

# Tardebigge and Bentley Parish Magazine

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## **Church Services**

### **Sunday 2nd February (Presentation of Christ)**

11.00am Traditional Holy Communion **with Sunday Funday**

6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 9th February (3 Before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 16th February (2 Before Lent)**

9.30am **Family Communion** at *St. Mary's*

11.00am **Family Service**

6.00pm Evensong

### **Sunday 23rd February (Before Lent)**

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evensong

### **Ash Wednesday - Services**

10.00am at *St. Stephen's, Redditch town centre &*

7.30pm at *St. Leonard's, Beoley*

### **Sunday 1st March (Lent 1)**

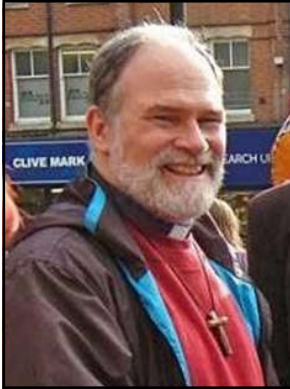
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# February



**From Richard, the Team Rector**



Every Church has a mission which was given to us by Christ:  
*“Go into all the world and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all I have commanded you” (Matthew 28:19-20a)*

Our Church Mission Statement, as established by the PCC, expresses our way of helping to fulfil this goal:

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

New ways of being church have been tried to reach people who are not unsympathetic to Christianity but are not comfortable engaging with the faith through traditional patterns of worship. These new forms of ministry are known as “Pioneer Ministry” or Fresh Expressions of Church”. The Church of England has incorporated this approach into some of its thinking and practice.

The Tardebigge contribution to this movement is Café Church. Café Church is really a breakfast church as food is available before the main meeting at 9.30am. It is a means to reach people who find it difficult to bridge the gap between their usual way of life and attending a formal service in a church building. An increasing proportion of the population have not been brought up in church, and while the children who attend Tardebigge School are comfortable in a church building, their parents are usually less comfortable and, of course, most of our parishioners never attended Tardebigge School.

Our meeting, held in the Church Hall, has suddenly taken off in the second half of 2019, but is unable to grow any larger without having more than one meeting or changing where it meets. What a wonderful problem to have! And so, on Second and Fourth Sundays, we have Holy Communion at 8am followed by coffee in the Hall, followed by Café Church at 9.30am.



Our children's attendances per month has risen during 2019. Sunday mornings is not a good time slot to reach children over the age of six as there are too many competing activities so the rise in children's attendance in 2019 is especially commendable, but it is important to do all we can to share the faith with parents as they are the ones that make the decisions about what meetings and activities their children attend.

The type of service we attend is of less importance than our relationship with God. Whatever age we are, and whatever type of service we prefer, the Lord does not look upon the outward appearance; he looks upon the heart (1 Samuel 16:7). Lent begins on February 26<sup>th</sup>; there is no better time to renew our relationship with God and decide how best to increase the amount of time we set aside in our lives to worship him, and to use our time and talents in his service.

*Richard*

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**Verse for the Month**

**Unless the Lord builds the house,  
the builders labour in vain.  
Unless the Lord watches over the city,  
the guards stand watch in vain.**

**Psalm 127: 1**



# **2020 Annual Meetings for St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's Churches**

The Annual Meetings for our Churches will take place on

**Tuesday 7th April 2020**

in Tardebigge Church Hall, as follows:

## **7.30pm: 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.

## **7.45pm: 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 9 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.)
- The election of 2 members of the PCC to represent the parish on the Deanery Synod.

Nomination forms for the positions of Churchwarden, Deanery Synod Representative 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 from 7.10pm**

**All are welcome, so do come along – your parish needs you!**

# Wardens' World

February 2020



Although it may seem late, it is our first chance in the Parish Magazine to wish you a Happy New Year, and after the turbulence of 2019 let us all hope that 2020 proves a calmer year, in which we can concentrate on our parish community and environment, especially the beautiful one around St. Mary's and St. Bartholomew's! We're looking forward to working on that already, with the Plant Sale already booked for May 30<sup>th</sup>, and the date for the Tardebigge Show set: September 12<sup>th</sup>. There are more details elsewhere in the magazine.

And while you're noting those dates in your diary, also put down Tuesday April 7<sup>th</sup> - our Annual Meeting! We may all be somewhat tired of votes and elections after last year, but this one really counts – your once-in-a year chance to elect the parish's management, or even stand as a candidate and help run things for a year. Again, see more details in this magazine. This will be Chris's penultimate Wardens' World, as after six years he will not be standing again as Churchwarden at the Annual Meeting, and will not be continuing as Acting Treasurer. Sad as it will be to leave, it will enable him to concentrate more on his role at the cathedral, and his probable impending move with Lucy to Hereford will make it impossible to carry on, and he would love to be able to hand the baton on to someone able to carry on the good work. It's a great role and exceptionally interesting. Even if you don't want to commit to a full-time role, please consider helping you can help with any of these smaller jobs:



- Building maintenance, including repairs, utilities, heating, plumbing and electrical systems, signage, changing light bulbs, health and safety, security, management of architect, steplejacks, cleaners, contractors etc.
- Churchyard and car park maintenance and supervision, management of groundsman, tree surgeons etc., picking litter and emptying waste bins
- Property management, including rents, tenant arrangements, building repairs and maintenance, utilities and meter readings
- Event management

If you want more information on any of this before committing yourself, please talk to Chris (07825 749767), to Rev. Richard Clark, Jane or any current member of the PCC.

**Chris and Jane**

**Parish Safeguarding Officer: Sarah Carless (07789 174099)**  
Email [sarah@doff.org.uk](mailto:sarah@doff.org.uk)

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## Listening Service

For further information on our Listening Service please contact Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser Hilary Higton  
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# 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).



**Come and join the Evergreens for  
the 3 Cs -**

**Coffee, Cake (homemade) and a  
Chat**

in the Church Hall on Monday 17<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

Raffle

**ALL are welcome**

Need a lift? Please contact Vivien (0121 445 1245)

## The Evergreens Christmas Lunch December 2019



On Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December, a cheerful group of twenty-eight gathered in the church hall for the Annual Evergreens Christmas Lunch.

The decorated tables and the tree added to the festive atmosphere as everyone tucked in to Angela's traditional sumptuous buffet lunch, which, as usual, was much appreciated and enjoyed by everyone. Several of the Christmas puddings had been made by members of the Spring Greens and were yummy!

Unfortunately, shortly before lunch, Mary became unwell – a great shame as she had done so much in advance – and she and Chris had to



leave. Thanks must go to everyone who helped, whether setting up the room, washing up or tidying up at the end of the meal, but particular thanks must go to Marion and Lucy who stepped in to help serve, after Mary left.



Judging from the



noise and the laughter, everyone enjoyed themselves and went on their way at the end of the afternoon with a gift of a hyacinth in bud.



**Remember** there will be an Evergreens Coffee Morning in the Church Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February from 10.30am – 12.30pm and for £2 you can drink as much tea or coffee as you like and enjoy home-made cake. There will be a raffle. (Please see the advert elsewhere in the Magazine.) We look forward to seeing you there.



**Vivien and Mary**

## Tardebigge Plant Sale – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> May, 11 am

Jean Harper has kindly agreed to help me organize this year's Plant Sale – as many of you know, Chris and I are planning to move to Hereford some time this year, so this will be the last time I'm involved.

Please put the date in your diary right away – it's a little later than usual this year, but Jean and I hope this means that more plants will be ready to donate! Due to the closure and sale of Hewell Grange open prison, there will sadly be nothing from its walled garden this year, so we really need you to come up trumps with your plants this year, please!

At our annual Plant Sale, Church Lawn becomes a thriving market-place for plants grown by parishioners and their friends; there are tables for garden tools and other sundries, a raffle and refreshments served in the Church Hall.

We are always delighted with any well-established plant, whether from a cutting, from a divided perennial or from freshly-sown seed - as well as any garden equipment you find when clearing out the shed or greenhouse during spring-cleaning!

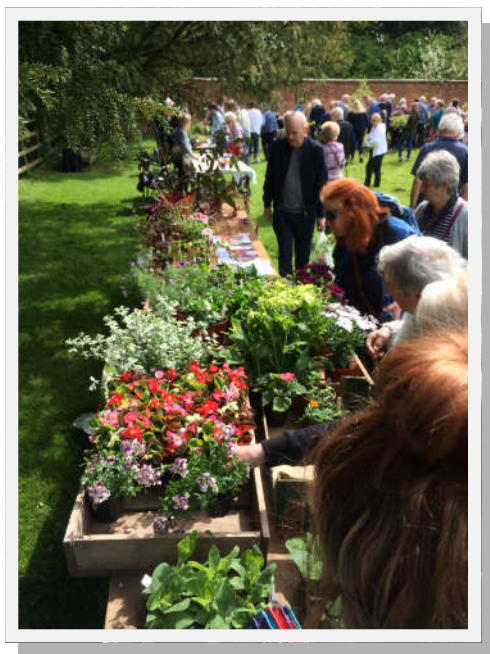
Even if you can't grow us anything, join the fun by manning a stall on the day, baking us a cake for refreshments, providing a raffle prize or helping set up and price the evening before.

This is always a lovely, friendly event to raise money to support our churches of St Mary's and St Bartholomew's - so do get involved!

**If you regularly help, would you please contact us as soon as possible to let us know whether or not you will be available this year?** Jean and I will start phoning round in March/April, but it would be a big help if you could beat us to it!

Lucy Parkes 01527 871132  
[ljparkes@btinternet.com](mailto:ljparkes@btinternet.com)

Jean Harper 01527 876436



This year, St. Philip's, Webheath celebrates its 150th anniversary.

The land for the church was given by Richard Hemming of Bentley Manor, and building was commissioned by Lady Harriet, Baroness of Hewell, at a cost of £3,000. The foundation stone was laid by Canon Dickens, Vicar of Tardebigge.



St. Philip's Church, Webheath

Do you have any photos, memories, or information about the church you'd be happy to share and be on display in St. Philip's? If so, please contact Rev. Richard Clark or take them to the Coffee Morning at Webheath Church on Saturday 15th February from 10.00am.



*Photo: Setting off from St. Philip's to St. Mary's, Lower Bentley..... (What year?)*

## Annual Magazine subscriptions

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(contact details inside back cover)**

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## March Magazine

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

**[contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk](mailto:contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk) by FRIDAY 14th February**

## Celestial Corner

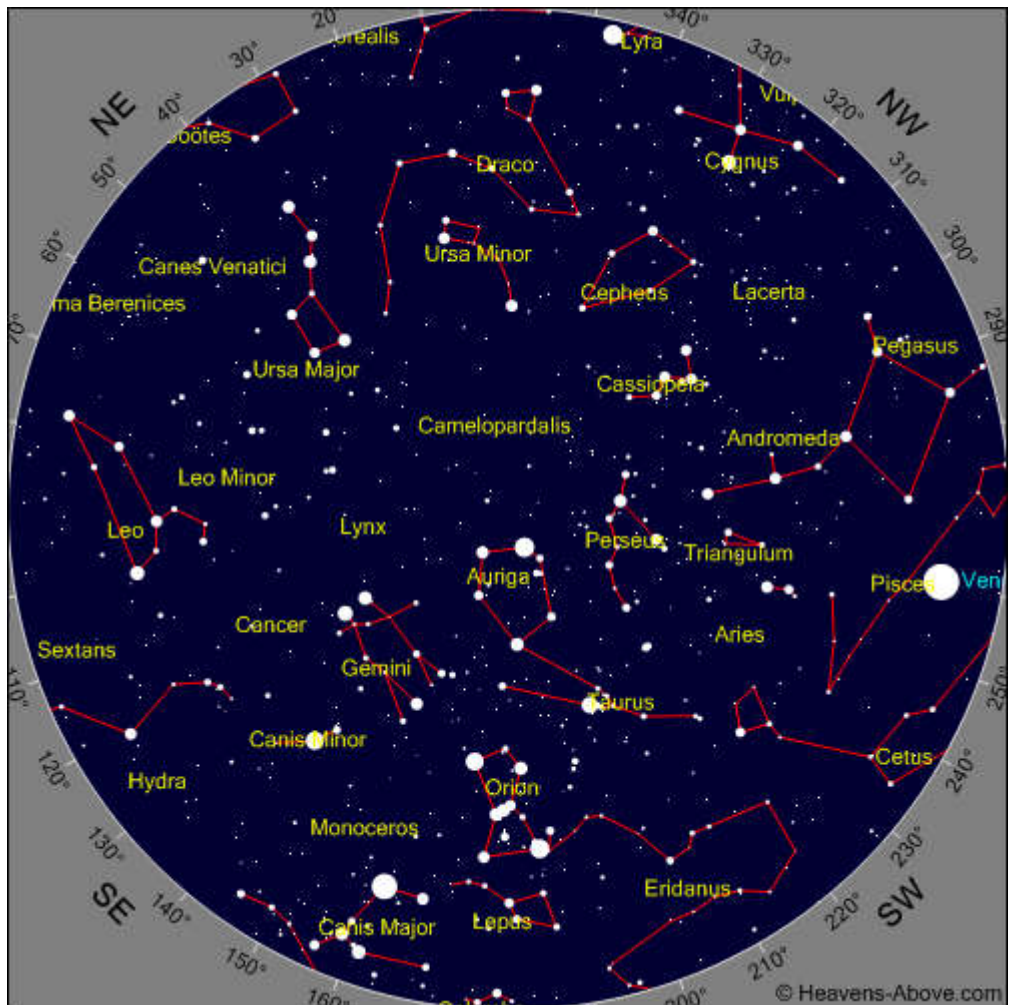
I hope you all had a happy Christmas and that 2020 will be a a happy and healthy year for you all. To begin on a happy note, February 1<sup>st</sup> the first day of spring in the solar cycle, what the ancient Britains called “Imbolc”. Already there are signs that mother nature is awakening from her winter slumber with the appearance of snowdrops, “the Fair Maids of February”, and other early blooms. The days are getting longer and so hopefully the weather will begin to improve and our spirits will be lifted from the “January blues”! However, the month is known as “February fill dyke” so we can not rule out some dreary wet days as well as any snow melt to fill the ditches!

As far as the night sky is concerned we still have Orion and his bright companions dominating the scene in the South. However, the most striking object is the brilliant Venus in the West, still visible at 8pm on the 14th and as both Venus and the Sun are climbing the ecliptic, at sunset Venus will be pretty high in the sky. Remember that Venus emerged from behind the Sun and is now catching us up on our respective travels along our orbits. Mercury is also an evening object and will be found low in the WSW soon after sunset at around 6pm. No other planets are visible in the evening so we will come back to Orion and Co.

You may remember that Orion is one of the “signposts” of the sky, a phrase coined by the late Sir Patrick Moore. This is because a) It is a bright, easily recognisable constellation and b) it can be used to point the way to others. The most obvious feature is his “belt”, made up of three stars in a line. Below the belt we see his brightest star, blue/white “Rigel”, a massive hot star which marks Orion’s left ankle, (imagine his left leg bent as if climbing a step!). Above the belt lies Alpha Orionis, “Betelgeuse”, slightly orange in colour. Betelgeuse is a red giant, a star that is nearing the end of it’s life. Actually Rigel is brighter than Betelgeuse, but is only catalogued as Beta Orionis, so either the ancient Greek astronomers got it wrong, or Betelgeuse has faded over time. Those of you who have watched the Harry Potter films will recognise the next name, Bellatrix, (Bellatrix Le’Strange was one of the death eaters in the Harry potter series) “Bellatrix” is the name of the star opposite Betelgeuse and marks Orion’s left shoulder.

The other star worth noting is “Saiph” to the left of Rigel marking Orion’s right knee. Draw an imaginary line from Rigel through Betelgeuse and you will come to the two stars Pollux and Castor in Gemini (the twins). A line from right to left through the belt will point to Sirius, the brightest star in the sky, in Canis Major (the large dog). Sirius is another name Harry Potter fans will recognise as the name of the friend of Harry’s parents, Sirius Black. Draw the line the other way (from left to right as we see it) and you come to Aldebaran, in Taurus ( the bull), another red giant. A line from Rigel through the left hand star of the belt brings us to Procyon in Canis Minor (the little dog).

Finally, a line from Saiph through Bellatrix and curving slightly left will find Capella in Auriga (the charioteer), almost overhead. Besides the bright nebular M42 and it's twin M43 there are three others but all are below naked eye visibility, two lie close to the left star of the belt one of which is known as the "Dark horses head" nebula as it contains a dust cloud shaped like a knight in chess, which cuts out all light behind it. Long exposure photos of the region show a great deal of nebulosity around the top and down the left side of Orion as we look at it. At the feet of Orion is the constellation of Lepus (the hare), a small constellation that contains a faint globular cluster, M79.



## News from School



The few weeks leading up to Christmas were really busy as the children rehearsed their Christmas plays: Our Reception children's nativity was the first production which was really well received. A few days later was the performance by Key Stage 1 (Years 1 & 2) and finally it was the turn of Key Stage 2 (Years 3 & 4) whose evening performance in church was atmospheric. All performances were excellent thanks to all the hard work by the staff and of course our talented pupils.

Friends of Tardebigge School (FOTS) organised a wonderful Christmas Fayre which was held in school on Saturday 7th December. The variety of stalls and all the hard work and support by all involved, raised £2248.18 which will benefit our pupils.

Our annual Christmas Jumper Day was held on Wednesday 18th December (the same day as the Christmas lunch) and we asked that any donations received would be in aid of the Cherish Fund, and used specifically for supporting children in Uganda. (In October Mary and Sheila came to talk to pupils in Years 3 and 4 about the work of a clinic in Namusaala, Uganda which they are very much involved with. The clinic does amazing work supporting disabled children. The Cherish Fund supports this clinic). Our Christmas Jumper Day raised an amazing £93.08. The charity will let us know how this money is spent.

This half term the Christian/ home school value we are focussing on is 'respect'. We are exploring how this value permeates throughout everything we do at school.

J.E.H

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Head Teacher: Julie Cutler





## **Church Legacy**

**A lasting gift to Tardebigge Parish**



'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.  
But the greatest of these is love.'

1 Corinthians 13: 13



'Where your treasure is, there your heart  
will be also. Luke 12: 34

### **A lasting gift to St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's**

Once you have made provision for your loved ones, you have the opportunity to make a lasting gift to God, by leaving a legacy to His church. A gift in your Will to the church is one of the most valuable and lasting ways you can continue to support its mission and ministry in the community.

A gift can be an expression of your gratitude and thanksgiving towards God, and can help keep the parish and transform its future. We would be most grateful to receive:

- Legacies which can be used for the general purposes of Tardebigge Parish.
- Legacies specifically for mission and children's work.

*N.B. If legacies are restricted, the money cannot be used for anything other than that specified.*



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If you would like to talk to someone in confidence about setting up a legacy for Tardebigge, please contact one of the Church Wardens.

Alternatively you can contact the National Legacy Officer,  
at the Church of England on 08445 870875

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**Vicar:** Rev. David Copley; **Reader:** Mr Peter Frowley

**Church Wardens:** Mr W P Beck and Mr F H Gateley

**PCC Secretary:** Mr H G Kidwell **PCC Treasurer:** Mr E V Sadler

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### **How much does a Grecian Urn?**

There is nothing original about that remark. The crack has been made before; and cracks in the Tardebigge Church urns might have brought the house down if the urns had fallen through the roof.

Now they are safely on the ground without injury to anyone, and the children of the school recorded their descent in on the spot drawings, complete with men on the ground shouting up orders to strong nerved men (who never let a drop pass their lips while they are working) poised between heaven and earth. It was the Diocesan Architect who told us that three of the urns were in a dangerous condition, and something must be done about them before one of them landed on somebody's head.

Different opinions have been expressed by local people as to what to do now. But we have been advised that urns should be placed in position again as they were part of the original architect's design and are an intrinsic part of the building, so we have decided in the end that we should abide by that advice. We are not going to replace the same urns, but are having fibre glass ones made which, suitable stained, will look from the ground just like the old stone ones. This is going to cost about £600.

A gentleman who was speaking to me recently about the replacement of the urns said if by the end of March I could get eleven other people to contribute £50 each he would give me £50 towards the work. Another gentleman who was in the room and heard this offer, immediately said he would do the same.

Are there other friends of Tardebigge Church, who love the building and what goes in it and from it, who would do the same; or give £25, or £10, or something which they feel they could afford?

I have not made a direct appeal before for anything to do with repairs to the Church, but with the kind offers of these two friends before me, must do so in this case.

Here and now I acknowledge also the kindness of the family of the late Philip Hill, killed some weeks ago in a motor cycle accident, who, although nothing had been said to them about it by me, asked their friends at the funeral to contribute something towards the repairs. What was given came to £34. I do thank them again that in their own great sadness they should have thought of helping us in this way.

**David Copley**

# 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!

**Jane Hall**

On Monday 16th December we had a really enjoyable Christmas craft session led by Jaquii.

Following a lovely Christmas card making session December 2018, Jaquii kind offered to come again to show us (and give us ideas) how to make Christmas cards for 2019. I'm sure you'll agree that our creations (pictured below) look very professional.

**J.H.**





**Our Christingle  
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23rd December 2019**



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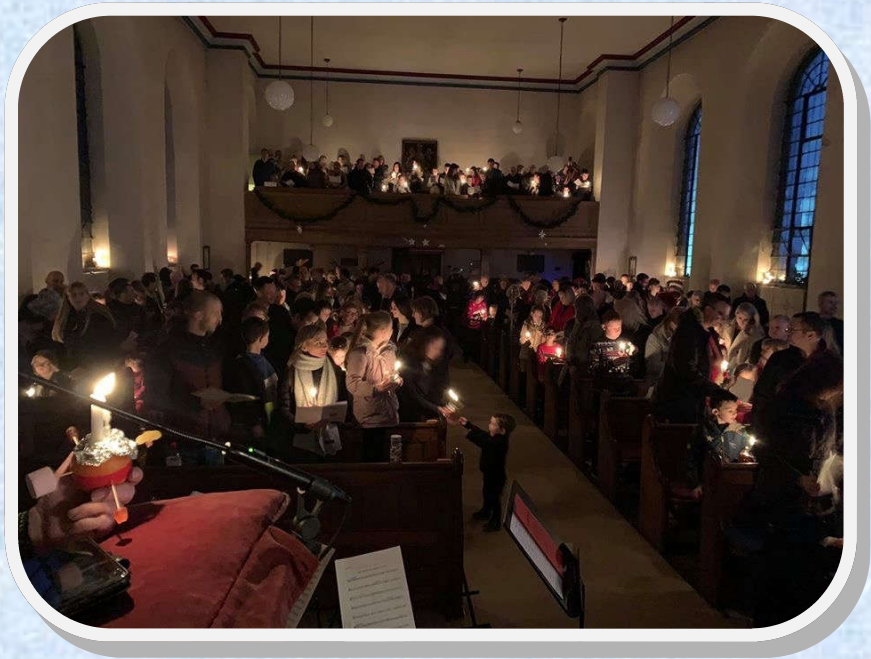
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**Christmas Eve 2019**



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## Labour Exploitation is Modern Day Slavery

Saturday 8th February 2020

The Ark, St Laurence Church,

School Lane, Alvechurch, B48 7SB.

9:45am for teas and coffees for 10:00am start. 1:00pm close.

A morning sponsored by Faith at Work in Worcestershire, to raise awareness of the current issue of modern slavery and human trafficking. Modern slavery and exploitation is found throughout our economy, including in rural areas. This event will be of interest to anyone concerned and wanting to learn how to respond safely and effectively, should they ever find themselves coming across signs of such exploitation. The morning will be led by Vicki Ridgewell and Karen Perry of West Mercia Police, Exploitation and Vulnerability Team.

**Tickets available from:**

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Email: [comms@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:comms@faithatwork.org.uk)

Phone: 01905 621 780

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## Tardebigge Show

The date for this year's show is Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> September 2020, so do put the date in your diary now.



There will be a meeting in the Church Hall on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February at 7.30pm for anyone wishing to be involved in any way at all: setting up/packing away; arranging and managing car parking; tickets on the gate; running or helping on a stall.... the list is endless.

We are pleased that many people who were involved last year have already committed to doing so again this year, but we'd love to get more people and families involved with new ideas.

We were blessed with a glorious sunny day last year and with your input and help, we look forward to another successful community event in September.

### **Tardebigge Show Meeting**

**Monday 17<sup>th</sup> February**

**7.30pm in the Church Hall**

**All Welcome**



On Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> January, Martin Gorick was consecrated as Bishop of Dudley by the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby.

*Both are pictured after the ceremony*

## Sidespersons Rota

### **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

11.00am - E Price and V Richardson

6.00pm - P Hopkins

### **9<sup>th</sup> February**

8.00am - D Hall

11.00am - D Stubbings and P Hopkins

6.00pm - M Price

### **16<sup>th</sup> February**

11.00am - L Parkes and J Oldaker

6.00pm - P Hopkins

### **23<sup>rd</sup> February**

8.00am - G R Underhill

11.00am - V Mackenzie and P Hopkins

6.00pm - T Powell

### **1<sup>st</sup> March**

11.00am - E Price and V Richardson

6.00pm - P Hopkins

### **8<sup>th</sup> March**

8.00am - D Hall

11.00am - D Stubbings and P Hopkins

6.00pm - M Price



### **14<sup>th</sup> February**

Elizabeth & Michael Price

## Flower Rota



### **2<sup>nd</sup> February**

Ros Chambers

### **9<sup>th</sup> February**

Vivien Mackenzie

### **16<sup>th</sup> February**

Jane Oldaker

### **23<sup>rd</sup> February**

Pat Hopkins

### **1<sup>st</sup> March**

Lent (no flowers)

### **8<sup>th</sup> March**

Lent (no flowers)



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

Joe Hall

### **15<sup>th</sup> February**

Karen Barnett





## **Thoughts in a Garden**

Sitting at peace in the quiet of the garden  
Dreaming the dreams of a mother and wife,  
Cuddling the baby, my small blue eyed daughter.  
Wondering just what she will do with her life.

Dreaming the dreams of a middle-aged woman  
Whose first born has married and flown from the nest,  
Yet still holding her place in the hearts of her parents,  
As loved and as precious as each of the rest.

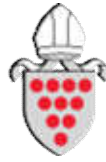
Breathing a prayer in the quiet of the garden  
Of thanks for my husband and days that are past,  
Praying the love that has bound us together  
Will always be with us and forever will last.

Dreaming the dreams that belong to a grandmother  
Whose first baby grandson lives so far away,  
But who is already a part of the family  
To be prayed for and thought of each single day.

Sitting at ease in the quiet of the garden  
'Midst the scent and the signs of all growing things,  
Thanking the Lord for the gift of my children,  
For the joys and traumas a large family bring.

Thinking ahead in the quiet of the garden  
To when, with my husband, on some far future day,  
I will be able, God willing, to relax in the knowledge  
We have brought up our family in the best possible way.

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## **A Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley**

Lent will soon be upon us, with its opportunities for taking up spiritual disciplines for a season, doing those things which we know deep down are good for our spiritual health, but often struggle to commit to. Our culture is increasingly short-term, getting people to sign up for anything which stretches indefinitely into the future is challenging, but most of us can manage something for six weeks. And the good news is, research shows it takes about six weeks to form a habit!

So which Lenten discipline might we consider in 2020? What is going to be of most benefit for our growth as disciples of Jesus, as kingdom people? For some of us it may be good to take up something new, like joining a Lent study group in our church, or committing to daily bible readings in one of the many excellent resources available. Others will want to fast from something for the entire season, or a day a week. This may be physical fasting from food, or alcohol or chocolate, or perhaps a lifestyle fast, cutting out social media or TV. The key thing is that all these disciplines serve to help us focus more on God, making some space in our lives to pray and listen to him. Perhaps we may simply want to do something we are already doing, but more intentionally and regularly, with more focus, giving a little more time and effort to it.

Discipline is hard work! If our souls, bodies or minds are not stretched by our Lenten endeavours, we are probably not being disciplined enough. I am learning a great deal about physical discipline as I undertake training for running my first marathon at the end of April. The fact that so many lovely supporters are sponsoring me to raise funds for the Children's Society means I have further incentive to keep going, but on a cold and wet day, getting my running shoes on is all about discipline, mind over matter, doing what I have committed to, however it feels. Sometimes it is inconvenient, sometimes it hurts, but I know that I have to keep going, or I will never complete the race before me.

Often when I run, God reveals to me how spiritual disciplines can be similar to physical ones. Routine, habit, consistency are all the staples for health and fitness whether that is in our physical or spiritual life. I will be praying on my ever-longer runs, and using that space away from the phone and email to build my relationship with God, asking him to show me where I need better patterns in my spiritual disciplines to grow closer to him.

My hope is that my new running regime won't stop at the London Marathon finish line, and that (after a suitable rest!), I will maintain my new level of fitness. I hope and pray too that all of us who take up new spiritual disciplines for Lent will build healthy habits which stay with us and help us mature as followers of Jesus will beyond Holy Week. Just like my running, they will require effort, and also appropriate rest!

**Nikki Groarke**

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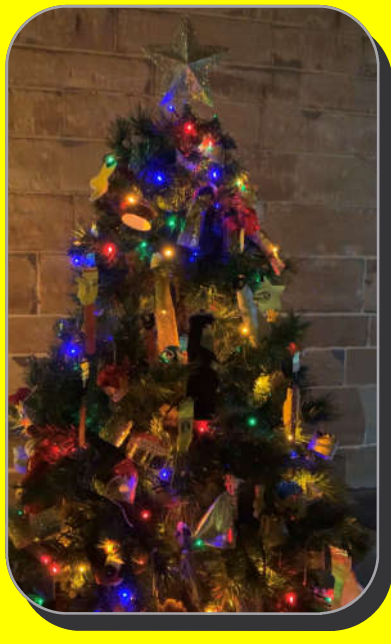


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**“The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it”**

**John 1: 5**

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## **Anagrams: Asian Countries**

- |                |                        |                            |
|----------------|------------------------|----------------------------|
| 1. I met van   | 6. A coma bid          | 11. A thin lad             |
| 2. Ear posing  | 7. Rank sail (2 words) | 12. Oh our steak (2 words) |
| 3. Adios nine  | 8. As a thin fang      | 13. Go oilman              |
| 4. Main ear    | 9. Alias May           | 14. Nips hip pile          |
| 5. Hang blades | 10. Utter kinsmen      |                            |



**Registers in  
December & January**

**Baptism**



**15th December**  
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**Funerals**



**3rd December**  
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**8th January**  
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**Burial of Ashes**



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## Bentley Pauncefoot WI

Members were reunited at the January Meeting having celebrated the Christmas season well on all levels. We changed the format of our usual festive gathering in December by meeting for lunch at the Dodford Inn. This proved very successful as we enjoyed a delicious meal and were entertained by members of the committee (who wish to remain nameless.....with good reason!). Their version of Cinderella will not win any Baftas, but it did cause a great deal of laughter. Hoping to pick up some tips from genuine thespians, some ladies and their partners went to see Pinocchio at the Artrix. Bentley members also went to the group carol service and collected toys for the Salvation Army appeal. Some of us also did a kind of reverse Advent Calendar for a local food bank. Instead of opening a "window" every day, we put an item of food or a basic toiletry article in a box to be delivered in January.

As for 2020, we are looking forward to a variety of activities as diverse as the group quiz evening and a visit to the Recycling Centre in Worcester. We also have a full programme of meetings.

- **March 10<sup>th</sup>** Philip Bowen-The Gunpowder Plot  
Group Meeting Bentley WI hosts local WIs
- **April 14<sup>th</sup>** Members Evening
- **May 12<sup>th</sup>** Resolutions
- **June 9<sup>th</sup>** Shirley Knight-The Salvation Army
- **July 14<sup>th</sup>** Richard Churchley- Murder and manslaughter and strange deaths in Worcestershire
- **August 11<sup>th</sup>** Social Evening
- **September 8<sup>th</sup>** Philip Bowen-Bromsgrove High School at War
- **October 13<sup>th</sup>** Dee Woolford-Jumping Clay
- **November 10<sup>th</sup>** AGM and Produce Show
- **December 8<sup>th</sup>** Christmas Party

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## Webheath Digital Photography Club

The Club held its AGM on 6 January in the Village Hall. A good year's activities were reported for 2019 and the Club had an encouraging intake of keen new members.

Catching up with the Club's activities of last year we had our annual quiz night on 11 November. Our quiz masters tried to control five teams with a barrage of photography based questions. The eventual winners, with 110 points, were the Webheath Snappers but no team was disgraced and Graeme and Graham received hearty congratulations for their efforts.



On 18 November we saw a good selection of AudioVisuals from our members. Topics chosen covered a wide range from scenic to animals to abstract. It was good to see the contributions from our newer members. A most entertaining and well filled evening.



The next Monday we saw members' Interpretations of "The Seasons" with classic scenes and new ideas. We had winter snow in Studley Road and summer snow in Yosemite. "Crab Apple Blossom" by Keith Waldron seemed to capture the mood nicely.

The competition for the Image of the Year was judged on 2 December by Ian Thompson. As well as technical quality he said he was looking for images which he liked. From sixty five images he selected Graham Bastock's "Boats at Dawn" as the winner. The prize for new members went to Paul Widdowson for his "Sunset in Venice".

The following week members showed their personal choice of six images which had made their year, either because of the technical aspect or the simple pleasure the image





gave. As can be imagined the range of topics and treatments was really too wide to illustrate with any examples.

The year was rounded off on 16 December with a social evening at a local pub. "A good time was had by all". Photo by Ellie Kears.



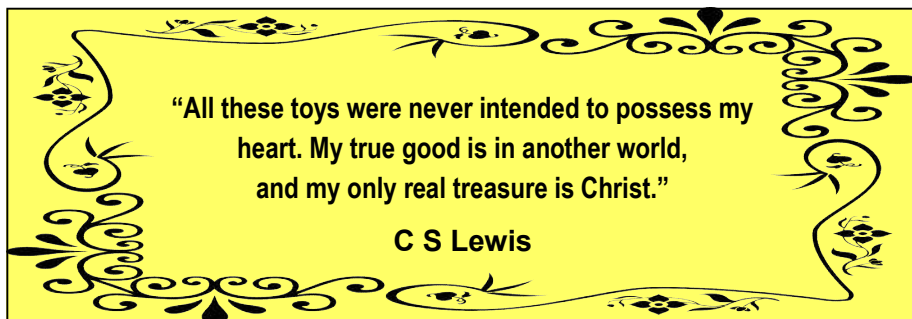
The programme for 2020 is now out. It has a balanced mixture of the technical and artistic sides of photography with ten external speakers booked and space provided for members to share their own knowledge and experience. There will be the usual Club and external competitions against Kempsey, Solihull and Stourbridge and a good number of summer photoshoots.

February has two speakers, a welcome return by Carl Wright followed by Jon Jones. We are already into the competition season with the annual battle with Kempsey "at home" and the Club Spring Print competition.

The Village Hall, Webheath, is our usual venue on Monday evenings at 7:30, except Bank Holidays and through Christmas and the New Year. Anyone with an interest in digital photography is very welcome to come along to our regular meetings. The Club's website is [webheathdpc.com](http://webheathdpc.com) where you can find details, such as our programme and how to contact us. You can also find us on Facebook as Webheath Digital Photography Club and at [www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC](http://www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC).

P. Dewell February 2020

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## Christmas Quiz - Answers

1. Which animals are named as having been at Jesus birth? **None**
2. How many of the Four Gospels tell part of the story of Jesus birth? **Two: Matthew and Luke. Mark and John do not think the events of Jesus' birth are important enough to mention, although all four gospels give plenty of space to Good Friday and Easter Sunday.**
3. According to Luke's Gospel, does everybody get peace on earth? **No; only to those with whom God is pleased (Luke 2: 14).**
4. If Santa Claus is based on St Nicholas, what nationality is he? **Turkish.**
5. Roy Wood sang "I wish it could be Christmas every day" If it was, how many hours of daylight would we get: a) twelve b) ten c) eight d) six? **Eight.**
6. Who produced an album in November entitled Jesus is King? **Kanye West.**
7. There were Magi who visited Jesus, who in Medieval tradition were called the Three Kings. What do the three kings represent? **The three known continents; Africa, Europe and Asia.**
8. Which Christmas animation features attempts to get a Christmas present to a girl in a Cornish village? **Arthur Christmas.**
9. What is the link between the 1973 hit "Merry Xmas Everybody" and Ronnie Barker's character Fletcher in Porridge? **Slade. Ronnie Barker's character, Fletcher, was held at Slade prison and 'Merry Xmas Everybody' was Slade's 1973 Christmas number one.**
10. What is the link between Redditch, the surname Fletcher, and the planting of Yew trees in churchyards and elsewhere in the Middle Ages? **Arrow. Arrow is the river running through Redditch. Fletchers were arrow makers and Yew trees were planted because yew wood makes great long bows to fire arrows.**
11. What name links the Christmas film "it's a Wonderful Life" with "Star Trek: The Next Generation"? **Stewart. (James Stewart, Patrick Stewart).**
12. What happened to Alfie Moon, portrayed by Shane Ritchie, in Eastenders on Christmas Day 2018? **A furious clash with Hayley led to him getting pushed down the stairs and hitting his head on a carelessly placed log. Alfie is thought to be dead but survives.**
13. In which Christmas film, starring Michael Caine, does Gonzo play the part of a Victorian author? **Muppet Christmas Carol.**
14. Known as Christ's Thorn, which evergreen is also a popular girl's name, especially at Christmas? **Holly.**

15. Which saint and martyr is celebrated on the day after Christmas? **Stephen.**
16. What is the top race held annually at Kempton Park on Boxing Day? **King George V1 Steeplechase.**
17. Where do the Royal Family usually spend Christmas and New Year? **Sandringham.**
18. Turkeys originally came from the USA; which monarch who had frequent relationship issues is thought to be the first to have sampled it at Christmas? **Henry V111.**
19. What is the Scots word for the last day of the year and is synonymous with the celebration of the New Year in the Scottish manner? **Hogmanay.**
20. Chilly Disney film sequel out now: Elsa, her sister and friends, seek the source of her power. **Frozen 2.**

### **December Anagrams: Answers - Popular TV Programmes**

- |                      |                          |                                |
|----------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|
| 1. Eastenders        | 6. Only Fools and Horses | 11. The Great British Bake Off |
| 2. Match of the Day  | 7. Countdown             | 12. Strictly Come Dancing      |
| 3. Coronation Street | 8. Planet Earth          | 13. Antiques Roadshow          |
| 4. Game of Thrones   | 9. Fawlty Towers         | 14. Doc Martin                 |
| 5. Emmerdale         | 10. Line of Duty         | 15. World on Fire              |



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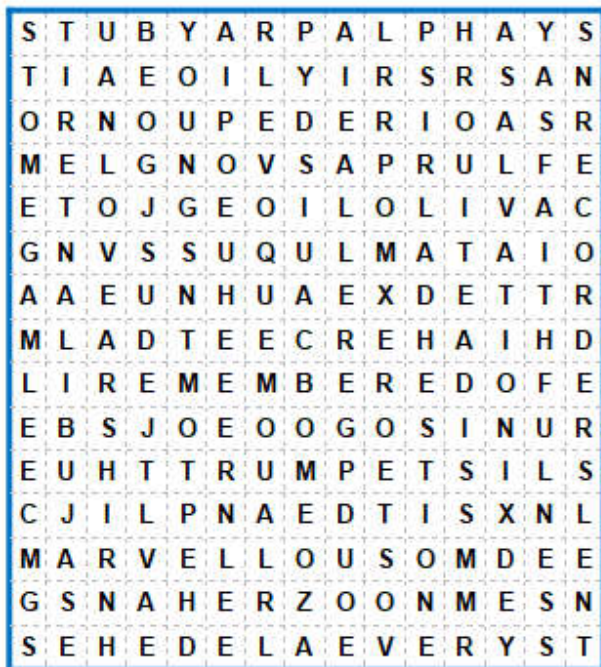
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7	1	3	4	8	9	5	2	6
4	8	5	6	3	2	7	9	1
9	3	2	8	4	1	6	7	5
6	5	4	9	7	3	2	1	8
8	7	1	2	6	5	9	4	3

Last month's solution

# Word Search

"Sing to the Lord a new song, for he has done marvellous things; his right hand and his holy arm have worked salvation for him. The Lord has made his salvation known and revealed his righteousness to the nations. He has remembered his love and his faithfulness to Israel; all the ends of the earth have seen the salvation of our God. Shout for joy to the Lord, all the earth, burst into jubilant song with music; make music to the Lord with the harp, with the harp and the sound of singing, with trumpets and the blast of the ram's horn - shout for joy before the Lord, the King. Let the sea resound, and everything in it, the world, and all who live in it."

**Psalm 98: 1-7**



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