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- **Morning and Evening Prayer** said services Monday to Saturday
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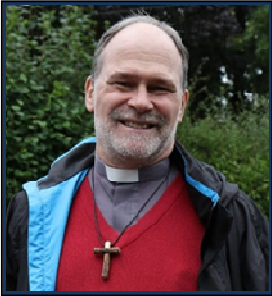
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# Sept & Oct



## From Richard, the Team Rector



A headmaster commented on the prospect of a new school year amid the pandemic: 'It's not a *new* normal in view of COVID-19, but a *now* normal. I don't want this current situation to be normal at all!'

How do we respond to the ongoing challenge presented by Covid-19 restrictions?

The story is told of two UK rival shoe manufacturers in the early 1900s who sent representatives to the Caribbean islands to check out sale prospects. After several weeks of market research, one rep sent a telegram home: 'They don't wear shoes here. Coming home next boat'. The other also messaged his boss: 'They don't wear shoes here. Send 10,000 pairs next boat'.

Today is an opportunity; it is up to us to embrace it with a "Can Do" attitude and take full advantage of the situation that confronts us.

For example, we have held informal outdoor sales from car boots at Webheath, and a mini fete at Tardebigge. We also looked at who was likely to come to services, and who wasn't. This led the team clergy to start with a family friendly service at Tardebigge that has been led by Francis Moloney, the Assistant Curate (pictured). The service has been run entirely from our new digital screen so that no one risks getting the virus by handling books or sheets of paper. Bubbles book into services, facilitating track and trace. Meanwhile, two or three services have been broadcast online every Sunday, along with morning prayer six days a week, and evening prayer Monday to Thursday.



The clergy team are now looking at the next step, while also looking to avoid becoming overly subject to fears and speculations in the media, but also abiding by the instructions on the Church of England and relevant government websites.

I am also back at Redditch United; I have attended school governor meetings, and the

schools are back; I am looking at restarting Pips midweek meetings for three to seven-year olds. I am looking to develop the work with disabled children in Uganda via the Cherish Fund Trust, which I chair. Plenty is happening, then. It is not the *new* normal, however, although it is the *now* normal. The clock will never turn back, though. A new normal, which will come into being after the pandemic, has yet to arrive.

In the meantime, as the days shorten and the weather gets colder, it is easy to wallow in fear and gloom. The situation can be disappointing and depressing; the speculations and warnings of “experts” can be alarming; the coronavirus infections have been increasing. That is far from the whole story, however, especially for those who have faith in Jesus.

Jesus is never taken by surprise, and he is just as on top of the situation as ever he was. He is just as loving, just as available, and just as compassionate on those who call on him in distress, and just as delighted when we give him our thanksgiving and praise. He rejoices with us in our achievements and weeps with us in our times of grief. Above all, he is Lord and remains Lord in days of human confusion and struggle. We will beat the virus one day, and Jesus will be just the same then as he is now, hoping that we will look to him to give us a vision for the future, knowing that he knows best whether we acknowledge him or not.

As the prophet Hosea reminded Israel over two and half thousand years ago, “sow righteousness for yourselves, reap the fruit of unfailing love, and break up your unploughed ground; for it is time to seek the Lord” (Hosea 10:12)

The work God requires of us is to believe in Jesus, who he sent to be our saviour. As the last line of the hymn “fight the good fight” puts it, “only believe and thou shalt see that Christ is all in all to thee”.

*Richard*

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**Jesus is the same yesterday  
and today and for ever**

**Hebrews 13: 8**



## **Message to the new Parochial Church Council from Richard (following the Annual Meeting held 12th October 2020)**

Thanks to those who attended our Annual Meeting last night. There was some good news to tell despite the pandemic.

The future will certainly be different from the past; the PCC now has only three members aged more than seventy, a major contrast to other Church of England churches in the area. This should give us a greater capacity to build for the long term, and to reach many younger people moving into the area as well as supporting the faithful stalwarts.

In short, St Bartholomew's and St Mary's have a future and a hope that has its basis in facts and not in wishful thinking. Compared to most other churches we are financially sound, younger in age, with structurally well maintained buildings and strong community involvement. Your contribution will enable us to work together for a better and brighter future.

While our retiring warden & acting treasurer, Chris Milton, is completing the process of letting go of Tardebigge and embracing Hereford Cathedral, our retiring secretary, Vivien MacKenzie, is very much still present and active, especially in her leadership of Evergreens and her support of St Mary's.

We welcome to the Standing Committee Mike Timmins as warden alongside Jane Hall; Jill Walker as treasurer and Gail Teague as secretary. Gail is training as an ALM in pastoral care and has already been active in the parish in this regard, as well as having just completed a time of service as a Bentley & Pauncefoot parish councillor. She is also secretary of the Tardebigge Sickness and in Need Trust. The Standing Committee has the makings of a formidable team and I hope and pray that we can "bed in" effectively, and enjoy serving together.

It is worth noting with pleasure the work of some parish stalwarts: Michael Price as sexton, caring for our churchyard and all matter relating to interments; Roger Powell as an authorised service leader; Sarah Carless is doing a wonderful job caring for St Mary's and in the vitally important role as Safeguarding Officer; "Hastings" Barnett's role as choirmaster is in abeyance during the pandemic but I expect he is plotting for the future; we expect that Dean Hall will be licensed as a LLM (Lay Reader) in September 2021, while Jane Hall is a very busy, active and energetic warden, with the stamina to outrun the Duracell bunny, she embodies commitment to the cause and a desire to guide us all, together, to the dawn of a new day.

The winter may be cold and dark, and we may not be able to do what we had hoped in church,

as in the rest of life, but in Christ there is a hope beyond our circumstances that will never fade or go past a use by date. To him let us keep on giving thanks and praise, and let us not grow weary in doing good.

Warmly,

*Richard*



**"In darkness God's truth shines most clear"**

**Corrie ten Boom**

### **Verse for the Month**

**We bring you good news; that you should turn from these worthless things to the living God, who made the heaven and the earth and the sea and all that is in them. He has not left himself without a witness in doing good - giving you rains from heaven and fruitful seasons, and filling you with food and your hearts with joy**

**Acts 14: 15 & 17**

## Celestial Corner

“Warm October brings the pheasant, then to gather nuts is pleasant”. So the old rhyme goes. Trouble is, these days the pesky grey squirrels have pinched all the nuts before they are ripe! Still, at least we have still got the stars to look at, weather permitting!

Starting with the planets, Jupiter and Saturn are still with us, low down in the South, South West. However, it will not be long before we lose them from the evening sky, at this time next month, 8pm on the 14<sup>th</sup> Nov, they will be setting in the SW. But we have Mars to compensate, rising in the East in the constellation of Pisces. Mars is in retrograde motion as the Earth catches up on our orbits. That means it seems to move from East to West against the star background from night to night. Mars will be at opposition on the 24<sup>th</sup> of this month, due South at midnight, when it is at it's closest to us and bright, with a distinct Orange/red colour. It will continue to move westwards against the stars for a few days and then slow down and stop before reverting back to proper motion again, moving West to East against the stars. As the stars seem to move East to West over time and Mars is moving so quickly, it means that the planet will be with us for quite a while.

Now is a good time to look for Sagitta (the arrow) and Delphinus (the dolphin) as they are South at the time of the map. Cygnus is due South and together with Altair, the bright star in Aquila, makes a useful pointer. We are at that time of the year when there are no bright stars to help us with the autumn constellations, all of which are fairly large and not easy to define. Aquarius especially is the most difficult unless you are in a region of DARK skies. Capricorn is not too difficult to pick out and the top right hand star is a nice double in binoculars as mentioned last month.

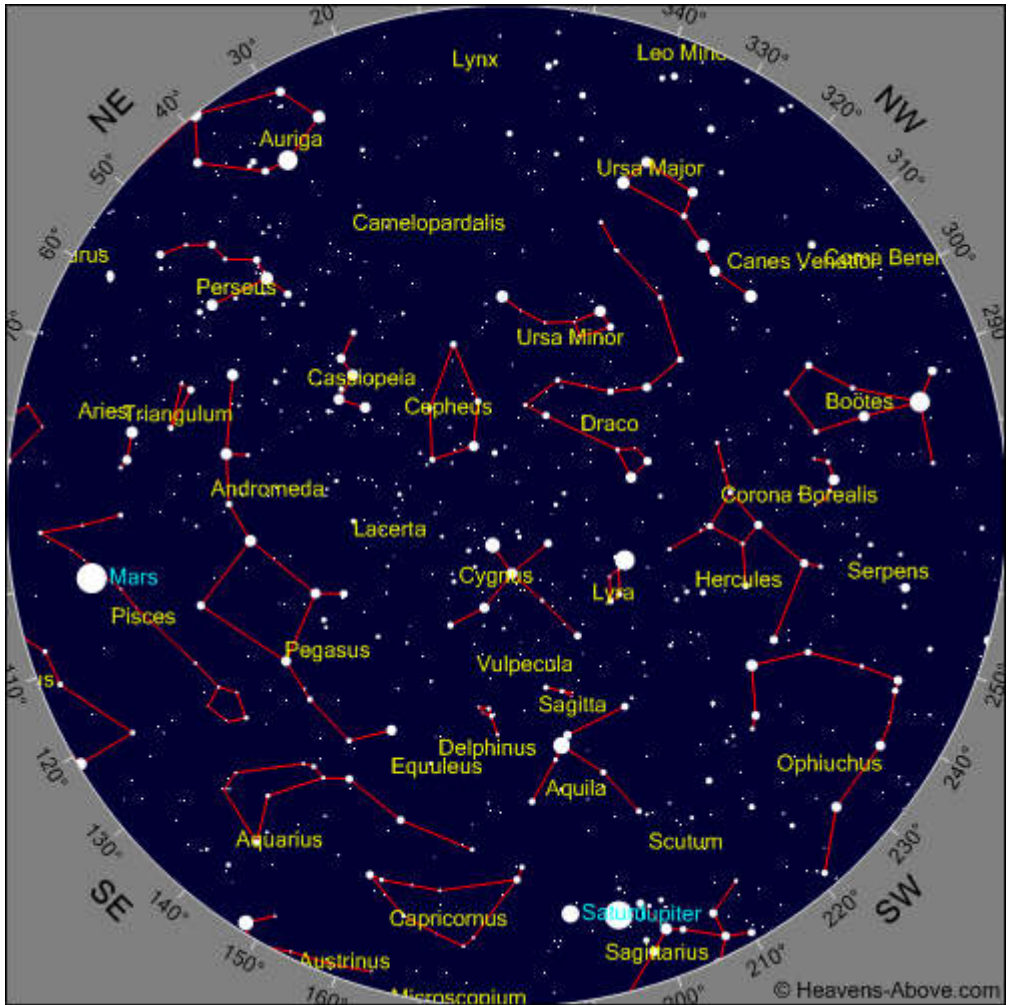
From the plough, in the North-West follow an imaginary line through the Pole star and carry on roughly the same distance and you will come to the “W” of Cassiopeia, the queen of Greek mythology. Not so easy to pick out is her King, Cepheus. The milky way runs from Auriga, low in the NE up through Cassiopeia, skirting Cepheus and on down through Cygnus to Sagittarius and Jupiter and Saturn in the SSW.

Just showing on the ENE edge of the map is the blob representing M45, commonly known as the Seven Sisters. When they appear in the evening sky you know that winter is not very far away!

Next month, from the 15<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup>, the Earth passes through the trails of dust left by comet 55P, Temple-Tuttle. The maximum is around the 16<sup>th</sup>/17<sup>th</sup>, when normally about 15 meteors per hour can be seen. But around every 33 years, when the comet returns, the number of meteors increases and at times we get a meteor “Storm”, when the number of meteors can be



in the hundreds per hour! Unfortunately, there will not be a storm this year, we must wait around another ten years for Temple-Tuttle to once more approach the Sun.



R.B.

### June/July Anagrams: Answers - Bigger Birds

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|-----------------|---------------|-------------------|
| 1. Vulture      | 6. Mute Swan  | 11. Gannet        |
| 2. Golden Eagle | 7. Peacock    | 12. Pelican       |
| 3. Grey Heron   | 8. Flamingo   | 13. Turkey        |
| 4. Albatross    | 9. Bald Eagle | 14. Great Bustard |
| 5. Ostrich      | 10. Osprey    |                   |



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**Sundays**

12 noon – 6.00pm



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## Loneliness

Are you feeling lonely, alone or isolated - or are you worried about someone you know? One in five people in the UK say they experience feelings of loneliness and during the coronavirus pandemic many more of us have felt anxious and isolated.

A number of groups across Bentley Pouncefoot, Tardebigge and Webheath would like to offer support when needed. They can offer a friendly chat or arrange to put you in touch with others who can help. Once restrictions ease they plan to arrange social events to encourage friendships.

Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Council is pleased to support these groups by helping to raise awareness of this important initiative.

Please contact Gail Teague on 01527 541991 or [gail.teague@icloud.com](mailto:gail.teague@icloud.com) for more information.

**Anne Dyson**

**Bentley Pouncefoot Parish Clerk & RFO**



**Parish Safeguarding Officer: Sarah Carless (07789 174099)**  
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## Listening Service

For further information on our Listening Service please contact Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser Hilary Higton  
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## St. Mary's Lower Bentley, Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> August 2020 at 9.30am

Weather-wise, although a dull morning, the delight at being able to meet at St Mary's for the first time since February created a warm and friendly atmosphere amongst all the attendees, as most of us had not met physically (as opposed to Zooming) since then.

Roger Powell led the gathering and six others joined him, two of whom beforehand had requested to sit outside. Those inside the church also decided to be outside as this was a way everyone could be together without wearing masks. (Current social distancing means that only five 'bubbles' plus the leader can be inside St. Mary's.)

The gathering, although shorter than usual (no hymns of course), was meaningful and appreciated by everyone.

Thanks are due to all who helped arrange everything, particularly to Roger for leading it and to Sarah who took bookings, organised everything on the day and read the lesson. It will be necessary to contact Sarah to book a place, each month for the foreseeable future

### Vivien



## Celebration at Tardebigge Top Lock

On Tuesday August 11<sup>th</sup> 2020 at 19.30 pm, a special event took place from a canal boat moored just above Tardebigge Top Lock; Dr Kate Saffin from the Alarum Theatre Company (a touring theatre company) undertook a live broadcast to tell the story of how the Inland Waterways Association (IWA) began exactly 75 years ago to the day.

It is the story of the meeting of two couples, Robert and Ray Aickman, and Tom and Angela Rolt, on board the Rolt's boat 'Cressy' moored at Tardebigge. The meeting led to the formation the IWA in 1946, just six months later.

Robert Aickman, during one of his trips from his home in London to Stratford -upon -Avon, had taken a walk by the canal. He was horrified to discover its dreadful condition; no boats were in sight and it was almost unnavigable after years of neglect. Meanwhile, in 1939, Tom and Angela Rolt started married life together on their narrow boat 'Cressy' which had been moored at Tardebigge during part of the war. Rolt and Aickman were both passionate about the canal and became united in their aim to develop and improve the life on the 'cut'. They discussed the possibility of founding a body to campaign for the revival of the canals. What followed was the formation of the IWA with the purpose of safeguarding this important part of our heritage. The revival of the canals followed, and 75 years later, they support a leisure industry which could not have been imagined.



A commemorative plaque marks the spot just above Tardebigge Top Lock where it all began. In preparation for the celebratory event, a small working group of local members from the IWA met on July 31<sup>st</sup> 2020 to clear the area around the plaque, repaint the bench and tidy the small garden behind it.

So, when you pass Tardebigge Top Lock on a sunny day, do enjoy a sit on the bench before you walk up to the Church or stroll down the locks. Contemplate how important it is that the canals have been not only restored but maintained for us all to enjoy. And if you notice the plants in the garden looking a bit dry, then do give them a drink (Watering Can provided but **DO TAKE CARE NOT TO FALL IN THE CANAL!**).

**Anne Ryall**

Wheeley Ridge

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## **Nature's Cycle**

Memories of Summer  
Bless the harvest days,  
A red poppy in a wheat field  
Within my memory stays,  
A church spire against the skyline  
Beneath Redditch's October skies  
The thankful prayers of worshippers  
Towards the heavens rise.

Although the days are shortening now,  
With a chill upon the air  
Preparation for the Winter months  
Are around us everywhere,  
Pickling and preserving  
In kitchens now holds sway,  
Plums, blackberries and apples  
Being gathered every day.

Already too, the gardener  
Is planting bulbs for Spring,  
As the seasons come full circle  
What joy these flowers will bring,  
We may feel a little sadness  
As warm days come to an end  
Yet optimism leads us forward  
To what the Autumn days will send.

The hidden joy of Winter evenings  
With the blessing of a book,  
Warming stews with dumplings,  
Pleasures everywhere we look,  
Always as the seasons turn,  
We know unfailing  
Will come a snowdrop with its promise  
Of a Springtime yet to be.

**L M Wadlow**



## News from School



We are pleased to report that all pupils returned to school at the beginning of September following a Risk Assessment. Due to the COVID 19 restrictions, pupils are currently being kept in their year group 'bubbles' and don't mix with other year groups.

To help with social distancing on the school run, there are staggered start and end times for each class. We are all getting used to the new normal.

Children in our Reception class are settling in well after their gradual and staggered start to school life and are adapting to new routines.

At the time of writing we have not had to isolate a bubble, but our staff have worked really hard over the last few months to provide remote learning, and we are looking at other resources too so that schooling will not be interrupted in the event of isolation or school closure.

J.E.H

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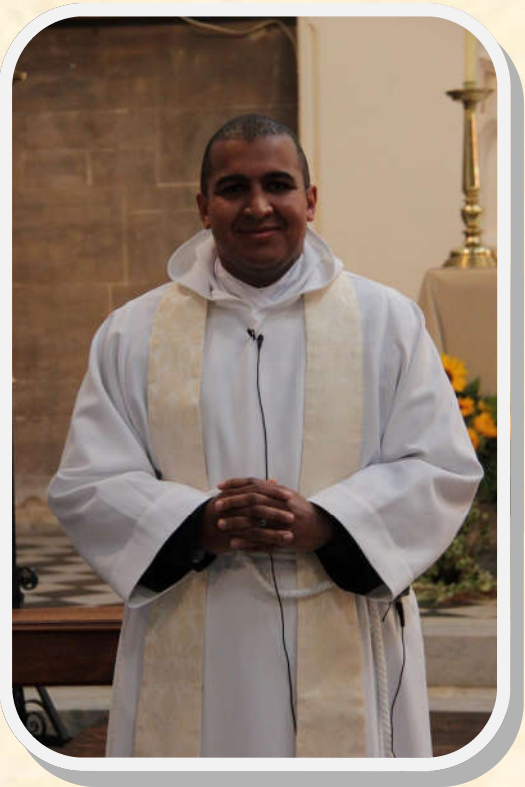
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Head Teacher: Julie Cutler



**Congratulations to Francis Moloney  
who was ordained Priest,  
Sunday 27th September 2020  
at St. Stephen's Church, Redditch**



## Our Mini Fete

12th September 2020



Many thanks to all those of you who supported the Mini Fete, with all your donations of tray bakes, raffle and tombola prizes and items for the stalls.

Thanks also to the stall holders for all their preparations and hard work.

The weather was sunny, and as well as there being a lovely friendly atmosphere, the fete raised £560. Much appreciated!

## **Bentley Pauncefoot WI**

We had hoped to hold a trial meeting in Bentley Village Hall on September 22, but sadly this had to be cancelled due to a sudden surge in local Covid 19 cases and the introduction of the Rule of 6. We continue to keep in touch via our Bentley newsletter. We have also decided to defer the Produce Show until next year. This was done with the utmost reluctance because the Show is such an important part of our tradition. However, we plan to hold some kind of virtual competition instead.

It is ironic that both the WI Show and the Tardebigge Show had to be cancelled when so many of our members reported an abundance of flowers, vegetables and fruit in their gardens. Roses, rudbeckia, echinacea, salvias and dahlias have been particularly successful in the floral world Viv reported that her quince tree that bore no fruit last year was overloaded this year. Lynne's fig tree which usually sulks and refuses to fruit at all, ever, decided 2020 was the year to go large and produce a goodly crop. There appears to have been a glut of plums damsons and apples and we have all been trying to give away the surplus or jam, gin bake and chutney them. There has been lots of scope to experiment – plum and amaretto jam or gooseberry gin anyone? I conclude with a recipe for chutney which Virginie shared with us. She says that it is very easy to make and delicious to eat with cold meats. This chutney does not contain onions which is an advantage for those who cannot eat them and those who cry copiously when they chop onions like me.

### **KASHMIRI CHUTNEY**

#### **Ingredients**

- 1kg apples cored and chopped NB if using eating apples (chop very small)
- 3-5 garlic cloves
- 450g chopped dates
- 450 raisins
- 450g soft light or dark brown sugar
- 120g preserved stem ginger chopped
- Salt and pepper
- 1 litre malt vinegar

## Method

Place apples and garlic in a pan and cover with the vinegar and bring to the boil for 10 minutes

Add the dates, raisins etc and simmer for about 45 minutes. It is thick enough when you draw a wooden spoon through and the chutney parts to reveal the pan's base for a few seconds. Pot while warm, in warm sterilised jars with vinegar proof lids

Leave to mature for AT LEAST 1 MONTH in a cool dark place  
Should be nice for Christmas,

## Lynne Reading

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## The Persecuted Church; a report from Premier Christian News

Chinese authorities are offering cash rewards to those willing to spy on the underground church, according to a leading persecution watchdog. Bitter Winter reports that in August, the Ethnic and Religious Affairs Bureau of Gushi county encouraged residents to collect photos, videos, audio recordings, with the express aim of spying on what they called “illegal religious activity venues.” An award of 500 RMB (just over £50) was offered for each tip-off.

The notice stipulated that all churches who are without registration certificates and are not approved by religious affairs authorities are “illegal religious activity venues”. It also added that many believers are being “cheated and lured by religious organizations into private meeting venues” to attend “illegal religious activities” during the coronavirus pandemic. This, the officials added, had caused a “great negative impact on security and stability in the field of religion”. Immediately after the campaign had begun, a landlord of a property rented by a local church terminated their lease. The landlord drove us away, refusing to rent us her property,” a church member said. “She explained that she didn’t want to suffer consequences if our venue was discovered. The CCP will not stop until it eliminates all religious beliefs.”

In July, other posters promoting the “proactive reporting on illegal religious activities” were put up in locations across Henan province including the cities of Mengzhou, Jiyuan and Shangqiu. Residents were instructed that gatherings of three to five Christians should be reported immediately. Officials say they are ensuring a level of control over the state-mandated ‘Three-Self’ churches and keeping close tabs on the growth of the underground church.

“The government exerts strict control not only to curb the development of Three-Self churches but also ban house churches, for fear that they will help topple the regime,” explained a local government employee.

Despite these relentless attempts to curb church activities, Christianity continues to explode across China - there are an estimated 100 million followers of Jesus in the country at this time. China is on course to becoming the world's most Christian nation, with experts estimating the number of believers to reach around 230 million by the year 2030.



## **The Parish of Tardebigge St. Bartholomew with St. Mary is alive and active**

Although our church buildings have been closed due to the current COVID-19 situation, we are very much open, and are now able to hold some services in church. The Church is here to support you pastorally and spiritually and we hope you are able to access the online services provided by the Redditch Holy Trinity team ministry, which we are part of.

You will appreciate we've been unable to take collections at weddings, baptisms and at our regular services in church due to the Coronavirus situation. However, we still have substantial financial commitments in respect of the maintenance of our buildings, as well as general running costs, mission and ministry.

If you don't currently give by standing order, please pray about your giving at this time. If you feel you would like to make a donation by internet banking the details are as follows:

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2 Corinthians 9: 7**

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**A lasting gift to Tardebigge Parish**



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

1 Corinthians 13: 13



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

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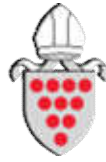
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## **Letter from From the Bishop of Dudley**

2020 has been such a strange year. Autumn has arrived, yet in some ways the year never seems to have got started. I feel I am still living with so many uncertainties, and trying to make plans on the constantly shifting sands of guidance and advice based on ever evolving Covid realities. We are all learners in this, and pioneers too as we discover new ways of being church. Tiredness and fatigue are very natural too and sometimes the weight of it all can press very heavily. I'm so encouraged by the prayerful determination in our churches to be to be people of hope, even in the darkest times.

Traditionally we celebrate Harvest at this time. Its been a tough year for farmers, with heatwaves, droughts and floods. Sowing seed in a wet winter was almost impossible, and many grain harvests have been poor. Nevertheless lorries and trailers filled with bales of straw and hay are testimony to the resilience and grit of our farmers, who just had to 'carry on carrying on', pandemic or not. I salute all those who work on the land, who produce our food and tend our environment. Brexit will affect them all, though its still not clear how. They deserve our traditional harvest thanks and prayers.

We give thanks too for the harvest of Kingdom Values that have been so evident in parishes up and down our diocese this year, for every glimpse of love, every act of compassion, every shout for justice and every step into freedom.

May the Lord of the world, the Lord of the harvest, bless you and keep you. One God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.

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*The answers are all two words*



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| 1. All nod axles   | 6. Dad ram novice | 11. Seer gore bongo  |
| 2. Brainy lot      | 7. A nearly range | 12. Palm him dolphin |
| 3. Earthy Seam     | 8. A pip litter   | 13. Mice gavel oh    |
| 4. Rye job cry men | 9. Not perch jots | 14. Henry me jut     |
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Following on from our “Show and Tell” on Zoom which raised £150.00 for The Sandycroft Centre- Redditch, we are pleased to hear that the Centre has now been able to buy two more printers to go into their offices which are spread over three floors of their building, so now no more running up and down the stairs! We also managed to source some more plants to go into their gardens which have been skilfully planted by ‘The Men in Sheds’.

We have two friendship links with our Club. One is Burton upon Trent and the other is Neuss in Germany. We have corresponded with both of them to find out how they are coping in these strange and difficult times. It seems that they are getting by in much the same way as us, supporting each other by phone and online, and looking for ways to carry on fundraising.

2021 is the Centenary of the formation of Soroptimists International. The founding club was SI Oakland, in America. The first thing that they did was rescue a group of Giant Redwood Trees which were due for destruction. They saved them and later raised the money to purchase the land they stood on and they are still in their possession to this day! So following on from this the SI Centenary Project is to plant trees, working with the project #plant trees for a brilliant future. Bromsgrove and Redditch Soroptimists are now looking into finding some land where trees could be planted, for the community to enjoy or for a school or other establishment to make use of for education or mental health. We will also be guided as to which trees would be the most suitable to make this a sustainable project encompassing many needs.



As with everyone else a lot of what we do has now been taking place virtually. On October 30<sup>th</sup> -31<sup>st</sup> 2020 our Annual Conference, which was scheduled to take place in Belfast, will now be put together and televised by the professional team at the Conference Centre for those who sign up to participate. This is open to members and non-members alike. The Conference will run on the two afternoons and for those who sign up, it will be available to view until the following Sunday, so no need to binge watch! The speakers who will be



informing and entertaining us are Lady Hale, the most Senior Judge in the UK, Dr Alison Gardner of Nottingham University Human Rights Lab,(End Slavery and Forced Labour by 2030 Campaign) Jane Garvey of Radio 4's Women's Hour and Dr Leslie Black, one of the top women in Technology in Europe-Women in Computing Campaign. So, as you can see, we have an interesting and varied line up of women speakers.

Our Soroptimist International Great Britain and Northern Ireland international project, Empowering Girls in Nepal, which runs for three years and started in October 2019, got off to a good start, then Covid 19 struck! With fund raising before the Lockdown and restrictions, followed by Zoom events and also a sponsored Story Writing Competition, £48.500 has been raised so far which is just short of our £50,000 target for this year but there is still time to reach the target. Considering the restrictions this is an amazing result!

We continue to hold our meetings online and we will also be having speakers on a separate day each month. We are having a talk from the Vice Chair of the Independent Monitoring Board at HMP Long Lartin, from an Independent Domestic Violence Advisor connected to West Mercia Women's Aid and another from John Butterworth entitled "The Nurse Who Changed Guinea Bissau". We would love to welcome non-members as well to these talks.

And finally, we are in the process of crafting another Zoom fund raising event to give some cheer in the festive season. Watch this space! Again, all welcome.

If you would like more information about anything that you have read please get in touch by emailing [sibrsoroptimist@gmail.com](mailto:sibrsoroptimist@gmail.com) or phone/text Liz on 07759 212108

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