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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**

<b>Sunday Club</b>	<b>Sundays during term time 9.30am Church &amp; Ark (445 1854)</b>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Thursdays at 7.45pm in Church (445 3569)</b>
<b>Bellringers</b>	<b>Sundays at 10.45am Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)</b>
<b>Women's Fellowship</b>	<b>4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)</b>
<b>Mum's the Word</b>	<b>Thursdays 9.30am in The Ark (Sarah - slinton100@gmail.com) Tiny Tots Service 10.15am 1st Thursday of the month</b>
<b>Ark Café</b>	<b>Thursdays during term time at 12.15pm (447 7017)</b>
<b>Home Group</b>	<b>Thursdays, 7.30pm at the Coach House (445 2547)</b>

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# Richard Bubbers writes...

## It's 500 years since the Reformation – and what have we learned?

About 10 years ago my wife and I visited Geneva, and went to the Cathedral which may be regarded as the home of John Calvin, the Swiss Protestant reformer. The focus of the Cathedral was a huge Bible on a plain wooden table: there were no pictures or statues or anything to detract from the centrality of the written word – even the windows had no stained-glass. This was such a strong contrast to some Italian cathedrals which we had previously visited, where there were so many different things such as statues or pictures all around to attract the worshipper's attention.

Tuesday 31 October is Reformation Day, when we remember the 500th anniversary of the Reformation. Amongst other events, there will be a national ecumenical service in Westminster Abbey to mark this anniversary.

The Reformation in Europe led to a division in the Western Church: out of the Roman Catholic Church came various Protestant Churches which "*protested*" at some of the practices of the Roman Catholic Church at the end of the Middle Ages and pressed for reform.

In most of what is now Germany and Switzerland the Reformation took place quite quickly: the course of the English Reformation was long and complicated. Although it was on 31 October 1517 that Martin Luther, Doctor of Theology, protested against the practice of indulgences (the mediaeval practice of selling pardons for certain types of sin) by announcing his 95 theses for public debate, this is but one date in a long English history which lasted from Henry VIII's break with Rome in 1532-36 to the Restoration Settlement of 1662 with the return of Charles II.

As religious wars convulsed Europe, Protestant and Catholic reformers sought with integrity and faithfulness to bring the church closer to the will of Christ. This all had a big influence

on shaping what became modern Europe.

Through this there developed streams of Christian life that in his country we call Catholic, Anglican, and Nonconformist (the Free Churches).

The Protestant Reformation coincided with a new availability of books due to the invention of the printing press: there was a new emphasis on Scripture, and Protestants became the people of the Book. The combative atmosphere of the Reformation generated a keen interest in ideas and "*being right*." With the Reformation, there was also a new emphasis on faith, which eventually came to mean believing the theology based upon a particular perspective and reading of the Scriptures. By the 20th century, many Christians saw faith as a matter of being certain about the doctrines they trusted for salvation.

The Second Vatican Council in the 1960s, called by Pope John XXIII, had a huge influence on how the Roman Catholic Church saw the Christian life: there was an opening up, for example, by services being in the local language (the mass no longer had to be in Latin), and everyone had access to the Bible. There was a recognition that the Kingdom of God is bigger than the Church: the Holy Spirit is active in the whole of creation and the Church is there to serve the Kingdom of God. There was a desire to work together with other churches for the Kingdom of God, to come closer together, and, where necessary, to reconcile. Pope Francis is seeking to move this forward, with his spiritual desire to work on anything which gets in the way of anyone discovering the love and mercy of God.

Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green (CTARG) after many years continues to encourage the working together of Christians from all four of our local churches: on the second Sunday of each month in the evening CTARG holds a united service in one of our churches at which all are welcome.

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On 10 September, we had a reflective service on the Reformation at St Mary's Roman Catholic Church in School Lane, led by David McLoughlin, Senior Lecturer in Theology at Newman University. David encouraged us to engage with the opportunity we now have to focus, not so much on outward appearance and form, but on what God is actually doing in the world, and to ask what gifts each of us both as churches and as individuals can bring to this work of God.

God by his Spirit is working out his loving purposes in the world: five hundred years on from the Reformation, may we in this our age and generation have the desire to engage together in the work of God's Spirit to draw others into discovering the love, mercy and friendship of God.

## The Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society

*Tony Brannon writes...*

Our next society meeting, at the Alvechurch Boat Centre, is on **3rd October** with a 7.45pm start.

Our guest speaker, Glyn Phillips, will be giving us a talk on '*Coal for the Ashby*'.

**Future meetings are:**

**7th November** - '*River, Canal & Flood at Lifford*' by Mike Byrne.

**5th December** - '*Idle Women*' a performance by Heather Wastie (to include our annual Christmas '*Natter & Noggin*').

**2nd January** - New Year Quiz & Musical Bingo evening.

**6th February** - '*Canal du Midi*' by Jennie Gash.

You do not need to be a member of the society to attend our meetings. Spaces are very limited though and in the event of a 'full house' preference for entry will be given to society members. All events and meetings are subject to change and any changes to the advertised events will be shown on our website and Facebook pages.

For more information about The Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society please visit the website:

[www.wbdcs.org.uk](http://www.wbdcs.org.uk) or Facebook page:

[@wbdcs.org.uk](http://@wbdcs.org.uk) or contact Tony on 07763 468893

([contact@wbdcs.org.uk](mailto:contact@wbdcs.org.uk)).

# Alvechurch WI

*Pam Horsfield writes...*



This summer seems to be flying past so quickly. It's hard to think we've already held our September meeting. Julie, our president, welcomed members and our speaker Colin Millet with his wife Frances. Julie then congratulated those who were celebrating birthdays, especially Margaret Guy and her husband who have reached their diamond anniversary.

There are several choices of events to go to in the coming months, such as a group meeting at Wythall; the Annual Council Meeting at Malvern and our Craft Evenings with Hillside on the 3rd Thursday of the month in the Village Hall.

We have our own evening with **'Blind Dave'** on October 25th, as advertised in the Grapevine, plus the Worcs.

Christmas Outing to Waddesdon Manor on November 30th when hopefully, the coach will leave from Alvechurch.

Our speaker was one of the best we have had. An ex teacher, Colin held our interest throughout, on the subject of Worcester Porcelain and its history. He gave a very good power point presentation alongside showing examples of certain pieces of porcelain, some of which he let us handle!! He and his wife Frances are also promoting the Worcester Porcelain Museum by the sale of their book and they encouraged us to visit.

Lillian Willis gave the vote of thanks and members then enjoyed socialising.

If you want to join in and enjoy yourself, come and join us on Monday October 9th at 7:30pm in Alvechurch Village Hall.

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## Prisons' Week

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

**Prisons' Week this year is from 8 - 14 October.  
Here is information about our chaplaincy in prisons.**

The work of chaplaincy makes a significant contribution to the life and work of our two prisons (HMP Hewell near Redditch, and HMP Long Lartin near Evesham).

Both are served by an interfaith team of chaplains and volunteers and work with prisoners and their families, as well as staff. As well as regular services held in the chapel there are bible studies, meditation and discussion groups, along with the core work of pastoral care. Chaplains also contribute to the Restorative Justice programme, aimed at rehabilitative transformation. At HMP Hewell, work with families by the children and families' team includes parenting courses and family-time visits, and is supported by volunteers from local churches.

One annual focus for this ministry is Prisons' Sunday on 8 October. A special service will be held in Worcester Cathedral at 10.30am and will include contributions from chaplains and volunteers, prayers written by prisoners and an accompanying exhibition on the work of the chaplaincy team. All are welcome.

### A prayer for Prisons' Week:

*Lord, you offer freedom to all people.*

*We pray for those in prison.*

*Break the bonds of fear and isolation that exist.*

*Support with your love prisoners and their families and friends, prison staff and all who care.*

*Heal those who have been wounded by the activities of others, especially the victims of crime.*

*Help us to forgive one another.*

*To act justly, love mercy and walk humbly together with Christ in His strength and in His Spirit, now and every day. Amen.*

# The Ark Café



The Cafe is open on the following dates in October:

**October 5th - Roast Lamb**

**October 12th - Glazed Gammon**

**October 19th - Beef Carvery Lunch - Ticket only**

**October 26th - Closed - Half Term**

Tickets for the Beef Carvery Lunch cost £12 and are available on a Thursday Lunchtime at the Ark or from Ian Price 0121 447 7955 at the Ark Office Monday to Friday 9am -2pm. We look forward to your continued support during October, we are sure you will enjoy all of our Thursday lunchtime hot meals and desserts now we have started the new session.

We are also on the lookout for new volunteers for our Thursday lunches in the Ark to join our current happy band of helpers, who assist every week to help out in the kitchen or to serve lunches. The Cafe is a well attended community event each week really appreciated by our customers, so if you or anyone could possibly help us out in any way, please contact Veronica Rogers on 447 7017, who will be only too pleased to provide any further information that you require. We look forward to hearing from you.

## Parish Prayers

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

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## St Laurence Women's Fellowship

*Jill Woolley writes...*



A very big thank you to the many people who supported our Charity Tea in August in aid of the Motor Neurone Association. Thank you to all the cake makers and to everyone who helped on the day to make it so successful. Thanks to all your generosity we were able to give Hilary a cheque for £750 to be sent to the Association. Everything not sold on the Bring and Buy stall has been given to the Primrose Hospice for sale in their shop so they too will benefit.

Our speaker on the 25th October will be David Howe assuring us that Laughter is the best Medicine.

We meet in The Tanyard Centre at 2pm. Come and join us you will be very welcome.

## Hillside at Alvechurch WI

*Cathy Taylor writes...*



Members of our WI and three guests enjoyed a fascinating demonstration by Averill Pulley on air dried flowers. Averill worked for many years making china clay roses at the Royal Worcester factory and continues to demonstrate her skills at the museum shop. Averill showed us how to make a range of flowers including roses, lily of the valley and orchids. She also shared techniques, the tools she used, and entertained us with stories about flowers she had made for other occasions. We were engrossed in the process, and were able to see the completed flowers, and photographs of large flowers Averill had made, and also photographs of celebration cakes with flower decorations. Averill was recently filmed for an episode of the Antique Road Show which is due to be broadcast in the next few weeks.

On 28th September we are joining with Alvechurch WI for a doodle card making evening lead by Sue Reading.

Next month's meeting is on 4th October at the Ark when the speaker Neil Cook will be talking about Hanbury Hall Gardens. Visitors are welcome to attend at 7.30 pm.



## New Botanical Art Classes

Would you like to learn how to draw and paint flowers in detailed watercolour? In these classes, experienced artist and tutor, Jeni Neale, will take you step-by-step through the essential skills of a botanical artist. Each class will focus on a different flower. Jeni will demonstrate drawing and painting methods at each stage, along with tips and techniques that will provide a good foundation for further botanical studies. You will learn to observe and accurately depict botanical subjects. Freedom to express your own style will be encouraged and is therefore suitable for both beginners and experienced painters.

The first new monthly day time class is due to start in the Ark on Monday 2nd October.

For further information, please contact Jeni on 01926 815062 or via email - [jenineale@btinternet.com](mailto:jenineale@btinternet.com)



## Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

**Health and fresh air** are the subjects of our next two talks.

**On Monday 2nd October** writer and historian Nigel Gilbert will speak about *"Three Doctors Stretton: the history of Kidderminster Hospital 1856 - 1952"*. The three doctors were father, son and grandson, and they dominated medical life in the town for a century.

Then on **Monday 6th November** Steven Hinton, Senior Ranger, will tell us about *"Lickey Hills Country Park"*.

There was a change of speaker at our September meeting. The guest speaker was unfortunately injured, and our friend, local historian and linguist Richard Churchley, kindly stepped in with a talk about *"Local place-names in Worcestershire and Warwickshire"*, which was both informative and entertaining.

### Newcomers welcome

Our talks are held on the first Monday of the month, at 7.45pm, in the museum on School Lane. Parking is available behind the Catholic Church, with their kind permission. New faces are always welcome, just come along, or contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955.

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rain over all the earth?

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# Letter from The Archdeacon of Dudley



Have you ever had a moment when something from the Bible you know to be true, takes on a much deeper meaning, or impacts you at a deeper level?

This happened to me when I was privileged to attend a service in St Stephen's, Redditch celebrating the lives of transplant recipients, organ donors and their families. **'Gifts Beyond Price'** was the brainchild of Elaine Whitfield, a relatively new member of the church, and she planned the most beautiful and moving event, attended, to her surprise, by people from all over the country. Elaine's father, Arthur, died in 2016. For the last twenty five years of his life, his blood was pumped around his body by a donor heart – he had benefited from a transplant which had saved his life, and given him many more years than anticipated. It was this that Elaine wanted to express her thankfulness for, both to donor families, and to God.

In a profound symbolic act as part of the service, Natasha, recipient sixteen years ago of a donated heart and lungs when in her early twenties and close to death, lit eight candles, representing the lives one donor can save. Wendy, the mother of Jack, who died in a tragic accident last year, and whose organs were donated, then extinguished a large central candle, amidst hugs and tears, after speaking movingly to each other as representatives of each group, giving thanks for the lives involved. The Lead Retrieval Surgeon and Transplant Specialist from the QE hospital articulated some of the challenging dilemmas involved for his team, and both the joys, sorrows and weighty responsibility he experiences in making time sensitive decisions about life and death amidst tragedy. As a Muslim, he spoke powerfully about our shared humanity. The Reverend Paul Lawlor picked this up in his address too. Never have Jesus' words in John 15 had such resonance: *"There is no greater love than this, that someone should lay down their life for their friends."*

Jesus, in a sense, donated his life, that we might live life in all its fullness forever. Talking with many after the service who had received the gift of new life through the gift of a friend, or the death of a stranger, the love of God for each person he has made impacted me afresh. God so loved the world, that he gave his Son ....

I resolved that day to live my life more fully, more gratefully, more aware of what it cost. I also spoke to my family making clear that should they ever be put in that awful place of decision, my bodily organs should, if possible, be used to bring life to others, as my life with God will continue into eternity, because Jesus laid down his life and lives in me.

## Art Exhibition

Local artist, Keith Bradley will be holding an exhibition of his paintings in Alvechurch Library running between 9<sup>th</sup> October and 6<sup>th</sup> November. After a forty year career in the aerospace industry, Keith now has more time to devote to his love of painting. Mostly using acrylics to create his masterpieces, and painting a wide range of subjects and scenes. A favourite pet or view brought to life through Keith's artistry. Mrs Bradley will be particularly pleased to free up some space at home so Keith's paintings will be available to buy.

Please pop in to the library to view Keith's fabulous paintings or even commission him to paint your own choice. The paintings come in a range of sizes and prices so something to suit everybody. The exhibition space isn't always available to view due to the many Adult Learning classes currently running so if you are making a special trip to see Keith's art, please phone ahead of time just to check that the space is free.



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He gives all his fee money to charity.

We are giving our money to two local charities - '**Where Next**' to help folk with disabilities meet together and feel their gifts can be used; plus, to **The Lounge** in Alvechurch to keep providing a place for all ages to meet, especially young people.

The raffle will be to support our friend Hilary Hughes raise money for research into Motor Neurone Disease.

Do support this lovely evening. Tickets are £10 which includes a glass of wine or juice. Tickets can be bought from The Flower Shop in Alvechurch, or Denise on 445 3246 or Pam on 445 4631.

## **Rowney Green Horticultural Society**

*Lindsay Smith writes...*

ROWNEY GREEN HORTICULTURAL SOCIETY meets at the Peace Hall on the second Thursday each month at 7.30pm. The meeting on 12th October 2017 we will welcome Nicci Gow from Burcot Nursery. Her subject will be "*The Joys of Running a Garden Centre*". Guests are always welcome - £3.50 to include refreshments.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Smith on 01527 592874.

The Committee would like to say many thanks to all those who entered exhibits in the Main Produce & Flower show held on Saturday, 2nd September - it was a great success.

# The Midland Sinfonia

**Virtuoso Violin, 7.30pm Friday 6 October**

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**Paganini – Caprices for Solo Violin**

**Beethoven – ‘Spring Sonata’ Op.24 in F**

**Brahms – Sonata No.2 in A Op.100**

**Sarasate – Carmen Fantasy**

**Elgar – La Capricieuse**

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# NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – FINAL PUBLIC CONSULTATION

THURSDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 2-8pm

FRIDAY 6<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER 3-8pm  
(Press briefing 2-3pm)

SATURDAY 7<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
10-4pm

## ALVECHURCH BAPTIST CHURCH

*These are drop-in sessions where the draft Neighbourhood Plan and associated documents will be on display. This is your last chance to comment before the Plan is formally submitted to Bromsgrove District Council*



## Events at Alvechurch Library

### Half term children's activities

On Tuesday 24th October we shall be holding a Teddy Bears Picnic and Storytime Session from 11.00-11.30am. Come and join us and bring your favourite teddy and listen to some adventurous stories and receive a cold drink and snack. No need to book, 80p per child.

### NEW Women's Club meeting at Alvechurch Library

Learn arts, crafts and practical skills in an informal and friendly environment. Every Saturday afternoon in term time from 2.15pm to 3.45pm. Free of charge! All ages and abilities welcome. For more information contact Natalia on 07866 425986 or visit the club website on [www.womenclub.uk](http://www.womenclub.uk)

### Adult Learning

Course number 14832, **Speaking and Listening with Confidence**. Are there particular conversations that you feel awkward or uneasy with? You may find that your opinions are ignored or misinterpreted and you would like to be able to communicate more effectively. Would you like to improve your listening skills and learn to become an effective listener? This course aims to build your self-confidence speaking and listening in a variety of situations. A willingness to participate in small group discussion activities and self evaluate is required. Join us on Friday 6th October and Friday 13th October from 2.15pm to 4.15pm. At a cost £22.50/Free (subject to criteria).

Course number 14835, **Spanish Continuing Beginners**. A language course for those who have a beginner's knowledge of the language, not intermediate but not absolute beginner level. The course will further equip students with phrases and vocabulary needed in daily situations, greetings, socialising, ordering food and drinks etc. The course is very interactive with a focus on speaking, listening and some cases basic writing. Continuing on Thursday 12th October at 2.15pm- 4.15pm and running for 5 weeks £50.

Course number 14980, **Happy Feet Walking to Fitness**. Starting off with a mix of normal walking and power walking, and there is an opportunity to add in some small amounts of gentle jogging as the weeks progress if you wish. This helps to gradually build up your fitness and stamina and it is all done at your own pace. Starting Thursday 19th October and running until Thursday 14th December. 2pm – 3pm, £25 for the guidance, advice and planning from two tutors.

Patrick's ongoing French and Spanish classes continue to go from strength to strength. These classes run three times a week, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Contact Patrick on 07708 027372 or email [dlt52@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:dlt52@hotmail.co.uk) to see if the level the class is being taught at would allow you to join in.

For Adult Learning courses, pop in to pay by cash or cheque, or book online by card. Whether you're brand-new to the internet, or you want a bit of help making more out of being online, Get Online Week is here to help you take the next step. Get Online Week 2017 runs from 2nd to the 8th October, and in Worcestershire, we will see community events helping people make the most of the internet. This year, the campaign is asking everyone to Try 1 Thing - using the internet to do just one thing. Our Digital Champions Keith and Lesley will be on hand to teach library members how to download magazines and books to their own tablets and laptops. These ebooks and emagazines are downloadable free of charge for members of Worcestershire Libraries. Please contact us to check times and availability.

Our regular children's events continue throughout the year, with Baby Bounce and Rhyme every Monday and Friday from 10am to 10.30am and Storytimes on Tuesdays from 11am to 11.30am and on Saturday afternoons from 2.30pm to 3pm. 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.

# Flowers for OCTOBER

	1 October	8 October	15 October	22 October	29 October
Sanctuary			Hopwood WI		
Lady Chapel			Hopwood WI		

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 to me.

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## From The Registers



### Weddings

*Those whom God has joined together*

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| August 25   | Matthew Nicholas Haines and<br>Joanne Deborah Chalmers    |
| September 9 | Clive Anthony Leadbetter and<br>Jill Elizabeth Stapenhill |



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord’s family*

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| August 27    | Elizabeth Anne Pritchett   |
| September 17 | Alina Emily-Mae Gathercole |

# 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
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
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 Natalie Wise, 07792535661
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	

### Peru and Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste
Sally Bubbers	

### 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

# Calendar for October



Monday 2	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: Quiet Garden: Meet at The Crown, Withybed Gn
	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Nigel Gilbert ' <i>The History of Kidderminster Hospital 1856 - 1952</i> ': Museum, School Lane
Tuesday 3	7.45pm	Worcester-Birmingham & Droitwich Canals Society: Talk on ' <i>Coal for the Ashby</i> ': Meeting Room, Alvechurch Boat Centre
Wednesday 4	7.30pm	Hillside WI: Talk by Neil Cook on Hanbury Hall Gardens: The Ark
Thursday 5	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	10.00am	Tiny Tots Service: Sarah Linton: St Laurence Church
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Roast Lamb
	2pm to 8pm	Alvechurch Parish Council: Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation drop-in Session: Alvechurch Baptism Church
Friday 6	3pm to 8pm	Alvechurch Parish Council: Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation drop-in Session: Alvechurch Baptism Church
	7.00pm for 7.30pm	Midland Sinfonia Concert: Virtuoso Violin: St Laurence Church
Saturday 7	10am to 4pm	Alvechurch Parish Council: Neighbourhood Plan Public Consultation drop-in Session: Alvechurch Baptism Church
Thursday 12	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Glazed Gammon
	7.30pm	Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk by Nicci Gow from Burcot Nursery: The Peace Hall, Rowney Green
Saturday 14		<b>NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS</b> <i>Articles to <a href="mailto:thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk">thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk</a></i>
Monday 16	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
Thursday 19	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café: Beef Carvery Lunch <b>(Tickets £12 in advance only from the Café or Ark office)</b>
Friday 20	7.30pm	Sauce City Jazzmen Concert: The Ark, Tickets £10, bar available
Wednesday 25	2.00pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Talk by David Howe ' <i>Laughter is the best Medicine</i> ': Tanyard Lane Centre
	7.30pm	An Evening with Dave Heeley A.K.A ' <i>Blind Dave</i> ': The Ark
Thursday 26	9.30am	Mums The Word: The Ark No Ark Café today
Monday 30	7.30pm	Ark Angels WI: The Ark ( <i>Please note - moved from October 9</i> )
	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark