

The Grapevine

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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

except 4th Sunday "All Age Worship" at 3.30 pm

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...

complete. Often, looking back, it can be seen that a life, even lived briefly, has achieved more than some people achieve in 90 years. In the case of the couple waiting for a baby, they adopt a child who has been waiting and longing for a loving home – and that is God’s answer to many prayers.

Waiting

At the moment, I am waiting for Spring..... and waiting! I don’t suppose any of us are much good at waiting – we tut in queues when someone fumbles in their pockets for change and we fume in traffic holdups on the motorway. The frustrating thing about the latter example is that we can’t see what is ahead, so we don’t know why we’re waiting, how long the delay will be or what will happen.

So much of life seems to feel like this. We start something, be it a course, a job of work or simply a task and we have little idea of how it will all turn out. So what is it that keeps us ploughing on, often through difficult circumstances? Hope? Trust? Faith? Some people wait for healing from serious illnesses or to conceive a much wanted baby and in both cases the waiting can be agony.

Sometimes waiting seems to be in vain; a much loved person who nobody wanted to lose, dies or a baby doesn’t come. So has God failed to listen to prayers? Perhaps it’s that we have been praying for the wrong thing. In the difficult case of a death, perhaps that person’s life was, in some way we can’t see in our immediate grief,

It is the uncertainty of it all while going through the waiting that makes life so difficult. At present it is Lent and Christians await the joy of Easter; the promise that all will be well; Jesus rises from the dead to be with us forever whatever our problems and sufferings. When the leper in the bible story asked Jesus for healing, Jesus didn’t turn him away; he said *“I am willing – be clean”*. (Luke 5; 12 & 13). The man had probably waited many years, but was not forgotten or rejected. Micah 7, verse 7 says *“But as for me, I will watch expectantly for the LORD. I will wait for the God of my salvation; My God will hear me.”*

There is no doubt God hears us. So many people, both past and present have told wonderful tales of answered prayers. The key seems to be to tune into God’s plan for us because He really does know what is up ahead of that traffic queue and therefore what is best for us. If we tune into God’s plans for us, then we may find answers in the most unexpected and wonderful ways, but we still have to wait!

Perhaps, this Lent, we can all try to find out what those we love and those we work with are waiting for and help them with loving support during the long night of their waiting.

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Cost of the tickets are £8.50 per person
and can be obtained from Chris and Dave
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Crafty Ladies Spring Sale

We are holding our Sale at Alvechurch
Library on Monday 19th March from
10am - 1pm and 2pm - 4pm

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We donate the monies raised to village
and local charities and nothing costs more
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Events at Alvechurch Library

Birthday Celebrations

Alvechurch Library will be celebrating its 10th Birthday in April, yes we have been on this site on the Birmingham Road since the 3rd April 2008. We shall be holding a series of celebratory events throughout March and April in the library, please check out our Facebook page and notices in the library for details. Mango Slimeeee will be joining us to run another fabulous Slime Making Workshop.

On Friday 2nd March, 2.15pm – 4.45pm, we will be hosting a short workshop, **Understanding and Supporting People with Dyslexia**, course number 15250. The aims of this workshop are to provide learners with a detailed understanding of dyslexia and how it can affect people. Learning key techniques to support people and how to motivate and engage those with dyslexia. You will gain an understanding of what dyslexia is and how it affects people through their school and adult life, including how it is diagnosed. Discover some of the other difficulties people with dyslexia may experience and address common misconceptions. The tutor will provide strategies for supporting people with dyslexia, including techniques to aid with spelling and comprehension. You will learn how to play to their strengths and how to build self-confidence. The cost of this workshop is £11.25 or free. Course is FREE to those who meet certain criteria – If you work under 16 hrs per week and earn less than £330 per month, Receive JSA, ESA or Universal Credit OR you receive Working Tax Credit - proof is required on attendance at first session.

Currently we are hosting free **Art and Craft Workshops** for everyone every Saturday afternoon, 2.15pm - 3.45pm (term time only) learning new skills to enhance your life and meet new people in your area. Working together on your piece of art and sharing experiences and skills in an informal and friendly session. All necessary materials such as wool and paint are provided and best of all, sessions are FREE. Please contact Natalia on 07866 425986 or visit www.womenclub.uk for further information.

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 and check out our Facebook page.

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March 1st - Roast Lamb

March 8th - Glazed Gammon and Parsley Sauce

March 15th - Somerset Chicken

March 22nd - Roast Beef Carvery Lunch

(Ticket Only - see below for details)

The **Roast Beef Carvery Lunch** is a ticket only event at a cost of £12. The price includes a Roast Beef Lunch, Home Made Dessert, Cheese and Biscuits and Tea or Coffee. If you would like a ticket, they are available on a Thursday lunchtime at The Ark or from Ian Price at the Ark office Monday - Friday 9am to 2pm 0121 447 7955.

We are then closed for the Easter break and will reopen on **Thursday, 19th April** when we shall be enjoying a **Roast Turkey Lunch** at the **normal price of £6**. This is not a **Ticket Only event**, just turn up on the day as usual. We look forward to seeing you all there.

St Laurence Women's Fellowship

Jill Woolley writes...



Our speaker in January was unable to come to us but we had a pleasant social time together to celebrate the first meeting of the New Year as we missed our Christmas celebrations.

We look forward to March 28th when Mrs Barbara Royle will tell us about Falconry and hopefully bring along two birds of prey.

April 25th will be our Annual General Meeting when we will review our year and make plans for the year ahead.

We meet at the Tanyard Centre at 2pm and welcome newcomers.

Easter 2018

At St Laurence's you are invited to: **Maudy Thursday 29 March: we remember the Last Supper.** At 6:30pm there will be a communion service in church with opportunity for foot washing, immediately followed by Agape finger food in the Ark's Upper Room, before returning to the church in silence for the stripping bare of the communion table. Please sign up for the food at the back of church by the end of Sunday 25 March (£3 each, please, to be collected on the day).

Good Friday 30 March: we remember the Crucifixion.

There will be a reflective service for all the churches in Alvechurch at **12 noon** at Alvechurch Baptist Church

Saturday 31 March: we await the Resurrection. At 6.30pm there will be a reflective service, the Easter Vigil, in church

Easter Sunday 1 April: we celebrate the Resurrection. On Easter morning there will be one joint communion service at **10.30am**, with Evensong at 6pm

Is There?

By Gordon Parsons

Is there anything new under the sun? On the evening of a recent Friday in an upper room of Alvechurch Sports and Social Club, raconteur and leading light of Alvechurch Am Drams Chris Davies said these words during concert story time *"Don't you believe it when they say to you, there is nothing in this world that is entirely new."*

"There is nothing new under the sun" though an old adage is a groundless falsehood. For in and throughout every fraction of a nano-second everything changes, seen or unseen, known or unknown, either things grow or they decay. It is impossible to deny that all things change with time, including both solid objects, ideas and human mores.

There is an exception. *"The same today, the same for ever - Who like me God's praise should sing?"* Word choices are important. Send us out in *"Newness of life"* is not an empty benediction to close church worship. It is a solemn promise available lifelong to all *"in both sickness and health"*, It is a spiritual promise.

Christ died *for us at Eastertide that we may live "In newness of life"* all our days.

Easter greetings to all. especially Grapevine readers.

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Hillside at Alvechurch WI

Cathy Taylor writes...

We held our delayed Christmas Party on 7th February at Barnt Green Cricket Club. Geoff and his staff gave us a delicious meal. Afterwards Barry entertained us with music and songs and encouraged us to sing along and dance. It was a very enjoyable evening.

At the brief business meeting before our meal, Pat reminded members about the visit to the Birmingham Back to Backs on March 1st. Ten members agreed to meet at the escalator for John Lewis at Grand Central at 12 midday. Several members will catch the train at Alvechurch at 11 am.

The March meeting will be held on 7th March at 7.30pm at The Ark and our speaker will be Alan Thornton who will tell us about "A Day in the Life of a Seaside Hotelier". Visitors will be very welcome and there will be time to chat over refreshments which will include home made cakes.

Future Events

Back to Backs March 1st

The Group meeting 21st March 7 for 7.30 pm at Park Hall, Wythall. A night of Magic given by Magician Neil Roberts.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

Julie welcomed members, visitors and Mark Podbury, our speaker, before wishing three members a happy birthday for this month. Treasurer Jenny treated all those who had promptly paid their annual fees to a raffle ticket, and Pat Fayerty was the lucky winner of a lovely silk rose plant.

As The Grapevine goes to press, we are looking forward to our belated Christmas party(!) on February 19th at Barnt Green Cricket Club, when Nick the Vic will provide our musical entertainment. It should be a good evening with Geoff's excellent food and Nick's music. Mark Podbury was then introduced as the person from the Tesco's shop in Barnt Green who deals with, and enthuses about how Tesco is dealing with food waste. The ideas have developed into a well organised national business; providing food for local charities, animal foods and very little for landfill. He's a very interesting speaker and we all enjoyed his company. Finally we had tea and delicious cakes and enjoyed swapping news with friends.

Next month is a fun Games Night, when visitors are welcome to join us. We'll meet as usual on the second Monday of the month, March 12th, at 7:30pm in the Village Hall. Phone Julie on 07583 326252 for more information.

Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

At our next meeting, on **Monday 5th March**, we will welcome **Joe Hawkins**, who will speak about "**Hagley Park: Past, Present and Future**". Joe is Head of Landscape at Hagley Park, and has directed the restoration of the landscape, originally designed by George Lyttleton. Among the most famous of all eighteenth century landscapes, the park was in its day, visited, viewed and reviewed to great acclaim by some of the century's most enlightened minds, such as Alexander Pope.

Our April and May meetings both fall on bank holidays, **Monday 2nd April** (Easter Monday) and **Monday 7th May** (Early May). Our guest speaker at both these meetings will be **Ron Gallivan**, who will be presenting an in-depth look at the Mulberry Harbours. These were prefabricated portable harbours developed by the United Kingdom during the Second World War to facilitate the rapid offloading of cargo onto beaches during the Allied invasion of Normandy in June 1944. The April talk will be about "**The Design and Development of the Mulberry Harbours**", and the May talk will be about "**The Delivery and Operation of the Mulberry Harbours**". Either talk can be enjoyed on its own, so do come along if you can only attend one of them, although both talks will give a more complete picture of events.

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 5995.

Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

Rowney Green Horticultural Society meets at The Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm. At the meeting on 8th March our guest speaker will be Harry Green, Head Gardener at Morton Hall Gardens. His subject will be "**Extracts of the Head Gardener's Journal**" with tips on some of the techniques used at Morton Hall.

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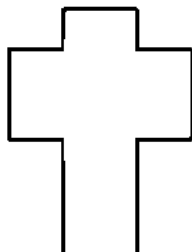
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Churchyard News - 19th Century Memorials Needing Attention

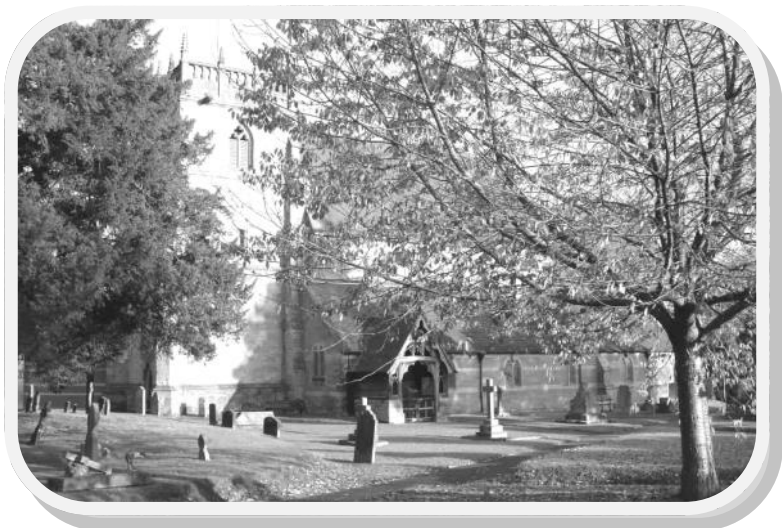
As highlighted in the November Grapevine, earlier this year St Laurence had a quinquennial inspection (QI) by the church architect, of both church fabric and churchyard. The Parochial Church Council has now reviewed the detail of that inspection and, in terms of the churchyard, carried out a safety inspection of a number of memorials. The following 19th century memorials were identified as needing attention:

1. Joseph King 1871

2. John Manghan and Mary Elizabeth Tomson 1800s, (various dates) and adjoining grave next to path

Maintenance of memorials is first and foremost the responsibility of families, and so we would encourage any descendants (or anyone who is in touch with descendants) to contact the church office 0121 447 7955 or by email to - stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk as soon as possible. If no descendants make contact by the end of March 2018, the church will need to take sole responsibility for making the memorials safe, after obtaining permission from the Diocese of Worcester.

If any memorials become acutely unsafe, the church reserves the right to take remedial action to ensure the safety of visitors and the public.



The Midland Sinfonia

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Letter from the Bishop of Dudley

God's work



Have you noticed that when you turn the pages of scripture people are often described by the job they do? Abraham was a herdsman, Noah was a farmer, David was a shepherd, the first disciples of Jesus were commercial fishermen, Matthew was a tax collector and Lydia was a merchant. Amongst other occupations, we meet doctors, tent-makers, perfumers, cooks, domestic servants, millers, sailors, prostitutes, shop keepers and builders. Jesus, who grew up in and around the family carpentry business, kept speaking of the world of work in his parables - farmers sowing seeds, women making bread or cleaning the house, and labourers in the vineyard. Work is all around.

In January I attended an event celebrating the 350th anniversary of Old Swinford Hospital School in Stourbridge. The guest speaker was the Bank of England's Chief Economist, Andrew Haldane, and he explored the rise of the robots and what this would mean for the future of work. Apparently further advances in computers may well mean that we don't need 95% of today's accountants, but teachers are harder to replace; we'll perhaps only lose 1% of them! I failed to ask for his prediction about clergy!

Andrew Haldane was clear that we can trace major changes and trends in the job market back to the industrial revolution. Innovation

and ideas have kept changing the need for different jobs and this will continue. He suggested that our challenge for the future of work is to be one step ahead of the machines by preparing people to work in areas that machines will find it hard to replicate. This means that creativity and the ability to think outside the box, as well as emotional intelligence and social skills, will all have a key place in the world of work.

It strikes me that the journey of Christian discipleship equips people very well in many of these future areas. In following God we are drawn into being co-workers for his Kingdom. God is always opening us up to the possibility of seeing things in his way, not following the crowd, but being open to new ideas and seeking to mend the world. Prayer draws us into the slip-stream of God's wonder and transformation, seeing the needs of our neighbours and those the world wishes to leave behind. And our churches are social places where generations mix and learn together.

Jesus compared the work of building his Kingdom to the manual labour of those working in the fields, to the fishermen out all night and to the ownership of a vineyard. The workers bring in their offering of grain and fish and grapes to create a feast. As we prepare for Holy Communion we offer the work of human hands, taking kneaded and baked bread, and squeezed and fermented grape juice, together with our whole selves, our work, our joys, our sadness and struggles. We offer back to God in thanksgiving for what we receive. This is what St Benedict called *opus Dei*, the work of God, to which we are all called to contribute.

Bishop Graham

Mothering Sunday

Sam Setchell - Diocesan Communications Officer writes...

This year, Mothering Sunday is on 11 March



Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the 4th Sunday of Lent and is traditionally the day when children, mainly daughters, who had gone to work as domestic servants were given a day off to visit their mother and family.

Centuries ago it was considered important for people to return to their home or 'mother' church once a year. So each year in the middle of Lent, everyone would visit their 'mother' church - the main church or cathedral of the area. Inevitably this return became an occasion for family reunions when children who were working away returned home and most historians think that this led to the tradition of children being given the day off to visit their mother and family. As they walked along the country lanes, children would pick wild flowers or violets to take to church or give to their mother as a small gift.

Mothering Sunday was also known as Refreshment Sunday because the fasting rules for Lent were relaxed that day. Simnel cakes have particularly been associated with the day. A Simnel cake is a fruit cake with two layers of almond paste, one on top and one in the middle. The cake is made with 11 balls of marzipan icing on top representing the 11 disciples (Judas is not included).

Please pray on Mothering Sunday for all mothers, as well as for those who will find this day difficult.

A Mother's Prayer For You

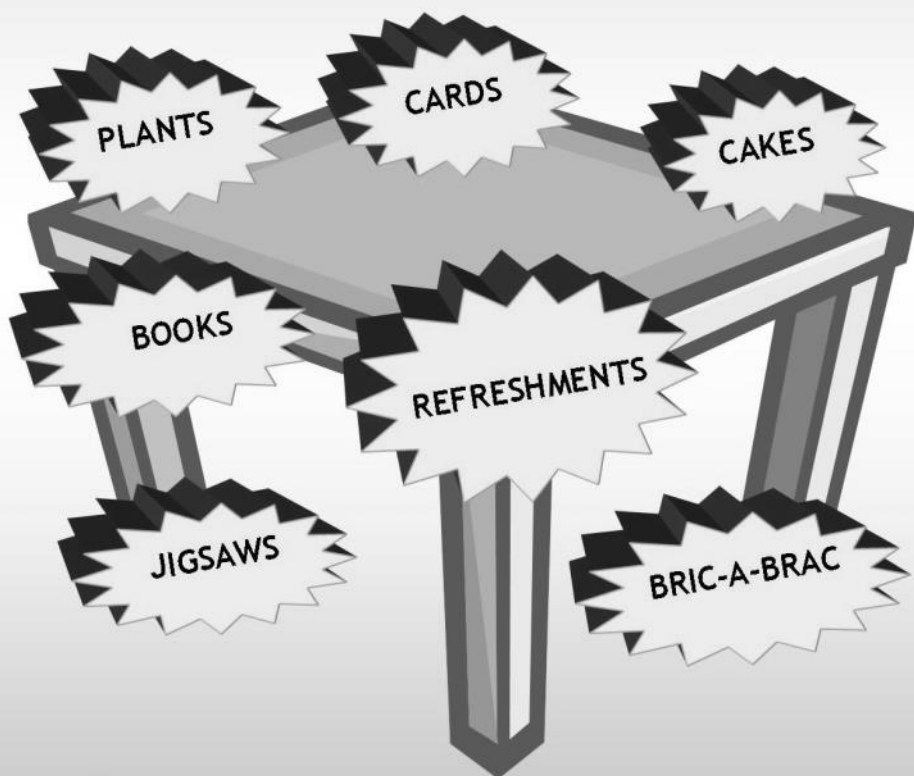
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I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
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for the closeness we've enjoyed
in time of laughter and of tears.
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Obituary

Jim Parker 1931 - 2017

Jim Parker, along with his wife Patricia had been an Alvechurch resident for over 50 years. Jim grew up in Bury, Lancashire enjoying running, cycling and many youth hostelling holidays. On leaving school at 18 he worked for the Co-operative Wholesale Society testing jams until he got a job with Chloride Electrical Storage Company as an Industrial Chemist, studying externally at Salford Technical College to gain a BSc in chemistry. Jim married Pat in 1954 and had two daughters.

In 1966 the family moved down to Alvechurch as Jim's job transferred to the Redditch firm known as Chloride Alcad Batteries. There he set up the research department and remained a loyal employee until retiring in 1991.

Jim loved his holidays and over the years Jim and Pat stayed in many resorts in the British Isles. He particularly enjoyed visiting Stately Homes and was the proud owner of guide books going back decades. Musically, he was a fan of Gilbert and Sullivan Operas enjoying numerous performances at Redditch Palace Theatre and The Alexandra Theatre, Birmingham.

Jim embraced village life and was an active member of the Village Society for over 40 years, serving as Chairman from 2002 to 2004. He also supported the Historical Society and regularly attended Evensong at St Laurence Church. Gardening was a lifelong passion and Jim could often be found outdoors tending the flower borders or propagating vegetables to share amongst friends.

Pat, Gillian and Clare would like to thank everyone who attended the funeral, sent messages of sympathy and gave donations to Prostate Cancer UK.

Parish Prayers

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

Swans Walk – 4 March

Tanyard Close – 11 March

Tanyard Lane – 18 March

The Becks – 25 March



Flowers

We are now in the season of Lent when traditionally we do not have flowers in church again until Easter Day. It is during this time that I produce the Flower Rota for the Church Year. If you could help by either providing or arranging the flowers on any given Sunday in the year it would be most helpful for me to be able to include as much information as possible. I am hopeful that I will have more offers of help this year.

I will be in church on Saturday 31st March to decorate the church for Easter and will also welcome help in this respect. There will be a plate in church during Lent for your donations towards the Easter Lilies which are given in memory of love ones.

Many thanks

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From The Registers



Wedding

Those whom God has joined together

27 January Thomas Leslie Jarvis & Joanne Marie Wilson



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

19 January Sylvia Clifford

23 January Roger Spooner

31 January Lisbeth Harris

1 February Audrey Margaret Bell

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
Authorised Lay Ministers	Mrs Helena Allen, 117 Birmingham Road, 445 5605 Mr Martin Allen, 117 Birmingham Road, 445 5605 Mrs Philippa Brakes, 56 Callow Hill Road, 445 3983 Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mr Michael Fletcher, 13 Red Lion Street, 447 8451 Mrs Annette Thomas, 8 Snake Lane, 445 5180
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
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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)
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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 MARCH



Thursday 1	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	10.15am	Tiny Tots service: St Laurence Church
	12.15pm	Ark cafe: Roast Lamb
Friday 2	7.30pm	The Midland Sinfonia concert: Tedesca Plus: St Laurence Church
Monday 5	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
	7.30pm	Pastoral Team meeting: The Ark
	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Joe Hawkins: <i>"Hagley Park: Past, Present and Future"</i> : Museum, School Lane
Wednesday 7	7.30pm	Hillside WI: Talk by Alan Thornton: <i>"A Day in the Life of a Seaside Hotelier"</i> : The Ark
Thursday 8	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark cafe: Glazed Gammon and Parsley Sauce
	7.30pm	Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk by Harry Green: Morton Hall Gardens Head Gardener: Peace Hall, Rowney Green
Monday 12	7.30pm	Ark Angels WI: Cartoon Drawing with Lee Bradley: The Ark
	7.30pm	Alvechurch WI: Games Night: Alvechurch Village Hall
Wednesday 14	APRIL GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS <i>Articles to thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk</i>	
Thursday 15	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark cafe: Somerset Chicken
Friday 16	7 for 7.30pm	Quiz Night: Including hot food: Alvechurch Baptist Church
Monday 19	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
	10am and 2pm	Crafty Ladies Sale: Alvechurch Library
Tuesday 20	7.30pm	PCC committee meeting: The Ark
Thursday 22	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark cafe: Beef Lunch: The Ark (Ticket Only)
Sunday 25	3.00pm	The Midland Sinfonia 11th Young Musicians Showcase: St L Church
Wednesday 28	2.00pm	St. Laurence Women's Fellowship: Talk by Mrs Barbara Royle on Falconry: Tanyard Centre
Thursday 29	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
		No café today (reopens on 19th April after the Easter break)
	6.30pm	Maundy Thursday Communion Service: St Laurence Church: followed by Agape finger food in the Ark's Upper Room
GOOD FRIDAY 30	12 noon	Reflective Service for all churches at Alvechurch Baptist Church
SATURDAY 31	6.30pm	Easter Vigil: St Laurence Church
EASTER SUNDAY 1	8.00am	Holy Communion (BCP)
	10.30am	Joint Easter Day Communion Service celebration: St Laurence
	6.00pm	Evensong

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