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Our usual services, activities and groups remain suspended because of the pandemic. Please see page 6 for more details.

Please consult our website (www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org) for any update on the situation.

We hope that you can join us for our weekly recorded services online - please see page 6 for more details: the link to our YouTube channel is on the homepage of our website (www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org).

GROUPS (suspended as explained above)

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 - Thursdays 9.30am to 11.10am in The Ark

**Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month
(sarah100work@gmail.com)**

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Sue Phillips Wardle writes...

'And God saw that it was good', this is a phrase repeated six times in the opening verses of the Bible concluding on the seventh day with the summary: *'God saw everything that he had made, and indeed it was very good'*. The creation story is one of celebration of the wonder and beauty of creation.

Every major culture has its own version of the *'In the Beginning'*, and I guess every child at some point asks *'Where did it come from?'* (it being anything from ants to beetles, clouds to ducks, elephants to fish).

For many of us lockdown has provided increased opportunities to engage with the natural world. At the time of writing results from the RSPB Big Garden Birdwatch 2021 aren't yet out, but I'm expecting submissions to be higher than usual. We know for sure that more people have been out walking and cycling, and viewer numbers for the Perfect Planet, and all the other wonderful programmes that bring the natural world into our living rooms are higher than usual.

Behind it all though, is the frightening message that this fragile beauty is under threat. Global warming is reaching catastrophic proportions and we're almost at the point of no return when it comes to

reversing, or as a minimum halting, the trend. Some are weary of banging the drum, some are deeply frustrated by the apparent slowness of response from governments, and wilful ignoring of the situation by those who prefer to stay in denial.

The psalmist said *'the earth is the Lord's and the fulness thereof'*, but the Bible also teaches that God has entrusted the care of the planet to humankind. Sir David Attenborough says the earth is a planet in perfect balance for life in all its diversity to exist and to thrive, but is threatened at this point in time by the way we as humans are exploiting its resources. Greta Thunberg accused those present at the 2019 United Nations Summit on Climate of *'betraying'* young people by failing to adequately address global warming, handing over to the next generation a world depleted of its rich diversity. In 2015 Pope Francis wrote a letter *'Laudate Si'* setting out an urgent call to encourage us to live in a way that will allow all human beings to live sustainably and in dignity. Archbishop Justin Welby, says *'responding to climate change is an essential part of our responsibility to safeguard God's creation'*. As an economist he calls on the investment industry to push companies to reduce their impact on the environment, and as worshippers, in his forward to last year's Lent Study book *Saying Yes to Life* by Ruth Valerio, he calls on us to *'pray and be challenged together'*.

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Looking round our village we see a variety of responses to the climate emergency challenge. Something as local as the move towards setting up a Community Food Co-operative (Questionnaire in centre pages of our February edition, not too late to send yours in), something as global as making sure the products you buy don't contain palm oil from non-sustainable sources, something as challenging as turning down your heating a notch (make sure you put on extra layers and please stay warm enough). All these things make a difference.

At St Laurence's we have committed ourselves to exploring becoming an Eco Church community. Our plans were interrupted by Covid but we're hoping to get back on track with a Climate Sunday service on May 9th. But if you want more ideas about how you can make a difference, how about checking out one of the ideas we mentioned in last month's Grapevine. Creation Care <https://creationcare.org.uk>, is a scheme linked to eco-church to help households improve their care of God's creation as part of their Christian commitment to caring for the earth, and an expression of love to our neighbour, wherever in the world they live. I had a go at their questionnaire It's an interesting exercise that enables you to rate your own household on seven different areas and it certainly helped me spot areas for practical improvement. Why not give it a try?

This month Susan Porter introduces us to Green Faith, a multi-faith organisation committed to climate justice and explains why our church bells will ring out at 11:00am on March 11th as a rallying call to us all, to do, think and pray as we are able. See page 13 for more details.

 **greenfaith**

New resources to connect with Church families

For many churches, our present and ongoing situation with the pandemic has seen a dramatic reduction in connections with our church children, with the challenges of not being able to meet in Sunday schools and church children's clubs.

To help parishes, our Calling Young Disciples team have created some interactive resources for children to use each week during church services, or at home.

The resources can be easily access via the QR code below, which can be reproduced on pews and notice sheets or accessed direct from the diocese website via the website address below. The resources can be accessed using mobile phones, tablets (with internet access) and computers at home, simply point the device's camera at the QR code - it will bring up the link and away you go!

The resources will be updated each week and will relate to one of the readings from the lectionary.

The Bible reading is available to read, with a short explanation to help the children to understand it, and there will also be a short prayer and links to the resources related to the theme that week. The resources are available at different levels: easy, medium or hard.

We hope that these resources will help the children connect with the Bible stories in a new and interactive way!

You can find the Interactive Children's Resources at - www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources

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To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave
your home except for essential trips. We are praying for
your safe keeping during this difficult time.

You can access various prayer, bible reading, reflection
and worship links on our website by visiting -
<http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org/resources>

We have also set up our own YouTube channel with
recordings of some of our services. You can find the
channel by either searching on YouTube for "**St Laurence
Alvechurch**", or via the direct link -
www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQ6tgn7g6qT7vJ1Rh3vxpq

**Because of the COVID-19 situation, our in
person services in church remain suspended
for the time being. This is dependent on
infection rates reducing and the guidance
changing, and is being kept under
review.**

**Please check our church website
(www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org) for any
updates.**

**Our recorded services are continuing, and
for viewing them on YouTube please see the
details as above.**

Spiritual resources during Covid-19

Please do look at our weekly recorded services on YouTube. A fresh service is available each Sunday morning, and you will find the link to our channel (St Laurence Alvechurch) on the homepage of our website – www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org

You will also find a link to resources for personal prayer, reflection and worship on the home page of our website. Please feel free to try whatever you may find helpful.

Lectio365 (www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional) this free app is a daily devotional resource that helps you encounter God and shape your life by praying the Bible every day. The readings and the prayers may be read and/or listened to.

Time to Pray (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray) - this free app presents everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year.

Daily Prayer (www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer) - this free app helps you follow any of Morning, Evening and Night Prayer (Anglican Common Worship). It presents the three services in full with NRSV Bible readings for each day.

If you are looking for a **free reflection/meditation** any day of the week, try the Franciscan Richard Rohr from the Centre for Action and Contemplation: www.cac.org/category/daily-meditations/

If you are looking for a useful resource for **reshaping your daily pattern of living** in a way that fits with how your life is, try the Rule of life booklet from St Aldates Church in Oxford: <http://www.staldates.org.uk/about/vision>

The Church of England has launched a new programme to help families to talk about faith and pray together. **Faith at Home** will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love and hope. Faith at Home can be accessed at www.churchofengland.org/faithathome

Other worship at home ideas for children and families: ideas and resources to help you share your faith with your family at home – see the Worcester Diocese website at - www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home

Online church services across the Diocese – see: www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/online-church-services-across-the-diocese.php

Daily chants from Taize may be found at - www.churchtimes.co.uk/coronavirus-resources

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A Rainbow Through The Rain

Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester writes...

An article in the *Church Times* took me back to a hymn I'd not sung for many a year with its wonderful opening line, 'O Love that wilt not let me go'. This is the only sort of love which really counts; it's the one we recognise in our own loved ones, in parents who loved us into life, in friends who mean the world to us - and, of course, in the God revealed in Jesus Christ.

It is one year ago that we first went into lockdown. Perhaps you can recall what you were doing then when life was more 'normal'. I can remember going for drinks with neighbours the weekend before it all happened, when Covid seemed something quite distant. Now there are few of us who have not been affected personally one way or another. We know people with Covid, we know people who have died from Covid, and all of us are living with the consequences of Covid.

Lent takes us back to Jesus' forty days and nights in the desert. It seems to me that we are living our own wilderness experience in a way we could never have imagined. For Jesus this was a time of struggle: as the 23rd Psalm puts it, he walked through the valley of the shadow of death. Yet he was held in a love which would not let him go, and emerged from it to a ministry which was to turn the world upside down in faith, hope and love.

Whatever else is lacking during this time of wilderness, one thing not absent is loving kindness. We've seen it in NHS workers, teachers, neighbours and many others. In practical down-to-earth ways we have seen and experienced living examples of 'love that wilt not let me go'.

George Matheson, who wrote the hymn, had his own wilderness experience. 'Something happened to me, which was known only to myself, and which caused me the most severe mental suffering. The hymn was the fruit of that suffering', he says, and then he wrote these beautiful lines:

*'I trace the rainbow through the rain,
and feel the promise is not vain
that morn shall tearless be.'*

Tracing the rainbow through the rain. Isn't this God's tenacious love for us, stronger than we can imagine, mirrored by our human experiences of being loved? We've surely had plenty of rain lately, but, you know, I've seen the odd rainbow too - hold on to such precious glimpses of glory in times as these.



Nature around us word search

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Church Mice.

Support the Children's Society this Mothering Sunday

Mothering Sunday is celebrated on the fourth Sunday in Lent (14 March in 2021).

Traditionally it is a day when we thank God for the love of our mothers, and we thank them in person for their care for us. In the UK, the service dates back hundreds of years to the time when people were encouraged once a year, on Laetare Sunday, to return to their home or 'mother' church or cathedral. In Latin, the first words of the prayer for this Sunday were 'Laetare, O Jerusalem' ('Rejoice, O Jerusalem') taken from Isaiah 66.10, and the prayer spoke of the love for Jerusalem – the original 'mother church'.

In 2021, the Children's Society is asking churches to help them fight for hope for children and young people on Mothering Sunday, when we think about and thank all those who care for us.

The coronavirus pandemic has affected all our lives, but it has hit vulnerable children and young people particularly hard. They have had months out of school, hidden from view and often without access to online learning resources. Lockdown has trapped children at home with people who hurt and abuse them, and our research shows lockdown has also made some children more vulnerable to criminal exploitation and online grooming. As their mental health and well-being suffers, many children are losing hope. Over the last 15 years, The Children's Society has studied and reported on children's well-being. And each year they have seen a consistent decline, which has only worsened as a result of the pandemic. The charity has launched its ambitious goal of overturning that decline by 2030.

The theme of their Mothering Sunday resource is 'Fighting for hope'. The charity fights for hope by providing support for those who need it most and by campaigning for

changes that make life better for young people.

Alyssa's story

Alyssa (not her real name) grew up in a home where there was violence, and that affected her mental health. Then she started getting bullied at school too. At one point Alyssa felt that she was completely overwhelmed, like she was 'drowning'. Unfortunately school didn't offer her the support she needed. She says: *'My life before The Children's Society, I wouldn't even consider it a life. I would try and stay in the house as much as possible. I'd refuse to go to school, or I would pretend to be sick so I wouldn't have to go, and it wasn't healthy.'*

Eventually, Alyssa came to one of The Children's Society's projects and received counselling from Kerry, one of our project workers. This gave Alyssa the strength and tools to get better.

Today she says:

'I probably would be dead by now without The Children's Society and I've noticed such a big change in myself. It brought back the Alyssa that I knew, that I love and that everyone else around me seems to love, but I guess she got lost on the way before that. I don't know what I would have done without The Children's Society and I'm very grateful for everything they've done for me.'

Alyssa found a community of care through The Children's Society, and the care and help she received has enabled her to move forward in life and to reach her full potential. Find more details about the Children's Society Mothering Sunday resources and how you can support them.

Find more details about the Children's Society Mothering Sunday resources and how you can support them via this link :-

<https://sway.office.com/NABeyU6OCLB80UmJ?ref=Link>

New Area Deans Appointed

Six priests have been appointed as new Area Deans in the Diocese following the change in the number of our deaneries from thirteen to six. All of those appointed will take on the role of Area Dean in addition to their parish ministry and other roles.

Area Deans will have a ministry of leadership and care in partnership with Bishop John, Bishop Martin and the archdeacons. They will work to support clergy and laity, representing the parishes at meetings with the diocesan senior staff and sharing information with parishes as we work together to build healthier and more sustainable churches across the diocese. In each of their areas, they will now establish a deanery leadership team including a Deanery Lay Chair, Secretary and Treasurer and set up the governance structure through the Deanery Synod, which they will co-Chair.

The new Area Deans will be:

Greater Dudley - David Hoskin (Rector of Brierley Hill)

Kidderminster & Stourport - Tim Williams (Rector of Kidderminster West)

Redditch & Bromsgrove - Paul Lawlor (Vicar in the Holy Trinity, Redditch Team and Redditch Town Centre Centre Chaplain)

Worcester - Diane Cooksey (Vicar of St Nicholas, Warndon)

Malvern & Upton - Mark Badger (Rector of Kempsey & Severn Stoke w Croome d'Abitot)

Pershore & Evesham - Sarah Dangerfield (Priest in Charge of Fladbury, Hill & Moor, Wyre Piddle, Crophorne & Charlton)

As the Greater Dudley deanery is much bigger than the others, the Area Dean will be supported by two sub-deans, who will work across the whole deanery with specific areas of responsibility. Andrew Sillis (Vicar of St Thomas in Stourbridge) and Rachel Newell (Vicar in the Dudley Team) have agreed to take on this role.

Bishop John said: *"These very gifted priests have been commended to me in a consultation I undertook with their colleagues. I am very grateful to the for being willing to take on this crucial but demanding role. I pray God will bless them in it."*



*Top left to right - Paul Lawlor, David Hoskin and Diane Cooksey
Bottom left to right - Tim Williams, Mark Badger and Sarah Dangerfield*

Thoughts in a Covid world

Philippa Brakes writes...

Lockdown three.... hundred and twenty six, or so it feels and we're all still waiting for our freedom; for a chance just to make choices. Even a trip to Redditch seems impossibly exotic, let alone a holiday abroad. We are waiting, waiting for infections to fall, waiting for vaccines to come our way, waiting for schools to open again.

Waiting has long been a part of our human history. In the bible, Abraham waited until he was an old man for the son he longed to have. Jacob worked for many years to win the girl he loved as his wife. For some, waiting became the whole purpose of their lives. The picture below represents the old man, Simeon, holding the baby Jesus when his parents took him to be presented at the temple. Simeon had waited and prayed his whole, long life, having been promised he would not die before he saw the Lord's promised Christ. Simeon recognised in this tiny baby something special and realised this was the moment his life had been for. Look at the picture; how those ancient hands cradle the precious infant who will be the saving of the world. What a moment to wait for! Likewise, the prophetess, Anna, had spent most of her life at the temple, fasting and praying and she too recognised Jesus as someone who would be the redemption of Jerusalem. God's wonderful balance; a man and a woman recognise that the light of the world has arrived.



We aren't used to waiting in this digital age when everything can be had at the press of a computer key, except when it can't. We can't press a computer key for inner peace, to take away fear or to guarantee that those we love will be safe. Synonyms for wait are linger, hang fire, pause, rest. Having raised four children, I do understand that there is precious little rest for young parents, but sometimes, just for a moment when washing up or when the last child closes its eyes for at least part of the night it is possible to find a space. Perhaps we can use those to capture some of the peace and assurance Simeon and

Anna must have known; the certainty that God keeps his promises (Jeremiah 29.11 .. plans to give us a future and a hope). Just because schools are closed, children's futures are not ruined. God is educating them and us in alternative ways. If we are wise we are learning patience, resilience and a trust in something we have been promised but can't see yet; a future where we can build a new and hopefully better life for ourselves and the world around us.

On a final note, I can't let this month pass without reference to the wonderful Captain Sir Tom Moore. It seems to me his whole life was a preparation for the last triumphant year of it when he inspired the world. Who knows what the future holds for each of us – it has to be worth the wait to see, and it's never too late. In Captain Tom's words *"Tomorrow will be good."*

Picture courtesy of Margaret Clarke

For what does the bell toll at 11am on 11th March?

Susan Porter writes.....

Why will the bell of St Laurence church be rung at 11am on the 11th March? Because it is the 11th hour, and we do not have much time left to prevent the destruction of life on our planet due to global warming and climate change. This decade up to 2030 is the crucial one when the future for our children and grandchildren will be determined.

The ringing of the bell will be part of a global action on that day organised by GreenFaith, a multi faith, international community of people who realise the urgency of the situation and want to gather together people of all nations and faiths to take action in their own locality.

The event on the 11th March (Sacred People, Sacred Earth) is the biggest ever faith-climate-justice day of action globally in support of the boldest ever set of demands from diverse religious partners. As a global multifaith, grassroots alliance GreenFaith stands for equity and compassion for all, and we deplore injustice. We know we cannot afford to wait for governments and financial institutions to act first; we understand that change starts with us. We are organising grassroots people of diverse religions in support of the following demands and we are leading by example. We call for:

100% clean energy for all: sustainable, affordable power for everyone – especially the 800m people without access to electricity.

Global finance aligned with compassionate values: increased financing in Covid

recovery and beyond – for renewable energy and sustainable food systems.

Jobs and healthcare for all: a just transition for workers, migrants, and communities impacted by climate change and energy transition through health care, job training and placement, and other necessary support.

Protect indigenous rights: a strong defence for the legal rights of indigenous communities and environmental protectors.

Welcome for migrants. Generous hospitality and opportunities for climate and environmental refugees to migrate and establish new homes.

No more climate pollution. Net zero greenhouse gas emissions in wealthy countries by 2030. Accelerated finance / technology transfers for global net zero before 2050.

End the planet's desecration. No new fossil fuel exploration or infrastructure, industrial agricultures or deforestation; no more habitat or biodiversity loss.

Eliminate immoral finance: no further financing of covid bailouts for all fossil fuels, industrial agriculture or deforestation.

Climate reparations from wealthy countries: leadership by wealthy countries in climate financing and technology transfer, in recognition of these countries colonialist and environmental debt.

Bold faith community leadership: sustained united action guided by the teachings of our diverse religions ushering in an equitable peaceful life for all.

If you would like to find out more about GreenFaith, please go to www.greenfaith.org

Parish Prayers

At this time, we pray for all those who live and work in our community and especially those who live and work in:

7 March – Scarfield Hill

14 March – School Lane

21 March – Smedley Crooke Place

28 March – Snake Lane



Obituary

Hazel Jean Knattress 15 September 2031—1 February 2021

Hazel died on 1st February 2021 after a stroke and deteriorating health. She was the eldest of 3 daughters, Hazel, Margaret and Janet, born to Rosie and James Hudson of Harborne, Birmingham.

She was educated at St Peters C&E School and George Dixon Grammar School.

She married Cecil Knattress in 1955 and moved to Alvechurch soon after the birth of Stephen in 1956. Their second son Mark was born in 1965.

They went camping and caravanning for most of their married life and were involved with running the club. Hazel was also a member of the WI and Silver Threads club until her health deteriorated.

She will be sadly missed by Cecil and all the family.

The service will be at Redditch Crematorium at the beginning of March.

A prayer for those who mourn

Gracious God,
as we remember before you the thousands who have died,
surround us and all who mourn with your strong compassion.

Be gentle with us in our grief,
protect us from despair,
and give us grace to persevere
and face the future with hope
in Jesus Christ our risen Lord.

Amen.

Source - The Archbishops of Canterbury and York

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Calendar for MARCH



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