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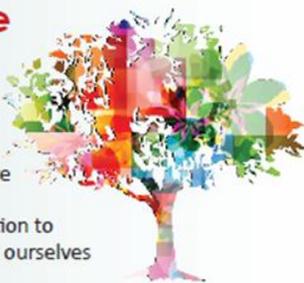
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Services at Tardebigge and Lower Bentley

Sunday 4th November (All Saints)

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

Sunday 11th November (Remembrance)

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

Sunday 18th November (2 Before Advent)

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

Sunday 25th November (Before Advent)

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

Sunday 2nd December (Advent)

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

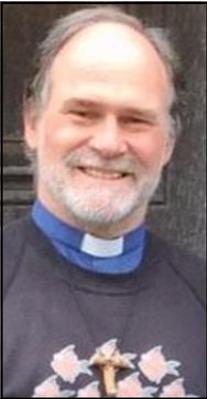
Sunday 9th December (Advent 2)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am Carol Service at *St. Mary's*
11.00am **Family Gift Service*** at Tardebigge
**(Donations of new toys gratefully received to be donated to
the Salvation Army for distribution)*
6.00pm Evensong

November



From Richard, the Team Rector



Someone has described November as the “hush before Winter”, however for me November is a busy month as many groups are either getting meetings in as they don’t want to meet in December or are preparing for a special Christmas event; the first of which for me is the Advent Fair at St Philip’s on Saturday 24th at 10am.

The whole shape of life in the UK will point us towards Christmas, and however reluctant we might want to be, it is almost inevitable that we will be drawn towards the commercialised run-up to what was originally a comparatively minor Christian festival that the Church did not even bother to celebrate until the fourth century.

Firstly, however, are the Sundays before Advent during which we remember the faithful departed; we have a special service for the one hundredth anniversary of the Armistice; we then have three Confirmations at the Cathedral on the evening of the 25th. The last Sunday in November has been known as “Stir Up Sunday” for a long time, because of a Collect written in the old language of the Book of Common Prayer for the Last Sunday after Trinity:



“Stir up, we beseech thee O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people...”

Finally, on November 30th, the old St Andrew’s Day collect reads:

“Grant unto us all that we, being called by thy holy word, may forthwith give up ourselves obediently to fulfil thy holy commandments...”

Like so much that is familiar in the Christian faith, the words of these two collects can rather wash over us. The call of the prayers is very strong, to be stirred again in our faith that we may completely submit to the way that Jesus wants our lives to be. Or, as Romans chapter 12 puts it, to offer ourselves as living sacrifices to God. The problem with living sacrifices, as has often been pointed out, is that we keep crawling off the altar!

The truth is that we don’t always want to be obedient and can even frown on those who are too committed or zealous in their faith. We can have the illusion that we can lead a good life, but the New Testament does not support us in that supposition:

“There is no difference between Jew and Gentile, for all have sinned and fall short of the glory of God” (Romans 3:22a-23)

“If we claim we have not sinned, we make him out to be a liar and his word is not in us.” (1 John 1:10)

“A man ran up and knelt before him, and asked him, “Good Teacher, what must I do to inherit eternal life?” Jesus said to him, “Why do you call me good? No one is good but God alone.” (Mark 10:17-18)

We are clearly not God, so we are not good; we may try to make out that we are comparatively good because of good things we have done, but the New Testament replies:

“it is by grace you have been saved, through faith – and this is not from yourselves, it is the gift of God – not by works, so that no one can boast.” (Ephesians 2:8-9).

“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.” (Matthew 5:48)



I don't think any of us are good or perfect, therefore, but we can be treated by God as if we were good and perfect. This happens through welcoming Jesus into our lives. As we submit to Him as Lord and Saviour, so the benefits of His death on the cross for us come into operation. Instead of God seeing the imperfections of our humanity, He sees the sinless perfection of His son Jesus. By this means we have unimpaired access to God the Father through Jesus the Son, and we can receive the gifts and fruits of the Holy

Spirit that can re-align our lives into God's ways and make us a special blessing to other people; the Holy Spirit is power for service.

In other words, we don't have to be perfect to be truly amazing; but we do need to start with Jesus.

Richard

Christmas Tree Festival

Our theme for Tardebigge Community's Christmas tree in the festival in Worcester Cathedral's cloister this year is 'While Shepherds Watched Their Flocks by Night'.

We look forward to receiving your handmade sheep and shepherds.

For more details please contact Jane Hall (07980 358252 or 01527 598342)



Wardens' World

November 2018

Since last writing, we have had a few great occasions which have shown what the Tardebigge community can do when it gets together. First we must mention the Big Clean, where as reported in last month's magazine, a wide variety of people banded together to spend a few hours giving St. Bartholomew's an 'autumn clean'; cleaning the windows, getting fabrics dry-cleaned, vacuuming and polishing to show the care felt for our church.



Secondly came our Harvest Festival, with services at both St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's, not only giving thanks for God's generosity, but also, with the generosity of our parishioners, enabling us to take plentiful food donations to help boost food supplies at Newstarts, a Bromsgrove Christian community which helps people overcome the challenges that shape their lives and in doing so show them the love of God, through providing free furniture, emergency food and household supplies to families and individuals who need them most. We also cannot go without mentioning the superb decoration of the churches by our in-house flower arrangers – brightening up the buildings with colourful displays of harvest



fruits and autumn colours! And lastly – our Harvest Lunch, with 30 filling the Church Hall to enjoy another of Angela Rigby's famous spreads, followed by some



stupendous puddings brought along by diners. Enhanced by one of Richard Clark's quizzes, it was a very enjoyable time of traditional fellowship.



And as we move towards Christmas, the action doesn't stop...make sure you are there to pay your respects at Remembrance Sunday on November 11th, either at St. Mary's at 9.30, or at St. Bartholomew's at 10.45. Come back also at 7 pm, when St. Bartholomew's bells will be rung together with all the other church bells in the United Kingdom, to mark the centenary of the Armistice in 1918.

Chris and Dean



World War One Exhibition



10th – 13th November 2018



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Sunday 11 November
12.30pm – 5.00pm
Monday 12 November
10.30am – 5.00pm
Tuesday 13 November
10.30am – 5.00pm



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The Meeting

Our two year old grand-daughter, Claire, went to Holland in October to meet her ninety three year old great grandmother. It was not the first time the great grandmother had met a great grand child. She already has twelve. But it was the first time this particular great grand-daughter had met her only great grandmother.

A box of bricks brought them close. Kept by Oma for the children, they became Claire's preoccupation on visits to Oma's room. And one day Oma herself and Claire sat together on the floor, building up and knocking down; friends for life.

93 years is a long time to look back upon. Memories in old people grow hazy. Perhaps the more prominent memories are the ones to do with family life, its joys and sorrows, rather than ones about the history of the times, in spite of two world wars. This may not be quite true of our Oma for she has always been a careful reader of books and of the daily newspaper.

Over a game of bricks two generations touched for a moment. The wisdom of age met the adventure of youth, and the invisible baton was passed on. But one could not help wondering what lay ahead for the two year old and all the other two year olds in the world today. Will any of them live to be 93 or older?

Three tasks which face us today will face the next generations with increasing insistence: dealing with the human and social problems caused by the development of micro-electronics, attempting to redress the world imbalance between wealth and poverty, and ensuring that the terrifying powers of mass destruction possessed by some governments are held under responsible control and if possible reduced.

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David Copley



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In the Church Hall



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December/January Magazine

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contact@tardebidgechurch.org.uk by **MONDAY 19th November**

Celestial Corner

In November the earth goes through trails of dust left strewn around the orbit of a comet called Tempel - Tuttle after the two men who first either discovered it or worked out its orbit. Every November when the earth goes through one or more of these dust streams we get a meteor 'shower'. However, before you get too excited, the number of meteors (shooting stars) that can be observed at this time varies, depending on which stream, or streams, we go through. The parent comet comes around every 33 years, each time on a slightly different track than previous occasions. Another factor is whether we go through the thickest part of the stream, or skim the edge. So you can see that meteor numbers are hard to predict from year to year. But around the time that the comet comes round on its orbit, numbers pick up quite dramatically, and on some returns the earth can have a real meteor 'storm', with hundreds of meteors per hour at its peak. At this point in time the comet is about at its farthest from us, so there is no chance of a 'storm' for the next few years.

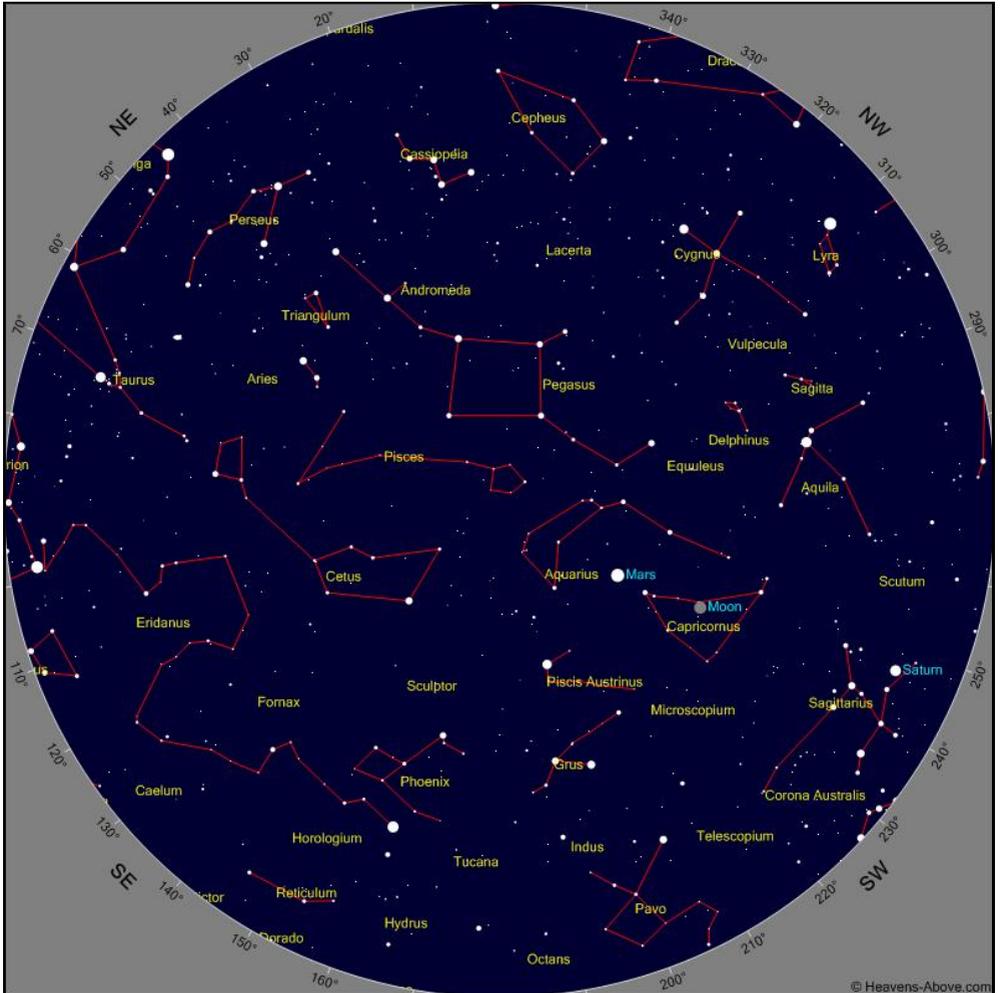
We are now at the time of year when the sky is at its bleakest as far as bright stars are concerned. Vega in Lyra, Deneb in Cygnus and Altair in Aquila, the summer triangle, are still prominent in the west, but the southern sky is dominated by the large faint constellations of Capricorn, the goat; Aquarius, the water-bearer; Pisces, the fishes; Pegasus, the flying horse and Cetus the whale (see map). On the plus side, Yellow Capella in Auriga, the charioteer, and orange Aldebaran in Taurus herald the appearance of Orion and his bright companions who grace our skies during the months of December, January and February.

At this point in time, Mars is the only one of the bright planets on view in the evening sky. As you can see from the map, Mars and the moon are both in Capricorn on the 14th of the month. Venus is now a morning object and Jupiter is still hiding in the glare of the sun. Saturn sets soon after the sun, so is virtually lost in the twilight.

I said I would say something about a thing called 'Precession' this month, so here goes. It is a process where the constellations seem to slowly move around the sky over a period of thousands of years. This is due to the earth's axis 'wobbling' like the handle of a spinning top, so the earth's axis describes a circle in the sky. As you know, Polaris is the pole star and lies only a small distance away from the celestial pole. However, this was not always the case and will not be the same for ever, due to this wobbling of the earth's axis. Around 4,800 years ago Thuban, chief star of Draco the dragon, lay a mere 0.1 degree from the celestial pole. In around 8,000 years time, Deneb in Cygnus will be the brightest star near the pole at 7.5 degrees and in 11,300 years, Vega in Lyra will be 5.7 degrees away from the pole. It will be

25,800 years before Polaris is in the position it is now!

Advance notice: in December we have another meteor shower, the Geminids. So called because all the meteors seem to come from Gemini, the twins. The peak occurs on the night of December 13th/14th, so make a note of the date! I shall say a bit more about them next month.



R. B.

The Homeless Prayer

Look down, Lord, with compassion as I walk the city street
And give Your blessing Father, on everyone I meet,
Some folk may turn away from me, I feel they are ashamed
To offer recognition, to acknowledge I am named
In their recollections of past days, that once I held my head
With them and their companions in the lives that we once led.

Bless, Lord, in understanding, the pavement where I sleep
And protect me from the nightmares, the terrors that I keep
Inside my very inmost thoughts, the sins for which I must atone
That travel with me every day on the road I walk alone,
Bless, Lord, all those I've left behind, who had a part of me,
Who can never really be erased, they remain in memory.

Bless Lord, I dare to ask you, each bench and shop doorway
Where I can escape, for a brief while, the trials of every day.
I have to beg for all I need, I exist on charity
Yet with the majority who criticise I hold equality.
Oh Lord, please bless the homeless, with mercy look upon
Those who have no place to rest, of which Father, I am one.

L M Wadlow



News from School

Our new academic year is well established and we've recently held our first parents' evenings and enjoyed sharing with parents/carers their child's progress. Our next parents' evening will be held in March.

Our Harvest assembly was held 18th October and the children were invited to bring in items of non-perishable food to be donated to The Trussell Trust. This organisation runs a network of over 420 foodbanks across the UK providing emergency food to people referred for support. The food bank provides three days of nutritionally balanced non perishable food for individuals and families. Rev. Allison Davies was invited to come to our Harvest assembly and blessed the donations of food and said prayers.

Our Christian value for this half term is 'generosity' and children are encouraged to work together and focus on learning to love others as we love ourselves. We are currently investigating toilet twinning with a school in Africa; 2.3 billion people in the world don't have a toilet and by funding a toilet, our pupils will be helping children in desperate poverty and exploring what it means to be a global neighbour.

For parents and carers wanting support and/or advice about their children's sleep patterns, routines, friendships or emotions, we have a new Early Intervention Family Support worker who will be working in the school most Thursday afternoons and is readily available to offer advice.

We look forward to sharing more news with you after the half term break.



Jane Hall

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Thoughts on the Tardebigge Show 2018

After Lucy Parkes stepped back last year from running the Fair and Show, a meeting in January was held to try to find a way forward. A relatively small number of people attended, and although there was a strong wish that the Fair and Show should continue, no one was able to take on the overall responsibility for organising it. However, Nick Reading was keen to run the Produce Show. Other individuals agreed to take an element of the Fair and be responsible for setting it up and running it; e.g. publicity, draw, tombolas, books, White Elephant, jams and preserves, teas and signage, and many thanks to all of them.

Lynne Reading also gradually took on the overall coordination. It was lovely that on the Friday and the Saturday people turned up out of the blue to help – even three vintage cars ‘because that’s what we always do’. However, this still left a lot for Lynne and Nick to organise, including the logistics of parking, the skip, the St John’s Ambulance, floats, counting the money and finding people for other stalls. We are immensely thankful for all she did!

There were perhaps fewer events overall to amuse children, but the Fairy Doors activity, chocolate tombola, coconut shy and golf were clearly enjoyed, and we are particularly grateful for the School’s valuable contributions towards the chocolate tombola. The decision to house the Bookstall and White Elephant in the Church Hall was positive in view of the poor weather, although conditions were a little cramped, and there was a very convivial atmosphere in the Community Hall which was crowded with people taking tea. The pork bap stall was also popular, but visitors did miss having a beer tent.

With a profit of just under £2,300, the event clearly showed that the reduced scope of the Fair and Show still remains a viable fund-raiser. However, we also learnt two more things from the experience:

- that central administration of the Fair and Show continues to be needed and more than one person is needed to do it, and
- more, younger volunteers are also required to support the Show on the day if it is to continue.

Without these two, it is very unlikely that another Tardebigge Fair and Show will be held. If therefore you want to see the festival continue, YOU need to be (or to find) the people who can perform these tasks and make sure it goes ahead with its usual success – don’t leave it to others!

Nick Reading is happy to continue organising the Produce Show, and Lynne suggests that a meeting is held in January next year to see what else can be done in 2019. If anyone is interested at this point, please don’t hesitate to let Chris Milton know (07825 749767, email cmilton@btinternet.com).

Chris

Sidesmen Rota

4th November

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

11th November

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

18th November

11.00am - G Price and V Mackenzie
6.00pm - P Hopkins

25th November

8.00am - G R Underhill
11.00am - D Stubbings and P Hopkins
6.00pm - T Powell

Flower Rota



4th November

Fiona Boyles

11th November

(Remembrance)

18th November

Noreen Hall

25th November

Vivien Mackenzie

Parish Registers

October 2018

Baptisms



Sunday 28th October

Lola Sue Joan WILLIS
Demi Elsie May PEARSON
Zac John Andrew PEARSON
Sherniece Addelle PEARSON (adult)

Funerals



Thursday 4th October

Audrey STUBBINGS

Tuesday 9th October

Neal Francis FERMAN

Connie Swann

The funeral for Connie Swann, a much-missed member of the congregation at St. Bartholomew's, was held in church on Tuesday 25th September. We include here the tribute read on that occasion by her son, James, who has also informed us that there are more tributes to Connie at www.connie-swann.muchloved.com



Constance Claire Miller was born on 2nd October 1936 to Hugh and Frances Miller, a gamekeeper and teacher. They lived on the Parkanaur Estate in County Tyrone with two elder sisters, Beatrice and Bertha, moving to Cookstown when Grandpa retired.

Mum moved to Belfast to train as a teacher, where she was introduced to Dad who was studying structural engineering at Queens University. They were married in 1961, touring Europe for 6 weeks in 1963 before moving to England.

In 1985 we traced some of the Grand Tour route as a family holiday, travelling through France, Germany, Switzerland and Italy.

Mum and dad moved to Liverpool then onto Wraysbury in Berkshire where they had their first child, Catherine. Unfortunately, she died at a very young age. They then moved to Stokenchurch in Buckinghamshire where Hugh and I arrived, then onto Naphill and finally settled in Bromsgrove in 1980.

Mum and dad were social 'A listers', my childhood memories included a seemingly endless stream of dinner parties, weekends away with friends (of which the annual St. Patricks Day meet in the Lake District was one of the main events, where any unsuspecting walkers were coerced into the celebrations), and of course the annual Queens picnic on the cricket pitch at Henley Royal Regatta.

The Henley picnic was a serious undertaking, run by mum and dad, along with a couple of other families. It would always extend beyond the lunch break, involving good food and copious amounts of wine. I remember as a child returning to the picnic having been at the fun fair only to find the party still in full swing. We were given another £5 to return to the fair ground!

Mum organised the 1977 Silver Jubilee Party for Chapel Lane in Naphill, centred outside our house. I remember delivering invitations to the lane and people said, 'you can always rely on Connie to organise the party'.

She was always keen to contribute to the community in any way she could either as a volunteer or in her profession, from delivering leaflets to teaching struggling children, or making jam. She even nearly ended up going to war! To list just a few, she served in the Territorial Army as a lorry driver, was captain of the Hockey 1st team in High Wycombe, she was the Board of Governors Chair at Hewell Prison, helped with the local History and

Milestone groups, Liberal Democrat party and of course Tardebigge Church.

A keen gardener, she maintained a large fruit and vegetable garden, winning a ridiculous number of awards in this very church for many years.

She loved her sport, competing in athletics, hockey, squash and various card games. Her competitive streak flowed into family life, the mere fact that her opponents were children made no difference. I remember being thrashed at rounders, and Ben and Jake recall never being allowed to win at Twister!

Her academic strength was in art and history, but she knew plenty about everything enjoying the Telegraph crossword every day.

Hugh was impressed to have been taught by her to manually calculate the square root of a number. I bet there aren't many here today who could do that! I googled it, but still don't understand it!

A firm mother and wife, which she had to be while raising a family, running a household, working full time, organising whatever group or project that needed organising (whether they wanted organising or not!). She even helped to organise her own funeral, her energy and work ethic were amazing!

Nobody wanted to be on the wrong side of my Mum, Dad knew it, Hugh and I knew it, my mates knew it, everybody knew it. She could bring anybody to submission or just give them a dressing down by a well worded argument or a perfectly timed phrase. Dad told us last week about a time when we were being told off for something we'd done, and I'd said, 'why can't you just smack me!'

In her later years she was embarrassed about being so firm, but that's what made Mum who she was.

Meal times were important to Mum in family life. Fantastic and varied meals were the name of the day. The only acceptable excuse for missing a family meal would be if you were playing sport, and certainly NOT wanting to go out clubbing early! Probably one of the occasions where I would have preferred to have been smacked!

I only hope I can honour mum's values and am able to instil some of them in my children and grandchildren.

We've had some lovely letters and notes during the last few weeks, describing Mum as a dear friend, generous, a warm and welcoming host, terrific humour, great fun, lively and talented, the glamorous aunty and even a 'top bird'. We miss her terribly and I'm sure you all do too.



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).

ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH TARDEBIGGE

The Evergreens' Christmas Lunch

Saturday 8th December 2018

12.30pm for 1.00pm in the Church Hall



Ticket: £10 Raffle



We hope you are able to join us for this traditional, enjoyable event!

For catering purposes, final numbers will be needed by

Monday 3rd December at the latest.

Further information and tickets from Vivien (0121 445 1245) or Mary Watkins (0121 445 3075). Please let us know if you would like a lift.

The Spring Greens

The Spring Greens is our ladies' group for women of all ages with a young outlook. We usually meet in the Church Hall on the third Thursday of the month at 7.45pm. For more details please contact Jane Hall (07980 358252); or Email janeehall73@gmail.com



New members always welcome!

At our meeting 18th October, we invited two speakers, Rosemary and Lucy to come and give a talk and presentation about Operation Christmas Child's Shoebox Appeal; shoeboxes filled with gifts for children abroad who may never have received a present. They also talked about their trips to Zambia and Albania, seeing children receive their boxes; Rosemary is planning to go to Malawi to help distribute shoeboxes full of gifts in the spring. Both ladies brought along crafts, jams and preserves to sale in aid of the charity to help pay the costs of transporting the boxes. Rosemary and



Lucy were due to give a presentation about the appeal the following Thursday to the pupils at Tardebigge First School.

For more information about the charity see

www.samaritans-purse.org.uk/what-we-do/operation-christmas-child

We also appealed for items to be made into Christmas gift packages for women supported by the Jericho Road Project www.jerichoroad.org.uk; a Christian outreach charity. This charity supports women affected by the sex industry in Nottingham and the appeal was for lipsticks, mascaras, nail polishes and chocolate bars.

Our next meeting is being held on **15th November** when we will be making Christmas Puddings. Lucy has again kindly offered to organise the 'Stir Up Thursday' evening and if you would like to make a pudding, please let her know **by Thursday 8th November** to enable her to prepare ingredient packs. The cost of this session to include ingredients will be £7. It promises to be a lovely evening!

Jane Hall



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Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley The Venerable Nikki Groarke

In recent years I have often visited Top Church, Dudley, as plans have come together to make it a Resourcing Church. Meetings have taken place in a back room, as the main worship area is huge and hard to heat. When I have been involved in Sunday services, the tiny congregation have been dwarfed by the cavernous building which they have struggled so faithfully to maintain.

It was a delightful experience therefore to walk into the church one recent Sunday to be greeted with well over a hundred people of all ages, ethnic backgrounds and church traditions gathered to hear the recently appointed Resourcing Church Leader, the Revd James Treasure, outline the church's unfolding vision. There was a real buzz!

Home-made cakes and good coffee were served, activities were provided for children and young people, and using an informative PowerPoint presentation, James shared the Top Church story, past, present and future, and explained about the changes planned to enable the church to be fit for purpose for the next 200 years.

Further discussion then took place over plenty of delicious healthy, vegetarian food, served in compostable trays with wooden forks. These details underlined the message James and the team he is forming want to communicate.

I came away inspired and encouraged, hopeful about what will grow in and around Top Church in the coming years, but also challenged about attention to detail. Is the message of welcome, inclusion, care for the environment and whole-life discipleship we preach in our churches also fleshed out in our actions? As Kingdom People do we model lives of integrity? What is communicated to newcomers potentially exploring faith in our churches if we serve unfairly traded coffee in plastic cups and ask for a contribution? We don't have to be a resourcing church to be welcoming and attractive and holistic in our approach. We could all perhaps identify one small detail in our building or welcome, which if given a few moments' thought and attention, could change the experience next week for those who cross the threshold. What might it be in your place of worship?

Nikki

Verse for the Month

I urge, then, first of all, that petitions, prayers, intercession and thanksgiving be made for all people - for kings and all those in authority, that we may live peaceful and quiet lives in all godliness and holiness.

1 Timothy 2: 1-2



Listening Service

for those affected by sexual abuse

You can expect a Listener to:

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- Guide you to find further help, for example, if you feel you need professional counselling
- Inform you about how to raise concerns about the abuse, if you choose to do so
- Maintain confidentiality except, of course, where this is restricted by the requirements of the law

I will listen - you will be heard

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- Confidentiality and secrecy do not mean the same thing
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Bentley Pauncefoot WI



The Bentley ladies were out and about during October. Twenty members made a very enjoyable visit to Saint Nicolas Place, Kings Norton to see the Tudor Merchant's House and the Old Grammar School. Helen Kemp, a very knowledgeable and enthusiastic guide, took us on a tour of the medieval green and its principal buildings. She told us a lot about the history and architecture of the buildings in a very accessible way. First, we went to see the Old Grammar School which has had a varied use. The building started life as a chantry chapel where prayers were said for the dead. After the Reformation, it became a library founded by a fiery Puritan minister and schoolmaster, Thomas Hall, and became the village school. 2018 is the centenary of women getting the

vote so we were particularly interested in the Old Grammar School's link with the Suffragettes arson campaign. In April 1913 two windows were forced open, but no fire was set. A message was left on the blackboard which said "Two suffragists have entered here, but charmed by this old world room, have refrained from their design of destruction". During the Second World War the building was used as the Home Guard command post. Next, we visited the Tudor Merchant's House which was constructed in 1492 by a local wool merchant, Humphrey Rotsey. We were able to see the carved ceilings and some original wall painting which denotes he was prosperous. We also saw the Queen's Room, where Charles I's wife, Henrietta Maria, lodged on July 10th, 1643 during the Civil War. Part of the building became the Saracen's Head Inn in the 1770's and in the 1930's Mitchells and Butler's gifted the buildings to the parish. Like the suffragists, we too were "charmed by the old world buildings" and we had a lot to talk about as we settled down to an excellent afternoon tea in one of the heritage rooms in the Tudor Merchant's House.

Attending the Worcester Federation of WIs' Annual Council Meeting, was an outing of a very different, special kind. In the Centenary year of its foundation, the Federation had pulled out all the stops with the theme of Glitz and Glamour. The entertainments committee put on a series of hilarious sketches and songs which had members rocking with laughter. The keynote speaker was Erin Boag who is the professional dance partner of Anton du Beke, both of Strictly fame. Not only did she give a fascinating talk on her life and experiences as a dancer, she had everyone in the hall, including the technical staff, on their feet learning the steps of the salsa – a magnificent achievement! Our President Christine Badger also achieved magnificently. She not only won the class for making crystallised fruit, she was awarded an amazing 20 out of 20 points; almost unheard of!



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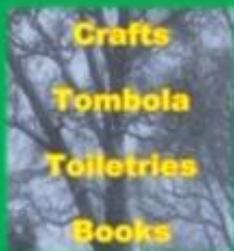


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Webheath Digital Photography Club



Our Autumn Prints competition was held on September 17, with John Haynes offering some helpful observations commenting that we had some fine landscapes. He reminded us that the photograph should, above all, be pleasing to us ourselves. He held back eleven from forty five for final scrutiny, eventually settling on Graeme Tozer's "Kingdom of Sand", a study of dunes, as the winner. Here is John taking a close look at another landscape.

Redditch from a bedroom "Down-town Victoria", near Vancouver. Green was open to interpretation by members as usual.

Saturday 22nd saw WDPC and Redditch U3A DPG members combining to show 57 prints at the 31st Brailles WI Photographic Competition. Against over 800 other prints in 20 classes WDPC members came away with seven awards, one member with a first, second and third, others with a first, two with seconds and a third in individual classes.



On Thursday 27 September we had our annual contest with Stourbridge Photographic Society, judged by Terry Livesey. For the first time we won, and away from home, Webheath 369, Stourbridge 358. The Club's Richard Freail was the top overall scorer with his tree frogs "Move Over". A highly satisfying evening and well done and thanks to all our contributors.



October 1, was a calmer evening, with members trying out their skills with table-top photography. Tripods, lighting, close-up and macro lenses were much in evidence to capture smoke from joss sticks and beads of water on CDs. Trying to capture smoke or make the best of the multi-coloured drops made for a challenging evening. After coffee members had a chance to see what others had managed to create.

The next week Graeme Tozer, our Chairman, had the unenviable task of commenting on and judging more than sixty images submitted for his "Chairman's Challenge". The subject he had chosen was "Perspective" in all and any interpretations. The winner was a study by Paul Evans of a lone angler in the middle distance, with three gradations of grey for the foreground shingle beach, the middle distance sea and the sky.

November's programme begins on Bonfire Night with a technical evening, Audio Visuals by members will be shown on November 12 and the following week Dave Maries, a one-time member of the Club, returns to give another interesting talk. We wind up the month with an Assignment, Mono.

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

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Solution next month

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

Last month's solution

Word Search

"Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls.

Matthew 11: 28 - 29



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