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St Laurence Church Alvechurch

Please see page 6 for our limited services in church: otherwise our usual services, activities and groups remain suspended because of the pandemic.

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)

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

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Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)

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Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month
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Sue Phillips Wardle writes...

November is the month of remembrance. This year the British Legion is focussing on the impact that absence and then returning home has on service men and women and their families. Their website talks about social isolation and family dislocation, a sense of the unknown and a feeling of being forgotten but also of the importance of collaboration of nations and communities to face a common foe. This year I think these words have a particular resonance to us all. Whether we have experienced the strains of the lifestyle imposed by life in the Forces, we have all experienced a sense of dislocation and having to face the unknown, and for the most vulnerable among us, isolation from the wider community has been a significant part of their lives.

So this November maybe we are in a better position than usual to enter into Remembrance because we are closer to these experiences than ever before. Then there's that aspect of Remembrance that focuses on the sense of unity engendered in the community by the need to collaborate against a common foe. This too is something we can more easily identify with this year as we find ourselves united in our desire to defeat Covid-19.

I asked a group of people (it's okay they were socially distanced, in church!) what was our greatest desire (and prayer) and they agreed we are all united in our desire to see the eradication of Covid-19 from our lives and from the world stage, but what was interesting is that we all also agreed

that our second greatest desire was for peace of mind. The Bible talks about the peace of God being a very special gift that comes to us as we shift our focus from the seen world to God Himself. For some this shift is aided by being in a place specially set aside for the purpose, for example a church, and for others it's enough to be in the natural world and to experience awe when focussing on a particular aspect: a bee or a butterfly, a flower or a leaf, or a landscape; for others it's meditating on a words from the Bible. Some people who have discovered that our church is open for a few hours each Sunday make a point of coming and entering into that peace, for me personally its more likely to be a landscape or a favourite Bible passage that enables me to enter that special place of peace.

The apostle Paul describes this gift of peace as being beyond our understanding especially in the way it then guards and protects our hearts and our minds. Since he wrote these words from prison I guess the idea of 'guarding' was a topical image. We won't be seeing the usual gatherings of uniformed current and ex-servicemen and women this Remembrance Day but we can remember them and maybe we can also use our imagination to imagine God's peace standing as a guard over our hearts and minds as we continue living within our fragmented social settings, moving towards an unknown future.

'The Lord is near. 6 Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. 7 And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding, will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus.' (Philippians 4:5-7).

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Spiritual Resources during Covid-19

In addition to the limited services in church mentioned on page 6, 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/2020/03/21/online-church-services-across-diocese/

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

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 will be 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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Our Church Services



In September 2020 we started our limited services in church, adhering to the safety requirements. Below is the planned schedule of our services for the time being:

1. **9.30am** - on 1st Sunday family communion service, and on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays family worship service.
2. **11.15am** - on 1st Sunday morning prayer (common worship), and on 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays communion service (common worship).

Safety restrictions include, amongst other things, our not being able to sing together. Two metre distancing means we cannot safely fit in more than 31 people per service in the marked seats, but of course members of the same household are able to sit together and this will increase the maximum number who may be accommodated. Face coverings are also required, unless you come within one of the exempted groups. We will also need to ask at each service for contact details for the government's "test and trace" scheme.

Please also note on Sunday morning the Ark is open only for the use of the **toilet**, and because of the current health restrictions, only the disabled toilet will be in use.

We are planning to continue to produce our weekly recorded services online, when we start up limited services in our church building, particularly for those who are not able to attend church at the moment. You will find the link to our YouTube channel on the homepage of our website – www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org

Please pray for wisdom and patience as we seek to come out of lockdown in the best way for the well-being of all concerned.

A Message from Hillside at Alvechurch W.I.

As with many clubs and societies, Hillside at Alvechurch W.I. has not been able to meet for many months. Hillside W.I. has 24 members but only 10 members live in *Alvechurch* the other members now come from Far and Wide *Rowney Green, Barnt Green, Blackwell, Bordesley, Ipsley, Rubery, Kings Norton Broadheath*. As many of us don't see each other as we walk to the shops, the post box or walking the dog, how have we kept in touch?

Email has been so important to share information from the County Office and from our own Committee.

We've been challenged by a quiz and a word search via email. **Whats App** and **Text** are both good for sending personal or short general messages. Just to keep in touch, to ask a friend if they are well, to share personal photos, maybe of the room you have just decorated, the walk you've been on, enjoying a cup of tea in your garden. Some of us have shared the jokes that have been going round and passed them on to a friend to make them laugh or cringe. **The Phone**, how much we enjoy hearing a friendly voice, to have a chat.

We have just started a **Friendship Chain**, you send a note or postcard to a member you are not usually connected with. We have thought of others in the wider community. Ladies made wash bags for the nurses, hearts to give families who lost someone to COVID 19. The ladies have supported family members who were working on the front line.

We made a collection of tinned food for The Acorns food Bank. Our satellite Knit and Natter group have continued to knit squares and make blankets for a charity.

When life returns to some kind of normality we will invite our friends from the other local W.I.s to a Group Meeting.

We are looking forward to meeting again -

♪ 'don't know where don't know when' ♪

New members are always welcome. We meet on the 1st Wednesday of the Month at The Ark Alvechurch.

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A Healing and Sustaining Church

You'll be hearing the words *'healthy and sustainable churches'* a lot in our diocesan life at the moment. As we navigate the challenges of the pandemic and seek to be a faithful Christian presence, we want as many church communities as possible to be healthy and sustainable - in other words, alive and kicking now and for the foreseeable future!

We know this is not just our work. It is God's Church, as it is his mission, of which we are a part and in which we share. It's not all up to us, and isn't that liberating! So our first call is to keep faith in the God who keeps faith in us.

Being healthy and sustainable are not ends in themselves, just as the Church does not exist for itself alone. William Temple famously said we are the only organisation which exists for those who are not our members. Jesus told his disciples, 'as the Father has sent me, I send you'. In other words, they had a job to do, which was to live the life of Jesus and reflect the glory of the Father's Kingdom. And so do we have a job to do, not by preaching at everybody all the time nor by trying to be God, but simply by reflecting his love, compassion, justice and freedom by being who we are.

This is why I pray for a humble church which is healing and sustaining – for itself, its community and the world around. This is the sort of church which attracts me just as much now as it did when I first answered the call to priesthood. It is a church which is world-facing and life-affirming, a church with fuzzy boundaries, confident in knowing that we are not God, but content with letting God be God, and discovering what that might mean for us!

This pandemic has changed so much in our lives, but many of the basics remain. We have a pretty good idea of what it takes for communities and individuals to flourish. We recognise the behaviours which are life-giving, just as we know those which undermine our common humanity. These things haven't changed, and neither has our Christian calling to fulfil the biblical imperative to love as we are loved. In the words of a former bishop of Worcester it is still a case of *'alleluia and on we go.'*

So, what does it take for a church to be healing and sustaining? What do you think such a church will look like?

Robert Jones, Archdeacon of Worcester



Remembrance Day Wordsearch

Find these Remembrance Day words in the grid

below:

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Poppies for Remembrance

For many, the Royal British Legion's red poppy is a symbol of peace and remembrance for those who gave their lives in times of war. Over the years the annual Poppy Appeal, first held in 1921, has raised vital money to support Britain's Armed Forces, veterans and their families in their times of need. However, this is not the only poppy appeal which exists to promote peace and to remember wartime sacrifice.

The white poppy was first designed and distributed in 1933 by the Peace Pledge Union, the UK's oldest pacifist group. Many veterans of the First World War, and indeed, of wars since, opted to wear the white poppy to stress the '*never again*' message and to visually represent their commitment to peace.

Black poppies are also available each year from Black Poppy Rose, to especially remember those in the African, Black, Caribbean and Pacific Islands communities who contributed to or who died during various conflicts since the 16th century.

Animal victims of wartime, like horses and dogs, are also remembered through the wearing of purple poppies. Organised by the War Horse Memorial, donations for purple poppies are given to animal charities including World Horse Welfare and Blue Cross. Whatever colour you choose to wear, poppies remain an important symbol to remember all those affected by war.

Here dead we lie by A. E. Housman

Here dead we lie
Because we did not choose
To live and shame the land
From which we sprung.
Life, to be sure,
Is nothing much to lose,
But young men think it is,
And we were young.

Alfred Edward Housman was born in Fockbury, Worcestershire, England, on March 26, 1859. He published two volumes of poetry during his life, including A Shropshire Lad (1896), which was widely read during World War II.



The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby, has launched a free national phone line as a simple new way to bring worship and prayer into people's homes while church buildings are closed because of the coronavirus. Please pass this information on to those who can't access the internet, and would like to hear some hymns, reflections and prayers.

Wedding Under Covid 19 Restrictions

Luke Brown and Molly Walker were due to marry in June 2020 and then came Covid 19 with weddings restricted to just the couple, the officiant and 2 witnesses. Very different from the planned wedding with 150 guests and large reception for all family and friends.

The ceremony was first postponed until 2021 but, with no certainty things would be any different then and the number of guests including the officiant raised to 30, Molly and Luke decided to go ahead with their wedding on 26th September 2020.

St Laurence Church only restarted services on 6th September so there was just time to call banns on 3 consecutive Sundays. At the last moment, it was announced that the number of wedding guests was to be reduced to 15 but, fortunately this rule didn't come in until the Monday following Molly and Luke's wedding. A close call but all was well.

Molly, the daughter of Donna and Rory Walker, and Luke, son of Gabrielle and Mike Brown, met through friends and have been together for 6 years. They have two happy healthy boys, Milo aged 3 and Leo 18 months. Luke is a Chiropractor and Molly Homemaker at the family home in Rednal.

After several days of unsettled weather the sun shone brightly on the wedding day. Molly was escorted down the aisle on her father's arm (fortunately they are currently part of the same household). Six bridesmaids were in attendance with Molly's sister, Leah, as Maid of Honour, best friends from school, Fiona Steventon and Charlotte O'Neill,

bridesmaids together with Luke's 3 sisters, Eva Shah, Eliza David and Zoe Brown, who Molly counts as close friends as well as sisters-in-law. The bride wore a fit and flare lace dress with a sweetheart neckline, bought from The Dressing Rooms in Halesowen, with the bridesmaids in full length dresses of capri blue.

Ruari O'Sullivan, Luke's best friend from school, was best man with Dan Foley (friend), brother, Joseph Brown and brother-in-law, Zaheer Shah as ushers. Milo and Leo were page boys with Milo taking on the responsibility of delivering the rings to Revd. Richard Bubbers who officiated at the ceremony. Luke's father, Mike, had recorded all the music including some of his own pieces and Luke's mother, Gabrielle, was responsible for the wonderful display of flowers.

Dan Foley read from 1 Corinthians chapter 13 'Love' with Fiona Steventon reading a poem on the same theme. Richard's talk was based on the bible reading.

The wedding reception has been postponed until a time when all family and friends can be invited. The family went away for a few nights in Cheltenham and look forward to the time when the planned honeymoon on the Amalfi coast, Italy, can take place.



Thoughts for Covid times

Philippa Brakes writes...

The news is so cheery these days; everything from daily death tolls to job losses and Ash die back. Sometimes I wonder how the human race ever goes on. Looking back, life was no better for our ancestors; an endless stream of wars, pandemics and natural disasters loom through our history. Yet we carry on – we live our lives, have children and grandchildren; we laugh, we dance, we love. Has anyone watched a wildlife programme portraying the lives of some poor benighted animals whose whole existence seems such a struggle, we are left wondering why they don't just give up? Yet they don't.

Even the animals have some wonderful life force that pushes them on through the hardest times to achieve their aims of raising the next generation. Well, why not? All of creation is God's. He has given his love of life to everything. We humans are blessed that we can actually understand something of this. What an amazing thought that God is intimately involved in all aspects of his creation. Although we live in a world made imperfect through our disobedience and selfishness, God's power and exuberant love of life shine through and illuminate everything. As we look at a beautiful sunrise, the massed gold and red scenery of autumn or a flock of birds flying in strangely perfect formation, we can think, this is God smiling on his beautiful world, blessing us wherever we are, whatever our circumstances. His strength and compassion are always available for us to draw on and to pass on to others in their time of need.

Until Jesus returns and puts all to rights, we have God's helping Holy Spirit to lift us up when we fall, heal and inspire us and draw us on. At present we are all struggling in so many different ways, some more than others, but we have an assurance that this will not be for ever. The dove of peace brought Noah an olive twig, promising the end of the flood, new life

and hope. This winter let's hunker down, keep warm, reach out to others more needy than us, ask for help when we need it and trust that, over all of it, God is in charge; he loves us; he knows what he is doing and holds each of us in the palm of his hand forever. God bless, smile.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

This month we've delivered friendship packs to all members, plus have given information of events online from the Worcestershire Federation. Some members have joined WI Wanderers which is an innovative WI collating zoom meetings nationally which any WI member online can access and enjoy.

Our own zoom speaker was Yvonne Cocks who told us how she was challenged by her father to do a parachute jump by sponsoring her for a fiver. Considering she was terrified of heights, she went through all the training thinking she might opt out, but then in the end decided to do the jump! She later broke an ankle on a jump but went on to enjoy free fall jumps along with friends.

Zoom isn't easy but Yvonne was a good speaker and this will be our future for a while. We can offer help to any member who wants to join us and this month had 20 members out of 55 attending.

We're also going for a short walk again this month starting from the station steps on the 20th at 2:30pm in groups of six, and ending at The Red Lion for a cup of tea. If you're interested in joining us, please email - presidentialvechurchwi@gmail.com

Our next meeting will be on Monday November 9th from 7pm onwards.

Interview with Mark Linton about St Laurence online by Martin Allen

So Mark, many thanks for being interviewed about St Laurence online. Folk around church will know you as Mr Sunday Club with your major support to your wife Sarah in her leadership of that. Now though you've become the person leading on producing the online service offering from St Laurence.

How did it all start? Back in April when the full lock down started, I had seen a number of church services online and thought wouldn't it be great if St Laurence could do the same, particularly with the Easter festival coming up. I thought it was important to enable our church family to be able to worship even if it was just in their own homes at the time. At the same time, Richard Bubbers got in contact to say that he had been thinking along the same lines. So we got together a small team to start making it happen.

So I'm assuming you were already a dab hand at video production? Not at all Martin. I had done a couple of holiday home movies about 15 years ago, but that was about it. When I started looking into how we could move the St Laurence's services online, I realised that I had IMOVIE 10 on my laptop, which is a video editing software program mainly for amateur video makers. It took some time to learn the basic principles and even today I'm still learning how to refine various techniques. Once we were able to start video editing, we then needed to understand how to put the services onto YouTube, Google came to my rescue as I had never done this before.

What have been the positives about the online services from your point of view? As I mentioned earlier, the main aim in taking the St Laurence service online was to enable the church family to continue to worship while we were unable to gather in the church building. It was therefore important to us as a team to provide a service that was inclusive and for all ages, joining the different styles of our two main Sunday morning services. In addition, we

wanted to continue to involve as many of the people from St Laurence's church as possible, so that we all felt a family still. With so many people owning mobile phones and with some assistance from neighbours and family members many members of the church have been able to participate over the months. I feel that this has been a real positive of the online services. Since we started back in April we have posted 31 services on the St Laurence Alvechurch YouTube channel. Consistently, until the church reopened for limited services, data has shown that each service has been viewed by over 100 people each week. Our channel is not just watched by people in Alvechurch but by people in other parts of the UK and even some from abroad, like in our twin diocese in Peru and in the United States.

What have been the negatives? Probably the biggest negative is the amount of time it takes to put together each service. We have a great number of people who send in their videos for their contribution towards each service. Martin and I receive these by Wednesday evening and then it takes about 5 hours to put all the videos together, normally taking up Thursday and Friday evenings. I then publish the video onto YouTube on Saturday and have it scheduled to go public for Sunday morning.

How do you see this fitting in with the move back into church? I like other members of the online team thought the need for an online service would be for a few weeks. However, we have carried on doing the services online after services have restarted in the church. This is because the church currently has a limited capacity for people to attend, due to social distancing. Also we are still providing worship opportunities for many people who are still cautious about attending public places.

What can we pray about for this form of church service? As with all services, the online service enables people to engage with our Loving Heavenly Father. So, prayer for all of us who contribute to and edit the services is important, as we want to make sure we are in tune with how God wants to minister to all of us, His children.

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:

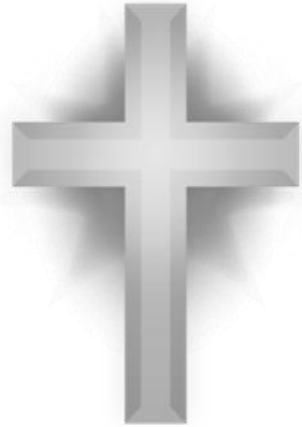
Lea End Lane – 1 November

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Mill Court – 15 November

Newbourne Hill – 22 November

Oaktree Close – 29 November



From The Registers



Weddings

Those whom God has joined together

26 September

Luke Brown & Molly Walker



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

22 September

Jill Maund

Who's who

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Calendar for NOVEMBER



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With our thanks and prayers.

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