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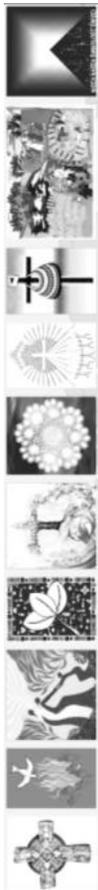


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## SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00.am Holy Communion

9.30.am Family Service

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

11.00.am Parish Eucharist

6.00.pm Evensong

## At Rowney Green Shared Church

9.30.am Methodist/Anglican Service

*with Holy Communion on the 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month*

## DAILY SERVICE

9.00.am Monday to Friday

In St Laurence Church

## ORGANISATIONS

Sunday Club	Sundays at 9.30.am in the Church and Ark (445 1854)
Choir	Thursdays at 7.45.pm in Church (445 3569)
Bellringers	Sundays at 10.30.am and 5.30.pm Tuesday Practice at 7.30.pm (01527 64077)
Women's Fellowship	4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00.pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)
Mum's the Word	Thursdays at 9.30.am in The Ark (07773509390) Tiny Tots Service 10.15.am 2nd Thursday of the month
Ark Café	Thursdays during term time at 12.15.pm (447 7017)
Home Group	Thursday, 7.30.pm at the Coach House (445 2547)
Messy Church	Quarterly on a Saturday in The Ark (445 1985)

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# Philippa Brakes Writes...



## **THE CHURCH ON THE HILL**

We are very lucky to have a church on a hill. It's there for everyone to see and over the Christmas period, it was even lit up by beautiful stars, celebrating the birth of Jesus. I think the church was built on the hill for a reason – as a constant reminder to us all that both the building and God are available for anyone at any time.

Sadly, most churches are kept locked nowadays and I wonder if this is one of the things that have led people to believe that they need an invitation to enter, as though it were a private house. The church on the hill is anything but private; it belongs to us all and all are welcome. It doesn't matter who you are or what your life has been. It doesn't matter if you've never been before.

Some people think that, because they have done wrong things, they won't be welcome, yet, thankfully for all those of us who are far less than perfect, Jesus delighted in welcoming those whose life choices and mistakes others despised.

So now you know you are welcome – come along and see for yourselves what the church and God can offer: friendship, support, hope and the peace of knowing you are accepted. We have a wide variety of services available on Sundays for you to try out. All ages are welcome, and we have catered for babies and centenarians and all those in between – often

in the same service! Small children are welcome to investigate the undersides of the pews and try out the wide variety of percussion instruments - enthusiasm, even if noisy is not a problem! A Sunday club is available to focus that enthusiasm and give parents some quiet respite to listen to an interesting talk, sing and offer each other support and prayer. Those preferring to spend their time at church without the rather sticky presence of small children have three other services to choose from. You don't even have to join in. The church is quite big enough for those who simply want to sit quietly at the back, or the sides and observe.

The church is open daily from 9.00am – 9.30am when readings are interspersed with quiet prayer and contemplation. Even when the building is locked, there are always people willing to unlock it and show you around, or leave you in peace to sit and think.

Even if all your other New Year resolutions have failed, try a visit to church this month or perhaps next. We look forward to meeting you.



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## Thank You

*Mick Fletcher writes...*

A great big thank you to all those who appeared in the  
Christmas Eve family service, to all the children "great", to all  
the teenagers "great", to all the adults "great", the mums and  
dads, "magic".

To Lysanda, just would not have happened without you, to  
Lyn with all the costumes, thank you. To Peter and Helena for  
the music, Steve, Nat and Graham, forgive me if I have  
forgotten anyone, **"APPRECIATE ALL THE HARD WORK"**.

God Bless you all for making it special.

## Alvechurch Village Society

*Ray Yarnell writes...*

Alvechurch Village Society's next event is to be held  
in Alvechurch village hall at 7.45pm on 26th February, and is a  
very amusing talk by writer and BBC producer Sue Watson  
entitled **"Fat girls and Fairy Cakes"**.

The February walk will be led by Andy Humphries (0121 445  
5955) at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd February, and is "Rambling  
in Rowney Green" meeting at Tanyard Lane car park,  
Alvechurch.

The March walk will be led by Keith Williams (0121 445  
6577) at 2.30pm on Sunday 2nd March, and is **"Stroll along  
the Droitwich Towpaths"** meeting at the Droitwich Spa  
Marina

## Did You Know?

*Tony Walpole writes...*

There are 46 ways to spell the name  
Shakespeare. Readers of the Bible (older  
issues) should go to Psalm 46. Then count 46  
words from the start. The 46th word is  
'Shake', then count 46 words from the end and you will  
discover the 46th word is 'Spear', How strange!



Shakespeare

# Weight Watchers In The Ark



## Weight Watchers is coming to Alvechurch

Come along and join us at The Ark  
Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 9.30am and 5.30pm  
We look forward to meeting you!  
Contact Jennie 07446363196

# Rowney Green Flower Club

Rowney Green Flower Club are delighted to welcome Andrew Lloyd (back by popular demand). He is a greatly respected flower demonstrator and a wonderful personality. He is coming to Rowney Green Peace Hall on Thursday evening, 27th February, commencing at 7.45pm. This will be a wonderful demonstration, all flower arrangements will be raffled at the end of the demo, and visitors are welcome for just £3. Coffee and biscuits are included.

Please come along and enjoy a relaxed and entertaining evening. Contact: Celia Hitch, 0121 445 4824.

# Village Messy Church

Hi Folks! We are starting our New Year with exciting activities for Grandparents, Mums and Dads, Aunts, Uncles and children of all shapes sizes and ages.

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## Alvechurch W.I. Meeting

*Jackie Stacey writes...*

Alvechurch WI will be holding their usual monthly meeting on February 10th in the Village Hall at 7.30pm.

Our speaker at this meeting will be Ruth Lowe who has appeared on the Antiques Road Show. Ruth speaks and will be bringing along some of her collection of Mary Quant outfits.

We shall be opening this meeting to non members. There will be a modest entrance fee & raffle and you will be made very welcome.

## Table Top Sale Advanced Notice

The Bellringers are holding their Annual Table Top Sale in the Ark on Saturday 12th April.

If you have any unwanted bric-a-brac items, jigsaws or books etc, please let us have them.

## An Invitation To Alvechurch GP Patients

**IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HAVE A SAY** in how your local GP service is run we want you to come and join **Northwood and Alvechurch Patient Participation Group**.

PPGs are run by and for the benefit of patients and are gaining momentum throughout the country. They help shape and optimise the services provided by GP practices, act as a conduit between patients and practice and are a point of contact for patients who wish to have a say in how their local GP service is provided. It is NOT an alternative to the practice complaints system.

Last year, our own PPG was launched. Group members are recruited through expressions of interest and by completing a simple form at the surgery. A committee of members will meet monthly alongside practice staff (occasionally including a GP) but others may prefer to participate via email.

We need more Alvechurch patients to ensure that we are not overlooked in the provision of local health services. This is especially important given the anomaly that Alvechurch is linked to Northwood (which is seen as the lead practice) and thus a part of South Central Birmingham Clinical Commissioning Group despite its geographical location within Redditch and Bromsgrove CCG catchment area. If you want to have a say, there is no better way than to come and join us. For more information, contact [oversann@gmail.com](mailto:oversann@gmail.com) or [mail@marygreen.plus.com](mailto:mail@marygreen.plus.com) or go to the practice website at [www.northwoodandalvechurch.gpsurgery.net](http://www.northwoodandalvechurch.gpsurgery.net) and press Patient Participation Group. Ann Overs - Acting Chair, Northwood and Alvechurch Patient Participation Group

## Keeping in touch

During our period without a rector at St Laurence's many people have taken on different tasks. As Graham said in his October editorial, our aspiration is that '*normal service will be maintained as far as possible*'. We're not doing too badly, but here and there gaps appear and new people step up to the plate to take on a task. Our latest volunteer is Barbara Griffiths who has kindly offered to keep the back page of our weekly pew leaflet up-to-date. She's a welcome addition to the pew leaflet team. Thank you Barbara! If your St Laurence - related activity is coming up in the week ahead, please contact Barbara on 0121 445 3041 or email her at [gs.bg@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:gs.bg@tiscali.co.uk), no later than Tuesday of the preceding week. The pew leaflet is assembled on Wednesdays by Ian Price. Items for prayer can be often also be included by emailing [sue@suephillips.org](mailto:sue@suephillips.org). Events of wider appeal can always be publicised in the Grapevine, your contact is Ian at [thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk)

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February 13 -	Roast Lamb
February 20 -	HALF TERM – CLOSED
February 27 -	Roast Pork



The revised date for the beef carvery lunch will be Thursday,  
3rd April. Tickets £10 are available from Ian Price at the Ark  
Monday to Friday AM (447 7955) or on a Thursday lunchtime  
at the Ark. We look forward to your continued support during  
February and March.

A note for all our volunteers -

The meal out this year will be on the evening of Friday, 4th  
April at Barnt Green Cricket Club. Please note this date in  
your diary.

## Food Bank

As a community we care about those in need. Local  
churches, together with The Lounge, are collecting items for  
a food bank which helps some 900 families locally. The food  
bank is run by national charity, The Trussell Trust. The items  
they ask for are:

Milk (UHT or powdered), Sugar (500g), Fruit juice (carton),  
Soup, Pasta sauces, Sponge pudding (tinned,) Tomatoes  
(tinned), Cereals, Rice pudding (tinned), Tea Bags/instant  
coffee, Instant mash potato, Rice/pasta, Tinned meat/fish,  
Tinned fruit, Jam, Biscuits or snack bars.

To join in all you need to do is to add these items to your  
shopping list and then take them along to the collection boxes  
in one of the Churches: St Mary's, St Laurence, Alvechurch  
Baptist church, Rowney Green Shared Church, when they are  
open for services, or to The Lounge during opening hours.

St Laurence's also collects for the NewStarts Foodbank in  
Bromsgrove [www.newstarts.org.uk](http://www.newstarts.org.uk) and St Mary's Church  
collects items of clothing for homeless people in Birmingham.

Ruth Chusteki, secretary CTARG

## Family Fortunes

The Baptist Church will be holding a Family Fortunes  
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# Alcester Male Voice Choir



This well known and popular choir will be giving a concert, including some local soloists, in St Laurence Church on Saturday March 1<sup>st</sup>, starting at 7.30pm.

There will be a raffle during the evening, and refreshments served in the Ark.

Profits will go to Rowney Green Shared Church Renovation Fund. Tickets £10, from Pamela Petts (1021 445 4588) or Elizabeth Richmond (0121 445 3569) or email richmond.hill@btinternet.com

# Alvechurch Historical Society

Hope you have enjoyed Christmas and a Happy New Year to you all.

The Annual General Meeting will take place on Monday 3rd February at 7.45 pm at the Museum in School Lane. It will be a bit different this year as we will be voting for a new Chairperson and President.

I hope many of you will bring items that you treasure in the family and you can tell us about them. I'm hoping Keith will find one or two unusual items from the archives so that we can all take a guess to what we think they are.

Wrap up warm and I hope the weather will be kind to us. Plenty of parking behind the Catholic Church with their kind permission. See you then – Margaret Gardner (0121 445 1649).

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## St Laurence Women's Fellowship

*Jill Woolley writes...*

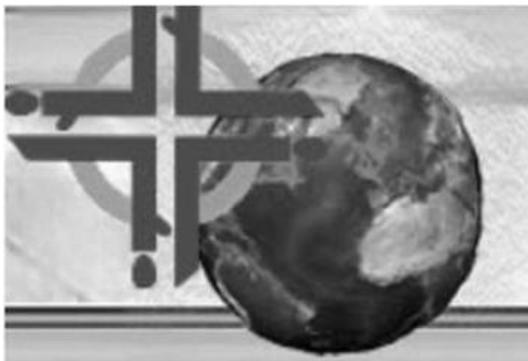
Come and join us at the Tanyard Community Centre at 2.00pm on Wednesday February 26th when our speaker will be Dr. Gillian White telling "The Story of the Teddy Bear" - the cuddly little friends of our childhood .

After the talk we will enjoy a cup of tea - nibble a few biscuits and spend a time of fellowship together. You will be very welcome.

## Women's World Day Of Prayer

*Jill Woolley writes...*

This annual Ecumenical service will be held at St Mary's R.C. Church in School Lane on Friday March 7th At 2.00pm. This years service has been planned by the Christian women in Egypt and is entitled "Streams in the Desert".



The service is open to all - men, women and young people. Please support it - Egypt needs our prayers during this present time of unrest and uncertainty.

## Rowney Green Horticultural Society

*Andrea Haste writes...*

Our next meeting is on February 13th at 7.30pm at the Village Hall in Rowney Green.

This month we welcome Roger Embelby who will tell us how to encourage bees and other beneficial creatures, into the garden.

Guests are always welcome, £3.50p including refreshments. For more details call 01527 69399.

# Why do we decorate the church with flowers?

*Ann Thurrell writes...*

Flowers can cheer up someone who is sick. They can speak of love, share sympathy for a loss, communicate a special love for mothers and remember those who have died in conflict. When it comes to the use of flowers for communicating emotions, flowers speak for themselves.



There is a way in which this is true for the flowers in church as well. Imagine any cathedral you've ever been inside. Beautiful architecture, but a room made of marble, stone and wood is also a bit cold with emotion. Stained glass windows help to add colour and light, but it's the flowers that add warmth and life.

Flowers offer us a symbol of new life. Fresh flowers, particularly those that are in season are a way to represent our new life in Christ. The Lily is perfect for Easter, but as the seasons change the same message is spoken through the seasonal change of flowers on the altar. At Christmas this year (2013) apart from one colourful arrangement we used white as symbolising the birth of the Christ child. In Matthew, Jesus refers to flowers as a symbol for God's care of creation in his teachings for us to not worry (lilies in the fields). The flowers we use in our worship services are, on the one hand, reminders of these Biblical stories, but even more importantly they are ever-present symbols of God's love and care for His creation. We also have mention in the Old Testament of flowers when God tells Moses to put an image of almond blossom and buds on the Altar.

There are two exceptions to this - that of the seasons of Lent and Advent. These periods are traditionally used to prepare us for what is to come by quiet self examination, prayer and study and flowers would distract us from these thoughts. How wonderful it is though, following these two seasons, to enjoy once again the flowers and foliage of God's creation.

So I hope that this offers some insight into why we use flowers in church and may encourage us to think about their beauty and meaning.

  
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# Come On a Journey

Lent is the Christian festival which marks the journey taken by Jesus to Jerusalem. The journey that ends dramatically in his death on a Roman cross, his mystifying resurrection on Easter Day, appearances to his followers and finally his ascension.

Every year you are invited to take a journey with other people of faith who live in the parish. All you need is a couple of hours once a week for five or six weeks. You'll meet people of different ages, from different churches and at different stages in their faith journey, and at the end have the opportunity to get together and compare notes with everyone who has followed the course.

This year our study follows four characters who meet while walking the Route San Jacques, also known as the Camino de Santiago, or St James Way, from St Jean-pied- de-port in France to Santiago de Compostela in northern Spain. It's a pilgrimage with a pedigree going back to the early tenth century, a precarious journey, that across the centuries, has been hailed as the most highly regarded Christian pilgrim trail in Europe. It still attracts thousands of pilgrims a year. Filmed on location the film, The Way (ICON 2011) describes the impact of their journey on four fictional characters, with diverse backgrounds and motivations, who converge on the route in 2010. It tracks their personal wrestling and shared experiences which climax at the great cathedral in Santiago de Compostela.

At the time of writing we have 5 leaders/venues open to all. Just choose your date and time and contact the leader to check details. Participants are encouraged to buy a copy of the study guide from the leader, there will be small charge for those meeting at the Lounge to cover costs and contribute to this valuable community facility.

Day	Time	Start Date	Leader / Contact Details	Venue
Monday		3 <sup>rd</sup> March	Sue Phillips 0121 445 3620 sue@suephillips.org	The Lounge
Wednesday	10:30 am	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Felicity Rixon 0121 445 2371 felicityrixon@hotmail.com	St Mary's Church Hall
Wednesday	2:00 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Dick Russell 0121 445 3083 russell2gothic@btinternet.com	vtba
Wednesday	7:30 pm	5 <sup>th</sup> March	Fiona Lee 0121 445 2087 leefiona@talk21.com	40 Hinton Avenue
Thursday	7:45 pm	6 <sup>th</sup> March	Graham Clark 0121 445 2547 clarkalvechurch@sky.com	The Coach House
Post Lent Gathering for all participants at The ARK Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> May at 7:30				

The course is organised by Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green.

# Flowers for February 2014

	2 February	9 February	16 February	22 February
Sanctuary	Monica Clarke	Virginia Davis		
Lady Chapel	Monica Clarke	Virginia Davis		
In memory of	Felix Ward	Mrs Catley		

I must thank the church wardens for allowing removal of all our flower arranging vases and bowls etc to the Vestry nearer the Altars which will cut down on the amount we have to walk backwards and forwards for equipment. ( In fact the moving of our equipment was undertaken by a number of our congregation and my thanks go to Monica Clarke, Elizabeth Clement, Lynda Wolstencroft and to the two husbands, Howard Clarke and Tom Thurrell who did most of the heavy lifting for me. It took two sessions to complete but it's all tidy and efficient and should be even more enjoyable to decorate the church than before.

As far as the rota is concerned there are two weeks left to fill in February and there is only one week in March before the beginning of Lent. If I could have some volunteers to fill these spaces I would be most grateful as I have to go into hospital for spinal treatment. Please telephone me if you can help. Many thanks - Ann Thurrell

## Mums The Word

*Emma Webb writes...*

Mum's the Word is a group for children aged 0-5years held at the ARK every Thursday morning in term time from 9:30am to 11:30 am. It's run by Mums; Dads and Grans are welcome, and it's free! On the second Thursday of the month we have a Tiny Tots church service at 10:15 am. During the interregnum it has been taken by different members of the St Laurence team. We have a song, story and a prayer, it's mayhem but fun.

We have been making use of Cottonwood Children's Centre toys, but sadly their service is being reconfigured and we need to find some of our own. We would be very grateful for donations from anyone who has toys they no longer need: books, dressing up clothes, puzzles, play kitchen, dolls house furniture, dolls and dolly's pushchairs, floor mats or rugs. Please bring your donations to the group any Thursday morning.

## From The Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

*Photographs of the newly-baptized can be found on the church website - [www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org)*

January 26      Henry Jackson      Snake Lane

# Who's who

Rector	To be confirmed, The Rectory, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Dick Russell, 2 Gothic Cottages, Radford Rd, 445 3083 Ms Sue Phillips, Withybed Green, 445 3620
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Churchwardens	Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mr Mick Fletcher, 13 Red Lion Street, 447 8451
Deputy Wardens	Mr Colin Bennett, 122 Redditch Road, 01527 64077 Mr Andy Humphries, Sunnymead, Station Road, 445 5955 Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569 Mrs Alison Smith, 12 Hollington Road, 447 7293 Mrs Enid Brumsen, 32 Callow Hill Road, 445 0663
PCC Secretary	Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547
PCC Treasurer	Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569
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Singing Group	Mrs Kate Grove, 07773509390
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Flower Co-ordinator	Mrs Jill Woolley, 111 Birmingham Road, 445 2125
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## PCC Special Responsibilities

### Finance and Standing Committee

Graham Clark	Mick Fletcher
Alison Smith	Bob Dale
Jeremy Roberts	

### Children and Youth

Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Pat Booth	

### Buildings and Fabric

Mick Fletcher	Colin Bennett
David Richmond	Jill Woolley
Janet Wright	

### Task Committee

Alison Smith	Jeremy Roberts
Lynne Clark	Sue Phillips
Bob Dale	

### Churchyard

Bob Dale	Andy Humphries
Mick Fletcher	

### Peru and Missionary

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Sue Brotherton	Margaret Haste

### Worship

Barbara Scane	Martin Allen
Graham Clark	Enid Brumsen
David Richmond	

# Calendar

## FEBRUARY



Sunday 2nd	2.30pm	Alvechurch Village Society: Walk: ' <i>Rambling in Rowney Green</i> ' meeting at Tanyard Lane car park , Alvechurch
Monday 3rd	2.00pm 7.45pm	Forget-Me-Not group: The Ark Alvechurch Historical Society AGM: the Museum, School Lane
Tuesday 4th	8.00pm	Men's Group: Tom Birchall: The Ark
Thursday 6th	9.30am 12.15pm	Mums The Word: The Ark Ark Café: Gammon
Saturday 8th	7.30pm 8.00pm	Midland Sinfonia: A Fine Romance concert:: Artrix Bromsgrove Invitation To Dance: Latin & Ballroom Social dance: The Ark
Monday 10th	7.30pm 7.30pm	Ark Angels W.I. meeting : The Ark Alvechurch W.I. talk on Mary Quant: Alvechurch Village Hall
Thursday 13th	10.15am 12.15pm 7.30pm	Tiny Tots Service: Church Ark Café: Roast Lamb Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk: Encouraging bees to your garden: Rowney Green Village Hall
Sunday 16th		<b>MARCH GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS</b>
Monday 17th	2.00pm	Forget-Me-Not group: The Ark
Thursday 20th	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark NO CAFÉ today
Wednesday 26th	2.00pm 7.45pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: talk by Dr Gillian White <i>"The Story of the Teddy Bear"</i> : Tanyard Community Centre Alvechurch Village Society: talk by Sue Watson entitled <i>"Fat girls and Fairy Cakes"</i> : Alvechurch Village Hall
Thursday 27th	9.30am 12.15pm 7.45pm	Mums The Word: The Ark Ark Café: Roast Pork Rowney Green Flower Club: Demonstration by Andrew Lloyd: Rowney Green Peace Hall