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Sunday 6th October (Trinity 16)

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

Sunday 13th October (Trinity 17)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am **Café Church** in the *Church Hall*
9.30am Harvest Thanksgiving at *St. Mary's*
11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer with Harvest Hymns
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 20th October (Trinity 18)

11.00am **Family Service**
6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 27th October (Bible Sunday)

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

Sunday 3rd November (All Saints)

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

Sunday 10th November (Remembrance)

8.00am Holy Communion
9.30am *Café Church* in the *Church Hall*
9.30am Service of Remembrance at *St. Mary's*
10.45am Service of Remembrance
6.00pm Evensong



October



From Richard, the Team Rector



I was really pleased with the Show this year. The weather was perfect, and we made four thousand; but that was not the point, for me. Two other factors stand out.

Firstly, we didn't have one single person bearing the weight of the occasion, but a team of people all contributing, working together for a single aim. We started by wondering whether we would have a Show at all and ended with a very successful day. Teamwork is the future both in the

church and in the community at large, as well step up and take responsibility. We were set up in plenty of time, and we were cleared up afterwards as quickly as we have ever done; many hands made light work.



Secondly, so many people came! It was wonderful to see not just many hundreds of people but such a variety as well. The event is the most important gathering of the Tardebigge and Brockhill community in the year, and, despite many other attractions on a beautiful afternoon, perhaps seven hundred or more people came together as an expression of a united community.

In church life, we do need to think in terms of being an active part of the community and not merely occasional consumers. This applies to everything from building management and maintenance, administration, pastoral support, participation in services and groups, and in telling people outside the church about Jesus.

This latter task can worry people; but while clergy are known directly by just by 8% of the population, almost two thirds know someone who is a Christian. It is important, then, that all of us are able to give reasons for the faith and pass on that faith to others.

As 1 Peter 3:15 puts it: "in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have".

Our hope is not in the church building, or in our welcome, nor even the delicious food we eat at Café Church, Harvest Lunch or Evergreens; but, as the 1834 hymn puts it,

*“My hope is built on nothing less than Jesus' blood and righteousness;
I dare not trust the sweetest frame, but wholly lean on Jesus' name.
On Christ, the solid rock, I stand; all other ground is sinking sand,
all other ground is sinking sand.”*

It is not about knowing about the faith, it is being able to communicate that faith in a positive manner that will serve to draw others closer to Christ. This is the shared task of the church, and one that I hope we will all want to equip ourselves to participate in.

Richard

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

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 13th October

Tardebigge Church Hall at 1pm

Adults £12 per person (including wine)

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Wardens' World

October 2019



It goes without saying that it was a glorious sunny day this year for Tardebigge Show and thankfully the crowds came and it was very well supported. A huge thank you to everyone who was involved in any way at all; a lot of preparation took place behind the scenes organising and co-ordinating various stalls and attractions, and it was so good that many

volunteers put a lot of hard work and effort helping set up on the Friday as well as on the day itself. This community spirit is something we need to build on.



As a Church of England school, Tardebigge CE First School is subject to SIAMS School Inspections (Statutory Inspection of Anglican and Methodist Schools – under Section 48 of the Education Act 2005). The SIAMS framework has recently changed; now, the whole school community needs to express how it lives its Christian vision and engages with its neighbours in the wider community. The school's new vision is: *'Everyone in our school will develop with limitless potential by being motivated and engaged in a Christian community.'* It was good that parents (and former parents) at the school were involved in Tardebigge Show and have kindly agreed to do the same next year.....



Different families are now helping to lead Sunday Funday (our Sunday School, held monthly during term time); attending Café Church, eager to participate especially in the welcome and hospitality, serving and providing refreshments. Engaging with families and young children is a way forward to growing the church: *"Though it is the smallest of all seeds, yet when it grows, it is the largest of garden plants and becomes a tree, so that the birds come and perch in its branches."*

Matthew 13: v 32.

Chris and Jane



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November Magazine

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News from School



We are pleased to announce that the school has been awarded a Primary Science Quality Mark.

In the summer term, Mrs Horton (one of our teachers who has driven this initiative) gave a presentation to the School Governors explaining how Science is an integral part of the School Development Plan. She explained that there are many women scientists which help girls aspire to become scientists. She also stated that science is a broad subject which includes botany and geology.

The challenges Primary (and First) Schools have is that many do not have science laboratories. As part of her presentation to governors, Mrs Horton led a practical science experiment and governors were invited to explore and experiment, which helped to demonstrate that science experiments *can* still be used and explored without laboratory facilities.

Primary schools have the support of The Ogden Trust which has an impact on and helps to improve the teaching of the subject. Tardebigge CE First School appreciates the help and support received from this Trust, as well as Birmingham University, and a group of Tardebigge School parents involved in Science professions.

PSQM National Director, Jane Turner said *"Gaining a Primary Science Quality Mark is a significant achievement for a school. The profile and quality of science teaching and learning in each awarded school is very high. Children are engaging with great science both in and outside the classroom, developing positive attitudes towards science as well as secure scientific understanding and skills. Science subject leaders, their colleagues, head teachers, children, parents and governors should be very proud."*

J.E.H

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Pupils Picked a Peck - or Two - of Fruit!

Just a few weeks ago my husband Michael and I were in Richmond on Thames helping our younger son and his family move into their new home.

A delightful lady who lives five doors away knocked at the door asking whose car was outside with a flyer in the window advertising Tardebigge Show; we explained it was our car. The lady's name is Beryl and she told her story. During WW2, children in London were evacuated, however there were some areas that were thought not to be in danger and the children stayed put. Beryl then went on to tell us about her time in Tardebigge and gave us the following article..... (Which just goes to show what can happen when you put a flyer in your car window)*

Michelle Stafford

**N.B. This article about students from Greenford County School, London, originally appeared in a publication (unknown) several years ago.*

In July 1942 the Head reported: We are to run a Harvest Camp for fruit picking at Tardebigge, near Bromsgrove, Worcestershire, from the 11th July until the 8th August. About 80 boys and girls will be going to the camp. There will be a considerable change of personnel after the first fortnight, and the number of pupils at the camp at one time will average about 50. The average number of staff will be 5.

And in the Autumn he gave his report on how it went: The Camp was very successful both from the work and the financial point of view, and we have been asked to go again to the same farm next year for a longer period. The main work consisted of soft fruit picking, and 14 tons of fruit, mainly raspberries and blackcurrants, were harvested.

Again the following summer (1943): We hope to run a Harvest Camp for six weeks for fruit picking in Worcestershire. Sixteen members of the staff and about 130 children will take part in the camp for varying periods over six weeks. This time over 11,000 lbs. of blackcurrants and raspberries and 70 tons of pears were picked.

In 1944 another very successful Harvest Camp was held at Tardebigge involving 91 pupils, 2 ex-pupils, and 14 members of staff over varying periods up to 4 weeks who picked a total of 39,074 lbs. of soft fruit.

Prospice No 2 states: "Those who attended the Tardebigge Harvest Camps of 1942 and 1943 will remember Miss Stonebridge's indefatigable energies, and how she and Mr Marshall, by a mixture of 'inspiration' and hard work, turned a scheme burdened at first with considerable financial anxiety into an assured success and one thoroughly enjoyed by all."

In 1947 *Prospice*, the School Magazine, published a letter (dated 11.7.47) the Old Scholars Association had received from F Scott-Warren, Vicar at Tardebigge, which gives some idea of the welcome impact the members of Greenford County School had on this farming community during the war, and the post-war effects of labour shortages:

"We shall miss you very badly. I understand that our friends from Swindon will be here, probably this coming weekend. They will be camping at Dust House, for this is the only building left to T and M Dixon (the farm owners). Stoney Lane Farm was sold and Horn's Hall, but I gather that Dixons will be giving up most of their soft fruit and concentrating on pears. Nearly all their fields now have the latter fruit. I shall never forget the happy association with Greenford - it was after your first visit to Tardebigge that I wrote to the Rector of Greenford to say what charming guests you had been. Please give my affectionate greetings to all old friends, I am afraid that we have been only ships that pass in the night, but the passing has left very pleasant memories - to myself, at any rate."

The Spring 1950 edition of *Prospice* carried the announcement that the Rev. F Scott-Warren had died: *"The cheery welcome which the Vicar always extended to us as harvest campers was one of the things we looked forward to when returning in successive years, for he made us feel he was genuinely glad we had come again. We were grateful for his very practical hospitality at the Vicarage and many of us enjoyed joining, at his invitation, in the services of the village church on the hill."*

Christmas Tree Festival at Worcester Cathedral

Tardebigge Community is participating in the festival again this year and we'd love you to make decorations for our tree! Our theme this year is 'The Three Wise Men (Magi)'.

Please feel free to use your imagination; for example, you could perhaps create crowns, camels, stars, and gold

Decorations will be needed by December.

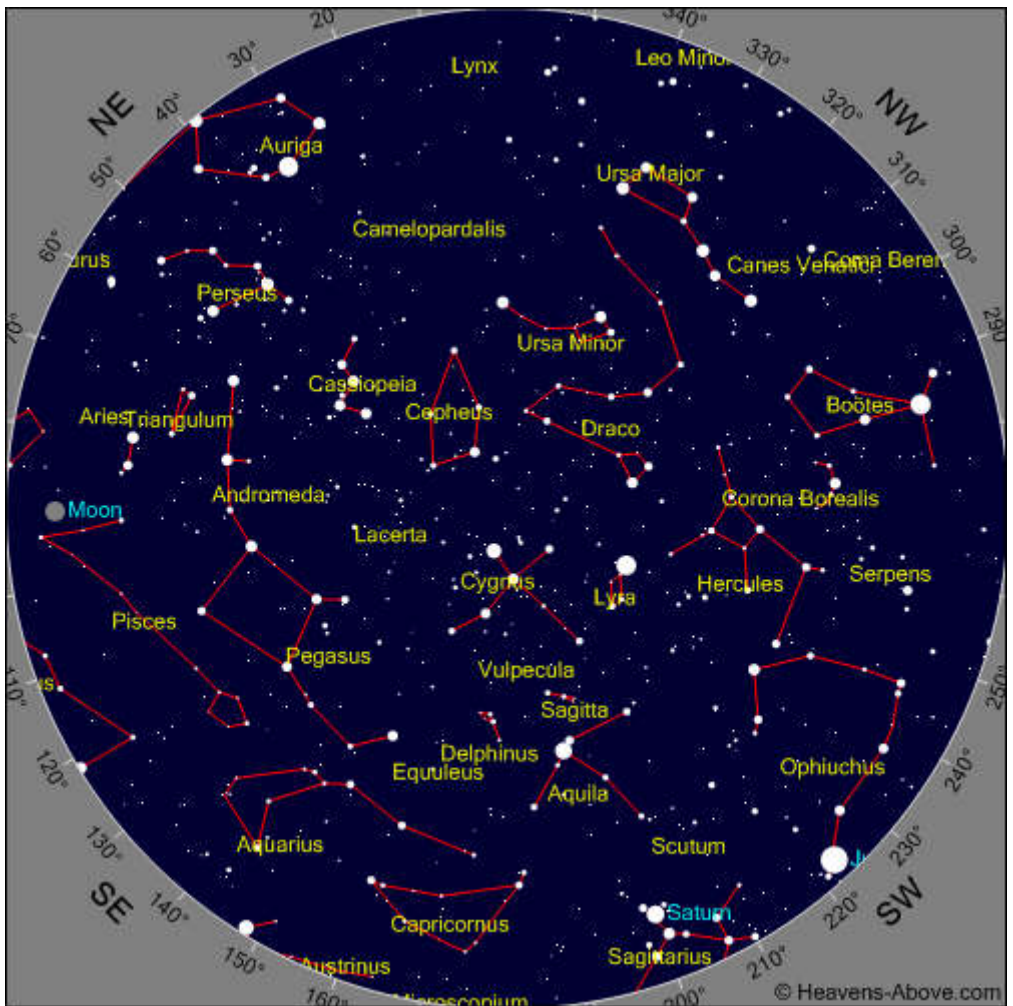
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Celestial Corner

October, the last month of the solar autumn, ending on Oct 31st, Halloween, when the people of the Celtic “religion” would lay an extra place at meal times for the departed. As for the sky, we are coming to the time of year when it is dominated by the large constellations with no 1st magnitude stars in them. But before then we still have the summer triangle with us, Cygnus, the swan, Lyra, the lyre and Aquila, the eagle. Between Aquila and Cygnus are two small constellations, Sagitta, the arrow and Delphinus, the dolphin. Sagitta is easy to pick out as it looks like an arrow pointing eastwards. Delphinus is more difficult unless you remember that it is only the Dolphin’s head. Looking lower down we find bright Jupiter, temporarily in a small, narrow part of Ophiucus, as it is now in proper motion against the stars, by next month it will be in Scorpio once more. Jupiter is about to set in the SW. To the left of Jupiter lies Saturn in Sagittarius, the archer, low down in the SSW. To the East of Saturn is Capricornus, the goat, followed by Aquarius, the water bearer. Capricorn is fairly easy to pick out, but Aquarius is not as it’s stars are mainly third magnitude. Next we have Pisces the fishes, a long, straggling constellation, again with no bright stars to help us. Then above Pisces, rising from the East, comes Pegasus, the winged horse and Andromeda, with the spiral galaxy, M31. Which brings us nicely back to the subject of galaxies.

As you will remember we talked about Spirals last month, so now we come to the second main group, the Barred spirals. These are galaxies that are spiral in shape but have a dark line passing through them. This line is due to darker matter, generally inter-stellar dust, formed in a line due to the rotation of the galaxy. Next come the Elliptical galaxies that are, as the same suggests, elliptical in shape with a slightly denser centre. Last of the four come the Irregular galaxies, which have little or no defined shape and are uniform in density. There are thousands of galaxies out there, but only M31, the great spiral in Andromeda, is visible with the unaided eye, being large and the closest to us. A lot of galaxies are grouped in clusters such as the Virgo cluster lying in the bowl of Virgo (between her head and arm) and spreading up to Coma Berenice, Berenice’s hair, which at the moment lies low in the North West. Unfortunately the brightest of the group is only 8th mag, (most are 9th/10th), and so you need a telescope to see them. In fact to find most galaxies you need a telescope, with setting circles, and a star chart to give you the co-ordinates of the object you want to find. The same applies in order to find some nebulae and star clusters. However, a pair of 10x50 binoculars, on a home made stand to hold them, can be used to find quite a few clusters and nebulae on the Messier list, along with splitting some double stars, again with the help of a star chart. Some objects have names, such as the Beehive and Wild Duck clusters, or the Ring, Trifid, Lagoon and North American Nebulae. Or how about the Sombrero Hat Galaxy. The names suggest what the object looks like, such as the Dark horse’s head nebular in Orion.



R.B.

Anagrams: Famous Battles

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| 1. Tin cougar | 6. Lame alien (2 words) | 11. Moo snort arm (2 words) |
| 2. A towel or | 7. Ban yes | 12. No rid boo |
| 3. Gnash sit | 8. Our herbal rap (2 words) | 13. Lag far rat |
| 4. Undo cell | 9. Who forbids let (2 words) | 14. Know troy |
| 5. Secret row | 10. Hi palm | |



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
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October 2003

Priest-in-charge: Ven. Frederick Hazell

Church Wardens: Mr Bert Gateley and Mr Roger Powell

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Dear People of Tardebigge and Bentley,

It is a sad fact that a significant number of people in the Church of England rarely sit down to read the Bible. The Bible Society claims that only 25% of British Christians have read the New Testament. Yet the good news is that, in this Parish, a growing number of people are now reading the Bible regularly. Also, there are two groups in the prison which meet throughout the year for prayer and study of the Christian faith which involves an examination of particular Bible passages.

The last Sunday of this month, 26th October, is the 19th Sunday after Trinity, but also is being kept as 'Bible Sunday'. It will be an opportunity for us to consider the importance of the Bible in the Christian faith. Quite honestly, I don't see how anyone can grow in the faith of Jesus Christ unless they do take the Bible seriously and ponder its message.

The Bible Society has produced material to help Church members to encounter the power and drama of the Bible for themselves and to discover God's purpose for their lives. The whole of the New Testament has been recorded on to a set of audio cassettes and is available for church members to use as part of a corporate programme.* (**N.B. it was the subsidised 'Faith Comes by Hearing' - programme, launched at the 11 o'clock service on Bible Sunday*)

Regular Bible reading can actually be not only worthwhile, but exciting. Yet most of us need help. Those who are taking 'New Daylight', which gives daily readings from the Bible and a brief commentary, seem to be enthusiastic about it. Why not give these notes a try?


Here is a Scripture to ponder, "Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light for my path".

Frederick Hazell

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Personal

St. Bartholomew's, Tardebigge is the setting this month for three weddings: the first is between **Dean Hall** and **Jane Summerfield**, who both attend our Family Service regularly; the next, on 18th October, is between two long-standing members of the church, **David Taylor** and **Wendy Boffey**, who was in charge of the Sunday School for several years. We wish David and Wendy every blessing in their new life together. The third October wedding is on 28th October between **Tony Milligan** and **Verna Beckford**. Tony is a teacher at a boarding school in Bristol. His late father was PCC Treasurer for a number of years.





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Lyn's Angel

The angel it seems stands guard by the gate
In the churchyard next to the wood,
She was watching, I was told when I was but a child
To make sure you behaved, you were good.

That angels are kind I have always believed
They are never there to scold or berate
So I always put out my hand in a greeting
To touch the angel who stands by the gate.

Down the years she has weathered, yet still looks gentle and kind
To that churchyard I have returned many times
She has always seemed to stand there to protect those who rest
And to be included in at least one of my rhymes.

Who carved her, who placed her I have never found out
To me she remains forever part of the view
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The Spring Greens

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New members always welcome!

Jane Hall

Forthcoming Spring Greens' meetings

17th October - We welcome Mary, to talk about the work of a clinic in Namusaala, Uganda which is supported by 'The Cherish Fund,' (our adopted charity). The clinic does amazing work supporting disabled children.



21st November - 'Stir Up Thursday' - Lucy has again kindly agreed to co-ordinate this ever popular session when we will be making our Christmas puddings. (Details to follow).



December (date to be confirmed) - Christmas Crafts with Jaquii. Last year she showed us how to make amazing Christmas cards and we look forward to her session again this year. Further details to follow.



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).

Monday 15th July was a glorious summer's day and it was also the day when the Evergreens gathered for their, now, traditional afternoon tea. This year we met at Mappleborough Green Garden Centre.

The tea was delicious – sandwiches, scones with jam and cream, a scrumptious selection of cakes and copious amounts of tea. We all enjoyed ourselves both eating and also talking to one another.

Our next meeting will be on Saturday 7th December, which will be our Christmas lunch, which will take place in the Church Hall, gathering at 12.30pm for a 1.00pm start with tickets £10 each, available from Vivien and Mary. Please put the date in your diary! As usual, if you would like further information or a lift, please contact us.

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Besides the financial benefit, host families enjoy enriching and rewarding experiences as they learn about another country and culture; have the chance to help young people develop their language skills; and even form a lasting bond, with many hosts keeping in contact with their students long after they leave.

This is what some of our local host families say about their hosting experience:

Mr Spencer (Redditch): *"For anyone out there who thinks they might be suitable for hosting international students, I strongly recommend it. We found the whole experience highly rewarding".*

Mrs Philip (Redditch): *"A really enjoyable experience. Looking forward to next year."*

Mrs Warren (Studley): *"It's fun seeing the students 'confidence grow as they try to speak English over the days. The extra money is a bonus too!"*



Anyone who is interested in hosting should call Céline on 07753 840056.

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ALL Welcome!

WHAT

Big Screen event
England v France (*final
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WHERE

Redditch Baptist
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WHEN

Saturday, 12th October –
FREE BREAKFAST at
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CONTACT

Pastor Andrew
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Tel.: 07513 139597

Short *Christians
in Sport* film at
half-time



Bentley Pauncefoot WI

Anna showing a complete bouquet



In August members enjoyed a delightful visit to the garden of local florist and flower grower, Anna Brian. Anna is passionate about growing British flowers so that the tour round her cutting garden and polytunnel was a real treat. There was a such a huge variety of annuals with myriad

colours and scents. Then we went on to explore and admire her perennial garden. Anna explained her philosophy concerning flowers and described her cultivation methods. It was then time for tea and delicious cake before a flower

arranging demonstration.

Anna explained that more natural flower arrangements are in vogue and then

showed us how to create a garden in a box, a hand tied bouquet of garden flowers and a sunflower ball. These were all

beautiful. In the light of sustainability and eco issues, Anna also gave us tips on what to use instead of foam in arrangements. It is possible to use moss, chicken wire and a melon (!) although there is now a new product on the market that is 51% biodegradable. All in all, we had a most enjoyable time with ideas to carry forward to our Produce Show in November.



Also, in November we are staging our Craft and Crafters Market at the Avoncroft Arts Centre. Lots of goodies will be available whether you are looking for craft supplies, beautiful hand made gifts and cards or just coffee and cake with your friends. All are welcome and we look forward to seeing you on Saturday November 2nd between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm.

Lynne Reading
(01527 559 207).

*Bentley Pauncefoot W I
Craft and Crafters Market*



*wools, fabrics, assorted craft supplies,
jewellery, Christmas decorations,
woodturning, handmade gifts, cards*

Refreshments

Entry 50p



Saturday November 2nd 10 am to 1 pm

at the Avoncroft Arts Centre

Redditch Road (A38), Stoke Heath, Bromsgrove B60 4JS

Maggs Day Centre – helping the homeless since 1985

If you visit Worcester or Kidderminster these days, all too often you will see evidence of homelessness as you do your shopping. Discarded sleeping bags in shop doorways or underpasses, or people (usually men) sitting outside coffee shops begging for change (however not all beggars are homeless), are all evidence of homeless people living on the streets of our local towns.

Years ago you might have thought of people living on the streets as something that happens in big cities, especially London, but in the so called “age of austerity” it’s a phenomenon in almost every town and city in the UK. Malvern for example has a picture post card image but last year two homeless people died on the streets of Malvern from neglect. The West Midlands as a whole saw the highest increase in rough sleeping in England in 2018, up by a staggering 42%.

The shortage of housing in the UK is a problem which has built up over three decades, and homelessness is one symptom of it, just as high house prices and “generation rent” are other symptoms as fewer and fewer people are able to afford to buy or even rent their own homes.

Most homeless people are in that position through no fault of their own – relationship breakdown, money problems, changes in the benefit system and health issues can all lead to people living on the streets.

A study last year estimated that 6,000 ex forces veterans were among those living on the streets, men and women who have served their country but been unable to adapt back to mainstream society. About 25% of ex-service people end up on the street

Maggs Day Centre is a local charity which helps the homeless and vulnerable people. Maggs runs a Day Centre in Worcester and operates an outreach team across the county. Currently Maggs is trying to raise enough money to open a centre in Malvern for 2 days a week. Maggs has a small team of part and full-time workers and a large team of volunteers.

What does Maggs do?

The main focus of Maggs' work is the Day Centre. Based in a former 14th century chapel in the heart of Worcester, the Day Centre provides food for street sleepers 5 days a week. The Day Centre also provides showers for rough sleepers to use and there is a clothing store where donated clothing is available.

The main objective of Maggs is not to simply provide support, but also to get people off the streets and into permanent homes. So Maggs workers help homeless people to access organisations like the local Council and the NHS to help find the medical help that they need.

Maggs directly targets people living on the streets and in the most vulnerable circumstances around Worcestershire area. Workers are able to link rough sleepers and those with insecure accommodation into mainstream housing, health and support services, both via MAGGs Day Centre in Worcester, and also other countywide provisions.

The number of people helped by Maggs is phenomenal, and the numbers show the size of the homelessness problem.

In 2018, 457 different people accessed the Day Centre and 371 different people utilised the Clothing Store. 76 different people attended courses run by Maggs and 73 engaged with the outreach team. The Health Hub made a total of 748 appointments for our service users. MAGGS is the **only** organisation in Worcestershire which provides these services to this client group.

Can you help?

Maggs relies heavily on its volunteers. The Day Centre is largely run by volunteers, and Maggs currently has around 40 volunteers and is always looking for more. In 2016 Maggs was awarded the Queen's Award for Voluntary Service in recognition of its achievements in the field of volunteering.

Maggs needs your help to continue its good work. You can donate on line at our website where you can read more about our work - www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/ or you can donate via cheque (Maggs Day Centre) and send to:

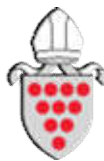
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We are always looking for volunteers to help out – to help in the kitchen at the Day Centre, or at the Clothing Store or if you have any other skill that may be of assistance to us. We are also looking for mentors and befrienders and we offer student placements. In the past we have taken students of criminology, mental health and occupational therapy.

If you would like to volunteer, have a look at the page on our website,

<http://www.maggsdaycentre.co.uk/volunteering/>

or contact volunteer co-ordinator Val Turner on 01905 25027 (option 2) or by email - vturner@maggsdaycentre.co.uk



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A Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley

Over the summer I read the Good Childhood Report 2019 published by The Children's Society, and was sad, but not surprised, to learn that children and young people have become increasingly unhappy as childhood becomes ever more complex. The society's research shows that many children are unhappy with their friendships and their appearance, and are concerned about wider issues like school culture, the experiences of those with low or strained family finances, and whether or not some children actually feel safe during the school day. Too many children are struggling with their lives now, and large numbers are also anxious about their future. A large proportion of children are worried about everything from money and getting good grades at school, to wider issues like crime and the environment.

It is so important that we keep reminding ourselves and each other that working with children and young people is one of our strategic priorities, and that as part of our Kingdom People vision we are dedicated to helping children and young people to belong and be nurtured in faith.

We can all play a part in this. Even if we don't have many children in our church, most of us will have contact with children in our family and friendship groups. How can we better mentor them, share faith with them, instil confidence in them and communicate their inherent value to them? How can we help to ease their unhappiness? Perhaps by showing unconditional love, and spending quality time with them; certainly by committing to pray for them.

Mark Russell, Canon of Worcester Cathedral and new Chief Executive of the Children's Society, said in his introduction to the report, *"How can we enable children to thrive not just survive. How do we solve problems like rising mental ill-health, millions living in poverty and the scandal of far too many young lives being lost to knife crime and exploitation? We must start by listening to young people. I mean REALLY listening. We need to stop side-lining young people and harness their enthusiasm and radical energy for change."*

As a new school year gets underway, let's commit afresh to helping the children of the Diocese of Worcester to belong and be nurtured in faith. Let's pray for our church schools, all

who work with children in paid or voluntary roles, and the Mission Enablers supporting churches as part of our Calling Young Disciples project, and let's listen to the children and young people we know and harness their enthusiasm and energy for change, that their future might be full of hope, and our lives enriched by the part they play.

Nikki Groarke

Sidespersons Rota

1st September

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

8th September

8.00am - D Hall
11.00am - P Hopkins and E Price
6.00pm - M Price

15th September

11.00am - L Parkes and J Oldaker
6.00pm - P Hopkins

22nd September

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

Flower Rota



6th October

Lucy Parkes

13th October

Harvest - team

20th October

Jane Hall

27th October

Elizabeth Price

3rd November

Maureen Hudson

10th November

Remembrance

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

3rd October

Marnie Izirein

23rd October

Chris Milton

27th October

Michael Price



4th October

Jane & Dean Hall

5th October

Mary & David Peers

18th October

Wendy & David Taylor

Weddings



7th September

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Francesca Wendy Louise BOFFEY

Registers in
September

Verse for the Month

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2 Peter 1: 16

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| 2. Edinburgh | 7. Vienna | 12. Birmingham |
| 3. Amsterdam | 8. Bucharest | |
| 4. Stockholm | 9. Antwerp | |
| 5. Barcelona | 10. Helsinki | |

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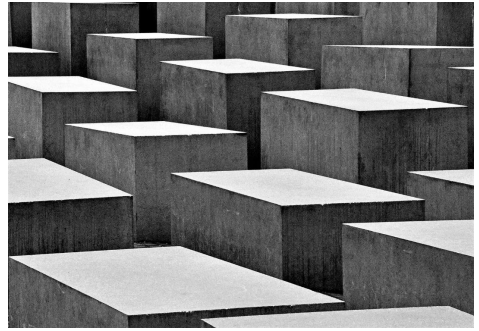
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We're also on Facebook! www.facebook.com/BentleyVillageHall

Webheath Digital Photography Club

The windmill at Chesterton in Warwickshire was the venue for an evening photoshoot on August 12. The weather was kind and some interesting cloud effects were caught with normal and extended exposures. The changing light as sunset approached created many varied impressions which seemed to keep the members busy with their tripods. The evening was made even more interesting by the arrival of a bridal couple who had come to have their photographs taken with the mill as a background

The weather on the following Monday was not so good with dull light and some rain as we closed our photoshoots for the year at Earlswood Lakes. It seemed to be another evening for tripods rather than hand-held camera work because of the low light. Although nobody apparently managed to catch the heron, so prominent in previous visits, there was still the opportunity to make the best of the water, woods and wildfowl before adjourning to the local hostelry.

The next Monday was a Bank Holiday which meant no meeting but on September 9 we were back in the Village Hall for an Assignment night, with Landscapes or Rectangles the themes on offer. As usual the members used their collective imaginations to interpret the challenge, although they couldn't stray too far with Rectangles. Ellie Kerans saw her subdued but still colourful and sharply focussed Street Landscape as a change from the countryside while Gordon Dunsmuir stuck rigidly to the theme with his take on Rectangles showing his black-and-white study of the Holocaust Memorial in Berlin.



On September 9 we had members showing and discussing their recent images, mainly from our photoshoots at Stratford, Chesterton Windmill and Earlswood Lakes. Stratford images followed the usual themes with the Avon, swans, barges, street scenes and classic topics ranging from the Bancroft Gardens to the theatre. A sunburst was caught on the wing of Christine Lees' Swans. The mill gave us a huge choice to discuss, with changing light from different directions on such a simple subject. Paul Widdowson was only one to see a pleasing image in his sunset with clouds. Other members caught a rosy glow in the stonework instead. An interesting collection.



We have four meetings in the Village Hall in October starting on the 7th with a Technical Evening where we can hone our skills with our cameras. This is followed on 14 October by a Show and Tell evening when we will see how the Members have caught the latest topics. The next Monday is a Knock-out night, always popular. "Monochrome" is the Assignment subject for the final Monday of the month.

The Village Hall, Webheath, is our usual venue on Monday evenings at 7:30. Anyone with an interest in digital photography is very welcome to come along to our regular meetings. The Club's website is webheathdpc.com where you can find details, such as our programme and how to

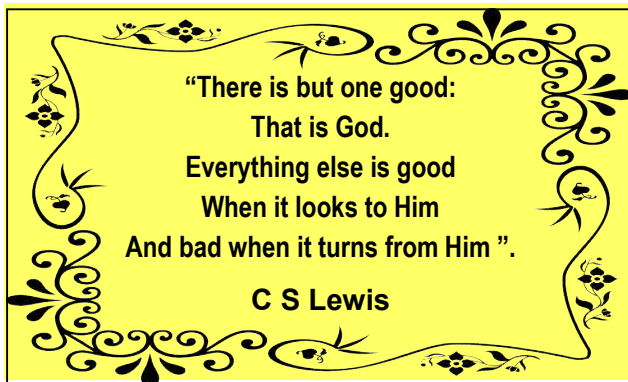
contact us. You can also find us on Facebook as Webheath Digital Photography Club and at www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC.



P. Dewell

October 2019

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Sudoku

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Solution next month

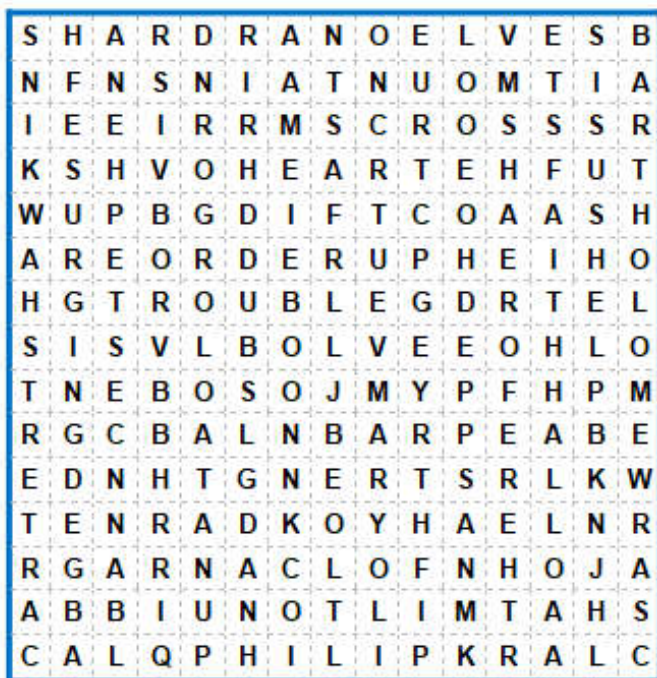
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5	9	4	1	2	6	8	7	3
3	2	7	4	6	1	5	9	8
9	1	8	5	7	3	6	4	2
6	4	5	2	9	8	7	3	1
7	6	2	8	4	5	3	1	9
1	8	9	7	3	2	4	5	6
4	5	3	6	1	9	2	8	7

Last month's solution

Word Search

'God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging.'

Psalm 46: 1-3



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