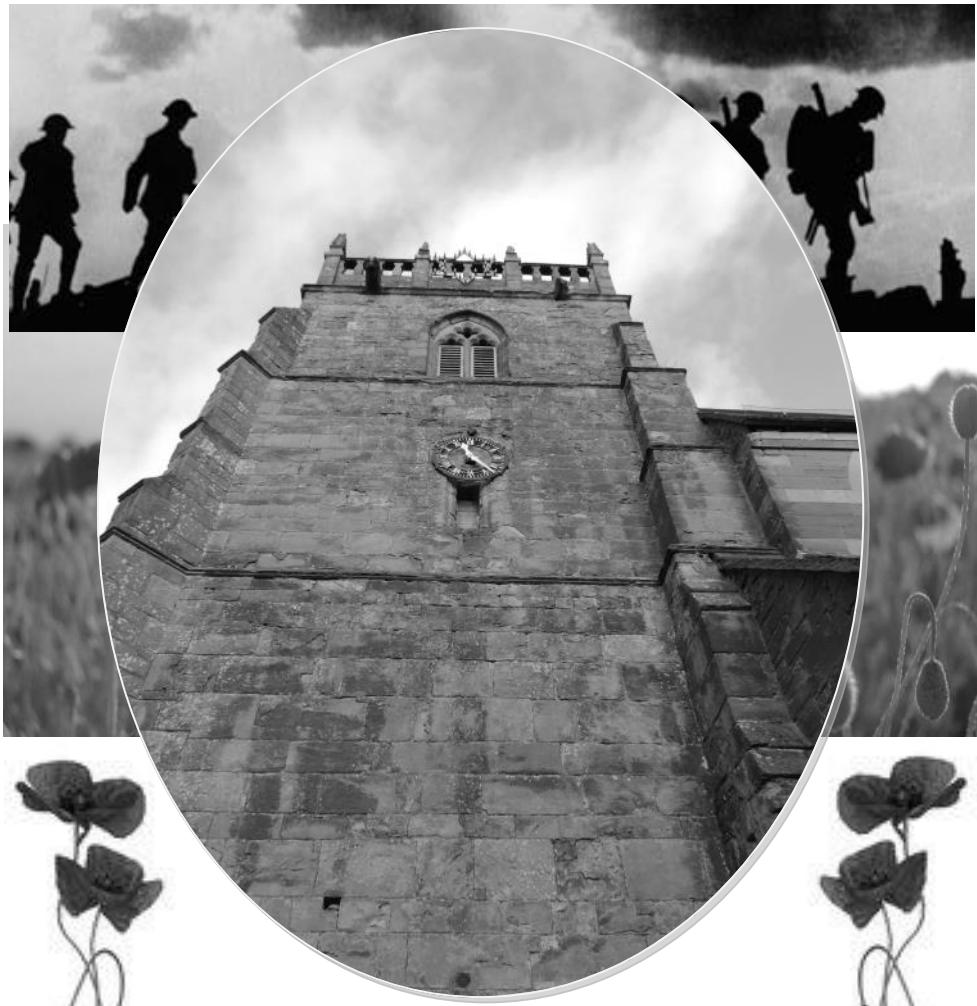


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NOVEMBER 2016

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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

At Rowney Green Shared Church

9.30am Methodist/Anglican Service

with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

DAILY SERVICE

9.00am Monday to Friday

In St Laurence Church

ORGANISATIONS

Sunday Club	Sundays at 9.30am in the Church and Ark (445 1854)
Choir	Thursdays at 7.45pm in Church (445 3569)
Bellringers	Sundays at 10.30am and 5.30pm Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)
Women's Fellowship	4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)
Mum's the Word	Thursdays at 9.30am in The Ark (07792535661) Tiny Tots Service 10.15am 1st Thursday of the month
Ark Café	Thursdays during term time at 12.15pm (447 7017)
Home Group	Thursdays, 7.30pm at the Coach House (445 2547)

THE ARK

Enquiries to Ian Price 0121 447 7955



Philippa Brakes writes...

The media currently is full of discussions about young people's mental health – especially that of girls. We live in an age where how you look, what you wear and how much you earn seem to govern people's sense of acceptability and worth. So what can we offer that makes sense to someone who doesn't know their true worth?

When a young person dies, everyone who knew them comes forward to say how wonderful they were. Very rarely is appearance or choice of clothes mentioned. What matters, it seems, is the essential person inside that everyone will miss. Did the child who died know that was how he or she was loved, I wonder? That a smile mattered more than perfect teeth; love given and experienced more than exams passed?

We tell our children they must pass all the numerous tests thrown at them, often little aware that the tests themselves may be totally alien or unsuitable for many. Our children read magazines designed to portray physical perfection as not just desirable, but necessary for happiness. They spend hours on social media where they themselves or others are shredded for a laugh.

Yet nowhere in the gospels does Jesus suggest that personal appearance or academic achievement have any significant meaning. We do not even know what Jesus looked like, nor any of his followers – not even the women! It simply wasn't important. The disciples themselves came from a wide variety of backgrounds, but I think we can safely say that few of them

could have been guaranteed to pass the current grammar tests our young children are required to sit.

What mattered then and now is something much deeper than surface appearances. When Jesus met someone, he ignored everything on the surface, appearance, clothing, education, age and gender and spoke straight to the need deep inside each person for validation. He acknowledged each one as an individual, utterly unique and created for a purpose. Once we know that simple truth, anything is possible.

Psalm 139 verses 13-14 sums this up. *"For you formed my inward parts; you knitted me together in my mother's womb. I praise you for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Wonderful are your works, my soul knows it well."*

We are wonderfully made, each one of us, as we are and, if Jesus thought we were worth giving up his life for, who are we to doubt his sense of our true worth? Once we know we are loved unconditionally, we are free to love others and our world is sorely in need of the unconditional love that comes from knowing that each life is utterly precious, valid and irreplaceable.

The letter to the Colossians in the Bible sums it up perfectly I think: *"Put on then, as God's chosen ones, holy and beloved, compassionate hearts, kindness, humility, meekness and patience, bearing with one another..... forgiving each other, as the Lord has forgiven you, so you also must forgive. And above all these put on love, which binds everything together in perfect harmony."*

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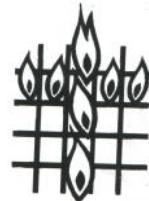
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St Laurence Women's Fellowship

Jill Woolley writes...



It was good to welcome Virginia Davis (nee Catley) to our September meeting. She showed us how to make some small arrangements and gave us many useful tips about the preparation of flowers and greenery - all done in her usual cheerful way.

On November 23rd David Howe will be our speaker- his subject Magic or Humbug.

We continue to meet in The Tanyard Centre at 2pm on the 4th Wednesday of each month. If you can join us you will receive a warm welcome. Please note that we will celebrate Christmas on December 14th.

Rowney Green Flower Club

On 1st December 2016 we have our special Christmas evening with demonstrator Kate from In Bloom. This will be a lovely Christmas entertainment with beautiful flower arrangements and a Seasonal Buffet provided. Come along at 7.15pm to enjoy the spread and the demonstration commences at 7.45pm.

Contacts: Celia Hitch 0121 445 4824 and Clare Kenny 01527 66071.

Thank You

The Macmillan Coffee morning held at Rectory Cottage, Alvechurch on 23rd September raised an amazing £607. Very many thanks to all our helpers and everyone who came along and supported us. Celia and family.



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Three more Messy Church sessions are planned for the next 12 months. The dates and venues are as follows:-

Saturday 26th November 2016

at The Ark, St Laurence's Church

Wednesday 22nd March 2017

at Alvechurch Baptist Church

Saturday 1st July 2017

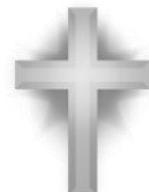
at The Ark, St Laurence's Church

All sessions will be from 3.30pm - 5.30pm. More information will be given prior to each session and for further details please contact 0121 445 0505.



Parish Prayers

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



6 November: The Rise

13 November: The Square

20 November: Tonyn Close

27 November: Tranter Avenue



ABC Christmas Tree

Festival

Revd Fiona Lee writes...

Alvechurch Baptist Church are hosting their second annual Christmas Tree Festival. The opening **Carol Service** on **11th December** is at **4:30pm**; the **Carols by Candlelight** service on **18th December** follows a **4:30pm Christmas Tea** and starts at **6pm**.

More details of the programme will follow in due course (December issue), informing of '*open church*' times, a concert, meal, Curling evening, Children's activity afternoon, Christingle service with Afternoon Tea, a Tots service, and the Alvechurch Community Choir concert. For more details, please visit www.alvechurchbaptist.org.uk

If God Installed Voicemail

The following has been taken from an Oxfordshire Parish Magazine included by the Vicar as a light-hearted way to say that, although she is usually quick to respond to needs, she is taking a break in August and will not be able to respond to messages until she returns.

Have you ever wondered what it would be like if God installed voicemail? Imagine praying and hearing the following.

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If you would like to speak to God, press 1; to Jesus, press 2; to the Holy Spirit, press 3. If you would like to hear King David sing a psalm while you wait, press 4. To find a loved one who has been reassigned to Heaven press 5 – followed by his or her national insurance number then the hash key.

If you receive a negative response, please hang up and try area code 666. For reservations at Heaven please enter John 3:16. For answers to nagging questions about dinosaurs, the age of the earth, life on other planets and the whereabouts of Noah's Ark, please wait until you arrive.

Sorry our computer shows that you have already prayed today. Please hang up and try again tomorrow.

The office is closed for the weekend to observe a religious holiday. Please pray again on Monday after 9.30am. If you are calling after hours and need emergency assistance, please contact your local minister. Thank you for calling. Have a heavenly day.



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The Ark Café

Christmas is Coming!!



The Ark Cafe remains open in November with the usual menu and in December we are holding our two Christmas Lunches, so please support these, if you can. The menu is as follows:

November 3rd Roast Pork

November 10th Somerset Chicken

November 17th Roast Lamb

November 24th Gammon and Parsley Sauce



December 1st Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch with Seasonal Christmas Music with Irene and Tom - Ticket Only £12 **December 8th Roast Turkey Christmas Lunch** with Christmas Music and David Richmond on the Organ - Ticket Only £12.

If you would like a ticket, please contact Ian Price in the Ark Office on 447 7955 Mon to Fri 9am to 2pm. Tickets are also available on a Thursday lunch time at the Ark. As you know, these Christmas lunches are excellent value for a three course meal, so we look forward to your support at these events. Irene and Tom came and sang for us at the Beef Lunch back in May, so we've invited them back by popular demand for the first lunch. David Richmond will be accompanying us at the second lunch. Please come and enjoy this start to the festive season.



Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

OUR NEXT MEETING is on Monday 7th November, when Dr Michael Hall will present a talk about the author Francis Brett Young, who had a family connection with Alvechurch.

The following meeting will be on Monday 5th December, when Max King will speak about King John.

The guest speakers at our October meeting were Marie & Robin Skerratt, who told us about their much loved red Austin 10. Dating from 1933, it was first restored, then taken to rallies and charity events, where it has attracted much attention.

AHS meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, at 7.45pm, in the museum on School Lane. Parking is available behind the Catholic Church, with their kind permission.

New faces are always welcome, just come along, or contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955.

Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

ROWNEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY meets at The Peace Hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. The meeting on the 10th November will be the Annual General Meeting and will be followed by Cheese and Wine.

All members are most welcome on the evening re. the election of the Committee. The Society is 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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Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

Cathy Taylor writes...

In October our speaker was Georgina Jacobs a local W.I. member. She is an expert in Geology with an extensive knowledge of the geological make up of the local area. She aims to explain geology and to make it interesting to young and old.

Her knowledge and love of Geology and her craft skills come together in the amazing pieces of art work she produces. Using different materials and techniques, Georgina is able to demonstrate different aspects of geology. She delivered her talk with humour enthusiasm and knowledge.

Future Events

Next Meeting 2nd November

Yvonne Cocks will speak to us about her work as the first female paramedic in Hereford and Worcestershire. Members are reminded to bring payment for the Christmas meal this month.

A Craft evening will take place on Tuesday **22nd November at 7.30pm** in the Ark. Monica Clarke will help us to make door hangings for Christmas.

Christmas Meal on Thursday 1st December
at Barnt Green Cricket Club, 7 for 7.30 pm.



After welcoming three visitors, thanking Pam Baker for the lovely rose table display and wishing several members '*A happy birthday*', Jackie Stacey led the October meeting.

Pam Horsfield collected money from those going to the Speakers' Lunch, the Bristol Christmas shopping trip and the Annual Council Meeting at Malvern. Several members worked together to produce a combined item for the craft competition in Malvern and we thank them for this.

Jenny Manning told members that the price of the Christmas Party will remain the same at £14. The national subs have increased again for January but she, and we, feel that we still provide fun, friendship and good value for money.

Roger Pugh was then introduced, who entered the hall in full jester's costume. Roger plays a mandolin and guitar and has spent his life busking around Europe and the UK after giving up work in the merchant navy. This has led to working at corporate banquets and parties and he can also tell some of the history of jesters. Jose Cowley gave the vote of thanks and then members enjoyed time chatting to one another.

The next meeting will be on **Monday November 14th at 7:30pm** in the Village Hall where visitors are welcome to join us for a talk called '*Wicked Women*'... could be interesting!

For more information, do look on our board by the chip shop in the village.

Letter from the Archdeacon of Worcester



It's a celebrity world, and whilst we may look down on that, I suspect we are all a bit addicted to it too. I bumped into an erstwhile Dr Who in an Oxford pub once (the actor, not the character), and was more excited than I probably should have been!

The Church has its own set of celebrities. We like to put people like archbishops on pedestals, and sometimes we quite like to knock them off too. Our main celebrities are the ones we celebrate on All Saints Day. Some may well have been commemorated locally, but others are just gathered up into this wonderful 'catch all' festival on 1st November. They are the often unknown, unnamed and unsung heroes of the faith who have simply got on with living out their faith in their own time and place, people who know that God loves them.

Each church has its own particular heroes. This year the Lutheran church worldwide celebrates the man who made the Reformation happen in Germany 500 years ago, a monk called Martin Luther. He was a complicated man – bad-tempered and intense, and he made some dodgy political comments about the Jews and about the poor, which were to have unintended consequences years later. But he also changed the German language for ever, in the same way Shakespeare, the Book of Common Prayer and King James Bible did for English, and he turned the church upside down in a way that affected us all.

As one commentator puts it, Luther had one really good strong central idea, that God loves us anyway.

It should not surprise us that Luther had a complex personality. Recently Mother Theresa has been raised to the altar and named a saint in the Roman Catholic Church. We all know the good works she and her sisters did with the least of the least in Kolkata and elsewhere. But we discover that she too was complex – in some of her alliances and opinions, and not least, amazingly, in the fact that for many years her spiritual life seemed barren and dry, more like a wilderness than a fount of living water, a dark night of the soul.

Celebrating the saints is a great idea: it can really inspire us to fresh vision and purpose. But as Fr Harry Williams once wrote, have you ever had to share a house with a saint? We might find their foibles every bit as annoying as our own. None of us are perfect. Celebrities and pedestals are risky, because all of us are complex – it goes with the territory of being human.

So maybe we need to hold on to Luther's core idea as the most important one, the one that saints have known of old, namely that God loves us anyway.

By Robert Jones Archdeacon of Worcester



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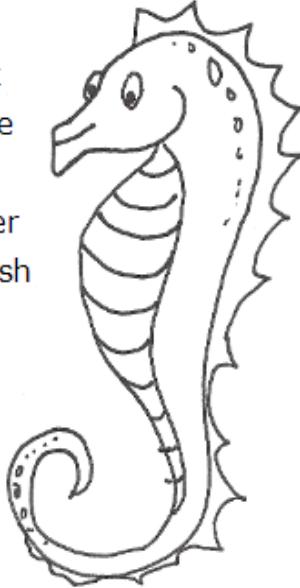
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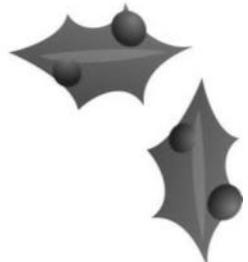
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Sam Setchell Diocesan Communications Officer



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Earlier in the year, Worcester Cathedral marked the opening day of the battle and it will be marked again as part of the Remembrance Day commemorations.

Canon Georgina Byrne explains why it's important to remember: *"The Battle of the Somme began on 1 July 1916 and ended on 19 November the same year, as winter closed in. In the space of 141 days over a million soldiers from Britain, the British Empire, France and the German Empire were dead or wounded. The British and French had taken seven miles of German territory."*

"Apart from the sheer loss of life on both sides, the Battle of Somme remains significant in British history because of the involvement of volunteer recruits who took part alongside the regular army. These were enthusiastic, fit young men, drawn to fight for their country and recruited by Lord Kitchener. Many of these men came from the same towns and villages, or from the same factories, and had joined up in 'Pals' battalions', with no experience of warfare."

"We can no longer 'remember' the Battle of the Somme: there is no one living who does remember it. Instead we commemorate – and it is important that we do so. We come together in prayer to acknowledge the horrors of war, the loss of a generation, the grief that still resonates a hundred years later, and to reaffirm our determination to work for peace."

The Cathedral will mark Remembrance Sunday in the 10am service, with an act of remembrance at the county war memorial outside the cathedral at 10.55 am. Please pray for all those who continue to be affected by war.

Poppy Crosses

Anne Humphries writes...

I will once again be placing poppy crosses in St. Laurence churchyard on behalf of the Alvechurch Ex-Services Association. There are seven designated war graves in the churchyard, until recently there were six of Portland stone and one, that of William Walter Keeling, a family grave. Within the last month a white Commonwealth War Graves memorial has been added to the foot of this grave. William, who was 22 years old, was killed on 23 November 1940 whilst on active service in Ireland. The grave is located near the wooden boundary fence with The Lawns.



Anyone who wishes to join in the placing of the crosses should meet at the porch of St. Laurence Church on Sunday 13th November at 3.00pm.



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Events at Alvechurch Library

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There will also be a raffle where you can win a hand-crafted and unique Advent calendar, which has been made with love by our Crafty Ladies. Also on offer will be a scrummy selection of cakes and biscuits.

The Alvechurch Library Crafty Ladies meet every Monday and Friday 10am - 1pm and are encouraging new members to join them. In-between drinking tea, chatting and eating cake they do patchwork, cross-stitch, crochet, knitting, make jewellery and all other things crafty. It is a very sociable way to pass a morning!

Talking of Christmas; come to the library and get into the festive spirit as we welcome back **Revd Fiona Lee** and her harp on **Tuesday 6th December, 11.30am – 1pm** for a morning of **Christmas words, music and mince pies.**

We still have a few spaces on our **eBay course** so come on and clear out your clutter and join us for a fun introductory workshop for anyone who would like to start buying and selling on eBay. This is taking place on **11th November, 2.15pm - 4.15pm** at a cost of £19.00. Learners will need to bring their own laptops or tablets.

Our **Mindfulness Short Course** still has availability. Explore what Mindfulness is and what it isn't. Learn the skills involved in practicing Mindfulness. Participate in a range of Mindfulness exercises to fully experience the technique. Starting on **Thursday 17th November 2.15pm – 4.15pm** and running for four consecutive weeks. The cost is £36, but concessions do apply for this course. This course is provided free of charge through Government funding for learners who meet one or more of the following criteria:
you do not have a job; you are in receipt of a means-tested benefit or this course will lead to you gaining employment; you are age 19 - 23 and you don't already have 5 GCSEs at A* - C or equivalent full Level 2 qualification issued in the UK

We are looking to start a creative writing course soon and are collecting names and contact details of interested people so give us a call to register your interest. We have around half a dozen names so far but need a few more to make the course viable. We are hoping to start on Saturday mornings early in the New Year.

Twice a week we have story time sessions for young children. Tuesday at 11am for half an hour and Saturday afternoon at 2.30 pm. No need to book, just turn up. No charge.



Obituaries

Ruth Mary Wardle

Ruth was born in Oakham, Rutland on 5th April 1945, but was brought up in rural Lincolnshire. Her father was the village baker, her mother being from a farming family. Both parents had strong Methodist connections, and from their early days she and her two sisters felt part of a strong Christian family, attending church and Sunday School most weeks.

When Ruth was seven the family moved to Barrow-upon-Soar in Leicestershire, a village near Loughborough. She attended primary school and secondary school there. The latter, Humphrey Perkins School, was where she first met Roger, she, fifteen and he, sixteen. She was a keen musician, learning to play the cello and often recalled from quite a young age travelling to lessons on two different bus routes, with a full sized cello! More recently she had piano lessons, her mother having taught the piano into her 90's.

Ruth and Roger's love blossomed, and their relationship flourished even when Ruth attended a three year course at Brighton Teacher Training College. After qualifying as a primary teacher she returned to Leicestershire, where she and Roger were married in 1967. She taught for several years at different schools in the area before leaving to start a family. After the birth of Kate in 1970 and Matt in 1973, Ruth returned to teaching as a supply teacher and the family moved to Wokingham in Berkshire, where Liz was born in 1982, then on to Witney, Oxfordshire and Shirley, Solihull. In 2003 she and Roger moved again to rural Herefordshire.

In each place Ruth lived she quickly became involved in local activities, pursuing her interests of patchwork and quilting, gardening and tennis, amongst many others, as well as being a member of the local Methodist Church. There she helped as a Sunday School teacher, youth club leader, Messy Church organiser, pastoral visitor and more recently worship leader.

Most of these many and varied interests she had continued after moving to Alvechurch in April 2015. She had become a regular worshipper at St Laurence's and had also joined the Alvechurch Community Choir and the Hillside WI.

She was above all a very family orientated person, a '*'hands-on'* Granny to her 10 grandchildren, always finding time to support whatever they were doing. She had made quilts for all the family and many other relatives and friends, and these will be a constant reminder of her love and friendship.

Ruth died suddenly on 5th September 2016, after being taken ill the previous evening.



Flowers for NOVEMBER

	6 November	13 November	20 November	27 November
Sanctuary		Remembrance Sunday		Advent No Flowers
Lady Chapel		Remembrance Sunday		Advent No Flowers
		Poppies by Dorothy Davenport		

I would like to thank three ladies, without whose help I would have struggled to decorate our church for Harvest and Sally and Adam's Wedding Ceremony. They are Monica Clarke, Elizabeth Clement and Helen Gardener. Caroline Hopcraft brought along lovely Michaelmas Daisies from her garden to supplement our arrangements. We were a great team who worked very hard to fill the church with flowers together with love. I know, by your comments, that we were appreciated.

The end of this month heralds the beginning of Advent where by tradition the church is devoid of flowers.

Watch this space for my appeal for helpers at Christmas.

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From The Registers



Weddings

Those whom God has joined together

24 September Adam Homer and Sally Clinton

15 October David & Lisa Edwards -

25th Wedding Anniversary Blessing



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

27 September Ruth Wardle

Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, Priest-in-charge, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
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Martin Allen Mick Fletcher
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Sue Phillips Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons Margaret Haste
Sally Bubbers

Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard Committee

Mick Fletcher Colin Bennett
David Richmond Jill Woolley
Janet Wright Lynne Clark
Andy Humphries Alison Smith

Calendar for NOVEMBER



Wednesday 2	7.30pm	Hillside WI: Talk by Yvonne Cocks, the first female paramedic in Hereford and Worcester: The Ark
Thursday 3	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	10.00am	Tiny Tots Service: St Laurence Church: Sarah Linton
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Roast Pork
Monday 7	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Dr Michael Hall about the author Francis Brett Young: Museum, School Lane, Alvechurch
Tuesday 8	7.30pm	PCC Meeting: The Ark
Thursday 10	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Somerset Chicken
	7.30pm	Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Annual General Meeting followed by Cheese and Wine: The Peace Hall, Rowney Green
Monday 14	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
	7.30pm	Alvechurch WI: Talk ' <i>Wicked Women</i> ': Alvechurch Village Hall

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Thursday 17	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	10.00am	Where Next? Annual Coffee Morning: Ecumenical Centre Redditch
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Roast Lamb
Sunday 20	1.00pm	Family Service 31st Anniversary Celebration Lunch: The Ark
Monday 21	10.00am & 2.00pm	Alvechurch Library: Christmas Craft Sale
Tuesday 22	7.30pm	Hillside WI: Craft evening: Monica Clarke will help us to make door hangings for Christmas: The Ark
Wednesday 23	2.00pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Talk by David Howe - his subject Magic or Humbug: Tanyard Centre, Alvechurch
Thursday 24	9.30am 12.15pm	Mums The Word: The Ark Ark Café: Gammon and Parsley Sauce
Saturday 26	2.30pm 7.00pm	Messy Church: The Ark & Church Sing For Sight: Oakville Singers Christmas Concert: In aid of Sight Concern: Parkside Suite, Market St, Bromsgrove B61 8DA
Monday 28	1.45pm 7.00pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark Ark Angels WI