

GRAPEVINE

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ALVECHURCH

April 2024



Alleluia, Christ is Risen
He is risen indeed! Alleluia

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REVD GAIL WRITES...

Happy Easter! Alleluia! Christ is Risen!

What do we mean by this Easter greeting and acclamation of praise? And in our world today, how does the resurrection of Jesus impact our lives?

In the book, 'An African Prayer Book' Desmond Tutu prayed:

Goodness is stronger than evil;
Love is stronger than hate;
Light is stronger than darkness;
Life is stronger than death;
Victory is ours through Him who loves us.

Jesus showed us what God was like, and in doing this we learnt there is nothing in this world that can separate us from God's love. Nobody, or nothing that God has created is forsaken. Love may be described as, light and love, and these are attributes filled with goodness and possibility.

In this prayer, Tutu describes the absence of goodness as being evil. Evil is described as hate, darkness and death.

We have a choice. We can choose to love or to hate. To live lives that offer light, hope and comfort to others or we can choose to live in darkness, a place of hopelessness and desolation. We can seek a life for all that is flourishing, or seek to keep people in a place of struggle and fear. The opposite to a flourishing life for all, is in the bible to be dead.

The death of Jesus encompasses evil, hate, darkness and death and holds them in the transforming life of God who is love, light and life. And it is through these things in the resurrection of Jesus, where victory over them is found.

Resurrection is God saying victory is ours, because love will have the final say.

The story of Easter isn't only the story of God's love and victory, it is also our story. It is a human story of how we can live life in its fullness. When we sing, Alleluia! Christ is Risen! we are saying, this is our story, this is our song. The impact of the resurrection of Jesus, is that we are to respond to it in the same act of love, being people of goodness, love, light and life in the world.

Imagine for a moment what the resurrection of Jesus and the prayer of Desmond Tutu would look like if they were lived out in our world today. Now, wouldn't that be something to sing Alleluia too!

Wishing you all, a very Happy Easter.

Rev. Gail



Easter Flowers

This year our Easter Lilies are in memory of...

Leonard Hiram Andrews

Mavis Esme Andrews

Elsie Bridge

Frederick Bridge

Eileen Milne

Maud Bridge

Joan Dominick

Dorothy Davenport

Geoffrey Davenport

Tom Faulkner

Winifred Faulkner

Betty Agnes Higgitt

George Henry Higgitt

Joyce Jones

Ray Jones

Jim Parker

Pat Parker

Doris Thurrell

Thomas Thurrell

Felix Ward

Phyllis Ward

Maisie Elizabeth Wheeler

Roy Douglas Wheeler

John Lowe

Isabel Lowe

Andy Lowe

Archie Allen Harrison

Lesley Anne Harrison

ST LAURENCE CHURCH

Sunday 5th May

10.30am



Our APCM will be held together through our worshipping together and we give thanks and praise to God for the ministry and mission of St Laurence Church

Important dates as we prepare:

- Sunday 17th March: Electoral Role opens
- Sunday 16th April: Nominations forms for new PCC members and Deanery Synod are opened.
- Sunday 7th April: Electoral Role applications close and nomination of Churchwardens and Deputy Church Wardens are opened.
- Monday 21st April: The new electoral roll is operational. Any errors need to be corrected within 14 days.
- Week commencing 21st April: APCM Agenda and Reports will be sent out/made available
- Sunday 28th April: A copy of the accounts is displayed in church.
- Sunday 5th May: Vestry Meeting and APCM are held.

Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green

*Outdoor Worship
amongst the beauty
of the bluebells at
Peckwood.*

Bring a chair if you can!

Saturday April 27th at 3.30pm

Due to limited parking please car share if you can



Alvechurch Grammar School Trust

A local charitable trust supporting local children



School Uniform



Travel Expenses



Equipment

Application deadline 1st May

Need a little extra support with the cost of uniforms, transport or equipment?

Alvechurch Educational Trust is here to support you!

Our next deadline is May 1st, be prepared and get in early for September. Whether you are staying at the same school, moving up or onto college or university we can support your educational needs.

**Fill in an
application online
by May 1st.**

www.alvechurchet.org.uk/

SUNDAY 21ST APRIL

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, SCHOOL LANE, ALVECHURCH, B48 7SB

Ever wondered why St Laurence church prays for Peru? Who we pray for?
What happens to the money we share with them?

To find out more come to our Peru Event!

Join us for a fact-filled, faith-filled fun time.

9:15am Family Service with a Peruvian twist

11.15am Morning Prayer with a Peruvian twist

12.00- 2.30pm Shop at our Peruvian stall, visit exhibition, cook* and share a Peruvian meal

1pm Shared Peruvian meal and quiz results!

For more details, *recipes to prepare for the day, and quiz forms for our age appropriate prize quiz please contact suephillips.org.uk or Lynda at St Laurence office (admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk)

Peru is a beautiful country, probably one of the most diverse on this planet with jungles, salt plains, mountains, sea, massive biodiversity and fascinating history. Famous tourist sites are Machu Pichu, the Nazca Lines, Lake Titicaca, the Colca Canyon and of course the Amazon Jungle. St Laurence church has a longstanding relationship with Peru, particularly with the Arequipa area where life takes place at 2,500-4,500 meters above sea level.

Our relationship began about 25 years ago with a visit from a young Peruvian priest called Alejandro Mesco. His visit to England had been sponsored by the then South American Missionary Society (SAMS) and he was visiting churches seeking sponsorship for his ministry. He left a lasting impression on our congregation, and we have supported him and his ministry in various ways ever since.

But why was this young priest sent to Alvechurch? Well, a Companion Link agreement between the Diocese of Worcester and the Diocese goes back to 1992. This agreement was reviewed and renewed in 1996, 2002 and 22. Worcester is one of only three Church of England dioceses to have a link with a diocese in South America.

Our link has been expressed in different ways over the years: members of the congregation have joined the Bishop's visits; a previous rector David Martin led a group visit in the early 2000s; a group of young and not-so young people from St Laurence's led by Sue Phillips visited in 2007, working with Alejandro in schools in Arequipa and Cabanaconde and walking the famous Inca trail to Machu Pichu! This was followed by a teacher exchange between Crown Meadow first school and San Lucas school in Arequipa. Sue has returned several times as a member of Bishop John's visiting team, Alejandro has visited us on two occasions since then and we have hosted various clergy from Peru including the current Bishop of Peru, Jorge Aguila.

That's the history. Changes have taken place over the years and our support has taken many different forms. Currently we use our Advent Purses to support Medical Mission International in Arequipa, we give to the Anglican Diocese of Peru out of our annual charitable giving, we are able to give personal gifts to Alejandro and Doris as they reach pensionable age, and we have recently been approached for support with two further projects: supplying Bibles to a young church in Arequipa and a building project in Lima.

We'd love to share more about this beautiful country, it's fascinating culture and the different ways in which we can support a church that has been massively affected by Covid, exists in a turbulent political climate and where many face extreme poverty on a daily basis.

So come and join us for our Peru Event on Sunday 21st April. We'll shape our worship around Peru, share videos and stories and FOOD! Come for lunch. Do a bit of Peruvian shopping, maybe even go home with a beautiful piece of Peruvian embroidery called Arpillera, and if you buy a Quiz sheet in advance you might even win a prize from our Peruvian Craft stall.

Lunch will be bring and share with a twist. We invite you to bring a Peruvian dish! Sue Phillips Wardle has the recipes. To get a list email sue@suephillips.org.uk and request Peruvian recipes or Quiz sheet. (and if that's too much of a challenge just come and taste what others have prepared). WE'D LOVE TO SEE YOU.

Worship at 9:15 and 11:15, Exhibition and stalls 12:30-2:30 and Lunch at 1:00pm

FLOWERS IN REMEMBRANCE

St Laurence church had flowers in church most of the year, (exclusions are Lent and Advent). Would you like to sponsor the flower arrangement for an anniversary, birthday or any other special or significant date. Name and date would be displayed in church and in Grapevine.



We have plenty of greenery and suggest a donation of around £20 person arrangement.

Contact Penny in the office for more details.

In Memory of Enid Patricia Brumsen

At her funeral donations in memory of Enid Patricia Brumsen were taken towards St Laurence Church Organ Fund. A total of £1,530.00 was raised, this is wonderful amount of money and we thank Enid's family for choosing to support this fund in memory of Enid.

Celebrating Gentian Hancock's 80th Birthday

Gentian celebrated her 80th birthday on 21st March with a Tea Party in the Ark with all her friends. Everybody enjoyed it. There were donations totalling £330.00 towards the restoration of the church organ from her friends in lieu of birthday presents. Gen would like to thank them all for their generosity on this special occasion.

We are still raising money for essential works and upgrade on our church organ, details of how to support this can be found on the next page.



HELP!!

OUR CHURCH ORGAN NEEDS SOME WORK

*We need to raise £13,000
plus VAT to be able to carry
out these essential works.*

There are several ways to donate:

- use the QR code
- post cash writing on the envelope 'Church Organ Fund'
- or contact the office to donate via any other means.



SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP AND ARK TIME

Our 9.15 Family Services are for **All Ages**.

Little Ones are not expected to stay still, so activity bags and pew baskets are available to help amuse them.

As well as singing and praying in church with their families, **babies, children and Young People** are invited through for **Ark Time** led by DBS-cleared adults.

In The Ark we listen to Bible stories and join in activities.

Under 8's enjoy Bible stories, songs and craft activities with Jack the Labrador puppet.

Over 8's explore similar Bible story themes, along with craft and drama activities.

So do come along and join us with all your family.



31st March
Easter Day Celebration

7th, 14th, 21st 28th April
New Beginnings - Come and find out what exciting things happened after Easter!!

For more information, email sarah100work@gmail.com

ALVECHURCH VILLAGE SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS

LITTER PICKING FAMILY SESSION -Sunday 14th April

10am to 12.00 The Square

TALK - Wednesday April 17th at the Village Hall, 7.30pm

"The Galapagos Islands" An illustrated talk by Chris Miall

Free to members and £1 for guests, including a drink and biscuit.

WALKS -Sunday April 7th 2pm A Wildlife Walk at a Slow Pace Meet at the Crown B48 7PN

Sunday May 5th 2pm

A walk from the Coach and Horses

Meet at The Coach and Horses, Weatheroak B48 7EA

For more information and membership see the AVS website:

www.alvechurchvs.org

Intergenerational Worship

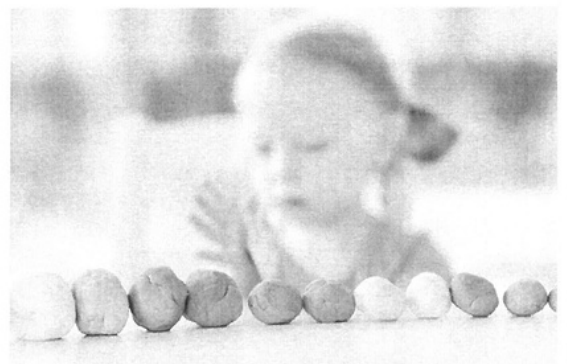


Intergenerational worship refers to worship that intentionally incorporate people of different generations, backgrounds, and ages. Instead of segregating worshipers by age groups or life stages. It aims to create inclusive worship spaces where individuals from diverse age groups can come together to worship, learn, and grow in their faith. It is worship that is generous, respects diversity and delights in the gifts that all people offer to our collective worship to God.

Intergenerational worship is often seen as a way to strengthen community bonds, promote deeper intergenerational relationships, passing on teaching, traditions and values from one generation to the next. It reflects a belief in the importance of unity and diversity within communities and can help foster a sense of belonging and connectedness among worshipers of all ages.

Key features include:

- 1. Inclusivity:** Intergenerational worship seeks to include people of all ages, from children to seniors, recognising the value and contributions of each age group within the community.
- 2. Shared Experience:** Participants in intergenerational worship share in the worship experience together, whether it involves singing hymns, praying, studying scripture, or engaging in other worship activities. This shared experience fosters a sense of unity and belonging within the community.
- 3. Mutual Learning:** Intergenerational worship provides opportunities for people of different ages to learn from one another. Younger individuals can benefit from the wisdom and experience of older generations, while older individuals can gain insights from the perspectives and enthusiasm of younger members.
- 4. Family Emphasis:** Intergenerational worship often places a strong emphasis on families worshiping together. Instead of separating children and adults into different services or programs, families are encouraged to worship and participate in church activities together.
- 5. Intergenerational Activities:** In addition to traditional worship services, intergenerational worship may involve special events, activities, or programs that bring together people of different ages for fellowship, service, and learning.



6. Adaptability: Intergenerational worship can be adapted to fit the needs and preferences of diverse communities. This may involve incorporating a variety of musical styles, worship formats, and interactive elements to engage participants of all ages and preferences.



Like most things, there are challenges to be aware of too. Awareness to these things is key to overcoming them, and considering them in planning.

1. Diverse Needs and Preferences: People of different ages often have varying needs, preferences, and levels of understanding when it comes to worship. Designing a worship service that caters to such a diverse audience can be challenging. For example, some people may have shorter attention spans and require more interactive elements, while others may prefer traditional hymns and more reflective aspects of worship. Recognising that one type doesn't fit all, isn't a new challenge for worship, but intergenerational worship is committed to find ways to do this together.

2. Content Relevance: Ensuring that the content of the worship service is relevant and meaningful to individuals across different age groups can be difficult. Messages and themes may need to be presented in a way that resonates with both children and adults, which requires thoughtful planning and execution. Some leaders will be naturally more gifted at this, or have more time than others to give this the attention it requires and deserves to be done well.

3. Engagement Across Generations: Encouraging active participation and engagement from all age groups can be a challenge. Worship activities and elements that appeal to one age group may not necessarily resonate with others. Finding ways to involve everyone in meaningful ways while maintaining the integrity of the worship experience can be a balancing act. Like point 2, to do this well will take more planning time, but the benefits of doing so are worth it.

4. Logistical Challenges: Intergenerational worship may require logistical adjustments, such as seating arrangements, sound levels, and timing of the service, to accommodate the needs of different age groups. It may also involve coordination with various ministries or groups within the church, which can add complexity to planning and execution. It may require learning a new pattern of planning, but once adapted to, the creative licence offered with such worship can be liberating and fun.

5. Training and Resources: Worship leaders and volunteers may require training and resources to effectively plan and lead intergenerational worship services. This may include not only understanding child development, but the faith development of young people and adults, adapting worship elements for different age groups, and incorporating diverse styles of worship. This can be a real spiritual journey of development for all people, encountering and developing new and different styles of worship open doors to experiencing God in ways they haven't before.

6. Resistance to Change: Introducing intergenerational worship may face resistance from those accustomed to more age-segregated approaches to worship. Some individuals or groups within the congregation may be hesitant to embrace change or may have concerns about the impact on the quality of worship experiences. Many churches that have gone down the path of intergenerational worship have shared that their worship is now more 'joy filled' and 'worshipful'. That they have been changed themselves through worshipping all together as a whole community. Relationships with people of all ages are stronger, they feel more like family, brother, sister, aunt, uncle, grandparent etc. within the whole family of God.

At Church@4 and from May our monthly 9.15am café style church in The Ark, we are committed to being the whole family of God, worshipping together, celebrating the diversity of who we are as our offering to God and as part of our discipling (growing) together as a worshipping community.

Come along and join in the celebration as we learn this new way of being together in generous hope, faith and trust, to the glory of God in whom we worship and were created.



We gather together retelling the story of the Christian faith using crafts, activities, conversation and modern worship.



Church@4 is fun, friendly, informal and relaxed.

Every gathering begins with sharing puddings and refreshments.

Offering a creative approach to worship that encourages learning and questioning of the Christian faith, whether you are new to church, a long term attender or never been to church before, Church@4 is for you.

We gather in The Ark, (the building adjoining St Laurence Church) on the first Sunday of each month at 4pm.



Two for one! From May there will be two opportunities to join us for Café style church, alongside Church@4 (1st Sunday of each month) we will be holding a Café Church at 9.15am on the 3rd Sunday of the month. Our first one will be on Sunday 19th May. As this is Pentecost and a special day in the church it will be at 10.30am, with breakfast served at 10am.

This will also be a service of Holy Communion.



St Leonard's Church

Thursday 9th May, 10am

Ascension Day

Holy Communion

All Together at St Laurence Church
Gathering in The Ark for Café Style worship

Pentecost

Sunday 19th May, 10:30am

Refreshments service from 10am



Spirit Filled Worship with Holy Communion

ST LAURENCE CHURCH DIARY

APRIL 2024

What's going at St Laurence Church, The Ark and Alvechurch Community

Places of Welcome Wednesday 3rd April, 10.00am - 12pm

Open Church Wednesday 3rd April, 10.00am -12pm

A BCP Service of Holy Communion

St Leonard's Church, Beoley Thursday 4th April 10am

Family Worship

with Holy Communion Sunday 7th April, 9.15am

Morning Worship

Sunday 7th April, 11.15am

Church@4

Sunday 7th April, 4pm

Places of Welcome

Wednesday 10th April, 10.00am - 12pm

Open Church

Wednesday 10th April, 10.00am -12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 11th April, 9.30am

The Ark Spring Lunch Thursday 11th April, 1pm. Doors open,12.30pm.

Family Worship with Ark Time

Sunday 14th April, 9.15am

Celebration of Holy Communion

Sunday 14th April, 11.15am

A BCP Service of Holy Communion

St Laurence, Alvechurch Wednesday 17th April, 10am

Places of Welcome

Wednesday 17th April, 10.00am - 12pm

Open Church

Wednesday 17th April, 10.00am -12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 18th April, 9.30am

DIARY APRIL CONT.

What's going at St Laurence Church, The Ark and Alvechurch Community

Peru Family Worship	Sunday 21st April 9.15am
Peru Morning Worship	Sunday 21st April, 11.15am
Places of Welcome	Wednesday 24th April, 10.00am - 12pm
Open Church	Wednesday 24th April, 10.00am -12pm
Ark Tots and Toddlers	Thursday 25th April, 9.30am
Family Worship with Ark Time	Sunday 28th April, 9.15am
Celebration of Holy Communion	Sunday 28th April, 11.15am





10AM HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER

**ST LEONARD'S,
BEOLEY**

1ST THURSDAY OF MONTH

April 4th
May 2nd
June 6th
July 4th
August 1st
September 5th
October 3rd
November 7th
December 5th

**ST LAURENCE,
ALVECHURCH**

3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

April 17th
May 15th
June 19th
July 17th
August 21st
September 18th
October 16th
November 20th
December 18th

The Ark Spring Lunch

Thursday 11th April 2024

Doors open at 12.30pm, lunch served at 1pm

STARTER

Tomato and Basil Soup with a Bread Roll

MAIN COURSE

Roasted Gammon

or Vegetarian option of Stuffed Mushroom
with Bubble and Squeak, Carrots and Green Beans

DESSERT

Cheesecake

Treacle Sponge and Custard

DRINK

A Glass of red or white wine
or a non-alcoholic alternative.

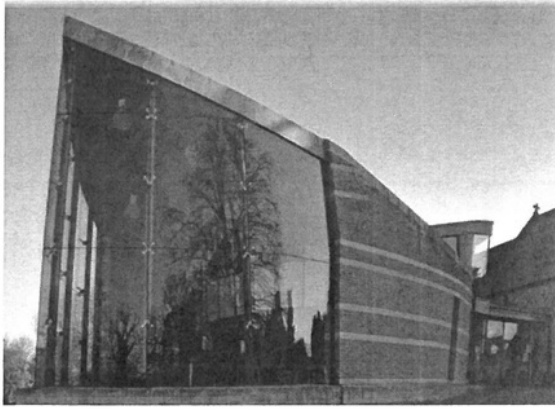
Tea and Coffee

£12 PER TICKET

Please contact Lynda in The Ark to buy a ticket, stating whether
you would a meat or vegetarian main course.

admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk

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The Ark April Events

Spring Day Retreat - 1pm Sunday 14th April

Claire is returning with her popular event, a chance to vacate daily life and enjoy an afternoon of seasonal self-care for women, including food!

For more info and booking please contact:
www.yogi-claire.co.uk

Vintage Fayre - noon - 4pm Saturday 20th April

Ultimate Girls' Vintage Fayre is back for it's first Ark event of the year. Come and listen their vintage singer, enjoy an afternoon tea and browse the vintage and craft stalls.

A popular event, not to be missed!
For details, including hiring a stall, contact
www.ultimategirls.co.uk

**For booking your own event. class or party please
contact Lynda admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk or 0121
447 7955**

Contacts for class and group regular events

Alvechurch Historical Society - Anne - 0121 445 5955

Karate - Chris 0756 4604613

Adult Irish dancing - donnagriffinacademy.com

Places of Welcome - Lynda - 0121 447 7955

Wednesday Yoga and mediation - Sally - myyogamind.co.uk

Line Dancing - Bryan - 07975569065

Hillside WI - Pat - 0121 628 4121

Tots & Toddlers - Sarah- sarah100work@gmail.com

Physio Led Pilates - www.elizabethalexanderphysiotherapy.com

Zuu Move 2Bfit - Cliff- CliffHocoxfitness on Facebook

Mini-Athletics - Steph - www.miniathletics.com

Prayer

“To be a Christian without prayer is no more possible than to be alive without breathing.” –

Martin Luther

We give thanks for the hope of Spring all around us. For longer days and lighter evenings, for new life springing up and the beauty of creation as it renews after a long winter.

We pray for our nursing homes and care homes, for all who live and work in them. We pray for all who offer care to people in their own homes, for kind neighbours and friendships keeping an eye on one another.

We pray for the many and varied community groups here in Alvechurch, offering social activity, friendship and support. May they continue to places of welcome and encouragement.

We pray for all who live and work in Alvechurch, with a focus on all who live on Foxhill Lane, Heron Close and Robins Hill Drive.



Everyday Faith with Sue Phillips Wardle

“Everyday faith” is the Church of England’s initiative to help people think about God as they go about their daily lives – not just on Sundays!

Please tell us about yourself

Hello, my name is Sue. I came to Alvechurch just over 30 years ago and spent 25 years living in Withybed Green. Six years ago, I met and married Roger Wardle and became Sue Phillips Wardle. Between us we have 7 children and 18 grandchildren, ranging in age from 5-27, plus one great grandson! When I retired, I trained as a Licenced Lay Minister at St Laurence’s, so lots of people know me through my funeral and teaching ministries.

Where might we find you everyday, and what sort of things would you be doing or being?

With a family the size of ours much of my time is spent with the three generations of family members. We try to keep in regular touch with each one. Though I’m beginning to withdraw from my ministerial duties I still love the research and preparation for services I take in church. Both Roger and I are keen walkers and gardeners, so we could be out exploring another long-distance footpath, singing in Alvechurch Community Choir, or you might find me at Withybed Poets, Alvechurch Community Larder or staying connected with friends in Peru.

How do you experience God in the joys and challenges of everyday life?

My life has been full of ups and downs, so one place I find God is in the everyday business of living. Sharing my burdens and joys. My love of nature and the great outdoors inevitably mean that I also find God in the beauty of the world around me, from the detail of a flower to the grandeur of a mountain. Indeed, I would say worship comes more naturally to me outside in nature than in ecclesiastical buildings, beautiful as they are.

How do you share your faith with others in everyday life?

This is a question for other people to answer about me. I hope I bring my faith into every aspect of my life, with my church ministry a small part in how that works. I often find myself drawn to people at a time when they are facing life's challenges. Since it is in the tough times that my faith has grown most, I can share the comfort of the presence of God at the most difficult of times.

(How) Does your faith grow through everyday living?

From a very young age I have loved the Bible, it is a wonderful library of books with something for all the different seasons and circumstances of life. So for me one way my faith grows is through applying its teachings to whatever my current personal situation may be. As a member of a community, I am aware that part of my growth comes from listening to and learning from others, especially those who experience God in a way different to my own, enriching and challenging me along the way.

St Laurence's desire is to be a church for the whole community. Through being a Christ like presence to all we meet in this place, we worship and proclaim the love and hope of God. How does your everyday faith support that desire?

My faith is so deeply ingrained in my personality that in some way it affects whatever I do and whoever I meet. At least that is what I would hope for.

“ministry” is what all believers are called to, not just for those ordained. How can we support you in yours?

I tend to be a person of action, getting a balance between the busyness of my life and time to reflect can be difficult, so keep challenging me to set aside time to listen to God.

How can we pray for you?

It has to be that balance thing that I mentioned above. I admire people who really know how to connect with God in prayer, so please pray that I may become more like them. Thank you.

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shortlisted for the Public Sector Catering Awards in 2023 as Chef of the Year. Scott has been praised for ensuring that residents dine with dignity, have plenty of choice, and are served great food that looks, tastes and is of the same standard as fine dining.

Metchley Manor care home
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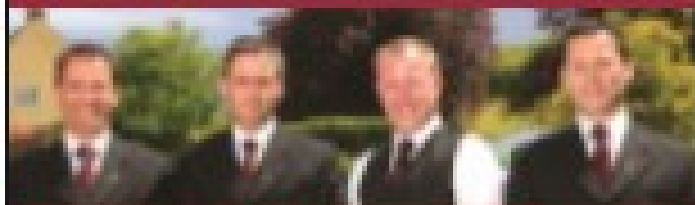
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Hillside @ Alvechurch WI

In our March meeting we welcomed three visitors and our new WI advisor to our meeting.

Our speakers were Dr Helden, Jo McDonagh and Sara who run the liver unit at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital. It was a light hearted and informative talk with a questions and answers session afterwards.

They joined us later for refreshments.

In the business section, arrangements were finalised for the group meeting on April 18th 2024, to be held at Rowney Green Village Hall at 7.30pm.

It was also confirmed that:

On Tuesday 14th of May, the annual craft competition is being held in the Ark at St Laurence's Church between 10.30am and 1.30pm.

And, that the Beoley WI are holding a jumble sale on the 23rd of March at Beoley Village Hall starting at 1pm.

In other business, a trip to Morton Hall Garden is being planned for the Spring and an Afternoon Tea is to be arranged for later in the year.

Thank you to all the ladies who have already donated to the Cotteridge food bank for which collections are ongoing for anyone who would still like to donate.

Our next meeting is on April 3rd 2024 at 7.30pm. We wish all our members and friends a very happy Easter.

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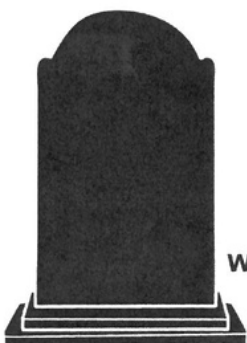
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