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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 1st and 3rd Sundays of the month***

## **DAILY SERVICE**

**9.00.am Monday to Friday**

**In St Laurence Church**

## **ORGANISATIONS**

<b>Sunday Club</b>	<b>Sundays at 9.30.am in the church and Ark (445 1854)</b>
<b>Choir</b>	<b>Thursdays at 7.45.pm in church (445 3569)</b>
<b>Bellringers</b>	<b>Sundays at 10.30.am and 5.30.pm Tuesday Practice at 7.30.pm (01527 64077)</b>
<b>Women's Fellowship</b>	<b>4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00.pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)</b>
<b>Mum's the Word</b>	<b>Thursdays at 9.30.am in The Ark (07773509390)</b>
<b>Ark Café</b>	<b>Thursdays during term time at 12.15.pm (447 7017)</b>
<b>Home Group</b>	<b>Thursday, 7.30.pm at the Coach House (445 2547)</b>
<b>Messy Church</b>	<b>Quarterly on a Saturday in The Ark (445 1985)</b>

## **THE ARK**

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## Graham Clark writes...

***“Would you like to become a churchwarden?”***

That was the question put to me a couple of years ago. I'd been a member of the Parochial Church Council (the church's governing committee who look after the finances and buildings of the parish church) for a long time.

So I had a reasonable knowledge of how things worked, who did what and so on. Most of it seemed to be done by committee and there were lots of willing volunteers. It didn't seem too big a step at the time. So I said 'Yes'.

Oh boy, did I have a lot to learn!

Yes, things are mostly done by committee, and there are lots of willing volunteers but knowing in which direction to point the volunteers and making sure that all the activities of the church run smoothly is more complicated than it looks.

Thankfully there were more experienced people around to guide me. Slowly I've learnt the details: what can be done and what can't, what is custom and practice and what is governed by the law of the land. Did you know for instance that a churchwarden can arrest someone and take them before a Magistrates' Court for 'riotous, violent or indecent behaviour in a church or churchyard'; or for 'molesting troubling or otherwise vexing a preacher or other clergyman'? No, neither did I!

Just as I was starting to get the hang of all the various things I needed to know, the Rector decides to retire!

Now don't get me wrong, he's worked long and hard and earned his retirement. But why did he have to do it on my watch? And do you know who now has the responsibility of making sure everything in the church carries on and runs smoothly? Yes, you've guessed it, the Churchwardens.

Thankfully there are two of us, and we have the help of four other people so the immediate burden is spread amongst six, with the help of the whole of the rest of the team of people in the church community. The maintenance guys, grass cutters, flower arrangers, cleaners, administrators, musicians, service and group leaders, speakers, people who pray, ..... the list goes on and on.

God has given all of us a variety of skills and talents. He has put us in this place for a purpose and this is the moment when we each have to ask ourselves what talents and skills we have and how they can best be used. With all the things we are facing it's a steep learning curve, but we are not doing it alone. God is with us and will guide us in the direction He wants His church to go.

We put a piece in the July Grapevine with our aspiration that '*normal service will be maintained as far as possible*'. That is still the aim of the whole team at St Laurence. And we have had, and will continue to have, a great deal of help from the wider church with visiting priests helping with the services. It's amazing how two people can conduct a service using the same liturgy and it comes out feeling completely different.

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## Alvechurch Village Society

*Ray Yarnell writes...*

Alvechurch Village Society will be holding their next talk on  
Wednesday 23rd October at 7.45 pm in the village hall .The  
speakers will be Rosemary Morris and Bas Yates who are both  
wildlife photographers with the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust.

The October walk will be led by Barry Lynock (0121 445 3917)  
at 2.30pm on Sunday 6th October starting in the Tanyard Lane  
car park, and will be a Dog Friendly Walk around Alvechurch  
Parish.

The November walk will be led by Charlie Simmonds ( 0121 445  
3447 ) at 2.30 pm on Sunday 3rd November starting in the  
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Ambulation?".

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To find out more, please see [www.hostuk.org](http://www.hostuk.org) or contact local  
organiser Lynette Chappin 02920 693903. Thank you.

## Garden Gnome Ninjas Do Wolf Run

On Saturday 7th September the Garden Gnome Ninjas took on the Wolf Run to raise funds for local charity Where Next Association.



The Wolf Run is a hard core 10k run across raw natural terrain, including open ground, woodland, lakes and thick mud. They tackled a series of obstacles to run, climb, jump, wade, crawl and swim their way through the course designed to challenge them on every level.

Where Next is a Redditch based charity helping people with learning disabilities achieve their full potential.

Thanks also to Phil and Chris from Serco Occupational Health for doing the Wolf Run the following day on behalf of Where Next.

You can still show your support for the team by donating through the Big Give [www.thebiggive.org.uk](http://www.thebiggive.org.uk) or you can pledge your support by contacting Where Next directly on 01527 69955. For more information see their website on [www.wherenextassociation.co.uk](http://www.wherenextassociation.co.uk)



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## Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Rowney Green Horticultural Society, next meets at the Peace Hall on October 10th at 7.45pm, when Mike Wilkes will talk about Garden birds from Autumn to Spring.

Members and friends welcome. More information from Andrea on 0121 445 1929.

## Wedding Bells



On Saturday seventeenth of August, Matthew John Jakeman and Alexandra Elizabeth Mary Fathers, in front of their friends and family, declared their love for each other and promised to spend the rest of their lives together.

Matthew and Alexandra first met in 2009 and instantly became friends. Their love blossomed and after a romantic walk in Shugborough Hall in June 2011. Matthew asked Alexandra to be his wife.

The bride is the daughter of Roger and Beverley Fathers of Lichfield, Staffordshire. Her father accompanied her down the aisle, and she was followed by her sister Rebecca Fathers, the chief bridesmaid and the groom's cousin, Emily Worthing. The bride wore an antique lace dress, adorned in crystals. The bridesmaids wore forest green chiffon dresses and carried gypsophilia bouquets.

Matthew's parents John and Jennifer Jakeman of Kings Norton and the best man, Anthony Bally, supported Matthew on his big day.

Canoldir Choir, a Birmingham based Anglo-Welsh choir, beautifully provided the bridal entrance music, together with performances of Jerusalem and Calon Lan whilst the couple made their marriage official in the vestry.

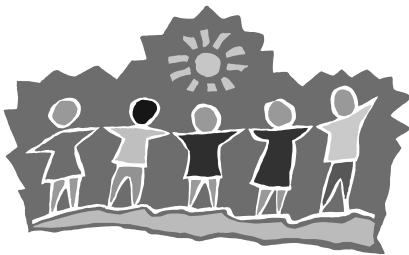
The bride and groom invited guests to an informal wedding breakfast at the Jinney Ring in Hanbury followed by an evening of celebration and dancing.

# Kids Corner

## Children's Bible Quiz

1. His father gave him a coat of many colours.
2. Who was thrown into a lions' den by King Darius?  
This person prayed to God three times a day.
3. This young boy defeated a giant.
4. This prophet was swallowed by a fish.
5. What animal was often used for transportation in the Bible?
6. Who was the Son of God?
7. What was the name of Jesus' mother?
8. What did Jesus' father do for a job?
9. Jesus told a parable about a prodigal \_\_\_\_\_.
10. What is the shortest verse in the Bible?

Answers on page 10



## Spot the difference



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Entries are being accepted for each award from July 7th 2013 and nominations will close on November 3rd 2013.

The Inspirational Women Awards is run by The Dream Street Group to celebrate the variety of achievements of remarkable women who inspire those around them through their everyday lives. The awards ceremony has been created to support Arthritis Research UK and local people from every walk of life, to promote strong minded individuals and help them continue to make a difference in their community or industry. Our sponsors currently are: The Fragrance Shop who will be donating goody bags.

There are also a variety of celebrity guests from Celebrity Big Brother reality star Lacey Banghard to Tesco's Mum of the Year 2012, Anna Kennedy who will be attending on the evening.

A variety of different entertainments will be featured on the night, from a live band to a catwalk show which will be followed by the award ceremonies. Prepare to hear a variety of inspirational and emotional stories from women who are celebrated across the board at the first ever award ceremony.

This year, its debut, the ceremony will be held at The Ark, Alvechurch on 23rd November, and will be from 7pm until 10pm. All ages are welcome to attend and our dress code is: smart, evening wear.

For more information on the awards visit the blog at [www.dreamstreetinspirationalwomen.wordpress.com](http://www.dreamstreetinspirationalwomen.wordpress.com) or email - [dreamstreetpromotions@gmail.com](mailto:dreamstreetpromotions@gmail.com)

## The Midland Sinfonia

**Heroic Music - Saturday 12th October 2013, 7.30pm** Artrix Arts Centre, Bromsgrove, with Richard Laing, conductor  
Nathaniel Vallois, guest soloist Tickets £16 (Children accompanying an adult free) F/T Students and reg. unemployed £5 available from Artrix [www.artrix.co.uk](http://www.artrix.co.uk) or 01527 577330.

Also for your diary - **Quiz and Supper Evening Saturday 16th November 2013, 7pm for 7.30pm** start, in The Ark, St Laurence Church, Alvechurch. Teams of up to 6. Just £8 pp including supper. Please contact Marian Barwell on 0121 447 7040 or email - [marian@midlandsinfonia.co.uk](mailto:marian@midlandsinfonia.co.uk)



## A new way to share the Christmas story

The Real Advent Calendar is a great way to share the real meaning of Christmas. There's a line of the Christmas story, and a chocolate star behind each window. Behind the final window is a 24-page Christmas storybook. A charitable donation is made to The Children's Society and it's Fairtrade. It costs £3.99.



**Tesco** is the only supermarket that will be stocking The Real Advent Calendar this year as it has ordered enough to offer a national church in-store collect and home delivery service. It has supplies in most stores. From early October, individuals can pop in to virtually all Tesco stores and pick up calendars. To make a bulk order give your local Tesco a call to check stocks and pick up your calendars, or use its home delivery service. Details at [www.realadvent.co.uk/shop](http://www.realadvent.co.uk/shop)

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### Why we need to share the story

It might be difficult to believe but recent surveys show that knowledge of the Christmas story is fading.

Among 5-7 year olds, 36% don't know whose birthday we celebrate at Christmas and 72% don't know Jesus was born in Bethlehem. Among adults less than 12% know the full nativity story and 51% say that the birth of Jesus is irrelevant to their Christmas. This is a tipping point.

The "Christmas Starts with Christ" campaign hopes to reverse the trend by telling the Christmas story in new ways. The Real Advent Calendar is designed to support the campaign as a new and fun way to share the Christmas story. You can read more at [www.realadvent.co.uk](http://www.realadvent.co.uk)

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October 3rd	Roast Pork
October 10th	Roast Lamb
October 17th	Glazed Gammon
October 24th	Beef Carvery Lunch (ticket only)

Tickets for the beef lunch cost £10 and are available from Ian  
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All meals include a choice of vegetables, a dessert and tea or  
coffee. We look forward to your continued support.

## Alvechurch Historical Society

At our September meeting we had a very good illustrated  
talk from Mr Andy Cameron about Avoncroft Museum. It was  
called "*Demolition and Rescue: the story of Avoncroft*".

It started in 1964 when a group of like-minded people  
wanted to restore any interesting old buildings that were going  
to be demolished.

They saved the timbers and stone, moved them to a field  
and restored and rebuilt them starting with a Merchant House.  
The latest one is a Windmill now in full working order. They  
have many rebuilt buildings now and even have the National  
Collection of Telephone Boxes. Worth a visit!

Our speaker for the 7th October will be Mr Brian Draper and  
his talk "Water over my Wellies" (40 years on the rivers).

Do come and join us. We meet on the first Monday of the  
month at 7.45 pm in the Museum, School Lane. Plenty of  
parking behind the Catholic Church with their kind permission.

See you then! Margaret Gardner (0121 445 1649).

**Quiz answers - 1. Joseph, 2. Daniel, 3. David, 4. Jonah, 5.  
Camel or Donkey, 6. Jesus, 7. Mary, 8. Carpenter, 9. Son, 10.  
Jesus Wept**

## Once An Apprentice Always An Apprentice

*Don Wrapson writes - from work bench to vicar*

More than fifty years ago I gave up my professional career as a Mechanical Engineer to become a vicar. I had spent five years as an apprentice and having been awarded my indentures, I decided to spend another seven years; (interrupted by National Service in the Royal Air Force) to train and get the 'know how' to become a clergyman. I could not deny I believed that I was being called to do a specific work among people for God, I still believe that to be true!

After being trained and qualifying at a college on Merseyside, I was ordained in Manchester Cathedral in 1965. At first, I worked among the disillusioned people in a Lancashire mill town. They had lost their employment due to the closure of the cotton mills. Once there, I visited from house to house on every street. The people were depressed, felt deprived and totally neglected. I worked with many young people and we built a youth centre together from a large disused chicken pen, which was relocated and restored. It became a meeting place and coffee bar. Our annual Children's Mission attracted as many as four hundred children.

After three years I moved to Wolverhampton, to a huge parish of 40000 people. Here again there was mass unemployment. I was engaged in a ministry of encouragement. Social and family problems were common on such a vast urban estate. The church attendance increased and the children and young people enjoyed the challenges that we could offer, and we raised the money to enable us to build a new parish church and hall. At this church there was something for every one. The youth wrote and performed two Passion Plays and formed a gospel singing group. Each weekend the youth club/coffee bar attracted hundreds of teenagers. Many people became Christians.

I served in two other parishes one in Derby, the other in Dordon near Tamworth before being offered the role of Chaplain to the patients, their families and staff of two major Birmingham hospitals. I worked for the Health Service for nearly twenty years. It was an exacting role working 24/7 seven days a week supporting the sick, comforting the weak and bereaved and giving hope to the dying. Often it was emergency or 'crisis ministry'.

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During the course of all the years my greatest desire has been to help people to see how much God loves them and how their lives can be transformed and enriched by faith in Jesus Christ.

Like all Christians I remain an apprentice or a disciple, learning new skills and attempting to become more Christlike. I therefore meet other Christians and regularly attend St. Laurence Church for worship, fellowship, study and prayer.

As a sequel I offer this thought: I feel humbled and yet honoured because Jesus himself (it is believed) was an apprentice carpenter to Joseph his earthly father. He knew and experienced at twelve years old the compelling call from his Heavenly Father to leave everything behind, including his workbench and tools in order to fulfil his mission.

In his case the supreme and selfless sacrifice of giving His life and dying for the sake and salvation of the world.

With others helping to lead St Laurence Church through the interregnum.

## St Laurence Women's Fellowship

The Charity Tea that we held in aid of The Lounge on August 14th was well supported and a very successful event as we were able to raise £350.

A very big thank you to the committee who worked so hard on the day, to everyone who made the delicious cakes and to those of you who came along and enjoyed the afternoon with us.

We have started our regular monthly meetings in the Tanyard Centre meeting at 2pm. Our speaker for October 23rd will be Alan Thornton who will talk about *"The 40's and 50's"*. We welcome visitors and new members.



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# My Favorite Bible Story

Alison Smith writes...



One of my favourite Bible Stories is 'The Birth of Jesus Foretold' in Luke 1 Chapter 26 - 56.



God sent the Angel Gabriel to tell Mary that she had been 'favoured by God', and that she would give birth to God's son, who she was to name Jesus. Mary (who not surprisingly was troubled at first by the appearance of the angel) asked how this could be, since she was still a virgin. The angel told her not to be afraid and that she would become pregnant by the Holy Spirit, and that Jesus would be called the Son of the Most High i.e. God.

To reassure and convince her, Gabriel also explained that Elizabeth, a relative of Mary's (who had been thought to be unable to have children and was past her child-bearing years), was by God's power already six months pregnant (with John the Baptist, who would later prepare the way for Jesus' ministry).

Mary had great faith in God and accepted what she had been told with joy, which she expressed in a beautiful song 'My soul doth glorify the Lord, and my spirit rejoices in God my Saviour'.

I like this story because it demonstrates that even Mary (who had been chosen by God to bear his Son) was fearful at first as to what God had in store for her, but that God helped her to be obedient to his will. In common with many of us, she questioned how it was physically possible for such a miracle to happen, but her faith in God's loving power and her willingness to serve him helped her to accept his unexpected plan for her life, with joy. Mary's song has been an inspiration to many and been used in music and many different ways to celebrate the glory of God.

This story in the Bible is remembered in the Church Calendar on 25<sup>th</sup> March each year as **The Annunciation (i.e. announcement) of our Lord to the Blessed Virgin Mary.**

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# Obituary

## Louise Hurlbutt

*Revd Peter Holzapfel writes*

It was with great sadness that I recently conducted the funeral service for Louise on 6th August 2013, just a few weeks before I was due to take her wedding to her beloved partner, John. It is both cruel and unfair that such a beautiful young woman should have her life cut short when she had so much to live for and so much love to share especially with John and their little boy, Elliot. I cannot answer the question "why?" but what I do know is that Louise has left behind a wonderful and precious legacy of love because of her thoughtfulness, kindness, generosity and bravery: a legacy that will last forever and one born out of a love that will never die.

Her father, also John, could not have had a more loving daughter or Lee and Peter a better sister: John could not have had a greater soul mate, friend or loving companion and Elliot a more devoted and adoring mum. She will be deeply missed by both family and her many friends alike but the happy memories of her, like the love that inspired them, will also never die. I know that Louise will never be far from you and especially through her son Elliot, to whom she has given her openness and generosity of spirit, her legacy will live on.

Louise is now completely at peace, free of all suffering and completely enfolded by God's everlasting love in a life that has no end: a life that one day you will share with her when you meet again never evermore to be parted. May Louise rest always at peace with Jesus and rise with Christ to new and everlasting life: Amen.

## From The Registers



### Baptisms

*We welcome you into the Lord's family*

*Photographs of the newly-baptized can be found on the church website - [www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org)*

August 25

Harry Adam Westbury



### Marriages

*Those whom God has joined together*

September 14

Christopher Martin and Nicky Yorke



### Funerals and Cremations

*May they rest in the peace of Christ*

September 5th

Hazel Doreen Tindall

aged 82

September 8th

Paul Dallaway

aged 69

September 17th

David John Willmott

aged 75

# Who's who

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Graham Clark	Mike Fletcher
Alison Smith	Bob Dale
Jeremy Roberts	

### Children and Youth

Martin Allen	Mike Fletcher
Pat Booth	

### Buildings and Fabric

Mick Fletcher	Colin Bennett
David Richmond	Jill Woolley
Janet Wright	

### Task Committee

Alison Smith	Jeremy Roberts
Lynne Clark	Sue Phillips
Bob Dale	

### Churchyard

Bob Dale	Andy Humphries
Mike Fletcher	

### Peru and Missionary

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Sue Brotherton	Margaret Haste

### Worship

Barbara Scane	Martin Allen
Graham Clark	Enid Brumsen
David Richmond	

# Calendar

## OCTOBER



Thursday 3rd	12.15pm	Ark Café: Roast Pork and Crackling
Saturday 5th	10.30am	Model Railway Exhibition: Rowney Green Shared Church
Sunday 6th	2.30pm	Alvechurch Village Society: Walk starting in Tanyard Lane car park
Monday 7th	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk: B. Draper 40 years on the rivers
Thursday 10th	12.15pm	Ark Café: Roast Lamb and Mint Sauce
	7.45pm	Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Mike Wilkes Garden birds talk
Saturday 12th	7.30pm	The Midland Sinfonia: Classical concert at the Artrix Bromsgrove
	8.00pm	Ballroom & Latin social dance in the Ark (Clive 07871 170016)
Monday 14th	2.00pm	Forget-Me-Not group: in The Ark
	7.30pm	Ark Angels (WI Group): in The Ark
Thursday 17th	12.15pm	Ark Café: Glazed Gammon
Wednesday 23rd	2.00pm	Alvechurch Women's Fellowship: Talk: Alan Thornton "40' and 50"
	7.45pm	Alvechurch Village Society: Talk from Worcestershire Wildlife Trust
Thursday 24th	12.15pm	Ark Café: Beef Carvery Lunch - ticket only

## Flowers For October

This month we begin by celebrating HARVEST FESTIVAL which is on Sunday 6th October (not 8th as I mistakenly said last month).

I am hoping for help with decorating our church as usual and will be starting at 9 a.m. on Saturday 5th October. If you are able to come along will you let me know beforehand so I can organise who does what etc. Also, it would be lovely if the children could come along to add their touch to the weekend all ideas are welcomed!

There are no names on my rota in church for the rest of October so I would be really grateful for couple of volunteers or an organisation to be responsible for the dates of 20th & 27th.

Many thanks in advance - Ann Thurrell 0121 4477668.

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