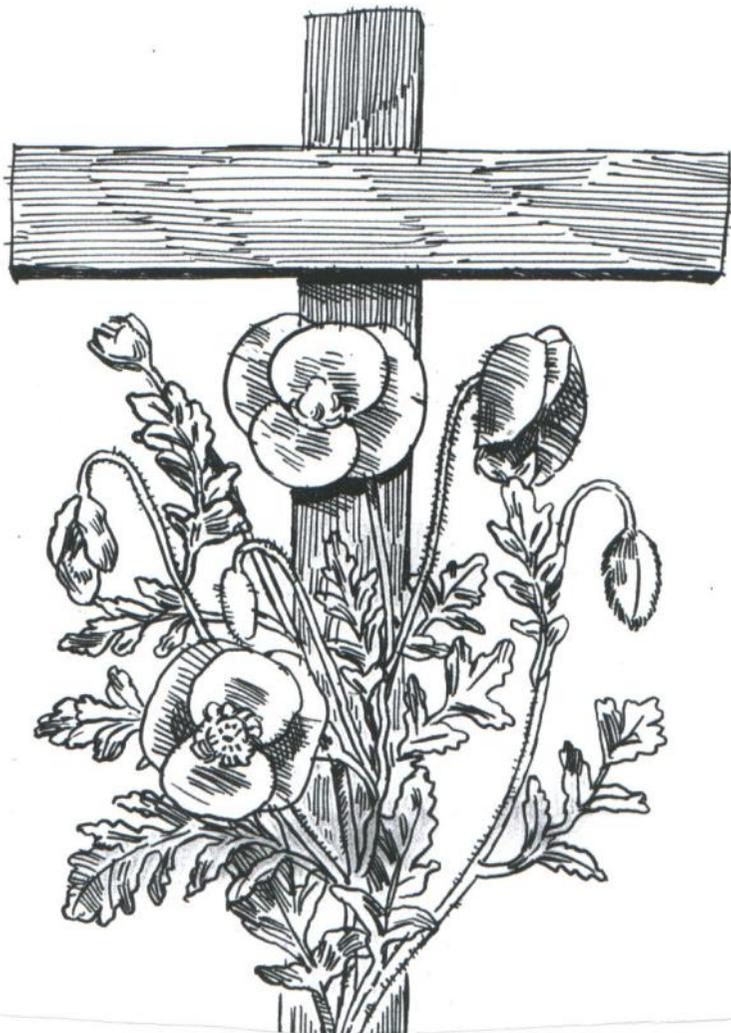


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# St Laurence Church Alvechurch

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### **8.00am Holy Communion**

*Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the other Sundays there will be an 8.00am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service at St Leonard's in Beoley*

### **9.30am Family Service**

*with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday  
and Baptisms on the 4th Sunday*

### **11.15am Parish Eucharist**

### **6.00pm Evensong**

*On the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm there will be Sacred Space, a quieter more reflective space for worship*

*On the 2nd Sunday of the month (4th in January), there will be a United Service (Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green), rotating between Alvechurch Baptist Church, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rowney Green Shared Church and ourselves*

## At Rowney Green Shared Church

### **9.30am Methodist/Anglican Service**

## DAILY SERVICE

**9.00am Monday to Friday in St Laurence Church**

## ORGANISATIONS

**Sunday Club - Sundays during term time 9.30am Church & Ark**

**Choir - Thursdays at 7.45pm in Church (445 3569)**

**Bellringers - Sundays at 10.45am**

**Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)**

**Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mum's the Word) - Thursdays 9.30am to 11.10am in The Ark  
Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month (sarah100work@gmail.com)**

**Ark Cafe - Thursdays during term time at 12.15pm (447 7017)**

**Home Group - Thursdays 7.30pm at the Coach House (445 2547)**

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## Martin Allen writes...

There is something about humans and our desire to be remembered. It may even be one of the things that distinguish us from animals. Animals remember but I don't think even primates make memorials...

From early times we have captured important life events or remembered people. In the cave paintings at Lascaux, (<http://www.bradshawfoundation.com/lascaux/>) thought to be about 17,000 years old, we see people caring for their dying fellows and remembering them. Then there are the pyramids, partly tombs, but also testimony to the importance of the pharaoh, from around 3,000 BC.

More recently expressions of a desire to remember include the Cenotaph (1919), the Diana fountain (2004) and the Holocaust memorial to be built next to Parliament. (<https://www.gov.uk/government/organisations/uk-holocaust-memorial-foundation>).

You may have a place to remember loved ones or keep something they have given you. We may choose to give things in order to be remembered or create special memories with family and friends. In this modern age we can have videos and photos to remember too.

Sometimes memorials and remembering surprise us. I recently visited a Boer War memorial I had no idea we would come across when walking the Chiltern Ridgeway. (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/chilterns-countryside/features/a-brief-history-of-coombe-hill>)

At 64 feet tall, sited some 843 feet above sea level it has the names of 148 men who died carved on it. It helped those who erected it

(without cranes and heavy machine plant) to remember those they had lost, gave meaning to their sacrifice, and is a fitting and impressive tribute to the dead.

We also encountered a very different memorial – *a tree cathedral*. Edward Blyth, who wished to remember three World War 1 colleagues who died, (<https://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/whipsnade-tree-cathedral/features/edmund-blyth---visions-of-a-cathedral>) created a lasting memorial by planting trees in the layout of a traditional mediaeval cathedral. It is a beautiful and peaceful place for reflection and prayer.

At this season of remembering we think of those lost in conflict and honour their memory - healthy remembering. We think too of those, scarred by conflict, who would like to forget but are forced into unhealthy remembering because of trauma and illness. We may choose healthy ways to express our remembering in wearing a poppy, attending a service around a physical memorial or donating.

But what about a faith context? Is there guidance in the Bible as to how to remember? Well yes; many times the Israelites and we are encouraged to remember. This ranges from remembering the creation story showing Gods love, to guides for a healthy life (the Ten Commandments).

Jewish festivals often had special ways to remember -such as the reciting of the law at the Sabbath. In Genesis 31 Jacob and Laban remembered their agreement by building a cairn of stones.

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Jesus though held lightly to remembering and memorials. His use of remembering was to emphasise things that he had already spoken of or told the disciples – and they had forgotten. So, there aren't many suggestions to build memorials from the New Testament!

What we do have though is the instruction to *"do this (take bread and wine) in remembrance of me"* which we do in communion. At communion we remember Jesus voluntarily putting himself in the dock for us and dying in our place. At memorial season John 15:13 is often quoted *"Greater love has no man than this, that a man lay down his life for his friends."* If we, from human remembrance experiences of loss and war, can understand that sentiment how much more should we be grateful to the One who gave Himself for us all?

The things we do to remember others or to be remembered, good though they are, are temporary and fade. The best way to be remembered is to ensure that, at our life's end, we and our loved ones, can echo the thief who said, *"Jesus remember me when you come into your kingdom"*. Healthy remembering...

## Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

Rowney Green Horticultural Society meets at The Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

The meeting on the 14th November 2019 will be the Annual General Meeting followed by Cheese and Wine. All members are most welcome on the evening re. the election of the Committee. The Society is always looking for new additions to the Committee so if you feel you would like to give it a try please speak to a Committee Member on the evening.

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# Hillside @ Alvechurch WI

Our meeting in October was held on what was to be quite a chilly evening, a taste of the weather to come!

Pat welcomed everyone, including our visitors from Alvechurch WI.

She then introduced our speaker Paul Harding who was accompanied by his wife Helen. He gave us a wonderful talk on how the WI started in 1897 in Stoney Creek Canada, by a lady called Adelaide Hoodless. Adelaide had lost a child from drinking contaminated milk. She wanted to prevent this from happening again. So she started a group where country women could exchange ideas on how to improve cleanliness and prevent childhood mortality.

We then moved to the First World War and there were many pictures and artefacts of great interest from that era. A really super talk. Definitely no Jam or Jerusalem until after the first world war.

The evening continued with the usual high standard of refreshments followed by the business.

We have many interesting events lined up, organised by County. Also the Lunch with speaker Jules Hudson later this month at The Chateau Impney, and the Federation Christmas shopping trip to Winchester late November

The group meeting is at Beoley WI, and is to be held on 19th November. The entertainment The 'Vintage Singers'. Members and guests are welcome to wear retro clothes.

ACWW is organising a collection of old mobile phones and jewellery, real or costume, to raise funds for their overseas projects.

The next meeting has moved from our usual first Wednesday to Monday 4th November, in the Ark, St. Laurence Church. 7.30pm for 7.45pm start. The talk is on Johnson's Coach Firm and the competition, Holiday Memorabilia.

All welcome....Further details contact Pat McDonagh Tel. 0121 628 412.

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**Further information from Alyson Williams  
07708450948 or at Alvechurch Baptist Church**

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## Alvechurch WI

*Pam Horsfield writes...*

Despite being a dark, wet night we managed to enjoy a pleasantly relaxed evening in the Village Hall.

Christine Grainger stood in for Julie, our president, and thanked Diane Court for bringing an autumn selection of flowers from her garden for the main table. Several members have birthdays this month and others thanked us for plants and cards which they received while they were ill.

Angela our treasurer was collecting cheques for the Winchester WFWI trip in November. We also had two more join our membership this month, which is pleasing. Maria told us of the Beoley Group meeting next month.

As we were seated in small groups we were able to take turns in telling others in our group about our own particular hobby/memento/interest for 5 mins or so and enjoy learning more about each other. This worked well, and it was good to mix with different people instead of being with friends who we often sit with. We then had tea or coffee with a good selection of cakes to enjoy.

Next month on Monday 11th November 2019 we're having a fish and chip supper, after which Tony Brannon will be organising an evening of light hearted musical bingo.

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**November 7th - Somerset Chicken**

**November 14th - Roast Pork**

**November 21st - Cottage Pie**

**November 28th -**

**Christmas Roast Turkey Lunch -**

**Ticket Only**

**December 5th -**

**Christmas Roast Turkey Lunch -**

**Ticket Only**



The Christmas Lunches will cost £15 and you can buy a ticket any Thursday lunchtime at the Ark or from the Ark office Monday to Friday 9am to 2pm 0121 447 7955. As you know, they are always very good value lunches and we will be having the usual raffle.

This year the tickets are strictly limited to 60 people for each of the Christmas lunches, so to avoid disappointment please book early as they are always very popular.



# Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

Our next two talks are both highlights of the programme, and both speakers make welcome returns to the history hut.

## Monday 4<sup>th</sup> November at 7.45pm

We will welcome Anthony Green from Redditch Local History Society with his multi-media presentation.

**Redditch History Walk – East Section.** Using video, photographs and maps Anthony will take us on a fascinating tour, highlighting the development of this area, its buildings and characters from the past. You will see Redditch with new eyes if you join us for this event.

## Monday 2<sup>nd</sup> December at 7.45pm

Former history teacher Max Keen is an enthusiast for bringing history to life. This time his subject is **Sir Francis Drake – England's Greatest Naval Hero?** Come along and hear the arguments for & against, and possibly a few words from the great man himself.

If you need any more information, please contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955. Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, at 7.45pm, in the museum hut on School Lane. Parking is available behind the Catholic Church, with their kind permission.

# Alvechurch Village Society Walks

Walks are held on the first Sunday of the month, unless this conflicts with a Bank Holiday. Weather conditions occasionally mean a walk has to be cancelled; check with the leaders if necessary.

## Sunday 3rd November at 2.30pm

Walk: From Withybed to Foxhill & Back  
Leaders: Sue Phillips Wardle and Roger Wardle  
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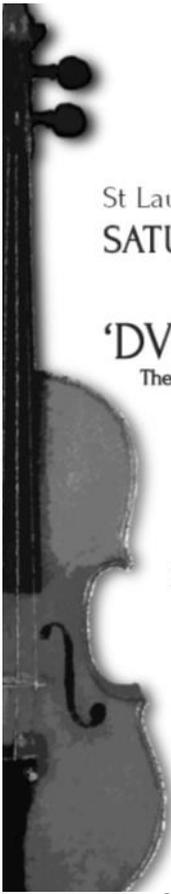
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A warm welcome awaits you and your Little Ones, for our Stay and Play group at St Laurence church. Held in the Ark from **9.30am - 11.00am on Thursdays during school term times**. It's a relaxed and friendly time to chat and to play with your Little Ones with a wide range of toys and activities and on-going refreshments. At the end of each session we finish with a singing time.

Although we don't make a specific charge, we welcome your contribution towards the facilities, refreshments and new toys/equipment.

*So do come and join us as often as you wish. We look forward to welcoming you.*

## Tiny Tots in Church

Once a month we have an opportunity for you to bring your Little Ones through into the church.

At the end of our Ark Tots and Toddlers session, instead of our usual singing time, we invite you to our Tiny Tots Service. You are welcome to come and join in this short, very relaxed and informal time of *singing and interactive Bible story, designed especially for babies and toddlers to move around in their own way!*

During the normal Ark Tots and Toddler session that day, there is a *related craft activity* available, which relates to that month's Bible story. So do come over to our craft table and have a go at the activity with your Toddler or Child. Our Tiny Tots Services are usually on the **4<sup>th</sup> Thursday at 10.45am**. This month's Tiny Tots Service will be on **Thursday November 28<sup>th</sup>**.

## Sunday Club for Young People at St Laurence church

As part of the weekly 9.30 Family Service St Laurence provides a range of activities for babies and young people, both within the church with their families and through in The Ark with adult leaders.

Each Sunday, those children aged 7 and under can choose to join in with the Jack-in-the-Box Group in the Ark. Jack, the loveable Labrador puppet, introduces the Bible story and theme for that Sunday, with songs, interactive Bible story and craft activity.

Parents are also welcome to bring babies and toddlers through into The Ark during Sunday Club time, to join in with Jack-in-the-Box or just wander around and play with the toys provided. There is also a toy area within the Choir Vestry at the back of the church, which can be freely accessed at all time through the service, as well as activity backpacks to take into the pews with babies and young children.

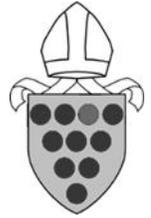
For **Young People aged 8 and over**, activity groups are usually held through in The Ark. On occasional Sundays, our Young People are encouraged to stay and participate in the full service, with alternative activities available for use during the quieter parts of the service if they wish.

We also have occasional All-Age Worship Services, with everyone participating together in a varied mix of worship activities designed and led in a way that is accessible to all: Interactive Prayer, Praise Songs, Drama and other activities relevant to the theme for that Sunday.

Our next All-Age Worship Service will be 9.30 on Sunday 15th December, when the theme will be Advent.

# Bishop's Certificate Course

*Mrs Linda Bridgewater-Budgen writes...*



On 3rd October, 2018 along with many others across the Diocese, I began a year's study of Christian learning, culminating in a presentation of the Bishop's Certificate in Worcester Cathedral on Tuesday 8th October, 2019. Followed by a celebration meal with our Droitwich group of students and Tutors.

I highly recommend signing up for the Bishops Course (B.C.), first and foremost because there is always something new to learn about the amazing life, person and love of Jesus Christ.

Our course Leaders were very welcoming, and through discussions we explored our expectations and views, sometimes relevant life experiences were shared, about times when we had turned to Christ during periods of personal sorrow or feeling abandonment, through to times of knowing unspeakable joy.

We travelled through the Old and, New Testaments, learning about the roots of our faith; re-enacting the Jewish Passover meal (Sedar), and visiting the beautiful Birmingham Synagogue, which was very informative.

If you are feeling prompted to take a closer look at the B.C. Course, trust that you will be inspired and encouraged by your fellow students, the course materials (which are excellent) and your Tutors.

As with all things, your commitment to learning (homework) will reflect what you get out.

For me, the course gave me direction - studying for B.C. overlapped with another commitment I distinctly felt God calling me to do, which demanded much of my time, so don't be put off...I wasn't.

B.C. began life as the Birmingham 3D course for Developing Disciples. Having done this course in 2009 you can see, some people choose to refresh their learning, doing it twice, even three times to "*fill in the gaps*".

By God's grace, I feel truly blessed to have invested this year to B.C.

For further details of the 2019/2020 courses, please visit the website - [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/bishops-certificate](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/mission-and-ministry/your-christian-calling/bishops-certificate)

Alternatively please contact the Training and Events Administrator on 01905 732812 or email - [training@cofe-worcester.org.uk](mailto:training@cofe-worcester.org.uk)

## Events at Alvechurch Library

*Caren Battle writes...*

### **Crafty Ladies Christmas Sale**

Monday 18<sup>th</sup> November from 9.30am - 4.30pm. With wonderful handmade, handcrafted gifts, cards and decorations on sale. There will be a great selection of yummy scrummy cakes for sale too. Please pop in to buy a raffle ticket and support the Crafty Ladies who raise money for local causes close to their hearts. Cash only so please bring some real money!

### **Create a Christmas Wreath**

Join Lisa and make a festive wreath for your front door using a range of natural materials and decorative embellishments. Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 1.15pm – 4.15pm, course number 17227. £30.00. Book online - [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call into the library to pay cash or cheque.

### **Hand & Foot Print Rudolf Cards Workshop**

A Family Learning workshop for parents and their children to make their own hand & foot print Christmas Rudolf Cards! A workshop for parents and children (of any age) to create some special memories and beautiful Christmas cards together. Course number 17474 Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> November, 11.00am - 12.30pm.

### **Decorate and Personalise Baubles Workshop**

A Family Learning workshop for parents and their children to make beautiful festive baubles. For parents and children (of any age) to join together to create some lovely Christmassy baubles. Course number 17475. Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> November, 11.00am - 12.30pm.

These two **Family Learning Workshops** are FREE if you earn less than £16,000 or you are unemployed and on benefits otherwise they are £5 per adult. Book online - [www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses](http://www.worcestershire.gov.uk/courses) or call into the library to pay cash or cheque

**Christmas Story Time** with Santa, December, time and date TBC.

Patrick our language tutor has a few spaces on his ongoing **Spanish** class continuing at the end

of November, course number 17074. Please email Patrick at [vdlt52@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:vdlt52@hotmail.co.uk) or call 07708027372 to see if the level the class is being taught at would allow you to join in.

Andrew our art tutor also has a couple of spaces available for his ongoing **Watercolour Painting** class, course number 17072. Continuing on Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> November and running until 17<sup>th</sup> December, 2.15pm – 4.15pm, £70. Unleash the artist within you and join this fun and relaxed class. Don't rush out and buy all of the kit, just in case it's not for you as Andrew is always happy for you to borrow his brushes and paint etc. Please contact Andrew on 07942293574 or email [andrew.clacher@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:andrew.clacher@hotmail.co.uk) for any queries or questions.

### **Crafty Kids**

Our very popular **Crafty Kids** meets again on November 11<sup>th</sup>. For crafty kids, who are interested in crafting, learning to sew and knit. It's very popular and we can take 5 more children. Suitable for children aged 7 and upwards. We meet on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the month, straight from school, 3.30 – 4.30. And costing only 50p!!

### **Chatterbooks Junior Book Club**

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> November from 3.30pm - 4.30pm. The club is for children aged 7-12 years and meets once a month in the library. From creative makes, silly comics to book themed games, there is lots of fun for everyone. Free of charge.

Save the Date, Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> Jan 2020, 11.30am - 12.30pm. Something new for next year, **Green Tips**. For gardeners and growers, to come and share, support and exchange experience, ideas and seeds. We have a great selection of gardening books to borrow to complement this new group.

Any enquiries about any events at Alvechurch Library please pop into the library on the Birmingham Road, contact The Hub on 01905 822722, email - [alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk) and check out our Facebook page.

# Letter from the Bishop of Worcester

*Bishop John writes...*

Together with the Roman Catholic Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley, I recently led an ecumenical pilgrimage to Rome, accompanied by 20 Anglican and 20 Roman Catholic pilgrims.

One of the highlights was a general audience of the Pope in St Peter's Square. There were many thousands of people at that audience, as there are every Wednesday morning, but we were very fortunate to be singled out and warmly greeted by the Pope who asked us for our prayers for him. *'Don't forget!'* he added.

At the heart of such audiences is a simple Bible study, given by the Pope in Italian and translated into a number of languages. On this occasion he reflected on the occasion recounted in Acts 8 when the apostle Philip met the Ethiopian who was reading a passage from the prophet Isaiah. As he said:

*'Yet, without a guide, he is unable to understand its full meaning. Philip explains to him how the Old Testament prophecies reach their fulfilment in Christ. As a result, the Ethiopian professes his faith in Jesus, and asks to be baptised. From the baptismal waters he emerges no longer a stranger, but a member of the Body of Christ. The dialogue in this encounter reveals to us the key to reading the Scriptures: namely, Christ. Let us pray that the Holy Spirit will strengthen all the baptised to follow the example of Philip in bearing witness to the saving power of the Gospel and bringing others to Jesus.'*

May we remember that the key to understanding the scriptures is Jesus and bring others to him by witness to the saving power of the Gospel recorded in them.



# Remembrance Sunday

Laura Farmer (Communications Assistant) writes...

Each year Remembrance Sunday commemorates the contribution of British and Commonwealth military and civilian servicemen and women involved in the two World Wars and later conflicts. This year is particularly important, marking the 75th anniversary of D-Day in the Second World War.

Acts of Remembrance will be undertaken by churches and public groups all over the Diocese on Remembrance Sunday, alongside other activities to mark the occasion. On 7th November, Pershore Abbey will hold their annual Schools' Remembrance Service, where several Pershore Schools and members of the Royal British Legion and the Royal Naval Association will be represented.

The Revd Claire Lording, said: *"The children will lead the service and help us to remember different aspects of what Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day are all about. There is something very moving about people of different generations remembering together."*

On Remembrance Sunday itself, the Abbey will host the annual Civic Remembrance Service, which is always very well supported, with churches joining together with civic and community representatives. A representative from the Canada High Commission will also be present at the service, to remember the Canadian airmen who served in Pershore and Defford during the Second World War. Their graves in the Town Cemetery are maintained by the Commonwealth War Graves Commission.

Then on the 11th day of the 11th month at the 11th hour, a simple service will take place in the cemetery by the Cross of Sacrifice to remember all the fallen. We will remember them.

## Poppy Crosses St Laurence Church Alvechurch

Poppy crosses will be placed on the  
Commonwealth War Graves in St Laurence  
churchyard on Sunday 10th November at  
3.00pm.

Anne Humphries



# Flowers for NOVEMBER

	3 November	10 November	17 November	24 November
Sanctuary	Virginia Davis	Remembrance Sunday		
Lady Chapel	Virginia Davis	Remembrance Sunday		
In memory of	In memory of her father Mr Catley			

## The Power of Prayer

Last month I didn't have any offers of help for Harvest Festival. However, my prayers were answered and on the Saturday afternoon, Lynda Wolstencroft, Sue Reading, Janet Wright, Mary Minett and myself produced arrangements for all to enjoy. To Caroline Hopcraft for the generous donation as usual of fruit, vegetables and Michaelmas Flowers.

We had many compliments and I think well deserved too. Very special thanks go to Sarah Lynton and the lovely children from Sunday Club and Ark Tots who worked hard decorating two windows with their delightful interpretations of Harvest. It was the first time they have been involved in this way and I hope that you all managed to admire their displays. I would like also to record my thanks to Tom, my husband, who helped me bring all the flowers and foliage to church and will no doubt be offering to help dismantle them when they are finished!

There are only two weeks in November when I don't have names on the rota so if you read this and would like help please do get in touch with me. Many thanks.

Ann Thurrell  
0121 447 7668 / [annthurrell@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:annthurrell@hotmail.co.uk)

## Parish Prayers

Prayers will be said in October at St Laurence Church for the residents of the following roads:

3 November – The Buckleys

10 November – The Drive

17 November – The Gaunts

24 November – The Holloway



# Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, Rector, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
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## PCC Special Responsibilities

### Finance and Standing Committee

Richard Bubbers	Mick Fletcher
Graham Clark	Alison Smith
Bob Dale	Janet Wright
Peter Freeman	

### Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard for Mission Committee

Bob Dale	Colin Bennett
Graham Clark	Peter Freeman
Mick Fletcher	Andy Humphries
Janet Wright	Alison Smith

### Children and Youth Committee

Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Thomas Birchall	Lynne Clark
Kate Birchall	Sarah Linton

### Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips Wardle	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste
Sally Bubbers	Sue Lambert

# Calendar for NOVEMBER



- Saturday 2            3.00pm Afternoon Film: Oddball and the Penguins: Alvechurch Baptist Church  
7 for 7.30pm The Midland Sinfonia: Dvorak's Serenade: St Laurence Church
- Sunday 3            2.30pm AVS Walk from Withybed to Foxhill & Back: Leaders: Sue Phillips Wardle and Roger Wardle: Meet at Tanyard Lane Car Park
- Monday 4            7.30pm Hillside WI: Talk on '*Johnson's Coach Firm and the competition, Holiday Memorabilia*': The Ark  
7.45pm Alvechurch Historical Society: Anthony Green: Redditch History Walk East Section: Museum, School Lane
- Thursday 7            9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton  
12.15pm Ark Cafe: Somerset Chicken
- Saturday 9            7.30pm Arrow Vale Singers: '*Songs From The Shows*': The Ark: Tickets £8 from the Ark office or pay on the door. Bar opens 6.45pm
- Monday 11            7.30pm Ark Angels WI: Drumming: The Ark  
7.30pm Alvechurch WI: Fish and chip supper, followed by light hearted musical bingo with Tony Brannon: Village Hall
- Tuesday 12            7.30pm PCC meeting: The Ark
- Thursday 14            9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton  
12.15pm Ark Cafe: Roast Pork  
7.30pm Rowney Green Horticultural Society: AGM: RG Village Hall  
**December Grapevine goes to press articles to - [thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk)**
- Monday 18            ~~2.00pm Afternoon Tea, Cake & Fun Crafting: Alvechurch Baptist Church~~  
Sorry but this event has been postponed until after Christmas
- Thursday 21            9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton  
12.15pm Ark Cafe: Cottage Pie
- Thursday 28            9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton  
10.45am Tiny Tots Service in church: Sarah Linton  
12.15pm Ark Cafe: Christmas Roast Turkey Lunch: Strictly advanced tickets only £15. Limited to 60 places