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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

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

Bellringers - Sundays at 10.45am

Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)

**Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mum's the Word) - Thursdays 9.30am to 11.10am in The Ark
Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month (sarah100work@gmail.com)**

Ark Cafe - 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...

to lean back and say *“I am listening Lord, speak to me, fill me with your peace.”*

I am writing this on a 5 day retreat at Lee Abbey in north Devon – no TV, my phone has gone into a terminal sulk and someone else always gets the newspaper first. So, no contact with the outside world then and strangely, it’s ok actually. Imagine the library – a room decorated from floor to ceiling with books and you are sitting at an old, scarred wooden desk in front of an enormous bay window with possibly the most beautiful view in the world. A huge spruce tree grows on lawns flowing gracefully down to the sea; sometimes grey and stormy as now, sometimes azure and peaceful.

Years ago, as a young mum, I would have given anything for a time away from the pressures of life, but the only escape when you have young children is a brief moment on the toilet if you are lucky or a bath after everyone else is asleep. But I realise it doesn’t matter to God how much time we have because, if we allow him to, he can reach out to us in the moments we do have – a pause in an activity, a sacred moment when the space between us and God is thin and we can feel him say *“my beloved child”* and, in God, that moment can be stretched to provide the peace and strength to go on.

A lady at Lee Abbey at the moment has walked the Camino de Santiago, a pilgrimage of 500 miles, by herself, finding God in the 1000 little events and thoughts along the way. We may not have the energy or time to do that, but we can set aside a few minutes in our day mentally and physically

The course our group is attending is based around the idea of earthenware pots. We are like clay vessels carrying the message and the love of God inside us. When we break, we mend with cracks and scars but, we not only still work, we are actually better than before because *“through brokenness leaks glory.”* God’s love can shine better out of broken scarred places than through an unblemished vessel. And we thought our broken, damaged places needed to be hidden! Apparently the Japanese take broken, mended containers and outline the cracks with gold dust, making the cracks a vital and beautiful part of the pot’s story. We are all broken, fragile, vulnerable, in some way and, if others can see our healed brokenness, then they will be more able to accept and reveal their own brokenness and allow God to heal them so they can shine his light of love on others.

I love too the image of the holy in the ordinary stuff of daily life – what the church calls *‘sacrament’*, the outward and visible sign of an inward and spiritual grace. Water in a font is a sign of God’s cleansing as we die and are born to new life. Wine in the communion cup becomes a sign of God’s life giving love. But the rituals of our everyday lives too, the cupping of hands to wash, the pouring out of water/food from one vessel to another contain Christ. Christ in us, in our physical and spiritual selves, identifies us as beloved creatures who bear witness to his glory. We are safely cupped in God’s hands through all the storms of life and into eternity with him. *‘He died and rose again to make sure of that’.*

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Rowney Green Flower Club

Deborah Taylor writes...

On Thursday 27th June we will welcome professional Florist, Angela Houston, to demonstrate how to make a number of beautiful fresh flower displays. Come along and join us and enjoy taking in a few tips.

All arrangements are raffled at the end, so you could go home with a lovely display.

We meet at 7.30pm at Rowney Green Village Hall, Alvechurch and guests are very welcome - £3 including refreshments.

If you would like further information, please contact Felicity on 07812 336263.

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 13th June we will welcome Arthur and Nancy Philips. Arthur is a past president of the British Fuchsia Society and a national Fuchsia judge and the subject will be "*Fuchsias for Enjoyment and Showing*".

Guests are always welcome - £3.50 including refreshments. For more information please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Smith tel: 01527 592874.

Alvechurch Friendship Group

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, 24th July at 2pm. It will not be held at the Tanyard Centre but in the Committee Room of the Village Hall in Bear Hill.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

The village hall looked lovely anyway due to the bunting left from the Village Hall 90th celebration last week, so we added to it with our own style ready for our vintage tea party. Tables were set with embroidered tablecloths, lovely china was laid, Sheila created vases of garden and woodland flowers which decorated the hall and tables; and a special cake was decorated with the black pear logo for Worcestershire WI. Even the many raffle prizes around the window ledges were our vintage WI cups and saucers filled with chocolates and attractively wrapped by Jenny.

Julie, our President, opened the meeting to welcome members and guests. Christine lead us into our singing of Jerusalem and Julie read from the Minutes of the initial meeting held in May 1929 (a few members obviously recognising some family names from the past), and then wished several members a happy birthday for this month.

Our tea was amazing. It was prepared by a family contact Penny (from Weights Lane, Open Gardens which is held in June), and served by her friends and helpers who were brilliant. There was a constant supply of tasty savouries, ample home baked cakes, trifles and then scones and cream. A true afternoon tea. And of course...pots of tea to refresh us.

Later on, the birthday cake was brought to the front of the hall on a special table decorated by a lovely rose flower arrangement created by Eileen. Barbara Waller as our longest serving member, and Jackie Perks our newest member, then cut the cake while we sang 'Happy Birthday to Alvechurch'. Julie also thanked all the committee members who had worked so hard to arrange this special time. Betsy of Vintage Harmony then took us through the years with her lovely singing. She looked stunning in her floral dress and 1940s hairstyle and had an easy way of talking with us and singing songs we could enjoy, or even dance to. She will be welcome back to join us anytime and it was a pleasure to have her help make our 90th birthday a time to remember.

Julie then proposed a toast to Alvechurch WI, its successful past, its present and to the friendship we share with one another and then our special evening came to a close.

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Events at Alvechurch Library

I know it seems a long time ago now, but just to let you know that Alvechurch Library Crafty Ladies took over £800 at the Easter sale. It's really good news for the local charities that have benefited from their creativity and generosity. Many thanks to all who contributed to the fantastic raffle prizes. At Home with Lou, The Red Lion, Little Heath Nursery, and Metal Magpie and of course all of the wonderful prizes that the Crafty Ladies made.

Fun Family Craft Learning Course 16895

This short course with Jenny is designed to get your imaginations whizzing with different sessions of different crafty activities for parents and their children aged 5 and above using a wide range of resources. Monday 3rd, 10th and 17th of June 3.30-4.30pm cost £15.00 per family for the three sessions/free (subject to conditions). Please book in advance.

The Summer Reading Challenge is launching on Saturday 29th June in Alvechurch Library so join us for lots of out of this world activities. This year's theme is Space Chase, an out-of-this-world adventure inspired by the 50th anniversary of the first moon landing. Children taking part in the Challenge will join our super space family, The Rockets, for a thrilling mission to track down books nabbed by mischievous aliens! For children aged 0 to 12 years, pop into the library for more information.

Summer Reading Challenge Volunteering Opportunities for 11-24 year olds

Are you aged between 11-24 years and want to learn some new skills and meet new friends. Then join in the fun this summer and help listen to young children talk about the books they have read for the Summer Reading Challenge. There will be a drop in event for young volunteers on Monday 10th June from 3.30-4.30p in the library.

Language Classes

Patrick's ongoing French and Spanish classes continue throughout the year, holidays permitting! Please email Patrick at vdlt52@hotmail.co.uk or call 07708027372 to see if the level the class is being taught at would allow you to join in. Numbers in Patrick's class go up and down, French is pretty well fully booked but currently he does have a few of spaces in the Spanish class. Get ready for those summer holidays!

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.

The Ark Cafe



After the half term break our menu for June will be as follows:

- 6 June** **Beef Casserole**
- 13 June** **Roast Pork**
- 20 June** **Somerset Chicken**
- 27 June** **Roast Lamb**

We look forward to your continued support.

Parish Prayers

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



- 2 June** **Red Lion Street**
- 9 June** **Redditch Road, Alvechurch**
- 16 June** **Redditch Road, Hopwood**
- 23 June** **Robins Hill Drive**
- 30 June** **Rockwell Lane**

Penny's Open Garden

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The Ark and St Laurence Church

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you some surprises. The models will vary
from brand new to probably over 100
years old. Most were originally intended
as toys, others most definitely not.

We should have layouts in all gauges
from 2mm to the foot up to 10mm to the
foot.

Do feel free to ask questions at sales
stalls, layouts, and demonstrations.

**Tickets at the door will be £3.00 for
adults and £1.00 for under 18s.** All in aid
of our next church restoration project.

There will be refreshments all day long,
so you can stop all day and not get
starved!!



Thy Kingdom Come 2019

Thy Kingdom Come is now an annual global prayer movement, which invites Christians around the world to pray between Ascension Day (30 May) and Pentecost Sunday (9 June) for more people to come to know the love of God in Jesus Christ.

What started out as invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016 to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. The hope is that people will commit to pray with God's worldwide family – as a church, individually or as a family – for individuals we know and for our community and nation, and that people will be empowered by the Holy Spirit, finding new confidence to be witnesses for Jesus Christ.

How are we participating at St Laurence's?

- A free booklet is available called 'Novena', which you will find at the back of church. It will guide you through nine days of prayer from 31 May to 8 June.
- On the evening of Sunday 9 June (Pentecost), instead of our United Service, we will be joining with Christians across Worcestershire to pray for the county and for more people to come to faith. Canon J John will be the guest speaker. The prayer service takes place at Worcester Arena, Hylton Road Worcester WR2 5JN between 7.30 pm and 9 pm (doors open at 6:45 pm) and you do not need a ticket to attend. If you would like to come along and can offer a lift or need a lift, please speak with Richard Bubbers.
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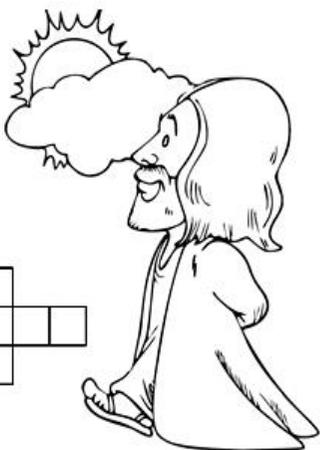
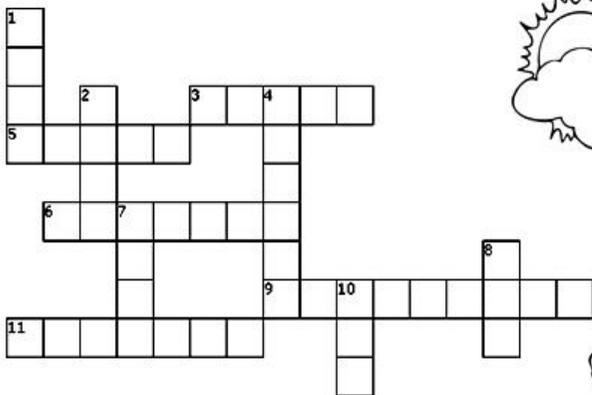
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11. Something that continues forever

DOWN

1. To understand something
2. The period from birth to death
4. To receive something willingly, such as a gift
7. Someone who doesn't tell the truth
8. The creator and ruler of the universe
10. A male child

Check your answers

accept	believe	eternal	write
testimony	heart	life	know
God	liar	son	

Alvechurch 'Arose!'

Churches Together in Alvechurch & Rowney Green took part in Alvechurch Arise! - an Easter community outreach in Alvechurch North Worcestershire.

On Palm Sunday there was a procession through the village to the Square with two donkeys, Jesus and many folk with palm branches. A short worship time was led by the Baptist Church Minister Revd Fiona Lee with music and harmony provided by Alvechurch Community Choir. Donkey-rides were then provided for children.

On Maundy Thursday at The Lounge Community Cafe there was a Community Activity Time with hand and foot washing, children's rock painting and hearts collaging as well as soup & refreshments.

Good Friday saw Revd Richard Bubbers from St Laurence C of E church leading prayer and reflections "*at the foot of the cross*", which had been processed to the village centre and raised there to the accompaniment of a single drummer from the local Morris dancers. Free hot-cross-buns were available afterwards!

On Easter Sunday **Alleluia! Christ is Risen!** Very early in the morning the Crown of Thorns was removed from the cross to be replaced by flowers, a banner and signs of New Life in Jesus. Then at noon, led by St Mary's Roman Catholic church, we had a brief time of worship, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt for the children of the village.



Palm Sunday Procession



Maundy Thursday Art Works



Erecting the cross on Good Friday



Easter Sunday Egg Hunt

Ark Tots and Toddlers

at St Laurence church

(Formerly **Mum's the Word**)

Come along to The Ark to our Stay and Play group. We meet every Thursday 9.30 - 11.10 during school term time and welcome Mums, Dads and Grandparents with children from birth up to school age.

It's a time to chat and to play in a friendly environment, with refreshments and a range of toys. We finish each session with a singing time. Although there is no specific charge, we welcome donations towards the running costs of the facilities, refreshments, toys and equipment.

Our sessions after the Summer Half-Term holiday will be **June 6th** to **July 18th**

So do come along and join us, as often as you wish. Spread the word and bring friends.

Tiny Tots in Church

Once a month, on the 4th Thursday of each month, instead of our usual singing time we invite parents/grandparents to bring their little ones into the church. Come and join in with the songs and a short, simple dramatized Bible story.

Have a go at the children's craft activity, which relates to the story theme, available for the children to do with you during their play session.

This fun, relaxed and informal Tiny Tots service is designed especially for babies and children, so they can move around and join in in their own way, with no worries about restlessness and noise!

This month's service will be on **June 27th** and the story and craft theme will be ***The Boy Who Shared His Lunch***.

To find out more: Contact Sarah Linton at sarah100work@gmail.com

Sunday Club

at St Laurence church

Our weekly Sunday Club, for children aged 2-13, is held as part of the 9.30 Family Service at St Laurence and continues into the Summer Term and the school holidays.

As usual, our young people begin the service in church with their families. They then have the option of coming through to The Ark for our Sunday Club. We then re-join our families towards the end of the main service.

During this informal and fun session we sing together, have a bible story, make something, play games and sometimes have drama or dance.

Over the next few weeks our themes will include, Jesus' Ascension into Heaven, Whitsun Celebration (Pentecost) and hearing about some of the early Christian Disciples and their stories. Our younger children will be continuing to meet Jack (in the Box), our appealing Labrador puppet, as he helps tell stories.

We also welcome children under two and babies, whose parents wish to bring them along to join in, just wander around, or play with the toys provided.

So, if you haven't been before, come along and join us, as often as you wish.

Stained Glass windows update

What a difference a few months make! The windows are clearer, the colours brighter, and the sun shines through much more readily. Overall the church is much lighter and, of course, the repairs to the windows mean that they will stay this way for years to come. By the time you read this the work should all be complete. Not only have the windows been repaired where needed and new (almost) invisible guards have been fitted, but weather-ravaged stone has been replaced around windows and on the west face of the tower. The north valley gutter is now weather-proof and more readily accessible so that it can safely be kept that way.

The project has taken a little longer than originally expected: partly due to circumstances outside our control and partly due to unforeseen additional work needed around some of the windows. But we've also taken the opportunity of having the contractors and scaffolding on-site to repair the south porch and to replace the roof on the boiler house in the north-east corner.

Our thanks go to everyone, past and present, too many to mention individually, whose donations have enabled the work to go ahead. And to all the members of the community who have contributed their time to facilitating the contractors in their work. In particular, we must thank the Heritage Lottery Fund for their financial contribution, without which we would not have been able to proceed.

What we have achieved is to preserve and conserve this part of our heritage for years to come. The church is more weather-tight and the wonderful windows are now secure for the future. We can now start to think and plan for the next phase of the conservation of this historic building.

Did you know that some of our windows are pretty rare examples? The west window for instance has a portrait of a young Queen Victoria. We don't know of another like it. There is a window by the celebrated pre-Raphaelite artist Henry Holden, and the Arts and Crafts picture of Ruth was mentioned specifically by Pevsner in his Architectural Guide to buildings in Worcestershire.

Following the work we will be holding Open Days in the church with guided tours of the features. So please watch this space for further details. The church windows will form the focus of the presentations by the Alvechurch Historical Society on their open days in September.

The church is open every weekday morning for Morning Prayer and you are welcome to visit then. And of course on Sundays for communal worship.



P.S.

As I mentioned in a previous bulletin, one of the outcomes of all the work that has been done is that a great deal of dirt and dust has been deposited inside the church. We are planning a major **"Spring Clean"**. The date will be published in the church shortly. If you can help please let me know, or just turn up on the day. Your help will be much appreciated.

Graham Clark

Alvechurch has a Rector again

On 7 May a small group of church representatives from St Laurence’s crowded into the small chapel at the Old Palace in Worcester (the administrative building for our diocese of Worcester) for a short service which marked Revd Richard Bubbers, who has been the Priest in Charge of the parish of Alvechurch since February 2015, becoming the Rector of Alvechurch.

Richard will continue his dual role both in the parish and also as a workplace chaplain with Faith at Work in Worcestershire.

This follows the ending of the five year period of suspension of the legal “*benefice*” of Alvechurch.

The service was led by Bishop Graham, the Bishop of Dudley, who expressed his thanks and appreciation for all that those at St Laurence’s contribute to the life of our community.

Shortly before the service, it had had been announced that Bishop Graham has himself been appointed to be the new Bishop of Norwich: he will be moving on from Worcester Diocese in July.



Richard Bubbers with Bishop Graham



Richard Bubbers with his wife, Sally



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Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

At our next meeting, on Monday 3rd June, we will welcome Diana Clutterbuck to tell us about *"The Surprising MacDonal Sisters"*.

The MacDonal's had local connections in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and The Potteries. Four of their daughters were talented women who married ambitious men. Come along to find out about the well-known writers, artists, politicians and industrialists connected to this remarkable Victorian family.

There will be a break from evening meetings in July and August, when members will be

able to join a visit to the National Trust property at Dudmaston, near Bridgnorth, and enjoy a trip along the canal on the narrow boat *"Cecilia"*. In September the first meeting of the autumn will be on Monday 2nd September, followed by the two annual AHS open days on Saturdays 7th and 14th.

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

Letter from Archdeacon of Dudley

It is a steadily growing, worldwide organisation enabling people to gather weekly, drawn by a sense of community and the promise of well-being. It is facilitated primarily by enthusiastic volunteers who work for more than a million hours each year. It is open to everyone, inclusive and involves all ages. Most people who join in find themselves encouraging their friends and families to come along too, as they love it so much - they quickly become 'evangelists' for this remarkable movement.

Sounds familiar? Is it church I am describing? I wish it were so, especially the last sentence! In fact the phenomenon in question has been described as *"the new church"*, and in a recent newspaper article a volunteer was quoted saying, *"The idea of the community has broken down. People don't go to church any more. But here, you come together with a load of people – and you feel embedded in the local area."*

The obvious ingredient missing in this description is faith. This volunteer-led new community, of which I and millions of others are a part on a Saturday morning, is Parkrun, a timed, 5k run taking place in parks all over the world. It's great for building a sense of belonging in a healthy way, but of course it isn't church. Yet perhaps we as church, have things to learn from how it's growing. Especially about the affirmation of volunteers. The first thing that happens in every pre-run briefing is a big shout-out and cheer for that week's volunteers. As we run the course, most runners, (if they are not too breathless!), call out *"thank you marshal!"* to each and every one, and they always get listed and thanked

in the Facebook run report.

On one Saturday in May members of Top Church in Dudley took on all the volunteer roles at the Dudley Parkrun to serve and become more embedded in their local community and demonstrate that many people do still go to church, (and some run too!).

Much ministry in our churches is undertaken by committed volunteers, faithful lay people similarly putting in millions of hours week by week. Sadly, many of you do this unnoticed, and all too often, unthanked. God, of course, sees what it is done and why, but fostering a culture of gratitude whereby we take a moment to thank anyone who we know has served the church can strengthen relationships and encourage fellow church members no end. Why not make the month of June a 'volunteer thank-you month', where we all try to consciously show our appreciation to those we see carrying out tasks to enable our churches to function? It would certainly boost morale!

I made a point of thanking our church wardens during the May visitations – they put in huge amounts of work. But can I take this opportunity to thank anyone reading this who volunteers in church or community in any way – you are appreciated very much.



Royal Three Counties Show 2019

Sam Setchell Communications Officer writes...

In June, thousands of visitors will flock to the Royal Three Counties Show which takes place annually in Malvern. If you're planning to come along, why not pop into the Church Tent, which always offers a place of peace, hospitality and fun in what is always a lively event.

Shared by the dioceses of Worcester, Hereford and Gloucester, the tent maintains a visible Church presence at the show and engages in outreach and mission.

This year, the theme of Peace is being explored, both in our prayers and in our children's and family's activities. Musical entertainment is provided throughout the weekend, with many schools and community groups from the three dioceses taking part.

Our in-tent cafe provides visitors with excellent bacon butties, drinks, paninis and fabulous cakes. Those looking for space and reflection can find peace in our well-stocked bookstall, which always offers all sorts of literary treats to purchase.

Our chaplaincy team will be on-hand throughout the weekend, offering a place to talk; inside the tent, as well as around the Showground. The Church Tent is always a welcoming haven of peace in a busy and distracting world, offering the opportunity for creativity, reflection, hospitality and fellowship all under one roof.

Children go free to the Three Counties Show this weekend, so why not bring the kids along and come and visit us!

Marvellous Music from Mambo Jambo

Ian Price (Parish Administrator) writes...

We had a great turnout and a wonderful musical evening in The Ark on Saturday 27th April, when we were well and truly entertained by the musical talents of acoustic roots duo, Mambo Jambo. Pete and Frankie starting "Under The Sea" with "An Octopus's Garden". Using a myriad of instruments they took us on a global musical journey and even threw in the "Charleston" along the way. We are planning to have them back hopefully sometime next year. Pete and Frankie themselves had a great time and they loved the venue and the audience.



The raffle in aid of Sight Concern raised £105. I have received a very nice thank you letter from Penny Weir, Sight Concern's Fundraising Officer based in Worcester. Thank you to all those who donated a raffle prize.

A very big thanks also to the helpers on the night, Michael, Sue, Steve and Helen, and thanks also for all your help promoting the concert. We raised over £500 for the church.

Flowers for JUNE

	2 June	9 June	16 June	23 June	30 June
Sanctuary					Alison & Mike Smith
Lady Chapel					Alison & Mike Smith
In memory of					Celebrating their Silver Wedding

I would like to thank Helen Jones and Lynda Wolstencroft for helping me with foliage arranging in Holy Week together with Sally Bubbers who helped arrange the Easter Lilies prior to the Easter Vigil. I am so grateful when I receive such generous offers of help. Our Lilies this year were supplied by the Nursery Shop in Crabbs Cross, the owner of which is the nephew of a former Church Warden of St Laurence; namely the late John Sidwell and whose wife lives in Hopwood Court.

I am still needing help on a monthly basis as can be seen from the above Rota. Please get in touch with me if you can be of assistance.

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In Loving Memory

On Wednesday 24th April, Ian Marchbank passed away peacefully at Grosvenor Nursing Home, in the presence of his family.



From The Registers



Weddings

Those whom God has joined together

4 May Daniel Pool & Emily Astill

Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, Rector, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
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Authorised Lay Ministers	Mrs Helena Allen Mr Martin Allen, 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 Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, Alvechurch, B48 7LP Mr Andy Notley, 445 5653 Mr Roger Wardle, Withybed Green, 445 0505
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Finance and Standing Committee

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Graham Clark	Alison Smith
Bob Dale	Janet Wright
Peter Freeman	

Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard for Mission Committee

Bob Dale	Colin Bennett
Graham Clark	Peter Freeman
Mick Fletcher	Andy Humphries
Janet Wright	Alison Smith

Children and Youth Committee

Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Thomas Birchall	Lynne Clark
Kate Birchall	Sarah Linton

Missionary Committee

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

Calendar for JUNE



- Monday 3 7.45pm Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Diana Clutterbuck *"The Surprising MacDonald Sisters"*: The Museum, School Lane
- Wednesday 5 7.30pm Hillside WI: The Ark
- Thursday 6 9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mums The Word): Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Beef Casserole
- Saturday 8 3pm to 5pm Vintage Afternoon Tea: in aid of Redditch Foodbank: Rowney Green Village Hall: £10 (under 10's £5) 07715 951012
- Thursday 13 9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mums The Word): Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Roast Pork
7.30pm Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk *"Fuchsias for Enjoyment and Showing"*: by Arthur and Nancy Philips: Rowney Green Village Hall
- Friday 14 **July Grapevine goes to press** *articles to - thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk*
- Thursday 20 9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mums The Word): Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Somerset Chicken
- Sunday 23 3.00pm The Midland Sinfonia 12th Young Musician's Showcase: St Laurence Church: **FREE EVENT**
- Thursday 27 9.30am Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mums The Word): Sarah Linton
10.45am Tiny Tots Service in church: Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Roast Lamb
7.30pm Rowney Green Flower Club: Demonstration from professional Florist Angela Houston: Rowney Green Village Hall