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JUNE 2015

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St Laurence Church Alvechurch

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00.am Holy Communion

9.30.am Family Service

*with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday
and Baptisms on the 4th Sunday*

11.00.am Parish Eucharist

6.00.pm Evensong

At Rowney Green Shared Church

9.30.am Methodist/Anglican Service

with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

DAILY SERVICE

9.00.am Monday to Friday

In St Laurence Church

ORGANISATIONS

Sunday Club	Sundays at 9.30.am in the Church and Ark (445 1854)
Choir	Thursdays at 7.45.pm in Church (445 3569)
Bellringers	Sundays at 10.30.am and 5.30.pm Tuesday Practice at 7.30.pm (01527 64077)
Women's Fellowship	4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00.pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)
Mum's the Word	Thursdays at 9.30.am in The Ark (07773509390) Tiny Tots Service 10.15.am 1st Thursday of the month
Ark Café	Thursdays during term time at 12.15.pm (447 7017)
Home Group	Thursdays, 7.30.pm at the Coach House (445 2547)

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Rev Richard Bubbers Writes...

Why forgive?

Eva Kor recently hit the headlines: she is the 81-year-old Auschwitz survivor who gave evidence in the trial of 93-year-old Oscar Groning – he was the SS guard who took and recorded the money of Jewish prisoners as they arrived at the death camp. Not only did she lose the rest of her family in the Nazi gas chambers, but she and her twin sister were subject to Joseph Mengele's terrible medical experiments – she came near to death herself, and her sister never recovered from the experience.

When Eva had finished giving evidence against Groning, she went over to where he was sitting and shook hands with him. He responded by pulling her towards him and kissing her. She said that she had spoken out at the trial to give a voice to the victims and to help the world never to forget what had happened. But she also said – and this was the surprise – that she had **forgiven** the Nazis. She has received much criticism for saying this, as some say that forgiveness can only be given where there is genuine repentance.

Was this a sign of weakness, giving the impression that justice does not matter? That is not what Eva Kor was saying - and given the suffering she has been through, she deserves to have her reasons heard. She makes it clear that she did it, not for the Nazis, but for herself – it was what was best for **her**. She even describes forgiveness as the most formidable form of revenge. Forgiving those responsible for Auschwitz meant that they lost the power they once had over her life. Her forgiving Groning neither stopped her from testifying against him, nor prevented him from taking responsibility for his own actions. So

repentance and justice are involved, but they are not a condition of forgiveness but a response to forgiveness.

We should also notice the astonishing result of her forgiveness: she found the strength to live freely again - she was no longer defined by the horrors of her past, despite the unimaginable experiences she suffered. A trauma may render us powerless for a while, but there will come a time when we have the choice to take back our lives, and become the subject of our own story rather than its object.

Forgiveness is not just about what it can do for others: it is about the good that it can do to us. Archbishop Desmond Tutu, who worked tirelessly for justice in South Africa, said that, *"to forgive is not just to be altruistic. It is the best form of self-interest.....you can come out the other side a better person. A better person than the one being consumed by anger and hatred.... You can move on, and you can even help the perpetrator to become a better person too."*

To make my decision to forgive dependent on someone else's decision about whether to express remorse, is to disempower me and deny me the opportunity to receive healing and restoration. The Christian faith teaches that God's offer of forgiveness is prior to my expression of remorse or repentance: in the parable of the Prodigal Son the father runs to meet his son, before the son has even said a word. Indeed the grace and mercy shown in that offer of forgiveness, was most costly, since it came through the death and resurrection of God's own Son, Jesus Christ; and that is what inspires me to turn my life around and repent, and seek God's help in showing mercy and forgiveness to others.

The words above the entrance to Auschwitz said "work makes you free": they could be changed to *"forgiveness makes you free."*

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National Volunteers' Week

*By Sam Setchell Communications Officer &
Bishop's Press Officer*

Volunteers' Week is an annual event which takes place on 1-7 June. It celebrates the contribution made by the millions of volunteers across the UK. It's run by NCVO in partnership with Volunteer Development Scotland, Volunteer Now (Northern Ireland) and Wales Council for Voluntary Action.

From showcasing the different volunteering roles on offer, taster sessions and team challenges with new partners, to volunteer recruitment events, awards ceremonies and launching new volunteering campaigns, events take place throughout the country.

Everyone is invited to join this national celebration of volunteers and volunteering and it's a great opportunity to say thank you for all that volunteers do for the life of the Church and community.

Lord,

*We pray for all those who volunteer in Your service;
giving grateful thanks for all that they give and do.*

Strengthen and sustain all volunteers;

that with patience and understanding they may love and care for your people;

We pray also for those churches who struggle to find volunteers;

and where the few are struggling under huge burdens.

Help us remember that we need your help in all things -

may your Spirit guide us; may your Spirit renew us;

may your Spirit strengthen us; so that we will be strong in faith.

Amen

Parish Prayers

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

Sunday 7th June – Withybed Lane

Sunday 14th June – Woodpecker Close

Sunday 21st June – Alvechurch Road

Sunday 28th June – Aqueduct Lane



Alvechurch Village Society

Ray Yarnell writes...

The June walk will be at 2.30pm on 7th June and will be 'A Summer Stroll in Alvechurch' which is another of a series of my favourite local walks. The walk will start at Tanyard Lane car park in Alvechurch, and will be led by Eileen Mc Hugh (0121 445 6080).

For all those ticket holders from our draw in the picnic in the park, the railway vouchers were won by no 14 on the first card and no 3 on the second card. The winners have been notified, and we would just like to say thanks to every-one else for their support .

Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Rowney Green Horticultural Society's 45th Annual Rose Show takes place in The Peace Hall on Saturday 20th June 2015. Members and Non-Members are all welcome - admission is free.



The success of the Rose Show depends on the entries submitted. We need your help to make this as colourful and interesting as possible. As usual there is a wide range of classes for all ages including: Floral Art, Children's Classes, Photographic Classes, Art & Crafts. Entries from you would be most welcome!

Show Schedules and Entry Forms are available in Rowney Green from The Goat & Trousers and Corner Hollow; in Alvechurch from the Post Office and Library. They are also available from Oasis, the florist in Barnet Green.

Registration of entries takes place at The Peace Hall on Thursday, 18th June between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or for an earlier entry contact Lindsay Smith on 01527 592874.

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Alvechurch Historical Society

Don't miss our next meeting, on Monday 1st June 2015. We will be welcoming David Clark, whose talk has a local history aspect to it. David will tell us about eight Worcestershire women transported to Australia in 1787, in a fascinating talk called "*Sentenced to Beyond the Seas*".

This follows our May meeting which was also concerned with crime & punishment, but from half a century later. We heard about the Andover Workhouse Scandal in the 1840s; a tale of political intrigue, press accusations and an extraordinarily expensive Select Committee. Workhouses were intended to support the poor and infirm, so when inmates were set to the task of crushing bones from the slaughterhouse for agricultural bonemeal, an almighty row ensued.

We meet on the first Monday of the month in the Museum, School Lane at 7.45pm. There is plenty of parking behind the Catholic Church, with their permission. New faces are always welcome, just come along or contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955.

The Ark Café



The Cafe reopens after the break on 4th June and will remain in operation up to and including 9th July.

There is no specific menu allocated for each week except for 9th July when we shall be serving a salad buffet.

On every other Thursday we shall serving a hot meal from our usual menu be it a roast, casserole or a chicken dish. So please come and support us and you won't be disappointed.

We look forward to seeing you all as usual. Try it if you haven't been before. The prices are very reasonable.

Then on 23rd July the Summer Cafe will be operating when we shall be serving salads, sandwiches and a dessert.

Memory Lane @



(For those living with memory loss, their family, carers and friends) - 22 The Square, Alvechurch B48 7LA

A new group has been formed at The Lounge, next to the Co-op, for those with memory loss together with their carers or a member of their family. We meet once a month, usually on the third Wednesday afternoon of each month, unless a special activity is planned.

We meet at 2.30pm till 4.00pm and enjoy an afternoon tea during the time spent. The charge is £3.50 which covers the afternoon tea and some activities.

Tickets can be reserved from Annette 07770 816322 or Kate 0121 445 3899. Tickets are also available from The Lounge 0121 445 5512 (all tickets include afternoon tea).

Model Railway Exhibition

Just a reminder that the Model Railway Exhibition is on Saturday July 4th, from 10.30 am till 4.00 pm.

It seems there is a lot going on in the area on that day, but please do come and support us if you possibly can.

There are stalls of all sorts, not just railways, so there should be something to interest everyone.

Don't forget the excellent refreshments available all day.

If anyone has unwanted model or toy trains, cars, buses or Meccano, or even just bits and pieces of the above, (of any age and in any condition), that you would like to sell or donate, please contact me on 0121 445 3569, and I will collect.

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Correction RE Alvechurch W.I.

It is the Centenary of the W.I. Movement in Britain this year. Alvechurch W.I. was started in 1929 and celebrated it's 86th Birthday in May this year. Sorry for any confusion.

Ordinations

Please pray for those candidates who will be ordained in Worcester Cathedral at the end of June.

To be ordained deacon:

- Rachel Akers to serve in Kidderminster East
- Josie Calam to serve in Areley Kings
- Allison Davies to serve at Holy Trinity, Redditch
- Ian Evans to serve in the Ipsley Team, Redditch
- Laura Handy to serve in the Droitwich team
- Philippa Sargent to serve in Kempsey
- Andrew Todd to serve at St. Stephen's Church, Barbourne

To be ordained priest:



- Sarah Cottrill, who serves at St. John in Bedwardine, Worcester
- Gary Crellin, who serves in Stoke Prior, Wychbold and Upton Warren
- Sarah Brush, who serves in the Halas Team in Halesowen
- Owen Gallacher, who serves at All Saints in Worcester
- Emma Goldby, who serves at Holy Trinity, Malvern and St. James, West Malvern

Wedding Bells



Katie Moxon who grew up in Alvechurch married Tom Jackson on Saturday April 11th at St. Laurence Church.

Katie arrived at church in a pink VW camper van with her father Gerry Moxon. She was accompanied by her bridesmaids Sarah Moxon (Katie's sister) , Daisy Jackson (Tom's sister) Alice and Hannah Moxon (Katie's nieces). Katie wore an ivory full length dress and veil, the bridesmaids wore coral full length dresses and all carried bouquets of cream and coral roses.

Tom chose his brother Harry as his best man and friends from school Craig Jackson, Matt Jackson and Phil Bayliss as his ushers.

Tom and Katie met while studying catering at Stratford college. Tom is now head chef at The Granville in Barford and Katie works in the food department at Harvey Nichols.

A reception followed at Ardencote Manor. They enjoyed a short honeymoon in the Cotswolds before returning to their married home in Cofton Hackett.



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More Weddings Bells



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Colette's mother and step father Nigel live in Alvechurch and her father Michael, who gave her away, lives in Redditch. Nigel read the lesson during the marriage ceremony.

The chief bridesmaid Emma Fletcher is a friend of the bride. Other bridesmaids were her cousins Becky and Lucy Procter and sister-in-law Kanako Burke. Colette and Ashley's two sons Joshua (6) and Harry (2) were page boys and Freyja (3) the daughter of the chief bridesmaid was flower girl. Joshua was also the ring bearer.

The best man was Marcus Gore (groom's brother) and two ushers were Matthew Burke (Colette's brother) and Sam Mountford (friend).

After a wonderful and memorable marriage service conducted by the Reverend Peter Holzapfel the congregation was treated to a short cello recital by Yasuko Watanabe, accompanied by David Richmond on the piano, whilst the newly married couple were signing the register. The reception was held at Gorcott Hall, Redditch.

Colette and Ashley live in Alvechurch and look forward to many more happy years in the village as their family grows up. They are hoping to be able to go away with the boys during the summer.



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A Christian presence in every community

Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester

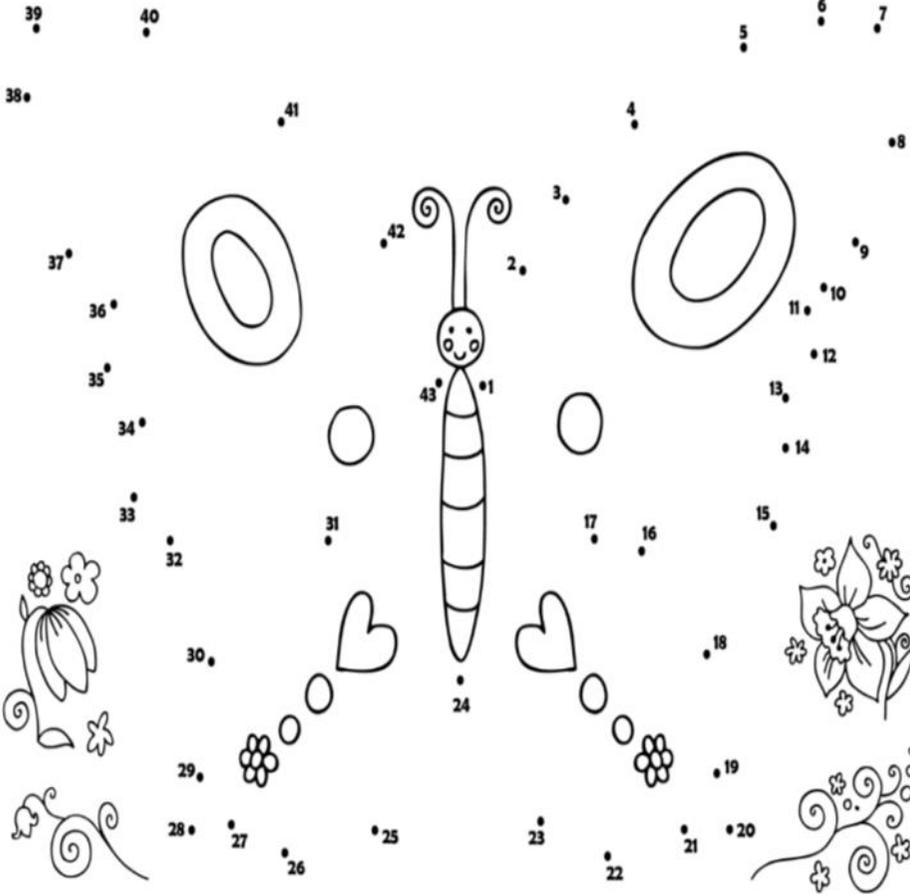
There seems to have been a lot of news lately, if you know what I mean. We've had a whole load of electioneering and politics, in the midst of which it's sometimes difficult to remember that politics is a noble calling. We've seen the most abject suffering brought about by natural disaster in Nepal, as well as the disturbing scenes of migrants, men and women like you and me, desperately seeking refuge in Italy. Mass migration across the Middle East is a daily reality for many, but it easily drops off our news agenda. In the thick of the immigration debate Cardinal Vincent Nichols rightly reminded us not to forget that we are talking about actual people. It's very easy to become de-sensitized to news when we see the same images every day and no longer take it in. We may even lose hold of our own values.

We're talking about Christian values – sending people to be part of relief missions across the world; inspiring men and women to stand for Parliament or local council; and standing up for nothing less than the image and likeness of God in each and every human person. Although it might sometimes seem that all the action is elsewhere, when it comes to nurturing Christian values, the action is right under our noses where we are. Because the bold claim made about our Church is this: we are a Christian presence in every community.

That's what it says on the Church of England website and a Christian presence in every community is what I've been experiencing in my first few months as archdeacon, not least during the month of May, when archdeacons meet the churchwardens from all the churches across the Diocese. It has been a humbling experience to hear stories of commitment and hard work, new ideas and well-tried events. It struck me that the visible Christian presence is no longer the vicar, but the people of God going about their Christian business.

To be the Christian presence in every community relies on living stones, like you and me, playing our part and living out our Christian values. Our churches are communities which nurture those values, places which encourage us all to live out God's call and his hand on our own lives, whether it makes the news or not. In our diocese we've been calling these living stones Kingdom People, a reminder of the teaching at the heart of Jesus' message and the heart of the prayer he gave us: *'your kingdom come, here on earth as in heaven'*. I wonder what that kingdom might look like on the news.

Dot To Dot Butterfly



JOKES



“Wireless communication is nothing new. I’ve been praying for 75 years!”



“Yes, the disciples followed Jesus... but not on Twitter.”

Ron Barnett's War at Sea

By Robert Barnett (Choir Master at Tardebigge Church)- This article first appeared in *Tardebigge & Bentley's Parish Magazine*

Part 1 of 4 (Parts 2 to 4 will appear in future editions of *The Grapevine*)



Ron's first ship 'Hartismere'

Some years ago, while staying with Dad's sister outside Truro, Dad and I had a ride out to Falmouth. We walked up a road that climbed a hill alongside the docks / shipyards. Dad told me he had come to Falmouth in early 1940 to join his first ship. Near the top we sat on a bench overlooking the estuary. Suddenly Dad said, "I came here after stowing my gear aboard ship and, as I sat here, I saw my ship disappearing off down the river. Thinking I was going to get thrown in the brig for being AWOL, I rushed back to the docks, only to be told, "Don't worry mate, she'll be back in an hour or so. She's just gone off for gunnery practice!" Such was Dad's initiation into the Merchant Navy.

This first ship was the *Hartismere*. Built in 1933 by Gray and Co Ltd of West Hartlepool. She was a steamship of 5,498 tons and owned by J&C Harrison of London. When Dad joined her as a wireless operator, she had just returned from Montevideo on the river Plate and on board was a Capt Dove who, along with other Merchant officers, had been a prisoner on board the German pocket battleship Graf Spee during the battle of the River Plate. Capt Dove was the captain of the Africa Shell, a Shell tanker sunk in the Indian Ocean by gunfire from Graf Spee. *Hartismere* sailed for the USA and returned loaded with oil, (presumably in barrels, as she was not a tanker). They were bound for a French port but as they were getting near, the Nazis began overrunning France, so, in Dad's words, "We swanned with us!" The "powers that be" decided to send them all the way back to the States, which seems a total waste of time and fuel, at a time when we could use every drop we could get our hands on! Eventually the *Hartismere* returned to the UK and Dad was "paid off".

When a ship's crew were paid off, they joined "The Pool". This was the seamen not allocated to a ship and they were then assigned to a ship that needed their rank, be it officer or seaman, radio operator or stoker. This was how Dad joined his second ship, the Shell tanker *Cardita*.

She was built in 1931 and was 8,237 tons. At the outbreak of war she was fitted with a 4 inch calibre gun on the stern and other smaller guns. The 4 inch gun, at least, was operated by a Royal Naval Reserve gunner. His name was Bill. I think his surname may have been Johnson, but Dad usually referred to him as Bill.

After the war, in 1946, Bill carried me into St Laurence's in Alvechurch for my christening by the late Rev. Underhill! (Which, incidentally, is why the Barnetts became associated with St Bart's when Rev Underhill became vicar in 1952). I don't know the exact date that Dad joined *Cardita*, but in September of 1940 he celebrated his 21st on board, about three days out from New York! Dad had a few tales about his time with the *Cardita*, but I think I will leave those for part two!



Ron's second ship, 'MV Cardita'

Ron and Margaret Barnett (his parents) spent the first year or so of their marriage lodging with a Win Allwood, wife of the then local butcher, Len, (who was in the army) until they bought their first house in Snake Lane, where Robert spent the first 2 ½ years of his life.



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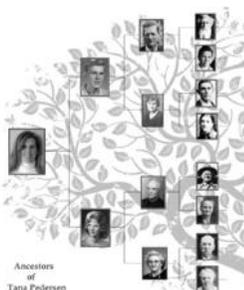
Alvechurch Library hosts one-to-one **Computer Sessions** for people wanting to learn the basics. If you need help with your emails or advice on surfing online then why not pop into the Library to arrange free tuition. Tuition is provided by our group of talented volunteers on Tuesday mornings. For more information please call Alvechurch Library 01905822722 or email alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk

Our **watercolour** painting classes are ongoing and the artists under the tutelage of Andrew Clacher are going from strength to strength. Next 5 week course starts 2nd June, 2.15pm- 4.15pm, £52.85

Family History for Beginners, a five week course starting Thursday 4th June and running until 2nd July. 2.30pm-4.30pm, £47

Exploring Family History and telling your story...

If you are interested in family history, join this course with tutor James Robertson, who draws on his own experience of researching his own family history using a range of online sources. While learning how to trace your own family tree you will also be inspired to build a wider picture of the period you are researching.



We would like to see a few more faces at the **acoustic guitar lessons** that are currently running on a Thursday afternoon. There are a couple of spaces left so if you would like to learn to strum your stuff, give us a call.

To reserve a place at any of our workshops and activities please call Alvechurch Library 01905822722 or email alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk

St Laurence Women's Fellowship

Jill Woolley writes...

At our AGM in April we welcomed The Reverend Richard Bubbers who told us something of his life before he became our Priest in Charge. We are pleased that he agreed to become our President. The Committee were returned to office and we are pleased to have Gentian Hancocks and Betty Oakley joining us.

Unfortunately our speaker for June, Cheryl Godfrey has had a spell in Hospital and has to rest for a while but assures us she will come

and give her talk on June 24th. We send her our good wishes for a return to better health and look forward to seeing her.

Our speaker on July 22nd will be local lady Mary Green, her talk entitled "*What flowers are For*".

Our Annual Charity Tea will be held in The Ark on August 18th at 2.30pm. Proceeds to go to the Stained Glass Window Fund. Please come and support us.

We meet in the Tanyard Centre at 2pm and welcome visitors and new members.



Obituary

Denis Cottam

Denis William Cottam was born on 22nd January 1924 in Birmingham in what are now known as the Back to Backs. He died very peacefully in what was his final home, The Lawns on 21st April 2015, aged 91. His funeral took place at Redditch crematorium on Thursday 7th May.

Denis didn't really enjoy his school days, what he did enjoy as a lad was riding on the back of his Dad's bike to the allotment in Selly Park, and building bikes from spare parts. At the age of 14 he left school and joined a company called Midland Gauge and Tool as an apprentice toolmaker. He enjoyed the job very much and developed a skill for precision tool making that never left him, indeed he eventually became Foreman in charge of 15 skilled tool makers. During the war years, Denis was regularly dispatched to Longbridge to assist in mending damaged fighter planes which had been flown or taken there for repair. In 1945 he married Betty who remained the love of his life, and

when she sadly died in October 2011, they had been married for 66 years, though the marriage did not get off to the best of starts, because on the actual day of the wedding Denis was called up for national service and joined the RAF, where he served as a driver.

After the war cycling continued to play a big part in their lives, they would cycle for miles on a tandem. Dennis even built a sidecar so their daughters could go along for the ride. Betty and Denis had three children, Denise, Jennifer and Elizabeth. Just after Elizabeth was born they moved to West Heath where they were very active in church life, Dennis was a warden, a sidesman, and together they ran festivals, fetes, and dances for the local teenagers. Their final move was to Alvechurch where they made their family home in Hinton Avenue.

Denis and Betty absolutely loved modern sequence dancing. They were exceptional dancers and enjoyed nothing more than finding dance venues whilst on holiday where they could continue their pastime. He will be greatly missed by the whole family, children, grandchildren and great grandchildren.

Flowers for JUNE

	7 June	14 June	21 June	28 June
Sanctuary			Jill Woolley	
Lady Chapel			Jill Woolley	
In memory of			Ron Woolley	

The rota for June as can be seen is incomplete and with the holiday season upon us I would be most grateful for offers of help. Please do get in touch if you can be of assistance to me.

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From The Registers



Baptisms

We welcome you into the Lord's family

May 24 Thomas Coles



Marriages

Those whom God has joined together

May 2 Samuel Ottley and Andrea Queen

May 16 Samuel Dedicoat and Danielle Cleverley



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

April 28 Philip Holland

April 29 Mary McMillan

May 7 Dennis Cottom

May 18 Bernard Albert Oakton

May 20 Violet Clarke

Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, The Rectory, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
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Graham Clark	Mick Fletcher
Alison Smith	Bob Dale
Janet Wright	Susan Seeley

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

Task Committee

Mick Fletcher	Dick Russell
Graham Clark	Sue Phillips

Peru and Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste

Calendar for JUNE



Monday 1	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk " <i>Sentenced to Beyond the Seas</i> ": Museum: School Lane
Tuesday 2	2.15pm	Alvechurch Library: Watercolour painting class
Wednesday 3	7.30pm	Hillside WI: The Ark
Thursday 4	9.30am	Mum's The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café
	2.30pm	Alvechurch Library: Family History for beginners
Sunday 7	2.30pm	Alvechurch Village Society: Walk: ' <i>A Summer Stroll in Alvechurch</i> ': Starts at Tanyard Lane car park, Alvechurch
Thursday 11	9.30am	Mum's The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café
Sunday 14	12 noon	Family Fun afternoon with a Peruvian Flavour for ALL: The Ark
Monday 15	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
Tuesday 16	JULY GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS <i>articles to thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk</i>	
Wednesday 17	2.30pm	Memory Lane: For those with memory loss and their carers: The Lounge in The Square, Alvechurch
Thursday 18	9.30am	Mum's The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café
Saturday 20	7.30pm	Rowney Green Horticultural Society's 45th Annual Rose Show: The Peace Hall
Wednesday 24	2.00pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Talk by Cheryl Godfrey: <i>Continuing Life Story</i> : Tanyard Centre
Thursday 25	9.30am	Mum's The Word: The Ark
	12.15pm	Ark Café
Saturday 27	7.00pm for 7.30pm	The Midland Sinfonia: Celebrity Chamber Concert: St Laurence Church
Monday 29	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark