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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 (445 1854)**

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

**Bellringers - Sundays at 10.45am**

**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 9.30am to 11am in The Ark (sarah100work@gmail.com)**

**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)**

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## ***Philippa Brakes writes...***

Sometimes, in the middle of life flowing smoothly by, we are felled by a crisis which may not be immediately resolvable. Indeed things may get steadily worse and it gradually becomes clear that no one really knows quite what to do to help.

That is when fear sets in. All our human cleverness and wisdom cannot resolve all our problems, whether intense grief or incurable illness. The eternal human question, *"why me"* seems to have no answer and indeed is pointless really. Why not me? Why should it be someone else? Even God doesn't really seem to do *"why"* and no amount of questioning or pleading seems to elicit an explanation. Many people far cleverer than me have struggled to explain why bad things happen to people – tried to rationalise how a loving God can allow suffering. I have no clever, pat answers. All I have found is that the more in need I am, the more God gives of himself – surrounding me with his utter, accepting love – breaking through fear, anger and helplessness to offer just Himself. In the deepest, darkest places we can fall, being surrounded by love and light is no bad thing!

God doesn't seem to stand aloof from our sufferings, just looking down from a distance, he meets us where we are, not repelled by our misery and despair, but

understanding, holding us tight and lifting us up. No explanations, just an unbreakable promise that he will be with us and bring us through. Thankfully, it doesn't matter how we feel emotionally at any one time. Next time life overwhelms, just try calling on God. He will be there instantly. Then claim his promises - *"Call to Me, and I will answer you and show you great and mighty things, which you do not know"* (Jeremiah 33:3) *"Let us therefore come boldly unto the throne of grace, that we may obtain mercy and find grace to help in time of need"* (Hebrews 4:16). *"Everything is possible for him who believes"* (Mark 9:23). *"We know that in all things God works for good with those who love him, those whom he has called according to his purpose."* (Romans 8:28). Regardless of how we feel, if we claim his healing love as an act of will, believing and trusting, even when it feels like the problems will never be resolved, in my experience, God will honour and answer our prayers in ways we could never imagine. It may not be exactly what we originally hoped and prayed for, but it will be right, because God knows us, he knows our real needs, our futures. He knows the people we can become as a result of our suffering - humbled, strengthened, healed emotionally and spiritually even if sometimes not physically and ready to stand beside others who are suffering, pointing the way to a God who loves them, understands and will answer their cries.

We have a great and glorious God. May he bless us today and always.

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# Alvechurch Historical Society

*Hilary Taylor writes...*

On Easter Monday our guest speaker Ron Gallivan took us back to the 1940's with his talk on *"The Design and Development of the Mulberry Harbours"*, and on Monday 7th May (early May bank holiday) he will be back with *"The Delivery and Operation of the Mulberry Harbours"*. Ron is a military history expert, both knowledgeable and enthusiastic about his subject. His talks are illustrated with photographs and diagrams, and he explains a complex story in a clear way.

In part one, we heard how the country's man (and woman) power, its raw materials and its skill in design and manufacturing, were co-ordinated in a gargantuan effort to build the prefabricated, portable harbours needed to offload men and cargo onto the Normandy beaches in 1944. *"Could we do it today?"* Ron asked at the end; we were doubtful. Part two continues the story, and whether or not you came to part one, it will be a fascinating evening.

We have a complete change of subject for our meeting on Monday 4th June, when Jo Roche will be speaking about *"The History of Abberley Hall and Clock Tower"*. Abberley Hall is a fine Victorian country house, Grade II listed. Its clock tower is a prominent landmark on the A443 near Great Witley, Worcestershire. Jo, who has personal connections to Abberley Hall, has carried out extensive research into its history.

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

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## Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

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

On May 10th the guest speaker will be Helen Picton from Picton's Nursery and her subject will be *"Montana and beyond - the World of Clematis and what they can do for your Garden"*.

Guests are always welcome: £3.50 including refreshments. For further information please contact Lindsay Smith on 01527 592874.

## Alvechurch WI

Denise Cashmore writes...

Julie our President welcomed everyone including our speaker Tony Hale to the meeting. She announced that one of our long serving members, Pat Davies had sadly passed away recently and Jill Woolley, a good friend talked about her life and family. Pat was the Postmistress of Alvechurch and ran the Post Office for many many years, as did her parents previously, before retiring and moving to Callow Hill Road where she lived until she could no longer look after herself and decided to live in The Lawns Residential Home in Alvechurch.

After singing Jerusalem Rita Steadman was thanked for the beautiful flower arrangement.

Our speaker for the evening was Mr Tony Hale with a talk entitled *"My life in Radio"*. He was a very interesting speaker with plenty of laughs and anecdotes about his life as a Producer with Radio 1 and Radio WM Music. He produced many famous DJ's during his time there including David 'Kid' Jensen, Mike Read and many others. The vote of thanks was given by Christine Grainger.

A trip has been arranged to visit Coughton Court in July following a talk on Coughton Court history and Gunpowder Plot by Les Evans. A visit also to Churchfields Ice Cream farm in August and a trip to The Swan Theatre also in August to see Seven Brides for Seven Brothers organised by Pam Parker.

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As we continue our meals  
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**May 3rd - Somerset Chicken**

**May 10th - Roast Lamb**

**May 17th - Glazed Gammon and Parsley Sauce**

**May 24th - Somerset Chicken**

It was our intention to have another Beef Carvery Lunch  
on May 24th but this has now been postponed until the  
Autumn.

As usual, we look forward to your continued support each  
Thursday at the Ark.

## St Laurence Women's Fellowship

*Jill Woolley writes...*



At our meeting in March Mrs Rae Fowler told us of the  
many years she worked with children as teacher  
Headteacher and College Lecturer. She kindly stepped in  
when our original speaker was unable to come.

Our next meeting on April 25th will be our A.G.M when  
we will plan for events in the year ahead.

On May 2nd we will be having lunch together at Barnt  
Green Cricket Club then on May 8th we will be hosting the  
Annual Gathering of local Fellowships with a short service  
in Church at 2.30pm followed by a time of fellowship with  
light refreshments in The Ark.

At our next meeting on May 23rd our speaker will be  
David Hill - his subject - *'I bought an Island'*.

We meet in the Tanyard Centre at 2pm. Come and join us  
as we start our 58th year of fellowship.

# Rogation Sunday

Sam Setchell (Communications Officer) writes...

Rogation Sunday is the day when the Church has traditionally offered prayer for God's blessings on the fruits of the earth and the labours of those who produce our food.

The word "rogation" is from the Latin rogare, "to ask." Historically, the Rogation Days (the three days before Ascension Day) were a period of fasting and abstinence, asking for God's blessing on the crops for a bountiful harvest. Less of us today directly derive our livelihood from the production of food, yet it is good to be reminded of our dependence upon those who do and our responsibility for the environment.

Traditionally a common feature of Rogation days was the ceremony of beating the bounds, in which a procession of parishioners, led by the minister and churchwardens would proceed around the boundary of their parish and pray for its protection in the forthcoming year. As it is no longer practical to follow exact boundaries many services will be held that have a focus on specific elements of creation such as livestock, fields, orchards and gardens.

A prayer for Rogationtide:

*Remember, Lord, your mercy and loving-kindness towards us.*

*Bless this good earth, and make it fruitful.*

*Bless our labour, and give us all things needed for our daily lives.*

*Bless the homes of our parish and all who live within them.*

*Bless our common life and our care for our neighbour.*

*Hear us, good Lord. Amen.*

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***"ONLY REMEMBERED,  
ONLY REMEMBERED,  
ONLY REMEMBERED  
FOR WHAT YOU HAVE DONE"***

The above words are a snippet of the lyrics to a song sometimes favoured by Alvechurch Community Choir. They are true, aren't they, whether we be alive or dead. Goals, objectives, milestones, accomplishments are just some of the drivers of human interest. But I want to ask - what if remembrance is of what you have NOT done?

This widens the field tremendously, for the world is full of horrific happenstances but also more full of those that never were (Let us thank God, praise his holy name).

Pause a while in praise that goodness always overcomes darkness, that flickers can be fanned into mighty towers of light, that the pulse of life is eternal, we share it because of the conquest of death by Christ Jesus, who is our infinite hope.

*Gordon Parsons*



# Events at Alvechurch Library

## Birthday Celebrations

Many thanks to Alvechurch Library's Crafty Ladies, Mango Slimeeee, Art and Soul Creative, Alvechurch Middle School, and the individual readers and writers who helped us celebrate our tenth Birthday last month. The Alvechurch Library Crafty Ladies held their Easter Craft Fair in the same week, so much frivolity and fundraising.

## Young People's Volunteering

In May we shall be giving young people from 11 to 24 years the opportunity to sign up to help with this year's Summer Reading Challenge. With nearly 30 young volunteers giving over 350 hours last year, making it our most popular year to date, let's make this year even better. There are lots of opportunities to volunteer, from listening to children tell you about their favourite books to helping with events and displays. Not only does volunteering help others but it can help you gain skills and confidence and aid you in the future. If you are interested please contact Sarah on [alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk](mailto:alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk) for more information.

## Adult Learning

Due to the snow earlier in the year we have rearranged the course, Understanding and Supporting People with Dyslexia. This two session workshop aims to provide learners with a detailed understanding of dyslexia and how it can affect people. Participants will learn key techniques to support people who have dyslexia and how to motivate and engage them. Running across two afternoons, Friday 29th June and Friday 6th July, 2.15pm – 4.45pm. £27.00 or free subject to conditions. Course number 15544.

Also on offer, **An Introduction to British Sign Language**. This workshop is suitable for anyone wishing to learn some very basic British Sign Language and become more Deaf Aware. The tutor will show learners how to sign the alphabet, basic greetings, communication tactics and a few useful everyday signs and phrases. Friday 11th May, 9.15 – 12.45. £15.75/free subject to conditions. Course number 15546. If there is enough interest for this subject within the local community then there may be an opportunity for progression to a longer BSL course (non-accredited).

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.

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# THE BEST OF BRITISH

**Pulling Out All The Stops at St Laurence Church**

**Organ Recital by Keith Hearnshaw**

**Saturday 12th May 7.30pm**

The theme is The Best of British and will feature some of our major composers, including Elgar; William Walton; Eric Coates as well as (Anglophile) Handel!

The bar opens at 6.45pm and the concert starts in church at 7.30pm. Tickets are £10 (children free) and can be purchased on the door.



## Letter from Archdeacon of Worcester



A worldly faith?

Sometimes we imagine that our faith is about becoming more religious. However the French priest and palaeontologist Teilhard de Chardin said, *'We are not human beings having a spiritual experience. We are spiritual beings having a human experience.'* A palaeontologist is someone who studies fossils, and like any scientist is an observer of things in a search to discover more about them. I think what he meant was since we are created in the image and likeness of God, as we grow as humans we grow more and more into God.

He also said, *'by virtue of Creation, and still more the Incarnation, nothing here below is profane for those who know how to see.'* Our humanity in all its shapes and sizes is God's way of fleshing out and manifesting His beauty. 'Nothing is profane for those who know how to see': Heaven isn't very far away, and faith isn't about religious stuff. Indeed common humanity is the home of God: this is what Christmas is all about, when God in Jesus made his home amongst us.

So we should tread the earth lightly: We are already walking on holy ground. Perhaps that is why Jesus gives us such an earthly prayer as the Lord's Prayer: we pray that God's kingdom will come here on earth as in heaven; we ask God to give us our daily bread, just enough for today. In the Gospels Jesus shows us God by the way he looks, listens, speaks and touches. Galilee sees

signs of heaven in everyday life.

This is why the heart and high point of Christian worship is the Eucharist, when we take the raw material of the world, bread and wine, and it is transfigured by God's Holy Spirit and shows us God. The Orthodox Church speaks of the *'sacrament of the world'*. The poet Gerard Manley Hopkins writes that *'the world is charged with the grandeur of God.'* And this month we celebrate the feast of Pentecost: we celebrate when the Church is born, very much here on earth, to live the life of Jesus, very much here on earth.

Pentecost is the moment when the penny drops for the apostles and they begin to see clearly what Christmas, Good Friday and Easter Day mean. Pentecost completes the birth, death and resurrection of Jesus as the birthday of incarnate Christianity. Far from taking us out of this world, the Spirit, which brooded over creation from the very beginning, empowers us to see everything in a new light: the whole world is charged with the grandeur of God.

So let's not become too religious: our faith is world-facing and life-affirming. St Paul even makes the great claim that our bodies are *'temples of the Holy Spirit'*: this is who we really are, spiritual beings having a human experience. The Church is being truly faithful when we live out Jesus' message to love God, neighbour and self, seeking to encounter him not just in worship but in the faces and concerns of the people we meet day by day. No wonder the liturgy ends with the words 'Go in peace to love and serve the Lord.' Go where He may be found!

Archdeacon Robert Jones

An illustration of a tea set including a teapot and two cups with saucers, positioned on the left side of the top banner.

**TIME FOR TEA**

The logo for 'Dine for Dignity' featuring a fork and spoon as the letter 'I' in 'DINE', and a small teapot icon above the word 'DIGNITY'. The text is set against a background with a scalloped white border.

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# Christian Aid Week 2018

This Christian Aid Week, we are inviting people to come together to support the thousands of people in Haiti, who regularly experience some of the worst natural disasters on earth.

Today, more than 40 million people across the globe are forced from their homes, and yet remain within their own country. They outnumber refugees, people who flee across an international border, two to one.

In countries like Haiti, where repeated natural disasters have resulted in thousands of people being forced to flee their homes, often not able to return for years.

People like Vilia.

Vilia was left homeless by the earthquake in 2010. As she walked the streets following the disaster, she no longer recognised her home or neighbourhood, and was surrounded by falling wires and crumbling houses. Devastatingly, she never found her mother.

Bereaved and homeless, for Vilia, her husband and their seven children, life became a struggle. She didn't even have a safe place to sleep.

Vilia is not alone. Eight years after the devastating earthquake that hit the Haitian capital, Port-au-Prince, an estimated 38,000 people are still displaced. Despite the resilience and strength of its inhabitants, the country has struggled to recover as they continue to face relentless earthquakes, storms and hurricanes, with many people living in precarious houses or in temporary shelter.

Hurricane Matthew, in November 2016, wreaked further havoc across the south of the country, destroying up to 90% of some areas. Haiti narrowly escaped disaster when Hurricane Irma swept across the Caribbean in 2017, and it's only a matter of time before the next hurricane strikes. Each time a crisis hits,

people lose their dwellings and livelihoods, making it increasingly hard for them to rebuild.

Our local partner, KORAL, helps local people prepare for disasters. In the aftermath of the earthquake, they reached out to Vilia and built her and her family a new home, that was safe, stable and strong enough to stand up to natural disasters.

Ahead of Hurricane Matthew KORAL were able to warn local communities, helping evacuate around 5,000 families and saving many lives. In the immediate aftermath Christian Aid and KORAL distributed urgently-needed shelter kits, hygiene kits, food seeds and cash transfers. We also build disaster-resistant homes to give people safe, secure places to live. Of the dozens of new houses we built before the hurricane hit, only one lost its roof in the disaster.

And Vilia's home was able to shelter 54 people over several days. Yet, we have more houses to build for families, like Vilia's, to provide them with a safe place to weather the next disaster.

Just £25 could buy a hygiene kit to prevent disease after a disaster; £5 could buy a jar of seeds so someone like Marcelin can grow beans to feed his family; and £210 could pay to train a local builder in Haiti to build a safe, secure home for families in need.

This Christian Aid Week, you can help to change the lives of people forced to lose or leave their homes due to disasters and conflict by donating online at [www.caweek.org](http://www.caweek.org) calling 08080 006 006, or texting 'GIVE' to 70040 to give £5.



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# Dementia Awareness Week

*Sam Setchell (Communications Officer) writes...*

## **Dementia Awareness Week is from 21 to 27 May**

A number of churches around the diocese are becoming more dementia-friendly, discovering that the journey begins with some simple steps. Some are starting to go further. You can see one example, the Evesham Tea Service, on our diocesan website, and we will soon be telling more stories.

This week doesn't only offer an opportunity to think about how your church could become more dementia-friendly. It's also a reminder of the importance of praying for those who are living with dementia, for their families and carers, and for all who are affected by the emotional and mental symptoms of the various physical illnesses we call dementia.

Here is a prayer you can use:

*God of hope and resurrection,  
you know us better than we know ourselves,  
and draw us to peace and wholeness in your love.*

*We remember before you  
those who are unable to remember their own lives.  
Guard and treasure their lost memories for them,  
and hold their past in your safe hands,  
that when the death of the body comes,  
you may bring them to the full life of the resurrection,  
restore and heal the memories of their lives,  
and give them back to themselves,  
that we with them may rejoice in your love,  
and find the fullness of life in your presence,  
Father, Son and Holy Spirit. Amen.*

# The Midland Sinfonia

Friday 18 May 7.30pm

St Laurence Church, Alvechurch

Flute and Harp Classics played by  
**Charlotte Thomas** (*flute*)  
**Bethan Griffiths** (*harp*)  
known as  
**Hefin Flute and Harp Duo**



Charlotte and Bethan met as members of the North Wales Youth Orchestra in 2010 and started playing together the following year. They have gone on to perform at Llangollen International Musical Eisteddfod and Chester Music Society. They are both very talented musicians, Bethan having been playing the harp since the age of ten; this should be a really enjoyable evening.

It will be a mixed programme featuring the work of JS Bach, Debussy, Rossini and others.

Tickets: on the door £14.50, in advance £13 from 'Gin & Pickles', The Square, Alvechurch or online at [www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk](http://www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk)

FT students and schoolchildren accompanying an adult free.

For more information: [midlandsinfonia@gmail.com](mailto:midlandsinfonia@gmail.com) or 0121 447 7040



# Parish Prayers

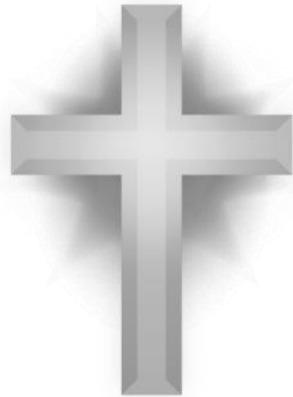
Prayers will be said at St Laurence Church for the residents of the following roads:

**6 May - The Square**

**13 May - Tonyn Close**

**20 May - Tranter Avenue**

**27 May - Warbank Close**



## Hillside at Alvechurch WI

*Cathy Taylor writes...*

Hillside at Alvechurch WI

On 4th April Andrew Orton came to speak to us about Estate Planning. His talk was entitled "*Tax Care and Toy boys*".

Andrew explained the importance of making wills, arranging powers of attorney, and of taking advice from well qualified advisers on Estate Planning. Members were offered free consultations at home to discuss any questions they had. Although it was a serious subject members found it helpful and there were lighter moments! There was time to talk to Andrew over tea and cakes.

### Future Events

#### 2nd May

Our AGM Members will elect officers and committee and catch up with news of events and outings. There will be time to chat during refreshments.

#### 15th May

Trip to Tetbury.

#### 21st June

Visit to National Trust Back to Backs in Birmingham.

# Flowers for May

	6 May	13 May	20 May	27 May
Sanctuary		Alvechurch WI	WEDDING FLOWERS of	
Lady Chapel		Alvechurch WI	Sue Phillips and Roger Wardle	

My thanks to the ladies who helped with the Easter flowers. We managed this year by having two sessions, one to fill the church with foliage for Maundy Thursday and then adding the beautiful Lilies for the Saturday Easter Vigil.

I am still needing help on a weekly basis as can be seen above. My small group of volunteers have decreased over the years and I am really hoping for some new recruits. I can offer all help and guidance.

Ann Thurrell  
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 email : annthurrell@hotmail.co.uk

## From The Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

15 April

Harry Thomas Dediccoat



### Funerals and Cremations

*May they rest in the peace of Christ*

21 March

Roy Anthony Hall

# Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, Priest-in-charge, 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 Mrs Helen Ayling, "Tarncroft", Hewell Lane, Vigo, 445 6176
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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 David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569 Mrs Alison Smith, 12 Hollington Road, 447 7293 Mr Andy Notley, 38 The Buckleys, B48 7NF Mr Roger Wardle, 21 Brookside Close, B48 7LW, 445 0505
PCC Secretary	Mrs Lysandra Notley, 38 The Buckleys, B48 7NF
Parish Safeguarding Officer	Mrs Sue Lambert, 7 Cygnet Close, B48 7PX, 07769110608
PCC Treasurer	Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, Alvechurch, B48 7LP
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, 445 4335
Tower Captain	Mr Colin Bennett, 122 Redditch Road, 01527 64077
Singing Group	Mrs Lynda Wolstencroft, 49 Hinton Avenue, 445 3212
Mum's the Word	Mrs Sarah Linton - (sarah100work@gmail.com)
Flower Co-ordinator	Mrs Ann Thurrell, Top Barn, Scarfield Hill, 447 7668
Women's Fellowship	Mrs Jill Woolley, 111 Birmingham Road, 445 2125
Ark Booking Secretary ) & Grapevine advertising ) Grapevine Editor)	Mr Ian Price, The Ark, School Lane, 447 7955 thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk

## PCC Special Responsibilities

### Finance and Standing Committee

Graham Clark	Mick Fletcher
Alison Smith	Bob Dale
Janet Wright	

### Children and Youth Committee

Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Thomas Birchall	Lynne Clark

### Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard Committee

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

### Peru and Missionary Committee

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

# Calendar for MAY



- Wednesday 2      7.30pm   Hillside WI: AGM: The Ark
- Thursday 3        9.30am   Mums The Word: The Ark  
10.15am   Tiny Tots Service: St Laurence Church: Sarah Linton  
12.15pm   Ark cafe: Somerset Chicken
- Monday 7         7.45pm   Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Ron Gallivan: *"The Delivery and Operation of the Mulberry Harbours"*: Museum, School Lane
- Tuesday 8        2.30pm   Alvechurch Women's Fellowship: Annual Gathering of local Fellowships: Short Service: St Laurence: Light refreshments: Ark
- Thursday 10      9.30am   Mums The Word: The Ark  
12.15pm   Ark cafe: Roast Lamb  
7.30pm   Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Speaker Helen Picton: Peace Hall, Rowney Green
- Saturday 12      7.30pm   Best of British Organ Recital by Keith Hearnshaw: St Laurence Ch
- Sunday 13        3.00pm   Dine for Dignity (Brainhouse Academy Kenya): Charity Tea: Ark
- Monday 14        1.45pm   Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark  
7.30pm   Ark Angels WI: Hat Display with Catherine Clark: The Ark
- JUNE GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS** *Articles to [thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk)*
- Thursday 17      9.30am   Mums The Word: The Ark  
12.15pm   Ark cafe: Glazed Gammon and Parsley Sauce
- Friday 18         7.30pm   The Midland Sinfonia Concert: *'Flute and Harp Classics'* from Hefin Flute and Harp Duo: St Laurence Church
- Wednesday 23    2.00pm   Alvechurch Women's Fellowship: Speaker David Hill on the subject *'I bought on island'*: Tanyard Centre Alvechurch
- Thursday 24      9.30am   Mums The Word: The Ark  
12.15pm   Ark cafe: Somerset Chicken
- Thursday 31      9.30am   Mums The Word: The Ark  
No cafe today