families met each other most weekends. Gladys and Barry also had an active circle of Australian friends and went on holiday with Barry's boss. Angela was keen on ballet and Stephen was involved in the school cricket and Australian Rules football teams. Gladys had lost both her parents before emigrating and Barry lost his father whilst living in Australia. Barry and Gladys decided to move back to the UK.

At the beginning of January 1973 they sailed from Melbourne back to the UK. The journey was a lot smoother (and it was a bigger ship). The family enjoyed the journey and the places the ship docked at, especially the Panama Canal then on through the Caribbean. The last land stop before Southampton was Miami, and then the ship crossed the Atlantic; the waves were as big as houses and Gladys spent most of the eight to nine day crossing in the cabin. When they arrived at Southampton they got the train to Stoke-on-Trent where Barry's mother lived.

Barry and Gladys began to rebuild their lives back in the UK. They moved to Hewell Grange in the summer of 1973; Barry getting a job as a carpenter at the Grange and Gladys a job at Tardebigge Egg farm shop, then went on to be the seamstress/switchboard operator at Brockhill remand centre. They quickly established a circle of friends. In 1976 Stephen joined the British Army, however Stephen recalls every time he came home on leave they had moved house; were they trying to tell him something? Stephen used to bring army friends home on leave, and when they eventually found where Gladys, Barry and Angela lived they were treated to Gladys' home cooking and Gladys' speciality; her home made apple pie. Gladys, Barry and Angela went on camping trips around Europe and to the south of France; they loved to travel. In 1988 Gladys was to become a grandma, Angela giving birth to Madeleine. Gladys and Barry would often take Madeleine on their rambling walks, which Madeleine still enjoys to this day.

When Stephen left the army he was at a loss as what to do socially; he spoke to his mother about this. Gladys knew he played rugby and arranged a meeting on the Saturday with the PTI's (Physical Training Instructors) at Hewell Grange. Stephen recalls walking into the room to almost a stunned silence, "I'm Gladys Price's son" he said. "Did you play "FOR" the Army" one PTI said. "No I played "IN" the Army, a slight difference; however Gladys had introduced Stephen to a great set of friends, who idolized Gladys (or Glad as they called her).

Around 1998 - 1999 Gladys and Barry decided to retire. They bought a camper trailer and

planned to go all over the UK and parts of Europe. Unfortunately Barry was diagnosed with an incurable cancer which eventually took Barry away from Gladys in October 2002. These were distraught times for Gladys and she was helped through these times by her circle of friends, and Angela, Madeleine and Stephen. She travelled all over the UK with the ramblers and organized coach tours. She travelled to Ireland, Italy, Austria, Switzerland, Germany, France, Belgium and Bromsgrove; she loved Bromsgrove. Her nickname in the family was Judith Chalmers "Have Passport will Travel". In 2012 Gladys gained a daughter-in-law, Maria. Liverpudlians and the Irish tend to get on well and Gladys welcomed Maria into the family.

Gladys moved back to Hewell Grange and began to take things a little easier, if you can call being a member of the church, Women's Institute, art classes and various afternoon teas with Maria, Angela, Madeleine and Julie, taking it easier! But Gladys liked to live life to the full and she did.

Angela and Madeleine would go on family days out with Gladys, and Gladys was partial to chunky chips and they would enjoy meals together. Madeleine's favourite characteristic of her Grandma was that Gladys would try to explain something funny but couldn't stop giggling even though Gladys hadn't finished her sentence, which infectiously made you smile too. Gladys also really appreciated the work that Angela and Joe did in the garden and decorating.

Gladys Price was a much loved lady; a much loved person; had a great sense of humour; people enjoyed her company, indomitable spirit and dry wit. She was a good friend; a true friend and it was a privilege to have known her; a wonderful woman and neighbour; she always had a smile on her face and never had a bad word to say about anyone; a dear person; a lovely genuine lady who always made you welcome; kind, thoughtful and generous with her time; a wonderful gentle and funny lady and will be sorely missed. These are the comments that are echoed through the myriad of condolence cards received by the family. The family would like to thank all of those who put pen to paper and agree wholeheartedly with the comments made.

**Thank you from the Price family.**

**N.B. Gladys was a wonderful flower arranger. Her Harvest arrangement appeared on the front cover of the November 2017 edition of our magazine.**





## Altar flowers rota 2019

Thanks so much to everyone who put flowers on the altar in 2018 and to those who have volunteered for 2019. The 2019 rota is now complete and will appear on the pillar at the back of church at the end of January. Jane Hall has a copy, so the slots for each month will also appear in the Parish Magazine. If you've forgotten which dates you volunteered for, do just give me a call!

If you meant to get a slot and didn't, or if you would like to be included in the rota, please just call me – a few people are willing to give up a slot if someone else would like it.

When it's your turn to do the flowers, please clear away the previous ones (so go equipped with a rubbish bag!) unless they are still in *really* good shape. In that case, please put the old flowers either at the bottom of the chancel steps, on the memorial altar or on the font. Any flowers you find older than these should be taken away, no matter what state they are in. You are welcome to borrow oases and containers from the two churchwardens' chests half-way down the north side of church, but please return them when you have finished. Containers from old flowers which do not belong in church can be left on the shelf at the back of church for their owner to collect.

Please don't feel you have to buy flowers - garden flowers are perfectly acceptable, as is a small bunch of flowers in a vase, rather than a formal arrangement. If you do use a container of your own, please label it so that it can be returned!

Many thanks,

Lucy Parkes 01527 871132



## December Quiz Answers: Christmas and New Year

1. John
2. Roy Wood
3. Sheep (shepherds' flocks)
4. Arthur Christmas
5. Turkey
6. 26th December
7. William the Conqueror
8. Western Samoa
9. Aled Jones
10. An angel gets its wings
11. Boughs of Holly
12. 6th January
13. They represented the three known continents, Asia, Africa and Europe
14. The London Eye
15. Princes Street
16. Mike Yarwood
17. Scrooge
18. Sandringham

## Sidesmen Rota

### 3<sup>rd</sup> February

11.00am - E Price and P Hopkins  
6.00pm - P Hopkins

### 10<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am - D Hall  
11.00am - J Oldaker and L Parkes  
6.00pm - M Price

### 17<sup>th</sup> February

11.00am - D Stubbings and V Mackenzie  
6.00pm - P Hopkins

### 24<sup>th</sup> February

8.00am - G R Underhill  
11.00am - V Richardson and P Hopkins  
6.00pm - T Powell



3<sup>rd</sup> February - Joe Hall

15<sup>th</sup> February - Karen Barnett

21<sup>th</sup> February - Andrew Mason



14<sup>th</sup> February

Michael & Elizabeth Price

## Rotas

If you are unable to fulfil your duties, please arrange a swap

Thank you

## Flower Rota



### 3<sup>rd</sup> February

Rosalind Chambers

### 10<sup>th</sup> February

Jane Oldaker

### 17<sup>th</sup> February

Pat Hopkins

### 24<sup>th</sup> February

Jane Hall

## Parish Registers Dec 2018 & Jan 2019

### Baptisms



### Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> December

Megan Elizabeth Rose CORRIGAN

### Funerals



### Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> December

Robert Alexander SWANN

### Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup> January

Vera May WRIGHT

### Monday 7<sup>th</sup> January

Graham Aubrey HALL

### Wednesday 16<sup>th</sup> January

Gladys Maureen Price



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## Webheath Digital Photography Club

Towards the end of last year on November 12 we had an entertaining evening with a show of Members' Audio-visuals. There was a wide variety of subject matter to fill the evening from USA holidays to local scenes.

The following week saw a welcome return of Dave Maries and his model demonstrating some of the finer points of portraiture, using flash in various ways. All Members had a chance to try their hand at this often challenging format.



On November 26 Members had the opportunity to show off their mono-chrome images. It was not a dull night, despite the title! For example Alan Hitchcock chose to use some architectural studies from Coventry which had caught his eye, this one of the roof cupola and car park on the covered market, using a wide angle lens with converging verticals to match the structure of the cupola itself above the market.



December's first meeting was, as usual, set aside for the selection of the Club's "Image of the Year" from those submitted by Members. The judge this year was Terry Livesey. The general feeling was that he had been enthusiastic in his comments, perhaps hard on the images (although they were offered as the best of the year in a competition intended to be tough) but fair. Runner-up was Dennis

Moore's "Paperweight Galaxy", a close-up study of a paperweight with its bubbles lit in a most imaginative way. The winner was Richard Freail's "Move Over", with its colourful tree frogs vying for space on the branch.

The final meeting of the year in the Village Hall was "My Year in Eight Images" which allowed Members to show what had given them most pleasure, either in the location the subject or its subsequent treatment. As usual there was a wide variety on offer.



The year ended on the last Monday before Christmas with a social evening at a local inn, complete with crackers and paper hats.

At the AGM on 7 January the Chairman summarised what had been a quite successful year in 2018 and thanked Members for their contributions as Committee members or as Club members. The Secretary outlined the programme for 2019, noting some interesting speakers and parts of the programme intended to reflect their topics. The Treasurer outlined the Club's finances. After the elections for 2019, awards were presented for Image of the Year (see above), Photographer of the Year (Graeme Tozer) with Graham Bastock in second place and Ruth Martin third, who came first after handicapping had been applied. Well done all Members!

The Village Hall, Webheath, is our usual venue on Monday evenings at 7:30, except Bank Holidays and through Christmas and the New Year. Our range of external speakers is chosen to reflect both the technical and artistic aspects of photography. 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. During the summer the members may be away from the hall on location for an organised evening photoshoot. Our Club website is [webheathdpc.com](http://webheathdpc.com) where you can find details, such as how to contact us, our programme for 2019 and more. You can also find us on Facebook as Webheath Digital Photography Club and [www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC](http://www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC) will also find us. And our gallery of prints on the wall by Wilko's in the shopping centre will soon be refreshed with new images – perhaps by the time you read this!

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Solution next month

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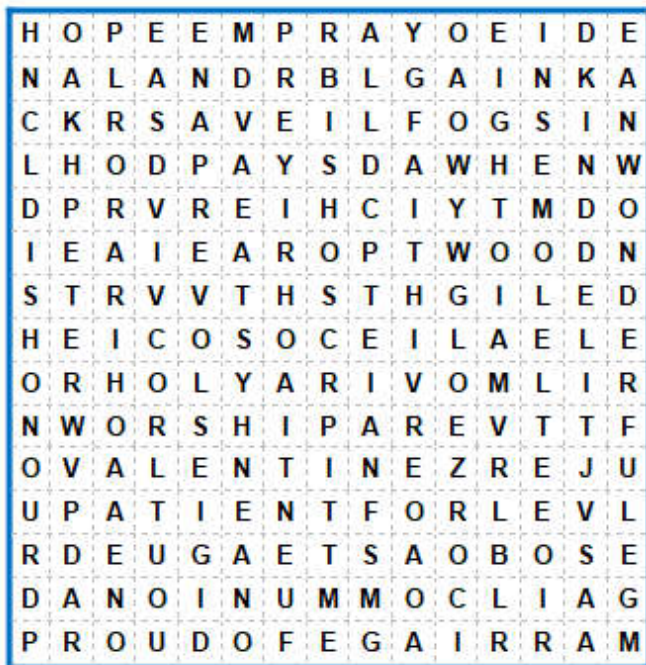
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# Word Search

Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonour others, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. Love never fails.

## 1 Corinthians 13: 4-8



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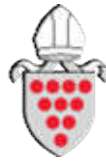
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*Words to be found may be forward, backward, vertical or diagonal within the puzzle*

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## **A New Year Message from the Bishop of Worcester**

As we embark upon 2019, our country is in an unprecedented state, one giving rise to much anxiety, in which we are faced with the most significant of decisions for at least a generation. As the Brexit debate continues, it is very unclear what the future will hold. It is not only parliament that is very divided, we are divided as a country. The referendum, which was supposed to settle the issue, seems to have given rise to hostility as well as division.

In situations such as these, I find the words of Psalm 46, which have given solace to people for thousands of years, of great relevance: 'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear.'

Whether or not we feel able to put our trust in God, one thing is clear: there is an overriding need for us to come together as a nation in this coming year and beyond. Reconciliation is at the heart of the Christian faith: Christ came to reconcile us to God and to one another. Human reconciliation is essential for the well-being of our society, the communities within it and ourselves. whether or not we have faith.

I hope and pray that we shall all be able to work for that reconciliation and the common good in the months ahead.

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