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St Laurence Church Alvechurch

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 2nd and 4th 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	Thursdays, 7.30.pm at the Coach House (445 2547)
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Enid Brumsen Writes...

and belief and hoping that the wonderful Christian story is true.

God's shoulders are broad. As the old hymn puts it, "*Just as I am.....Oh Lamb of God I come.*"

Some months ago a friend and I went to one of those multi cinemas, a new experience for me. Quite a shock! How things have changed. No more creeping around in the dark and we even had a special place to put our coffee cups or our popcorn. All in all we felt a bit out of place and definitely old! On my next visit I began to feel more confident and "at home".

It makes me realise that to venture into church for the first time for perhaps many years must take a degree of courage. Everyone else appears to know what they are doing and what's expected of them. And if a newcomer ventures into one of our more formal services the experience could be puzzling.

But please try it some time. You may feel discouraged when you see what appears to be a united body of people, praising God with what looks like an unshakeable faith. Believe me, worshippers represent the whole human spectrum: some are sure that God is our best and closest friend, others are on a journey, going through periods of doubt

In the peace and quiet of our lovely church tell God if you find faith difficult, tell Him if you are angry or upset or thank Him for blessings received. As the words of another hymn put it, "*There's a wideness in God's mercy, like the wideness of the sea.*"

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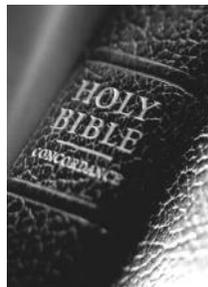
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The Bible is an amazing collection of books!

Philippa Brakes writes...

Lots of people reject the idea of reading the bible on the basis that it must be so full of impossibly perfect people that, as none of us are perfect it must be too depressing to read. Thankfully that isn't the case at all. In fact the bible is full of all the human failings we see around us and in ourselves today.



Take Jacob for example. He cheated his elder brother out of his inheritance, with the aid of his mother; what more perfect example of a dysfunctional family.

Or David for another example; a real hero of the Old Testament. He killed the giant Goliath when he was nothing but a shepherd boy, so he was brave. He became a great leader of the Israelites, looked up to by all. But then he was tempted by the pretty young wife of one of his army commanders and arranged for the poor man to be killed in battle so he, David could have the man's wife. Not so good then.

Or how about Jonah. He was asked by God himself to do a specific task – to go and tell the people of Nineveh to mend their ways. Not likely thought Jonah who didn't fancy being killed by the irate citizens of the town (after all no one likes being told to mend their ways) so he fled in the opposite direction. Not much of a hero then either.

Yet the one thing all these three have in common is that they realised what they had done, were sorry and turned their lives around with God's help. Even though they had done real harm to others or failed entirely to do something they knew they should. Jacob, after fleeing his brother's rage, returned years later and knelt in sorrow before his brother and was forgiven. David was stricken with remorse and shame for the harm he had done, was forgiven and went on to become the father of Solomon, one of the wisest leaders of the Old Testament. Jonah turned around, went to Nineveh, did as God asked and, you know what – because God had sent him, the people listened and Jonah was safe.

In the New Testament too – so many of the people Jesus met were far from perfect; the woman at the well for instance, who had been rejected by everyone in her village because they saw her as an immoral woman.

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Jesus spoke to her as if she mattered and it must have been the first time anyone had done that for a long while. She was so overcome that she rushed back to her village and told everyone of the amazing person she had met – and the strange thing is that they listened. Her short meeting with Jesus had changed her so radically, she became someone worth listening to because she knew she mattered.

Even the disciples themselves failed Jesus just when he needed them most. They fled in panic when he was arrested. Peter the one who seemed strongest and bravest tried to fight off those arresting Jesus but then, when asked later if he was one of Jesus' followers denied knowing him – not just once but three times – out of fear. Yet he came back from this, as did the others and all spent the rest of their lives telling people of the wonderful things Jesus had done for them and so many others.

The best thing about all these stories and so many others in the bible is hope. No matter what kind of mess those people created and we still create today, there is nothing that, with God's help and forgiveness, cannot be turned around.

Atheist And The Loch Ness Monster



An atheist was spending a quiet day fishing when suddenly his boat was attacked by the Loch Ness monster.

In one easy flip, the beast tossed him and his boat high into the air. Then it opened its mouth to swallow both.

As the man sailed head over heels, he cried out, *"Oh, my God! Help me!"*

At once, the ferocious attack scene froze in place, and as the atheist hung in mid-air, a booming voice came down from the clouds, *"I thought you didn't believe in Me!"*

"Come on God, give me a break!!!" the man pleaded. *"two minutes ago I didn't believe in the Loch Ness monster either!"*

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Alvechurch Village Society

Ray Yarnell (AVS Chairperson) writes...

The September walk will be at 2.30pm on Sunday 7th September, and will be one of a series of "My favourite local walks" to be held throughout the year into 2015. Please watch AVS noticeboard posters for details.

The September Evening Social event is a Horse Racing Night to be held in the Village hall at 7.30pm on Friday 26th September, with BYO drinks and snacks. This event has been run over many years and is an excellent evening. Please watch AVS noticeboard posters for details.

Railway Exhibition

Our ninth annual railway exhibition has been and gone in a flash. Unfortunately there were two serious clashes on that date, and this meant we had almost a hundred fewer adult visitors and a noticeable lack of children. Road closures and road works also gave people problems finding their way around the area.

It was, as usual, a cheerful, friendly show, and worth all the effort to see our church full of people enjoying themselves.

As always our catering was highly praised for quality and friendliness, and we have a reputation for the best bacon butties to be had anywhere! Thank you to Veronica and her team, who are simply marvellous.

Nigel Smith, who usually comes as a demonstrator, brought "East Dean", a large layout which looked and sounded fantastic. We are very grateful to him and his team for a wonderful display.

Our demonstrators had a productive and interesting day making models and showing how card and brass modelling is done. Many thanks must be given to all who helped with setting up and clearing away. My family and I just couldn't have managed without you all.

All being well, a smaller exhibition will take place on 15th November. A date has also been booked for 2015. That will be July 4th. Please put it in your diaries.

Thank you all for your support. We look forward to seeing you again. David Richmond.

Skiffle At The Lounge

There's another Skiffle afternoon at The Lounge Café (in the Square, Alvechurch) 2pm to 4pm on 11th August.

The 6-5 Specials are playing and there's coffees, teas, Sally's special cakes and homemade sandwiches and raffle, all for the price of a £5 ticket.

Money raised, once again, goes to their youth projects.



Advance Notice

Rowney Green Peace Hall
Saturday October 18th at 7.30pm

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Activities planned throughout the summer include...

Tuesday 19th August 11.15am - 12.15am. Come and explore the **Groovy Greeks** in a fun packed literacy workshop, for children aged 8-10 years. Free of charge.

Tuesday 19th August 2.15pm - 3.15pm. Come and explore **Winnie the Witch** in a literacy workshop for children aged 5-6 years. Free of charge.

Poetry Competition!!! Calling all young writers to write a poem based on the **Summer Reading Challenge** or their favourite book. It can be short, long, rhyming or not, anything you like.

Categories 4-6 years, 7-9 years and 10-11 years.
Closing date is **Saturday 31st August.**

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Wednesday Craft Activities



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- 13 Week 2 Make a clay pot
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- 27 Paint a lantern with watercolours

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From the abyss of despond, from the pit of dark despair,

Deploy the space that's in between, because there's
something in the air.

It's filled with matter miscellaneously, Separated by time
simultaneously.

So, plug the gaps with purposeful strife - As Jesus instructs,
"Get a Life !".

His promise is true, it's not a ploy,

Heed his call to find real joy.

This is all you have to do,

If you wish to discover the potential you.

Bow your head in constant prayer,

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Written by Gordon Parsons

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The Open Gardens

A personal perspective by Margaret Haste

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Many people, when hearing that I was opening my garden, would give me a look of sympathy and murmur "gosh, that must involve a lot of work". Well actually, it doesn't. By that, I mean, not much more than is usual, if you are a gardener. In fact, during the weeks leading up to the event, as I stared out at leaden skies and pouring rain, my main concern was that there would be nothing to show for my efforts. The climbers weren't climbing, whilst the flowers, especially my roses, were hiding their faces and refusing to show themselves and then, at last, the sun put his hat on and came out to play and, miracle of miracles, the garden was transformed and the stress levels reduced.

I guess having people visit your garden is rather like entertaining visitors at home in that you want it to look your best, especially when people have paid to attend.

I really enjoy meeting them and exchanging views on what works and what doesn't in the garden and also offering advice when it is sought from people who are just setting out on their gardening journey, and it is a journey - one which will provide endless interest and challenges along the way but one from which you will never tire.

So, my grateful thanks to Philip Aubury, whose tireless efforts made Open Gardens possible, to all the people who gave of their time and money, (some £4,300 was raised), but most of all to my garden, which on the day took centre stage and performed so well.



St. Laurence Our Patron Saint

Feast Day 10th August

"These are the treasures of the Church". So, reputedly, said St Laurence to the prefect of Rome when he was commanded to hand over the riches of the Church to the authorities. In fact he was referring to the poor of the city whom he had assembled together. He had asked for three days to gather the Church's wealth, during which time he worked swiftly to distribute it to the poor of the city to prevent it being seized.

This act of defiance led to Laurence's martyrdom on August 10, AD258. For this reason we celebrate St Laurence's feast day on August 10 each year. The traditional account of his death says that he was roasted on a gridiron, which has become his symbol, and is included in the logos of St. Laurence Church and Alvechurch Middle School. During his torture he is supposed to have cried out "I am already roasted on one side and, if you would have me well cooked, it is time to turn me on the other." This may be why he is the patron saint of both comedians and chefs!

St Laurence was one of the seven deacons of Rome who assisted the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). He was appointed as deacon by Pope Sixtus II in the year 257. He was placed in charge of the administration of Church goods and care for the poor (this probably explains the circumstances leading up to his death referred to above). For undertaking this duty, Laurence is regarded as one of the first archivists of the Church and is also the patron saint of librarians. He is particularly honoured in the city of Rome, where he is one of the city's patrons and where a number of churches are named after him.

The famous comments of St Laurence about the "treasures of the Church" surely remind us all in this materialistic age that the true treasures of the Church and the world are indeed its people, all made in the image of God, and not jewels, gold and silver, which are really of no lasting value.





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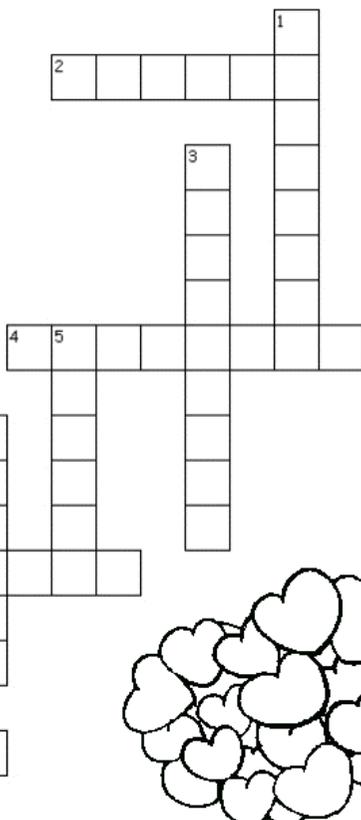
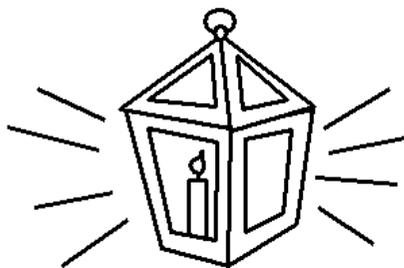
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Child of God Crossword



Word List:

darkness detail
 beginning psalm
 search thoughts
 wicked special
 praise always

Across

- David asks God to do this to know his thoughts and desires and challenge him.
- God is light, so if you hide in this God can still find you.
- David gets upset when he thinks about these people.
- David wrote his thoughts as a way to ____ God for all He's done.
- This is the book in the Bible where David's songs/poems are kept.

Down

- God has more of these than all the grains of sand.
- God knew you from the very ____, way before you were born.
- We can't get away from God. He is ____ with us!
- God was involved in every ____ of who you are inside and out.
- You were planned and made by God who made you ____ and unique.

Lee Abbey

Gloria Wilson writes...

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The days were broken up into sessions for Bible study/teaching, worship and free time to try new activities like archery or the zip wire, costal walks, hot chocolate on the beach and ending up in the cosy tea shop for a generous Devon cream tea. Lee Abbey allows you to "re-charge" your spiritual batteries and eat cake every day!

Zip Wire

Mary Lewis writes...

Some time ago I watched my daughters and grand daughters on the "GO APE" in the Wyre Forest and watched them all come down the Zip Wire - OH!! It was something I wanted to do. At Lee Abbey in North Devon Betty Bushell and I did just that...after being fitted with a harness, "A ten minute walk" said a fit young man before we reached a platform high among the trees. We were hooked up to the Zip Wire and "encouraged" to shuffle off the platform.....Away I flew - the trees rushed past and just as I was thinking how to stop, a voice was saying "brakes on". I smoothly came to a stop, was quickly unhooked and helped down the steps to "terra firma". WHAT A RIDE!! My joy to be able to say "I' VE DONE IT"!! NEVER SAY NO - Just have a go - we have recently celebrated our 86th Birthdays and were nick named "Zip" and "Zap" and were presented with certificates from the Lee Abbey community.

Beautiful - peaceful - happy - friendly - stimulating - all these words and more, refer to Lee Abbey. Its one of those places you are drawn back to. Chose your speaker with care, and the rewards to heart and soul are immeasurable. Our group of 6 from St. Lawrence's enjoyed the hospitality of the Lee Abbey lay community who live on the 280 acre estate, located in beautiful Exmoor National Park.

There is something magical about standing looking down to the Cove - where the sea races over the rugged rocks. It must be hard to find anywhere that gives us such a rich vision of the creativity of God - coupled with inspiring talks - it was stimulating, funny - yes, we laughed a lot and memorable. We returned home happy with much more love in our hearts.....

Give Lee Abbey a visit - you will not be disappointed.

Weddings Bells

The marriage of Dan Wolstencroft, son of Lynda and Chris of the village and Rianne Ward, daughter of Lynda and Martin took place on 21st June at St Laurence Church. The couple met in April 2010 through friends.



The sun shone as the bride arrived in a vintage ford saloon. She was given away by her father and accompanied by chief bridesmaid Danielle Swann (friend), Rachael Cox (friend), Lucy Ward (sister) and flower girl Lola Ward. Rianne wore an ivory lace dress designed by Justin Alexander and carried a bouquet of blue hydrangeas and white peonies.

The best man was Mike Williams (friend from childhood), groomsman Andrew Ward (friend and Rianne's brother) and usher Luis Lea (friend). Music was played by Hannah and Liam Wolstencroft Hall.

Following the ceremony a reception was held at Grafton Manor. The couple honeymooned in California. Their married home is in Redditch. Dan works as an Insurance Broker and Rianne is a Senior Practitioner at a drugs and alcohol charity.



A People's War

by Terry Featherstone (Western Front Association)

In the next four years there will be many commemorations of the great battles of the First World War, but how much thought will be given to the long, perpetual battle fought on the home fronts of the belligerent nations?

Although civilians had suffered in wars from time immemorial, this was the first in which they were regarded as legitimate targets. There were 51 Zeppelin air raids on Britain in the war, justified as not only destroying the means of war production, but also demoralising the population.

Damage was minimal, 551 people were killed and 1358 injured in total but these raids and the German naval bombardment of Hartlepool, Whitby and Scarborough on 16th December 1914 shocked the nation into realising that this island was no longer: "This fortress built by Nature for herself against infection and the hand of war". Later, there were 57 raids by German bombers, killing 857 and injuring 2051. (On the night of 31st January 1915 the Midlands were raided by nine Zeppelins in mistake for Liverpool, killing 70 civilians and injuring 113).

We launched strategic bombing of Germany in 1918.

At sea, as in the air, there was a new dimension to warfare – the submarine. Our losses to U-boats were so great that in Spring of 1917, we had only six weeks food supply left. Food rationing was introduced and the U-boat menace resolved by mine laying and the convoy system. The Royal Navy's blockade, made worse by a series of bad harvests, did bring the Central Powers to their knees. 1917 was remembered for the "Turnip winter" in Germany, when there was little more than root vegetables to eat.

In spite of all these privations, the great juggernaut of war had to be served. Factories expanded, for example, the Austin factory at Longbridge, employing 2500 in 1914, grew to a workforce of 22000, many of them women; producing items for artillery, aircraft and armoured cars, and 1600 three-ton trucks, the last mainly for Russia.

Kynochs, the explosives and ammunition factory at Witton, Birmingham, gained a workforce of 18000, again many of them women (Kynoch's Angels), producing 7.5 million cartridges, 25 million ammunition rounds, 5 million cartridge clips and 110 thousand cartridge caps for field guns PER WEEK.

Always there was anxious scanning of the ever increasing casualty lists and the fear of the dreaded telegram: "Regret to inform you....." Families had to cope with bereavement and men returning physically and/or mentally crippled (shell shock). Of the 150 000 people sent to war from Birmingham, 35,000 came back disabled and 13,000 did not come back at all. Even the then small village of Alvechurch has 37 names on its memorial plaque.

So, perhaps, in all the forthcoming commemorations, someone might remember those Wise Words spoken 2000 years ago which blessed the peacemakers and assured the meek that they will inherit the Earth; only then can we lift the evil shadow of hatred and conflict from the human race.



The Ark Café



The Ark Café remains open, as usual, each Thursday in August with our **Light Lunch Menu**.

This will be either **sandwiches** or a **salad of ham, salmon, beef or cheese** and a **dessert**.

The Café will then close on the first two Thursdays in September. We then reopen on 18th September for the autumn season with **Somerset Chicken** and on 25th September, it will be **Roast Lamb**.

We hope that those who came on 3rd July enjoyed the **Beef Lunch** and the next one will be **23rd October**. Please make a note of this date.

We look forward to your continued support for the Café.



Where Next Sernal Launch New Up-cycling Initiative



Sernal is launching an exciting new enterprise to increase the range of work opportunities available to clients enabling them to learn and develop new skills. We aim to up-cycle various items for resale but we need your help.

If you have any of the following items Where Next Sernal would gratefully receive donations of:

- * **Old guitars** - they do not have to be playable
- * **Small solid wood furniture** - nest of tables, coffee tables, small draws etc. *Please note: solid wood items only - no chipboard etc.*
- * **Wooden picture frames**

Items can be taken to Where Next Sernal, Sernal Ash Nurseries, Alcester Road, Studley B80 7PD or phone Russell Wall on 01527 857189.

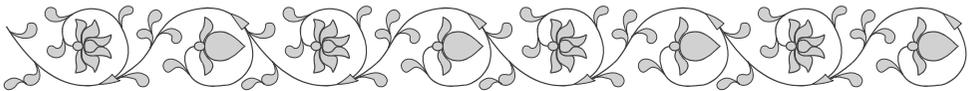
St Laurence Women's Fellowship

We do not hold a meeting in August but instead we will be having a Charity Tea in The Ark at 2.30pm on **TUESDAY AUGUST 19th** in aid of the County Air Ambulance. We will serve a variety of Tray Bakes - forget the diet and tuck in - with a never ending supply of tea!



Come and natter to your hearts content but buy a raffle ticket and maybe find a bargain on the Bring & Buy stall and help to raise some money for a worthy cause. We look forward to welcoming you.

On Wednesday September 24th we start our Autumn Programme with a talk by Mark Wilkins who is a pilot with the County Air Ambulance Service. We hope to present him with a good size cheque.



Obituary

Robert John (Bob) Young

Bob Young was born in Redditch in April 1945, younger brother by 13 years to Colin, and known in the family as a 'victory baby'. He was a quiet man, who nevertheless would speak his mind when necessary.

He was devoted to his family; wife Liz, whom he'd met on a blind date arranged by her brother Dave, and Graham, Deborah, and Lisa. Bob loved fishing and shooting, as well as a spot of home cooking, even though the kitchen would look like a bomb had hit it by the time he'd finished.

He spent most of his working life at Lindford's and rarely had a day off sick. Sadly,

soon after his retirement, he suffered a massive stroke. Looked after at home by Liz and Graham he fought back for three and a half years, never complaining and always retaining his sense of humour.

He died on June 3rd and his funeral was held in St Laurence church on 19th June followed by a cremation at Redditch crematorium. The Bible reading was Psalm 23, *The Lord is my Shepherd*, entry music *Amazing Grace* and the congregation sang *The Day Thou gavest Lord is ended*, and *Jerusalem*.



Flowers for August 2014

	3 August	10 August	17 August	24 August	31 August
Sanctuary	Janet Wright		Jill Woolley		
Lady Chapel	Janet Wright		Jill Woolley		
In memory of					



From The Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

July 27 Ellen Rose



Marriages

Those whom God has joined together

July 19 Paul Kavanagh and Victoria Appleby
 July 26 Peter Broadbent and Julie Malin



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

July 7 Derek Bevan
 July 18 Aaron Bill
 July 25 Mary Burnett

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
PCC Secretary	Mrs Enid Brumsen, 32 Callow Hill Road, 445 0663
PCC Treasurer	Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569
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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	Andy Humphries

Task Committee

Jill Woolley	Bob Dale
Alison Smith	Sue Phillips
Martin Allen	

Peru and Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste

Calendar for AUGUST



Thursday 7	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Light lunches
Monday 11	2.00pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
	2.00pm	Skiffle music from 6-5 Specials and refreshments: The Lounge
Thursday 14	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	10.15am	Tiny Tots Service: Church
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Light lunches
Tuesday 19	2.30pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Charity Afternoon Tea: In aid of The County Air Ambulance: The Ark
Saturday 16	SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS E-mail articles to Ian Price at thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk	
Tuesday 19	11.15am	FREE Children's literacy workshop (aged 8-10 years) : Alvechurch Library
	2.15pm	FREE Children's literacy workshop (aged 5-6 years) : Alvechurch Library
Thursday 21	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Light lunches
Monday 25	2.00pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
Thursday 28	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Light lunches