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Church Services

Sunday 5th May

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

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

Sunday 12th May

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am Rogation Service at St. Mary's

11.00am **Family Service** at St. Bartholomew's

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 19th May

11.00am Holy Communion with **Sunday Funday**

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 26th May

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am **Worship For ALL**

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 2nd June

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

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

Verse for the Month

Death has been swallowed up in victory.

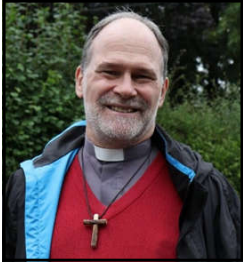
Where death is your victory? Where death is your sting?

1 Corinthians 15: 54b - 55

May



From Richard, the Team Rector

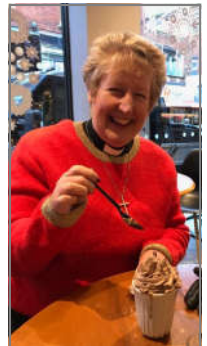


From Ascension (30th May) to Whit Sunday (Pentecost – 9th June) it is the Archbishops' Ten Days of Prayer, especially for evangelism. I hope you will take part by praying the Lord's Prayer daily, taking part in as many services as possible, and making a special effort to pray for those you know who do not put Jesus first in their lives. These are especially challenging times for the church in this diocese and deanery.

The Bishop of Worcester, along with our new diocesan secretary, has sent out a letter detailing how the diocese have ended up spending £1 million more than it received last year. There were several things that were shocking about this, most notably that we hadn't noticed before that something was amiss as our overspends had been rising for some years. While the amount being asked in Parish Share has continued to rise, the amount collected has not, to the extent that most of the churches in Worcester diocese failed to pay their parish share in full in 2018. Happily (and biblically) all the churches in this team ministry paid in full, by the grace of God.

As everyone in business or the voluntary and community sector knows, staff costs loom large when you are looking to make economies. In the Church, we cannot hire and fire in the manner of general society, and we don't want to in any case; the Church is on a recruitment drive to cover the significant number of clergy retirements due soon; not mine, you will be pleased or disappointed to hear! We want to have the funds to pay for more clergy – and the growing number of clergy pensions – so small cost cutting measures will hardly cut it when we are faced with such a gigantic deficit. Clergy numbers, and the way they are organised, will come under scrutiny by at least one of the four task force groups that have been set up to confront, and deal with, the deficit. It will increasingly be up to the laity to step up to run the churches day to day and to work to bring people to faith and grow congregations alongside their priests.

At the end of the month we say a sad farewell to our Assistant Curate, Allison Davies. It is so important that trainees have a positive training experience, and I would like to thank all those who have helped and encouraged Allison along the way. Eckington (and Besford, Defford and Overbury!) are very blessed that the Lord has sent her to them. Allison has been a joy to train and to work with and I am sure she will be a very good fit for her new benefice.



Meanwhile, the Rural Dean has been asked by the Archdeacon to give extra support to St John's, Greenlands. St John's do not have their own priest and the two full-time priests in the Ipsley team have been experiencing significant amounts of illness. It is a delight to report, therefore, that David Ford is due to become the Team Rector of Bromsgrove on June 17th, with special responsibility for All Saints and St Godwald's. I hope that, once he has settled in, that we might glean a little more help with services from those who have been committed to covering the interregnum.

Richard

31st March 2019



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An Announcement from the Bishop

The Bishop of Worcester is pleased to announce the appointment of The Revd Allison Davies as Vicar of the Benefice of Eckington and Defford cum Besford with Overbury.

Allison is currently Assistant Curate in the Benefice of Redditch, Holy Trinity with Tardebigge in this Diocese. She is married to Bob, who is retired and they have a daughter Megan who is a student at the University of Aberystwyth, and three older children who live away from home; Caroline, Alison and Robert.

Prior to ordination, Allison worked in senior roles in Human Resources at Stratford on Avon District and Birmingham City Council, and most recently in a Wholly Owned Company in Birmingham.

A date for the Institution will be confirmed shortly.

Please remember Allison and Bob in your prayers as they prepare to move.



Allison pictured with Bob and Megan at her ordination in June 2016

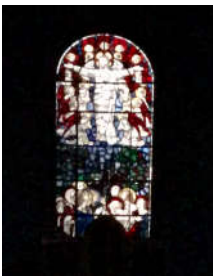
Wardens' World

May 2019

Churchwardens all over the country will probably, like me, be looking at the smouldering debris inside the cathedral of Notre Dame, and thinking "there but for the grace of God, go we..." Here's what our own 'forest' in the loft of St. Bartholomew's looks like, fortunately dated 'only' 1831 on the main truss in the picture, rather than the medieval material our French colleagues were dealing with. Nevertheless, your wardens' hearts are in their mouths every time we have skilled workmen on or above the roof, hoping that nothing goes wrong or gets dropped!



It felt very good to see so many people coming to share such interests at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on 2nd April, volunteering to help with critical topics like looking after the church and safeguarding, and joining in some very active discussions on the management of our churches – many thanks to everyone! One of the highlights for Chris was welcoming Jane Hall as our new Churchwarden, picking up the torch from Dean as he moves on to higher things. Chris is very grateful for Dean's help and support over the last five years and longer, and for the way he continues to lead the spiritual development at St. Bartholomew's. Jane is very much looking forward to working with Chris and the challenges and responsibilities which come with the role, though having supported her husband Dean in his position as a churchwarden, already has some insight. Jane will do her best to help the church move forward. (The Churchwardens will be admitted to office 13th June at a service at St. John's, Halesowen).



We were also very happy to see all those who joined us for breakfast on Easter Sunday morning, having thoroughly earned it by being at the dawn 'Sonrise' service. With Easter falling so late this year, it took real dedication to be up and in St. Bartholomew's by 5.30 in the morning! All were rewarded by an atmospheric start to the great day, coinciding with not only the Queen's birthday but also that of our own Team Rector Richard!

We look forward to seeing you at the Plant Sale, 11th May which opens at 11.00am. Don't forget to get arrive early to get the best bargains, then enjoy a sit down with a cup of tea and a slice of cake. It's always a lovely social event, so don't miss it!

In case this is the last magazine where we have the opportunity, we must also express our immense thanks to the Revd. Allison Davies, whose amazing energy and commitment to Tardebigge parish has been an enormous support to us over recent years, not just taking all sorts of services and leading them with her singing, but also in 'extra-curricular' activities such as Spring Greens, pastoral visiting and parish social events. She will be very much missed, and no doubt very much welcomed by her new benefice, and we wish her every blessing and good luck in her new role.



Chris and Jane



Tardebigge Show Lives!

Know your onions? Then bring them along to the 2019 Tardebigge Show! We are delighted to announce that a good number of the Tardebigge community want to see the Tardebigge Show go ahead again in 2019, and **Saturday September 14th** is the date!

We already have volunteers keen to run our most popular activities: the Produce Show, teas, cake sales, a bookstall, the Grand White Elephant, a beer tent, and summer favourites like the coconut shy and glasses of Pimms. We have plenty of ideas for other stalls, attractions and children's activities, just waiting for more of you to join in the action!

We particularly need young and able-bodied people who can commit to just a few hours' work on the day or the preceding Friday night, who can help set up or dismantle, do some organising, maybe run a stall or help with directing traffic...there are jobs for all ages and skills! The more people we have, the less work for everyone, and the more opportunities there are for a breath of fresh air enjoying the community spirit!

If you want to be a part of this, don't miss out. Just contact Chris Milton (07825 749767), Revd. Richard Clark (01527 543967), check the website or talk to anyone you know who is involved already in the **Tardebigge Show 2019!**





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In the Church Hall



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June Magazine

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

contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk by **MONDAY 20 May**

News from School

You may remember we supported the Shoebox appeal by Operation Christmas Child (part of Samaritan's Purse International Relief UK). Both speakers from the charity, Rosemary and Lucy returned to present a thank you assembly to the school at the beginning of April. Both speakers are 'hands on' with the charity and Rosemary was due to travel to Malawi very shortly to help distribute shoeboxes. We hope to support the appeal again later this year.

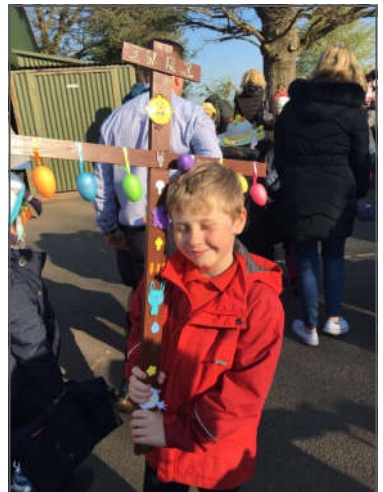
Easter was celebrated the last day of term with the traditional Easter parade on the playground; children were invited to wear an Easter bonnet or carry a cross. This was followed by an Easter assembly and concert in church. The Friends of Tardebigge School (FOTS) served tea, coffee and hot cross buns and also organised the ever popular annual chocolate raffle (which was drawn in school after the assembly). Palm crosses, kindly provided by the church, were distributed to all the children.

We are looking forward to a busy summer term and sharing our news with you.

J.E.H



*Pictured at the Easter parade:
Oliver wearing his Easter bonnet, and his brother Jack carrying his cross*



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Celestial Corner

Last month I said I would talk about double stars and the Ecliptic.

The Ecliptic is the path the Sun traces across the sky in the course of a year. It is also associated with the Zodiac. If we could lay the sky out like a flat map, the Ecliptic would be in the form of a wave, with its low point in Winter and the high point in Summer, the winter and Summer Solstices. The Celestial Equator would be a straight line half way down the page and where the Ecliptic intersects (twice) these are the Equinoxes. All the signs of the Zodiac lie along the path of the Ecliptic and the Sun spends one month in each sign.

So, if we start at the Spring Equinox, that point in the sky where the Sun crosses the Equator on its way North in the sky, this point is known as "The first Point of Aries" this happens around March 21/22 each year. When this point was first recognised it lay in Aries, hence the name. But since then the point has shifted westward in the sky due to precession, a process I covered in an earlier episode, and now it lies in Pisces. Likewise the Autumn Equinox, "The First Point of Libra", now lies in Virgo. Put it another way, Astrology says I am a Leo, because my birthday is on the 2nd of August. But on that date the Sun is still in Cancer and doesn't enter Leo until around 21st August, so really I should be a Crab rather than a lion! The Solstices as you know are in December (Winter) and June (Summer) and for around a month either side the day length doesn't seem to alter much. But as we move away from them, the pace of change increases as the curve of the Ecliptic gets steeper. This is most noticeable in Mid August through to mid October when we have got used to long hours of daylight and it not really getting dark until after 10pm and suddenly in mid August it's dusk at half eight/ nine o'clock! The same happens in reverse during January but is not always so noticeable due to the amount of overcast skies at that time of year. It is due to the fact that the angle of the Ecliptic to the Equator is greatest at the Equinoxes which is when you notice the most rapid change in the amount of daylight.

If you look at the middle star of the handle of the Plough on a clear night, people with good eyesight will see a fainter star very close to it. The main star is Mizar and the fainter is Alcor and they form what is known as a double star. Actually they are not a physical double, it is just that they lie roughly in a line from us and they are called a "Line of Sight"

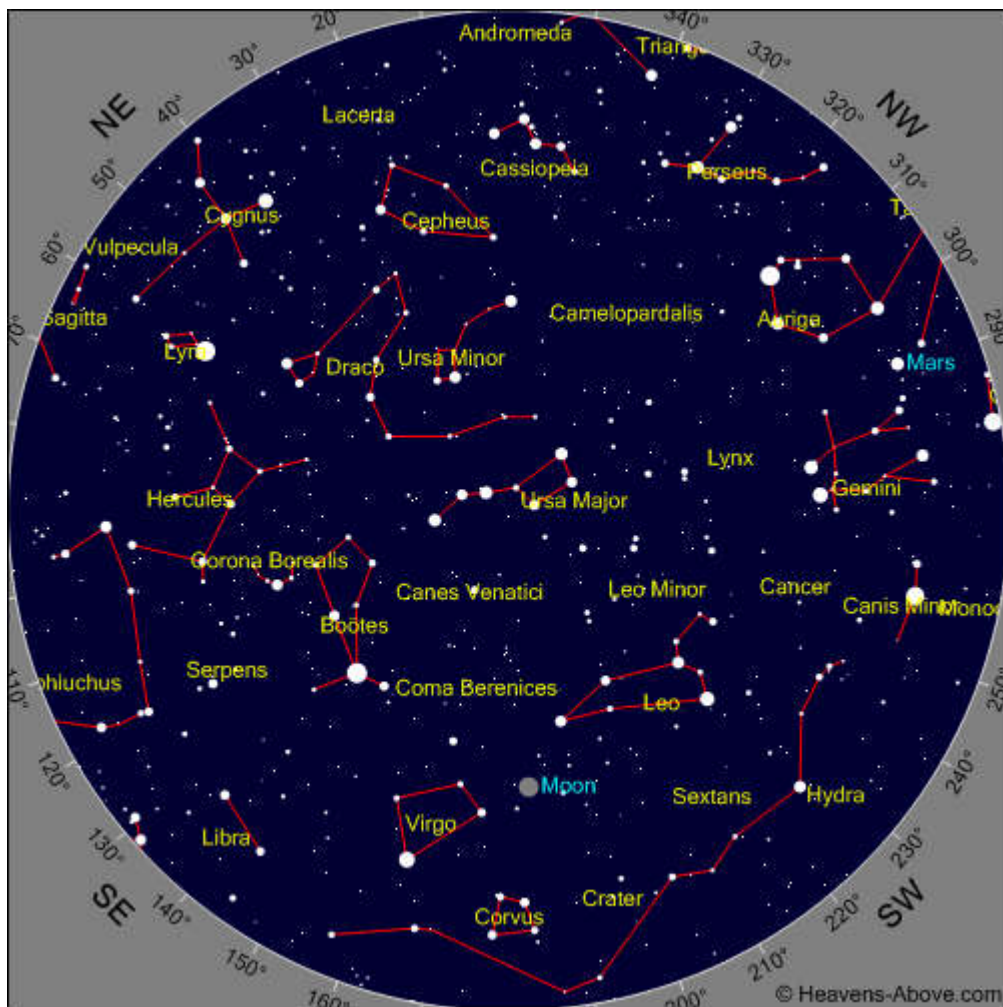
There are plenty of line of sight doubles around the sky, but they are not the only kind of double. The other type are TRUE double stars, in what is known as a Binary system. That is, two stars revolving around a common centre of gravity. The best known example of this type is a star called ALGOI, the "winking Demon" in the constellation of Perseus. If you remember Perseus killed the Gorgon Medusa, who had snakes on her head instead of hair and whose gaze could turn any living thing to stone! Algol marks Medusa's head in the sky.

Called the Winking Demon because every 3 1/3 days Algol's brightness dips for a few hours before coming back to normal again. I will try and explain how it happens next month.

Is it just coincidence that the stars fit, not only the heroes/heroins of Greek mythology and common animals, but also more modern objects like a sextant, or is it all part of a bigger plan by a divine force. I leave the reader to judge.

The map is for 10pm on the 14th. Remember that if you face South, the centre of the map will be overhead and North, at the top of the page, will be behind you.

R.B.



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).

Evergreens Meeting March 2019

The next meeting will be pm **Monday 13th May**, at the usual time of 4.00pm. Please note that this is the second Monday of the month.

All are invited to join us and if a lift is required, please do not hesitate to get in touch by contacting Vivien (0121 445 1245) or Mary (0121 445 3075).

We look forward to seeing you!

Vivien and Mary

The Spring Greens

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



New members always welcome!

Jane Hall

St Mary's Spring Clean

Friday 15th March 2019



Following the installation of two replacement windows and a new very effective heating system at St Mary's, Lower Bentley; we felt just one thing was missing for our Mothering Sunday service and that was a really good Spring Clean. So during two very hectic sessions an intrepid band of volunteers have been down on their knees scrubbing floors and weeding flower beds, backs bent over polishing chairs and trimming back shrubbery, and balancing on ladders whilst they cleaned windows and light fittings.

Thanks to Frank Alexandre, Simon Carless, Jean Harper, Vivien Mackenzie, Lucy Parkes, Michael Stafford, Michelle Stafford and Marion Wormington for all their

efforts. Also Chris Milton who popped in to dismantle the downspout! There will be a lovely clean and bright church to welcome everyone to our services this spring.



Sarah Carless

May 1976

Vicar: Rev. D Copley **Reader:** Mr Peter Frowley

Church Wardens: Mr J D H Hedley and Mr F H Gateley

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I picked up a handful of pearls

What I picked up in the hall one day was an envelope containing the following article. The bringer of the article had slipped it through the door and gone.

When I read the words I felt that I was looking at pearls of great price, pearls of wisdom. I hope you feel the same.

D.J.C.

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Joseph was a carpenter, a craftsman, one who 'trues up' his work to perfection, a man of quality in his doing. It was inevitable that his betrothed would have come from the same kind of family. Our Lord's rearing was insured as one of quality with the highest as pattern and perfection as goal.

Living is not only an art but a craft; only perfection can bring satisfaction, and to attain it, he who lives must 'true uo' to the model at every step. Jesus and his mother were good craft-living Jews, schooled from the outset in their relationship to the Supreme in all things, and well drilled in the exemplary in habit and expression. They knew their revered books, poetry, prose and hymn by heart. Deep within them was a well from which they could draw when their own words failed them, in times of emotion too big, or too intense for ordinary phrases.

So it came about that our Lord's life was rounded by Psalm 22. When Elizabeth's intuitive question opened His mother's mouth, did she not reply with her paraphrases of the end of that psalm, for the wonder of the miracle was too much for any little woman's words: "Magnify him: he hath not despised the low estate of the poor: the poor shall eat and be satisfied: my seed shall serve him".

And what great comfort it was to our Lord on His cross to gasp the old words: "My God, my God, why hast thou forsaken me: all they that see me laugh me to scorn saying, 'He trusted in God, so let him deliver him': Oh be not far from me for my trouble is at hand: I am poured out like water: my tongue cleaveth to my gums". Dear Christ, what anguish! But only a few more verses, and They mother's ecstasy comes again to hold Thee as it did in her womb: "Your heart shall live for ever: all the ends of the world shall turn unto the Lord".

So the end was the beginning and the beginning was the end, which was once more the beginning, Psalm 22 and our Lord's living.

Alas, it is not the fashion today, to school and drill children in Supremes and perfect patterns. So, good Christian parents, look to your children, and you, yourselves see that they memorise as much as possible from the quality writings and teachings, to make a bank for their future withdrawals in times of need, in sickness and relief, fear and hope, sorrow and happiness, anguish and ecstasy; that like Mary they may express the rejoicing that otherwise would overwhelm them, and, like our Lord, they may be sustained on their crosses to the triumphant finish.

L. E.

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The Church clock is having a repair job done on it and the winding is being converted from hand operated to electrically operated. It will be some months before it is working normally again.

43 years later.....

Here is the Church clock pictured recently (April 2019).

It was made by John Moore & Sons, Clerkenwell, London In 1855





The Beauty of May

With the coming of the month of May
Can everywhere be seen
Signs of the approaching Summer.
A truly rustic scene
Of lilac blossom, daisies
Which have been linked to make a chain
To bedeck the current May Queen
As she begins her annual reign.

Nothing really can surpass
The beauty that is May,
The days, still lengthening, bring perfection
That in our minds will always stay
The dawn that brings a sunrise
To stir a heart of stone,
A field of golden buttercups,
These joys are May's alone.

Every month holds beauty
To please both heart and eye
Yet May comes with her own promise
That another Summertime is nigh
Other months have emblems
The passing seasons to portray
But none can hold more glory
More perfection than sweet May.

L M Wadlow

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Pastoral Care and Holy Communion

First Wednesday of the month. (6th March 2019)

As normal Roger and I went to Tutnall Hall this morning. We were most pleasantly surprised by the number of residents ready and waiting for us. The main lounge was full with eleven residents and one of the nursing staff, the second lounge two residents and two family members visiting, participated. Nine room visits also took place. In one room I met a resident her grand daughter and great grand daughter. The pleasure and in some places excitement our visits give is greatly rewarding for not just the residents and staff but particularly for Roger and I.

Afterwards Roger and I went to see Fred Shrimpton and the three of us took communion. We all participated in handing out the bread and wine. As you know he has been a server for a very long time and seemed very pleased to be able to be really involved.

There really is so much more we can do to brighten people's lives. It is not just taking communion but just visiting, talking, reading to them and breaking the boredom of old age and infirmity and loneliness.

Michael

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Pastoral Care Support



Pastoral care is about offering support to members of the congregation that request it. This can be from the Clergy or members of the congregation. Holy Communion can be given if requested in the person's place of residence by either a member of the clergy or by designated people who can give communion by extension. All other visits are done by congregational members who visit to support by conversation and are company to those who wish it.

Confidential records have been kept by Gail Teague since April 2018. So far there have been thirty three people for St Bartholomew's and St Marys referred in total. This number includes funeral visits as well as other visits for reasons such as health. Also included are requests for prayer.

Regarding those on our prayer list, it would be really helpful if regular feedback is given to ensure the list it is up to date and appropriate support is given to those who are happy to receive it. Communication is therefore vital to ensure pastoral care is effective in Tardebigge parish.

If you would like to be part of the pastoral care team, or if you know of anyone who is sick or in hospital that would appreciate support from the Church, please contact Gail Teague, or a member of the clergy team or Church Wardens.

Gail Teague is our pastoral care co-ordinator and can be contacted as follows:

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Plant Sale



Saturday 11 May

11.00am



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Easter at Tardebigge



Bentley Pauncefoot WI

First, a very big thank you to all the lovely people who attended the recent coffee morning in aid of The Basement Project. Thanks too for the generous donations sent by people who were unable to attend. Coffee and delicious cakes were plentiful, the company was entertaining and the whole event proved extremely successful. Bentley Pauncefoot WI are very grateful to Michelle and Michael Stafford who hosted the morning in their lovely home. To date the total raised stands at £557 which will be presented to Kelly from The Basement Project at our May Lunch. Our members were very pleased to raise such a substantial sum for The Basement Project because it is a small local charity which provides such valuable help to young people aged 16 to 25 who are homeless or are facing homelessness. The support given includes running a drop- in centre in Hanover Street with a food bank on site. Help and advice are offered on a range of issues such as housing and possible eviction, prioritising debt, living on a budget, family mediation and emotional and physical well-being.

Later in April, we enjoyed a very special evening organised by the members. Mike and Rachel Fenton brought along their autoharps and dulcimers and provided an evening of delight. They played and sang a wide range of music. However, "Michael Row The Boat Ashore", Lonnie Donegan's "Pick A Bale Of Cotton" and The Everley Brothers' "All I Have To Do Is Dream" were real crowd pleasers as everyone joined in enthusiastically to sing them. Other melodies such as "Polly Swallow's Waltz" demonstrated the delicate sounds of the instruments. The evening was then rounded off nicely with a splendid supper, again provided by the members. The Committee, having been rejuvenated by the rest, hope to be firing on all cylinders in May.

Lynne Reading

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Exhibition at St. Philip's Church, Webheath

As the 100th Anniversary of the Great War as come to a close I would like to thank everyone who have attended the exhibition in 2014 and further exhibitions in 2016 and then in 2018. I will be bringing War time exhibitions to a close as many of you have seen my material during the course of the last 4 years.

However as this year marks to 75th anniversary of the D.Day landings it would be fitting to conclude with an exhibition from the 2nd World War. This will take place on June 8th 9th 10th 11th. At the time of writing this article the opening times will be confirmed at a later date. The venue would be in St.Philip's Church which would include the annex as well.



As this will be the last War time theme exhibition if would be fitting to conclude with something very special, am pleased to say that the Battle of Britain Memorial Flight have agreed to take part in a fly past on Sunday 9th June (time to be advised later). The aircraft will be a Hawker Hurricane (this is subject to weather conditions and availability). The aircraft would be transiting between display locations

by an operational aircraft on a routine sortie. The flight path would be close to St Philip's Church.

If anyone would like more information please contact Philip Jarvis on 07866 654372 or email philipjarvis1@btinternet.com nearer the time up dates will be on the St.Philip's website stphilipswebheath.org.uk or Facebook page.

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8.00am - D Hall

11.00am - J Oldaker and L Parkes

6.00pm - M Price

19th May

11.00am - D Stubbings and V Mackenzie

6.00pm - P Hopkins

26th May

8.00am - G R Underhill

11.00am - V Richardson and P Hopkins

6.00pm - T Powell

Flower Rota



5th May

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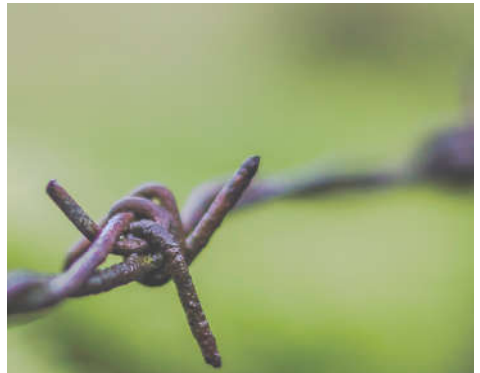
Our The Club's Competition for Spring Prints was on 18 March with Graham Walton judging forty eight prints. He examined them closely for their quality as well as photographic content, commenting helpfully on what he found. He was a keen advocate of adjusting lighting in post-processing, especially when it meant improving otherwise shadowed faces which can be a problem. He also suggested the use of cloning to get rid of dull and uninteresting areas to give prints more impact. There was a very full house to see Dave Rodgers carry the evening with his "Street Food", a companion shot to another of his from Thailand featured in July 2019.



The next week there was another full house for a Technical Evening which gave members an opportunity to get close up and personal with soap bubbles, reflections in black Perspex, using water droplets as lenses and much else.

On 1 April we had an evening entitled "Chalk and Cheese". We welcomed the return of Darren Leeson with his own animated and humorous take on Street Photography, mostly in Black and White which certainly suits his subjects. This was the "Chalk" and his colleague James Woodend calmed the evening down with The "Cheese" of his landscapes, architectural studies of the Centre for Arts and Sciences in Valencia, with three AVs and some fascinating infra-red images.

An Assignment on 8 April, "Aperture Priority or Blue", was accompanied by thunder and rain on the Hall roof. Strangely (for the Club) there were few images which strayed far from the brief. There were good demonstrations of Depth of Field effects, as in Tim Worrall's "Barbed Wire". Lewis Barber's portrait using photographic gels explored Blue.





Our May schedule seems extremely thin with no meetings on the Bank Holidays at the beginning and end of the month. However on Monday 13 May we do have our Spring Photographic Digital Image competition. The results contribute to our annual prizes for Photographer of the Year and Best New Member. The following week we have an Assignment themed "Animals or Red". Pets,

safari shots and sunsets can be anticipated.

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 organised evening photoshoots. Our Club website is 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 will also find us. Our gallery of prints on the wall by Wilko's in the shopping centre was recently refreshed with new images.

P. Dewell May 2019

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Solution next month

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Last month's solution

Word Search

Jesus said to them, "Bring some of the fish you have just caught." So Simon Peter climbed back into the boat and dragged the net ashore. It was full of large fish, 153, but even with so many the net was not torn. Jesus said to them, "Come and have breakfast." None of the disciples dared ask him, "Who are you?" They knew it was the Lord. Jesus came, took the bread and gave it to them, and did the same with the fish. This was now the third time Jesus appeared to his disciples after he was raised from the dead. **John 21: 10-14**



FISH

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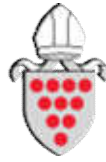
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An Easter Message from Bishop Graham, Bishop of Dudley

“Bwana asifiwe!” (Praise the Lord) as they say in Tanzania. I’ve recently returned from there, visiting the Diocese of Morogoro with a group from the Diocese of Worcester.

We learnt how to walk together as sisters and brothers in Christ; to share the good things – wonderful food, and dancing, and music, and the great joy and vibrancy of worship there – the zest of life.

We also embraced something of the pain of Africa; of crop failures, of poverty, of drought. We shared something of the agony of those who are facing really difficult times in their lives, including a young girl in Berega Hospital who had lost her baby, just before we had arrived.

In these difficult times we prayed; waiting on Christ and the transformation that he promises.

Lent has been a time of waiting as we have prepared for this most holy of weeks. On Palm Sunday we entered Jerusalem in the company of Jesus and his friends, with the joy of the “Hosannas” and the joy and vibrancy of the procession.

On Maundy Thursday we remembered how Jesus took bread, blessed it, broke it, and gave it, yet was soon to be arrested.

On Good Friday we shared in the sense of the bereavement, the gut-wrenching emptiness of his disciples and his mother. We prayed and waited with them.

The joy of Easter comes out of this long journey and patient waiting. It is to be caught up in the transformation that Jesus brings for the life of the whole world. In a world divided by conflict, he seeks reconciliation. In a nation divided by Brexit, he seeks communities coming together. In families divided by different loyalties, he shows us how to love each other.

I know that in Tanzania they’ll be celebrating Easter with joyous music and dancing. My prayer is that something of their joy will fill your life this Easter.

+ Graham

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