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

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 8th September (Trinity 12)

8.00am Holy Communion

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

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 15th September (Trinity 13)

9.30am Traditional Holy Communion at *St. Mary's*

11.00am **Family Service**

6.00pm Traditional Holy Communion

Sunday 22nd September (Trinity 14)

8.00am Holy Communion

9.30am **Worship For ALL**

11.00am Traditional Morning Prayer

6.00pm Evensong

Sunday 29th September (Trinity 15)

11.00am **Family Communion**

6.00pm 'Songs of Praise' at *St. Philip's, Webheath*

Sunday 6th October (Trinity 16)

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

6.00pm Evensong



September



From Richard, the Team Rector



September is a transition month for many, as the children go back to school, and groups, courses and classes begin after the summer break; but many of us go away for a holiday to enjoy the golden days of September before autumn falls upon us, the leaves curl, and pubs and restaurants inundate us with their deals for Christmas meals.

We are in a time of harvest; at the vicarage, freezers groan under the weight of fruit and

Worcestershire trees shed so many apples that Newton would not just have discovered gravity when one fell on his head, he would have been completely buried!



Isaac Newton

The Church is about fruitfulness, but neither apples nor pears. The harvest that God is looking for comes in two forms; the fruit of faithfulness, and the fruit of faith. This needs some explanation.

Jesus tells us that a tree is known by its fruit. If I plant a cherry tree and it produces oranges, I know I don't have a cherry tree. In the Christian life, you can recognise authentic Christianity by the fruit it produces. Is it compatible with the Bible? Does it help to grow the Church? Does it point to Jesus or to something or someone else?. This creates tremendous confusion as to what is and what isn't Christian, and people who have labelled themselves Christian can manifest complete opposing views and behaviour, as if the God who they follow has some sort of mental illness. Too often, sadly, we accept a tree by its label not by what it produces.

God is almighty, outside of time and space, moving in a different dimension to us, a realm that we can access through worship. As Jesus said to the woman of Samaria, "a time is coming and has now come when the true worshippers will worship the Father in the Spirit and in truth, for they are the kind of worshippers the Father seeks. God is spirit, and his worshippers must worship in the Spirit and in truth." (John 4:23-24)

The more faithful we are to God and the more we put him first in our lives, the more our knowledge of who he really is will grow. This is the fruit of faithfulness: a deeper knowledge of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

God has called us all to welcome his son, Jesus, and to produce the harvest of his kingdom. When people came to Jesus, he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the workers

are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into his harvest field.' (Matthew 9:37-38)



This instruction from Jesus is for all of us to pray that people will be sent out by God to gather in believers all over the world. Vast numbers of devoted people have gone out across the globe, sometimes at great personal risk, to bring the truth about God, his son and the Holy Spirit, to all people everywhere. Many have responded by faith and have joined this great enterprise.

The process of reaching the world has not been easy, nor has it been consistent. There have been times when a new burst of evangelism has been stimulated by God, and his Church has moved forward. At other times harvesting has been hard and not very rewarding, more like trying to reach the final blackberries at the top of a large prickly bush. But each person is so special to God that he will go to great lengths to try to ensure that everyone can hear about Jesus. God, in his love, yearns for a full and complete relationship with every single one of us.

Richard

Verse for the Month

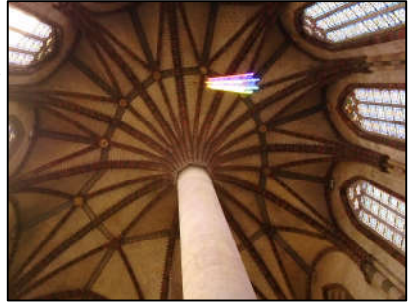
**Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to
serve those who will inherit salvation?**

Hebrews 1: 14

Wardens' World

September 2019

Welcome back to Tardebigge! We hope you had a good summer, whether you stayed at home in some rather good weather, or went away for a break. In the south of France the Miltons were privileged to see some amazing church buildings old and new, from ruined cloisters to the amazing Jacobin monastery church in Toulouse, which made Chris very glad that he didn't have to look after Gothic vaulting 28 metres (92 feet) high!



Quite apart from the weather, the summer in Tardebigge has been equally uplifting, with good turnouts at the four Bromsgrove Festival services and concerts at St Mary's and St. Bartholomew's. We are immensely grateful to the performers (organist Hannah Gibson, the baroque Arden Consort and the Clent Consort choir), who volunteered their time to give us a fascinating range of music, and help raise around £400 extra for the Church. The first Festival service was in many ways the best; a packed Songs of Praise service at St. Mary's which really made this beautiful church come alive! Grateful thanks are due to Roger Powell for his usual highly professional organisation. It was also the start of a reassuring trend this summer; people who have often been absent in recent months coming back to services and support the lay people who leading more worship now that fewer priests are available in the Redditch area.

Working at Hereford Cathedral, although thoroughly enjoyable, is starting to eat into Chris's free time, and it has become noticeably harder to be present at Tardebigge and keep the parish administration running as he has been. He has committed to continue working for St. Bartholomew's and St. Mary's until the end of the year, but his input is likely to diminish rapidly in early 2020 and we urgently need to find successors as treasurer and churchwarden, in particular to keep control of the finances. He would hate to walk away without having been able to hand over to someone, and the sooner they can start working in parallel with him, the better the handover and the future of the parish will be. We would be particularly interested to hear from people and parents at the school, as we continue to provide a warm and well-equipped church to act as a school hall, and the partnership is important for the whole community. There are many little jobs involved, and the more people who can deal with even a small part of Chris's roles, the easier it will be. Just call or email Chris (07825 749767, cmilton@btinternet.com) to find out more without committing yourself.



Hopefully you will read this magazine in time to remind you of the **Tardebigge Show** on **Saturday September 14th**. Please join in this brilliant day, by helping set up at 6.00 pm on Friday 13th, turning up on Saturday to help on a stall, serving food and drink, or just come and enjoy the Show! Call Chris for more information. Volunteers are still badly needed, together with donations of cakes, bottles,

books or plants. If you want to show off your skills in the Produce Show, it will be open to receive your entries up to 11.00 am. Support your local community and make sure we see you there!

Chris and Jane



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

Harvest Lunch

Sunday 13th October

Tardebigge Church Hall at 1pm

Adults £12 per person (including wine)

Children (aged 12 and under) £5 each

Family of four (2 adults and 2 children) £25

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October Magazine

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contact@tardebiggechurch.org.uk by MONDAY 16th September

News from School



Elissa's first day at school

It's hard to believe how quickly the school holidays go; it doesn't seem long since July when we said farewell to our Year 4 children in a special leavers' assembly with presentations in church, followed by a party in the evening. We wish them well as they move on to different schools.

Already we have welcomed our Reception children who are getting used to new routines and making new friends. We held a special welcome assembly and introduced them individually to the whole school. It therefore seems appropriate that this half term our Christian values are tolerance and friendship.

Our pupils have plenty to look forward to in the weeks ahead, especially as the autumn term is very busy. We look forward to sharing our news with you in future editions of the magazine.

J.E.H

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The Evergreens

Evergreens is a group that meets in the afternoon several times a year and is open to all people, though it tends to be those who are retired who come along.

If you need further information please ring either
Vivien Mackenzie (0121 445 1245) or Mary Watkins (0121 445 3075).

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!

Jane Hall

Plant Sale 2020

Just a little nudge about the 2020 Plant Sale! As usual, we had fantastic support from the gardeners among you this year, so do please bear the sale in mind as you put your gardens "to bed" this autumn.

We'd be immensely grateful for any sons and daughters of over-large perennials which you can split up and pot on for us, seeds you could collect and sow next spring, cuttings ... any way in which you can generate plants will be very welcome indeed.

Do give me a call if you have any specific ideas or suggestions for next year's event. Many thanks in anticipation!

Lucy Parkes

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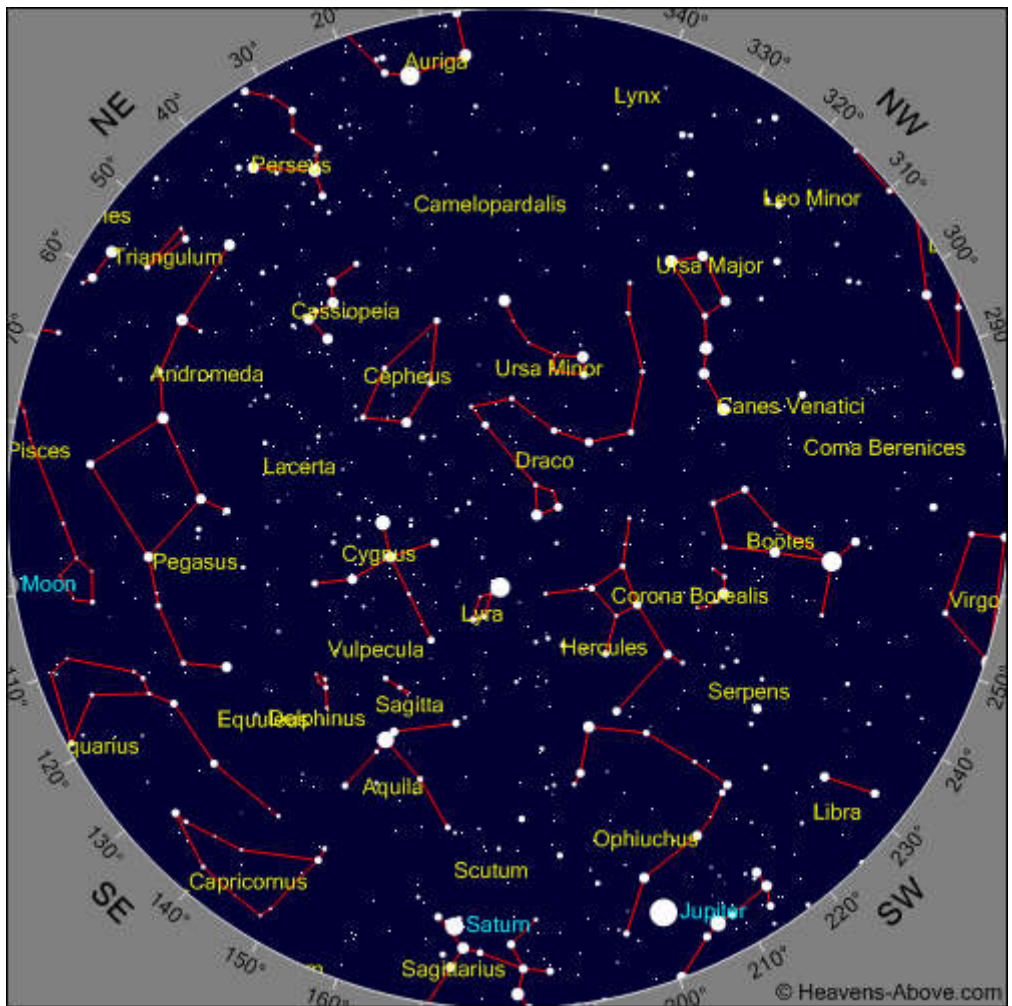


Celestial Corner

September, the mid month of the Solar autumn, the month when the amount of daylight decreases most rapidly due to the ecliptic being at it's greatest angle to the celestial equator, (as it also is in the spring month of March). The month of the autumn equinox, the first point of Libra.

So what is on view. Well we still have the summer triangle with us and due to the fact that this month's map is timed at 8pm on the 14th everything is almost in the same place as on the map for the July/Aug mag, which was timed at 10pm, as it was still light at 8! Remember I explained, in an earlier mag, that the constellations rise two hours earlier each month. So, due south, low down, we have Sagittarius with Saturn and to the right of Sagittarius we have Jupiter in Scorpio. If you still have the July mag, the first thing you will notice is that Saturn has moved slightly to the right and uncovered the star to it's left. So Saturn is in retrograde motion. Jupiter has been in retrograde through July and August, but now appears to be stationary before resuming proper motion once more. Their retrograde motion is due to the Earth overtaking them. A little constellation I haven't mentioned before is Corona Borealis, the northern crown. Actually it is more a coronet than a crown as it is a semi-circle of stars. It lies between Bootes and Hercules.

Last month I mentioned the Milky way, and pointed out that all the stars we can see, including the Milky Way, are all part of our Galaxy. If you imagine two fried eggs placed "back to back", that is how our galaxy looks from the side. However, from above the galaxy would look like a Catherine wheel. It is what is known as a spiral galaxy with the stars all moving around it's centre. Our Sun lies in one of the arms of the galaxy and when we look towards Sagittarius we are looking toward the thickest part of the galaxy, the "two yolks" of the eggs. There are four main types of galaxies, elliptical, spiral, barred spiral and irregular. There is a fifth type known as Lenticular which are midway between elliptical and spiral in structure. Elliptical galaxies are subdivided into seven types, Spiral and barred spiral are subdivided into three groups each. The best known Spiral galaxy, apart from our own, is M31 in Andromeda. Visible with the naked eye as a fuzzy patch on a clear night in late autumn, it lies 2.5 million light years away. So when you look at it you are not seeing it as it is now, but as it was 2.5million years ago. That is how long it has taken it's light to get to earth! M31 and our own galaxy are part of the local group of galaxies consisting of around 36 members, one other spiral (M33), the Magellanic clouds, (visible from the Southern hemisphere) and numerous dwarf elliptical and irregular galaxies. More next month.



R.B.

Anagrams: European Cities

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| 2. Hunger Bid | 7. In Vane | 12. Him Bring Ma |
| 3. Tamed Rams | 8. Cherub Sat | |
| 4. Moths Lock | 9. Warp Net | |
| 5. Cornea Lab | 10. Like Shin | |



September 2003

Priest-in-charge: Ven. Frederick Hazell

Church Wardens: Mrs Jean Honeybourne and Mr Roger Powell

PCC Secretary: Mr s Alma Westwood **PCC Treasurer:** Mr Bert Gateley

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We have come a long way in a short time!

Two years ago we were digging deep into precious reserves to pay for the day-to-day running of the church. Even worse, with annual expenditure running at £9,000 more than we were receiving at the altar, we were concerned that some Church repairs and maintenance would have to be shelved. Even our charitable giving languished..... Financially, we badly needed a new start!

The turning point was last year's brilliantly successful stewardship programme. It transformed our finances, cleared our debts and gave new hope for the future.

Of course, there was more to the programme than mere money.... or more particularly, the lack of it. Out of adversity, we suddenly came together as a church. We started, thank God, talking about those things that concern us all. At Tardebigge, many were soon asking whether we are doing enough to proclaim the good news of God's Kingdom. Was ours a Church where new believers would be welcomed? Did we respond to human need through loving service? And were we a congregation seeking to transform the unjust structures of society?

Each of these, and many similar, were questions of profound importance and in the discussion groups we held - and particularly when we came together at our well attended Parish Conference - there was a real buzz in the air. The Holy Spirit, we felt, was surely with us. We really had a new beginning.

That was a year ago and next month we hope to take things a step further through the 2003 stewardship programme. Money - or the need of it to help us continue to pay our way and extend our community service and charitable giving - will form a part as we are each asked to reconsider what God gives to us and what we, realistically, should be giving each week at the altar in return.

Rising costs have to be met but the emphasis of the 2003 programme, though, is on service to church and community. In a nutshell, the question for us all is, what of our time and talents are we prepared to give to ensure that the good news of God's Kingdom is proclaimed?

In the coming weeks leaflets setting out the objectives of this year's Stewardship programme will be given out, together with others which will contain daily scriptural reading for reflection and prayer for the success of the campaign.

Chris Watkins

Church Legacy

A lasting gift to Tardebigge Parish



'And now these three remain: faith, hope and love.
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1 Corinthians 13: 13



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

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Obituary: The Ven. Frederick Hazell

Barry Williams writes:

The Ven. Frederick Roy Hazell, who died on 16 July 2019, aged 88, was born on 12 August 1930, and brought up in a Strict and Particular Brethren family. At Cambridge, he read Aristotle's *Politics*, and this changed his views for ever.

He sought to become a member of the Church of England and was utterly disenfranchised by his entire family, suffering considerable hardship for his faith in the process. At one time, he worked as a railway clerk, even without accommodation, and was for ever grateful to Pusey House, wherein he found a berth until he could move to lodgings before going to university.

At Fitzwilliam House, Cambridge, he read history with honours. Cuddesdon College followed, but a barrier to ordination occurred. He had no baptism certificate. He wrote to his father (who at that time was not speaking to him), and asked for a certificate of baptism. It was approximately in the following terms. "I certify that I, John Murdock Hazell, on or about 19th August 1930, did baptise my son Frederick Roy in the bath, with water, in the name of the Father, Son and Holy Ghost." It was, of course, valid, and thus Frederick proceeded to ordination.

He was an assistant curate in Ilkeston from 1956 to 1959 and then in Heanor until 1960. There followed three years as Chaplain to the University of the West Indies and another assistant curacy at St Martin in the Fields, London. Frederick was appointed to the parish of St Saviour, Croydon, then in Canterbury diocese. He was Rural Dean of Croydon from 1972 to 1977, and his skills were immediately rewarded by an honorary canonry of Canterbury Cathedral, in 1973. Though a great proponent of the merging of the (then) Ecclesiastical Island of Croydon with Southwark diocese, he dealt gently and with understanding with those who disagreed with his stance.

While at St Saviour's, he was the first incumbent to give an organist paid maternity leave. He then oversaw the combining of the parishes of St Saviour's and Holy Trinity, Selhurst, removing the fine Father Willis organ from the latter parish to replace the worn-out instrument in St Saviour's.

I had asked his permission to use the old organ in St Saviour's for practice. After a few months, I called to return the keys and to ask what was the charge for the use of the organ. He handed my list of practice hours back to me and said that this was the church's contribution to my musical education.

Years later, when the same organ was installed in Holy Saviour, Frederick asked me to give the opening recital. Afterwards, at the inevitable "bun fight", he asked me what my fee was for playing that evening. It was with delight that I said there was no fee and returned the piece of paper which he had so generously declined many years before.



Frederick always treated his organists as equal colleagues, and was loyally served by able and well-qualified musicians throughout his long and fruitful ministry.

A long list of assistant curates had good reason to be grateful for a thorough and careful training, which Frederick always made a priority.

It was no surprise that he was made Archdeacon of Croydon in 1978, a post that he held with distinction. He handled his authority with great care, not being afraid to stand up to the “heritage lobby” when the pastoral situation demanded it.

Sadly, his first wife, Gwen, died in January 1992. They had met when Frederick was teaching at a school in Kingham, in the Cotswolds. Gwen, who was some years older than her husband, was a Queen Alexandra’s Royal Army Nursing Sister and of a totally different background, style, and temperament.

Frederick retired in June 1992. On 9 July 1994, he married Norma, who had been his secretary. The wedding was a marvellous occasion with a professional choir and the church packed with clergy, with the then Bishop of Southwark, the Rt Revd Roy Williamson, presiding.

In retirement, Frederick undertook posts at Knowle St Giles, Chard, Furnham, and Chaffcombe, with a prison chaplaincy, which he greatly enjoyed. He also served at Tardebigge.

Latterly, he and Norma lived in Ramsay Hall, Worthing, where he often took services in the chapel. Sadly, dementia took hold, but he remained kind and gracious to the end.

Frederick was a great admirer of Cardinal Newman and was, for one brought up in the Brethren, surprisingly High Church. Throughout his life he was a conscientious and erudite scholar. His superb lectures at the Archbishop Coggan Training Centre are still remembered by many who attended them.

He will be hugely missed.

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N.B. The Ven. Frederick Hazell was Priest-in-charge at Tardebigge 2000 - 2004. He is pictured in the Church Hall, 2003.



A Summer Songs of Praise at St. Mary's

St Mary's was virtually full for this service of thanksgiving and praise, with a consequent impact on the volume of the singing which, through the open door on a warm summer evening, must have been clearly heard in the lane outside. Roger welcomed us all and then the hymns were introduced by those members of the congregation who had chosen them beforehand. There were hymns dating from the 17th, 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, from Germany, Switzerland, the USA, Scotland and England, all generally well known. We were also introduced to the thoughtful "There is a blessed home" which was new to us all and was written by the Vicar of Monkland in Herefordshire in the 19th century.



To be given the historical background to some of the hymns, expanded our understanding of them and it was good also to know of their particular significance to individual members of the congregation. "Now thank we all our God", for example, held special memories of a very happy marriage. "Eternal Father, strong to save" was linked to happy times spent as a child living by the North Sea coast but also sadly to the two windows in St Mary's which commemorate the drownings of members of the family of the Squire of Bentley. We also thought of the SS Titanic as we sang the last hymn which was supposed to have been played as it sank - "Nearer my God to thee". In contrast, the joyful "To God be the glory" was loudly and vigorously sung and much amusement was caused by the admission of one member of the congregation that it was an ideal hymn to sing in the shower and on one occasion he had been surprised to hear the chorus echoed from an adjoining cubicle.

There was true dedication from Chris (and Lucy) who raced in after attending the formal service in Hereford Cathedral at which he was translated to higher things (!). With a deal of good humour, Chris organised us to sing "Glory to Thee My God this night" as a round, to Thomas Tallis's wonderful music dating from the 1500s. The congregation rose to the challenge of the occasion and the sound was brilliant. We finished, after prayers, by (rather hoarsely) singing "The Old Hundredth", Roger's choice and a fitting conclusion to a joyous and uplifting service.

J.W.

Songs of Praise

Sunday September 29th **6.00pm** at

St Philip's Webheath.

If you have a favourite hymn or worship song this is your chance to request it then come along and join in singing it at Songs of Praise. It may bring back memories, have words of special meaning, or just be a hymn you like, old or modern it doesn't matter. Simply contact me **as soon as possible** using the details below.

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Summer Concerts at Tardebigge



As part of the Bromsgrove Festival, three, one hour long afternoon concerts were held at St Bartholomew's in July. The first was an organ recital given by a talented past student of Birmingham Royal Conservatoire, Hannah Gibson, whose Master of Music degree was awarded in 2015. Her programme began appropriately with Claude Balbastre's "Canonade" from the 18th century. Given that a cannonade is a period of heavy and continuous gunfire you can imagine that this started off the recital with a bang. (sorry!) Very different to this was the traditional (1520) English tune "My Lady Carey's dompe". Originally written for early keyboards, it is regarded variously as a lament or a (rather thoughtful and melancholy) dance. There was a good mix of pieces from different traditions though I was not entirely sure about an organ arrangement of the Pilgrims' Chorus from Tannhäuser. It was therefore good to be able to chat and discuss the works over a glass of wine afterwards.

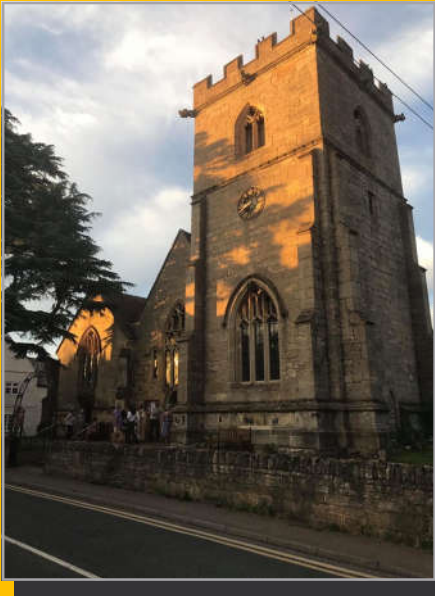


The following week, the Arden Consort performed "Afternoon Baroque". The trio's programme embraced both vocal and instrumental works and our enjoyment was helped greatly by a crib sheet of words. Jonathan Spencer's voice was suitably authentic and placed us firmly in a delicately different musical world, as did the instruments used. Lutes, recorders and viols are easily recognisable but we were also introduced to giants. The theorbo is essentially an extremely large lute with an extended neck whilst the contrabass recorder looks more like a complicated piece of carpentry than a musical instrument. Both stimulated amicable discussions afterwards, not only amongst ourselves but also with members of the group.

The third event was Choral Evensong sung by the Clent Consort, a local and high quality choir of about twenty, whose singing brought much pleasure and stimulated the congregation to greater heights when it was time for them to join in. The theme, which echoed throughout the service, was "Ubi caritas" – God is present where love and kindness are found. The Consort sang five short versions of this (plus the Responses, the Magnificat and Nunc Dimittis) which



added greatly to the significance of the service. They were also "helped" by the congregation with various well known hymns including "Guide me O Thou Great Redeemer" and "Abide with me". It was an inspiring service of evening praise and thanksgiving, bringing an end, very successfully to a thoroughly enjoyable and easily accessible series of concerts.



A lovely summer evening for the Service of Institution of the Reverend Allison Davies as Vicar of the Benefice of Eckington with Defford & Besford, and Licensing as Associate Priest for Overbury in the Beckford Group by the Right Reverend Michael Hooper, and Induction and Installation by the Venerable Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester ,Wednesday 24th July 2019, Holy Trinity, Eckington.





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Harvest Praise

The pure voice of the chorister
To the church's rafters rose,
Touching the heart of the believers,
Even bringing tears to the eyes of those
Who doubted God's existence
And to those 'sitting on the fence'
Demanding proof of a Greater Power,
Needing hard, fast evidence.

The pure voice of the chorister
Reached through the open door,
Across the sleeping churchyard,
It made the cattle pause
In the chewing of their cud
On the mellow Autumn day
As the congregation gathered,
Their harvest to display.

The pure voice of the chorister
Leading the harvest hymn of praise
Was soon joined by the congregation
On this day of Autumn haze,
The bounty from the orchards,
The garnered fields of grain,
The glorious beauty of the soaring voice
Proclaimed Harvest Festival once again!

L M Wadlow

Bentley Pauncefoot WI

Members have enjoyed many interesting activities over the Summer. Afternoon tea at a Mappleborough Green garden centre proved very popular with 24 members attending. Some had the full afternoon tea whilst others (party poopers) settled for just a cup of tea. There was plenty of food, lots of chat and a good time was had by all.

In July, members were enthralled by Sandra Grayson's talk on graphology, "Handwriting – hidden meanings". Sandra is in much demand on cruise lines, so we are lucky to have booked her to do a Calligraphy Workshop at Bentley Village Hall on Saturday morning, October 26th at Bentley Village Hall. If anyone is interested in joining us, please contact me. The charge will be £15 for a 3 hour session with materials supplied.

As Autumn approaches, Bentley members look forward to lots of different events. On September 8th, Bentley ladies are hosting a big tea party for Contact the Elderly. All stops will be pulled out to provide a delicious tea and fun afternoon in Bentley Village Hall.

On September 14th, we will be supporting the Tardebigge Show on lots of different stalls so can I put in a plea for white elephant items, plants and cakes?

On September 26th, Georgia Jacobs will be giving us a talk on "What lies beneath our feet?". Sounds intriguing! After that we may well have a small pause while we regroup for our rag market. This event is very dear to our hearts as it was the brainchild of Jenny Deighton, an inspirational member of Bentley WI, who sadly died recently. We are continuing with her creation which we are now calling a "Craft and Crafters Market". It will be held on Saturday November 2nd at Avoncroft Arts Centre between 10.00 am and 1.00 pm. In keeping with Jenny's vision there will be all kinds of textiles, wool and arts and crafts materials on sale. In addition, there will be lovely crafted pieces such as jewellery, cards, patchwork and wood turned items which would make excellent gifts. Refreshments will be available too so please put the date in your diary as we would love to see you.

Lynne Reading

(01527 559 207).

July/August Anagrams: Answers - Female Saints

All those who follow Jesus are saints, but some women have been especially designated because of their example in life, and often in death.

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| 1. Hilda | 6. Bernadette | 11. Helena |
| 2. Catherine | 7. Clare | 12. Monica |
| 3. Veronica | 8. Elizabeth | 13. Juliana |
| 4. Margaret | 9. Martha | 14. Melania |
| 5. Theresa | 10. Anastia | 15. Theodora |

July/August Quiz Answers: Girl's names

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| 1. Elizabeth | 6. Amelia | 11. Mia |
| 2. Rachel | 7. Lucy | 12. Evelyn |
| 3. Olivia | 8. Poppy | 13. Ivy |
| 4. Emma | 9. Lily | 14. Willow |
| 5. Ava | 10. Isla | 15. Isabelle |

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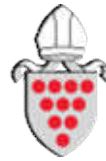
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Using social media responsibly

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The Church of England has recently put forward ten guidelines for the good and positive use of social media. While designed for those using church social media accounts, they are simple guidelines that we would all be the better for following.

Be safe. The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults must be maintained.

Be respectful. Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, inflammatory, hateful, abusive, threatening or otherwise disrespectful.

Be kind. Treat others how you would wish to be treated and assume the best in people. If you have a criticism or critique to make, consider not just *whether* you would say it in person, but the tone you would use.

Be honest. Don't mislead people about who you are.

Take responsibility. You are accountable for the things you do, say and write. Text and images shared can be public and permanent, even with privacy settings in place.

Be a good ambassador. Personal and professional life can easily become blurred online so think before you post.

Disagree well. Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.

Credit others. Respect copyright and always credit where it is due. Be careful not to release sensitive or confidential information and always question the source of any content you are considering amplifying.

Follow the rules. Abide by the terms and conditions of the various social media platforms themselves.

It would take very little effort on the part of any of us to stick to these. But a huge amount of unhappiness could be avoided, if we did. Some people would not be permanently damaged. Even some lives would be saved.

Peter Atkinson

Dean of Worcester

Sidespersons Rota

1st September

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

29th September

11.00am - P Hopkins
6.00pm - (Songs of Praise at St. Philip's)

Flower Rota



1st September

Sheelagh Keen

8th September

Pam Gateley

15th September

Karen Barnett

22nd September

Norita Young

29th September

Jean Honeybourne

6th October

Lucy Parkes

HAPPY



BIRTHDAY

2nd September

Sally Oldaker

24th September

Wendy Taylor



3rd September

Mary and Brian Foster

24th September

Sue and Richard Clark

Weddings



10th August

Gareth Matthew EVANS &
Helen May SLATER

23rd August

Lea STYLES &
Stacey Lisa Diane HERBERT

Registers in July & August

Baptisms



7th July

Rowan George WHITTINGTON

28th July

Olivia Grace SLATER

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Webheath Digital Photography Club

After a long hot summer it's "Catch Up" time. On 24 June we were visited by Claire Carter who described her approach to photography, especially landscape. Her thesis was that landscape is not static, but ever moving – changing light from clouds in motion, the time of day, the time of year and the seasons. She illustrated her ideas with some very fine studies from her world-wide travels which would challenge our Members to think in a similar way. It was an enthusiastic and thoughtful presentation.



Our first meeting in July was an Assignment entitled "Very Small or Very Large", allowing Members' imagination to take flight. Paul Widdowson spotted this very small house built across a bridge in Ambleside. On the other hand Gordon Dunsmuir thought that the Ribble viaduct was a big enough bridge.



The following Monday, 8 July, Members went to Bewdley to photograph the poppy fields, always a challenge to catch either the general vista or the detail of a single bloom.

On 15 July we had another photoshoot on the Lickey Hills. Here the views over Birmingham, the castle and the woods gave many opportunities for stretching the imagination. Again the weather was kind enough.

On July 22 we were in the Village Hall for a "Show and Tell" session, catching up with some of the images from our recent photoshoots. Often good images of poppies are hard to capture, the red being difficult to render in a digital camera but this time most Members seemed to have been successful in getting it "just right". Graham Bastock saw something out of place in the poppy fields with his "Odd One Out". There was good lively discussion around the comments in the images.



An Assignment “Movement or Yellow” seemed to test our Members on 29 July. While Movement was well covered Yellow seemed to be rather scarce once obvious flowers had been dealt with!

We had good weather on 5 August for a visit to Startford, a favourite for evening photoshoots.

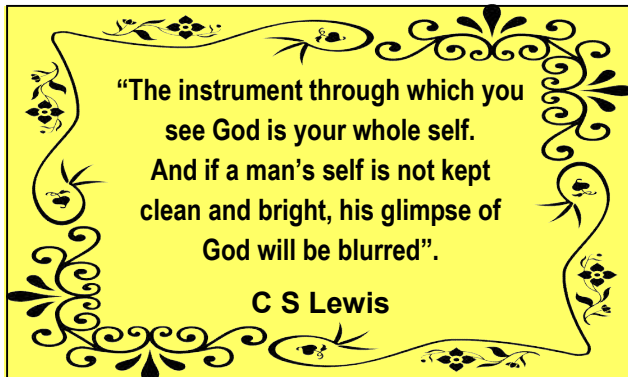
We have five meetings in September starting with an Assignment “Landscape or

Rectangular” followed on 9 July with a talk by Warren Alani. On September 15 we have our Autumn Prints Competition with our annual competition against Stourbridge the following week. The month closes with Peter Preece giving us a talk. Further details of our activities for the rest of the year are on our website.

The Village Hall, Webheath, is our usual venue on Monday evenings at 7:30. During the summer the members may be away from the hall on location for our organised evening photoshoots. Our range of external speakers is chosen to reflect both the technical and artistic aspects of photography. 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 how to contact us, our programme for 2019 and more. You can also find us on Facebook as Webheath Digital Photography Club, and we are also at www.instagram.com/WebheathDPC.

P. Dewell September 2019

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Sudoku

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Solution next month

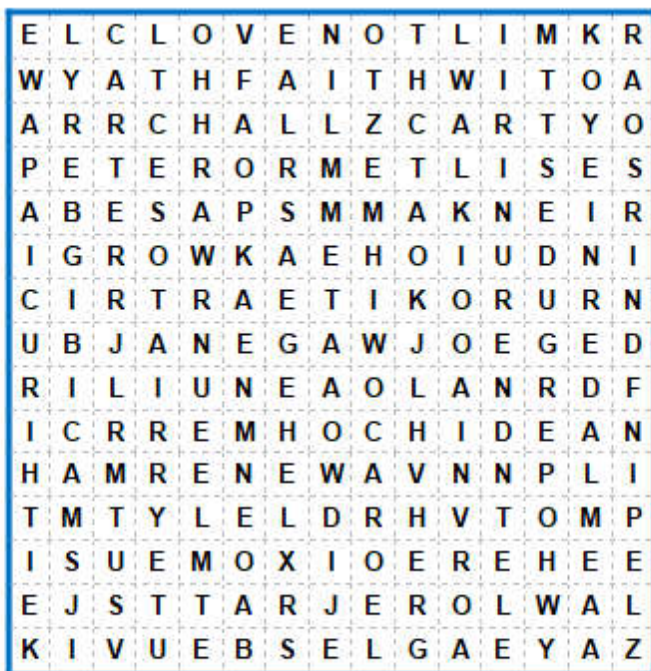
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1	9	7	8	3	2	5	6	4
2	5	8	4	6	1	3	7	9
3	2	5	1	9	7	8	4	6
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Last month's solution

Word Search

'but those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.'

Isaiah 40: 31



THOSE HOPE RENEW
STRENGTH SOAR EAGLES
GROW WALK LORD

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