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All our usual services, activities and groups remain suspended until change is safely permitted under the COVID-19 restrictions.

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

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Sue Phillips Wardle writes...

Whatever the recent lockdown has meant for you, whether you've been shielding, self-isolating, social distancing or trying to juggle a life involving all three, I wonder what aspect of human experience has been most affected in your life. Have you been struggling with anxiety, for yourself or your loved ones? Have you been challenged by the change imposed on your life routines? Have you been troubled by the impact on those less fortunate than yourself, or frustrated because you can't meet with your friends, go on holiday, see your family or get your hair cut? Have you felt overwhelmed by new roles you are required to perform: teacher, carer, chef, gardener? Or maybe you've enjoyed the empty diary and unstructured days, casual conversations with people you see in the street while shopping or meet during periods of exercise? Time spent with your children going for walks, counting the ducklings on the canal, cycle rides on quiet roads? Life lived at a slower pace gives us opportunity to assess the things we value most, and loss of many of our freedoms can serve to highlight those we most cherish.

I think the thing I have missed most is contact with my grandchildren. We are fortunate in that we live reasonably close to some family members so it has been possible to see them whilst observing social distance, and we've been blessed by family who have been able to help us when needed with practical things like shopping. WhatsApp and Zoom and old fashioned phone calls have kept us connected with members of our family who live at a distance, but nothing, absolutely nothing, has been able to fill the gap left by not being able to touch them, no cuddles with the baby, no hugs, no handshakes or shoulder slapping no touch. My casual chats around and about have identified this as a common experience. Many of us are longing for physical contact with our family and friends.

Of course, as human beings we vary hugely in the ways in which we express love, affection,

concern and empathy. Some of us are the 'huggy-kissy-feely' type, others prefer a polite handshake, and still others welcome the convention of social distance and prefer to express our humanity in practical ways. I find it interesting to note the different ways in which Jesus expressed his love for those around him. His life was a life of compassion ending with his death on a cross. He taught, he confronted injustice, he fed the hungry, he healed, and many times it was when he touched people, or they touched him, that healing took place. He touched friends and family, he touched strangers and he touched the '*untouchable*'. His touch was often the means by which healing power was brought to a person's life.

I love the modern hymn, written by John Bell of the Iona community and sung to a beautiful Scottish folk tune. It's called "*Christ's is the world in which we move*", otherwise known as "*A Touching place*" because of the refrain which goes like this:

To the lost Christ shows his face,
to the unloved he gives his embrace,
to those who cry in pain or disgrace
Christ makes with his friends a touching place.

The image of Jesus embracing us is a very powerful one, especially at times of sadness and pain. Whether we imagine that touch to be literal or metaphorical there is something powerful in the divine and the human meeting in a moment of shared intimacy.

There is also something special about the different ways in which our lives touch one another literally or metaphorically, human to human, lives meeting in love and compassion whether expressed in a smile, a chat as we pass one another in the street or literally in a handshake or a hug. And roll on the day when once again I can respond to the younger members of the family by picking them up and giving them a cuddle.

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Spiritual Resources during Covid-19

Whilst our churches have to be closed for public worship, please do look at our weekly recorded services on YouTube: a fresh service becomes available each Sunday morning, and you will find the link to our YouTube 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

Update on the lockdown

Richard Bubbers writes...

The church is now open for private prayer on Sunday mornings from 9:30 AM to 12 noon. Social distance will of course need to be maintained, and there will be hand sanitiser available on entering and leaving the church. The Ark and its facilities are still closed to the public and will not be available.

At the time of writing, we have received the government and Church of England guidelines on limited public services in church subject to compliance with new health requirements, and we are carefully working through what this means in practice for the particular circumstances of St Laurence's. For the latest information on this, please go to the homepage of our website – www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org.

Our weekly recorded services are continuing online : you will find links 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 this lockdown in the best way for the wellbeing of all concerned.

Let's Clap the Unheroes Too

Peter Atkinson, Dean of Worcester writes...

We've clapped the healthworkers and the carers. We've applauded Captain Tom. Medals are being struck and honours will be awarded for those who have given exceptional service to the community during the pandemic. Absolutely right. There are many heroes to be honoured.

But I want to spare a clap for the unheroes too. The unheroes are those of us who haven't managed to do anything exceptional during the pandemic. We haven't risen to the occasion, or given conspicuous service to the community. Frankly we hated the lockdown. Perhaps we were ill, or shielding, or furloughed from work, or working from home, and we found it depressing. We were confused by the disruption of our ordinary routines. We grumbled a lot. We never quite discovered an answer to that terrifying future question, '*And what did you do during the pandemic, grandad?*' We didn't even tidy the attic.

So why do we, the unheroes, deserve a small round of applause? Because we stuck it out. We hated every minute of it, but we kept to the rules, we stayed at home, and we didn't put other people's lives at risk. We were part of an enormous global effort to contain the spread of coronavirus and prevent it from killing yet more people. To that extent, we did our bit. We too saved lives. That's what we did during the pandemic.

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A prayer for all those affected by coronavirus

Keep us, good Lord,
under the shadow of your mercy.
Sustain and support the anxious,
be with those who care for the sick,
and lift up all who are brought low;
that we may find comfort
knowing that nothing can separate us from your love
in Christ Jesus our Lord.

Amen.

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THE SAME BOAT

BUT WE ARE ALL IN THE SAME STORM



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A prayer for those returning to work, and for those without work

Dear Lord,
in these times of fear and uncertainty, we pray for
those who are anxious as they return to work. Calm their
fears and keep them safe.

We give thanks for those essential workers who have
supported us despite their own fears. We pray that they
may be sustained.

And for those with no work, we pray that you will
strengthen them to cope with the situation in which they
now find themselves.

Amen

Top Church's virtual choir

Top Church in Dudley has always been keen to build on the choral tradition of the church and to develop and expand it through establishing a Top Church Community Choir, that is free and open to all, regardless of faith or ability. Choir rehearsals obviously had to stop when we went into lockdown, but the choir has come together virtually to record a version of the worship song 'Holy Overshadowing' for the church's YouTube Channel - <https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCBie4e8mC4OW0yl4EpwQMRA>



Worship Director, Dave Shaw, said: "I was emailed by a member of the congregation to see whether we might be able to record something similar to the UK Blessing and it seemed like a good way to get more people involved in our services. We had started rehearsing the song 'Holy Overshadowing' before lockdown, but hadn't had a chance to use it in a service. It is all about being sheltered under God's wings through difficult times so it seemed like an appropriate choice. There are 22 faces from our Top Church congregation featured on the video, including a few people who normally can't join choir rehearsals due to other commitments. The feedback has been brilliant – people have commented on how moving they found it and I'm very grateful to all who were involved in making it happen".

Dave is now looking forward to a time when the choir can safely meet together again in person. "Putting together the worship for our virtual services each week means that it's difficult to find the time to record more pieces with the choir, but I'm hoping it'll be safe for us to meet for proper rehearsals again soon," said Dave.

You can listen to 'Holy Overshadowing' by the Top Church choir on YouTube - <https://youtu.be/eks672r3aEw> or just search on YouTube for "Top Church Dudley".

Anyone is interesting in joining the Top Church Community Choir when it's safe to come back together should contact Dave on: dave@topchurch.co.uk

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Virus – which virus?

Richard Bubbers writes....

This pandemic has made us pay particular attention to our physical health and our practices for healthy living: it is also becoming apparent that it is no less important to pay attention to our spiritual and emotional health and our practices for well-being. Just because we cannot understand something in a physical sense, does not mean that it is any less important for our health and well-being. As Psalm 139.14 says, "I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made" - there is a vital **connection** in every human being between body, mind and spirit.

In these challenging times we are also being encouraged to discover the wisdom that there is also a connectedness **between** all human beings: we do not just catch diseases as individuals but as individuals who are part of families, and families who are part of communities, and communities which are part of nations, and nations which are part of a worldwide interconnected community -the whole human race can become infected.

Perhaps therefore also we have an opportunity to reflect on how other viruses may spread and cause even greater damage, especially if they are not acknowledged. We may liken spiritual and social issues to viruses that can be spread among us from individual to individual, and from generation to generation – attitudes of heart and mind (which have been described as "sicknesses of the soul") which come from a place of fear and not love, and prevent us from fulfilling our potential as human beings.

For example, we are very aware at the moment of the effect of racial bias, whether conscious or unconscious. We need to be wary of any kind of "group" identity, which is based on prejudice and fear, if we are to embody God's kingdom values – love, compassion, freedom, justice – which are there for the flourishing of every human being. In God's reality, we all have equal dignity and worth, because of our foundational identity as his much-loved daughters and sons. Genesis 1.27 confirms that all human beings are created in God's image; and Galatians 3.28 affirms: "there is neither Jew nor Greek, slave nor free, male nor female, for you are all one in Christ Jesus."

As we each seek to find a greater degree of normality, may we have the wisdom by God's grace not just to go back to the old normal, but to go forward towards a new normal in those areas which require a new way of being, if we want ourselves and those around us truly to grow and flourish.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

We've had a fairly quiet month but are pleased to celebrate 5 birthdays, including Barbara Waller's 99th; plus Jean and Mike Collins with their Ruby Anniversary. We also must say a special THANK YOU to Hilary Hughes who has now retired from our committee after so many years of being there, helping wherever she could and always having a cheery smile to greet people. All of your Alvechurch WI friends owe so much to your energy, kindness, historical knowledge and friendship. We hope we get back to Village Hall meetings where you can join us again but in the meantime we'll see you at home on Facebook.

We are in the process of dealing with our Annual Meeting via email and post and also had another enjoyable Zoom monthly meeting this week. Denise Cashmore stood in for Julie and was a bit nervous at controlling us, but 19 members tuned in. We had a lovely craft lesson from Sheila Dickinson on how to make hedgehogs from the pages of an old book. It kept us all quiet which is a proof we were concentrating. Not only can we make hedgehogs, but also Christmas trees and even angels are now a possibility so we can have fun with our grandchildren (or even other friends or family).

Next month we meet again on Monday 10th August on Zoom from 7pm when we'll celebrate with our usual Natter Night! That means you get your glass (or bottle) of wine at the ready, plus crisps and cakes and bring any reading or poem which you think we'll enjoy listening to. If you don't have one of those, then maybe you have some tale to tell of an unusual happening or saying which has happened during lockdown. Or just come and enjoy the company.

We are still keen to have new members on the committee and are moving our Committee Meetings to the first Tuesday of the month before the main meeting as so many Alvechurch groups get together on the Mondays. Maybe one of you would like to join us?

If any person (WI member or not) would like to consider joining our meeting to see how AWI are as a group, please contact Julie on presidentalvechurchwi@gmail.com. You'll be welcome.

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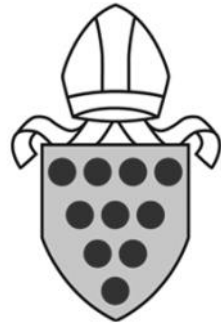
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Joint statement on the Holy Land

A statement on the situation in the Holy Land from the Bishop of Worcester, Dr John Inge and the Archbishop of Birmingham, Bernard Longley



For several weeks, reports have been in circulation suggesting that the Israeli Government plans to annexe parts of the West Bank. The Archbishop of Canterbury and the Cardinal Archbishop of Westminster recently issued a statement expressing the churches' strong opposition to these plans for annexation, which local Christian leaders have warned would *"bring about the loss of any remaining hope for the success of the peace process"*.

The Right Rev Declan Lang (Catholic Bishop of Clifton and Chair of the Holy Land Coordination group) and the Right Revd Christopher Chessun (Bishop of Southwark and Anglican representative on the Holy Land Coordination group) have now called on the UK government and parliamentarians to help prevent annexation, which could begin on 1 July. In a joint statement they have said: *"From our dialogue with communities in the Holy Land, we know first-hand that the situation is rapidly deteriorating. Annexation would only bring more conflict, suffering and division. The UK Government has a duty to act and to do everything possible to dissuade the Government of Israel from annexing the West Bank in violation of international law. This week we have made representations to the government and senior parliamentarians about the situation. Alongside other churches and faith groups we will continue to work on this fundamental question of justice and peace."*

We express our strong support for this call for action by the British Government and parliamentarians. Having led joint Roman Catholic/Anglican pilgrimages to the Holy Land, we share a common commitment to the Christian communities there and to their flourishing. We are equally united in our longing for all the communities in the Holy Land – and indeed in the whole of the Middle East – to live in peace and security, with justice for all.

Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham and Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester

Connections

Jane Lavery writes.....

It has been a privilege to be chair of Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green (CTARG) during the last few years. I have never before been part of a community with churches that have been so willing to work together in the name of our Christ. It has been wonderful walking through the village during the past few months to see so many posters telling us we're being prayed for by the churches during these difficult times – thank you to John Hill of Alvechurch Baptist Church for that idea. I have read recently that Pope Francis sees ecumenism as a polyhedron, a multifaceted solid figure with many faces, each discrete in itself, but each a vital part of the whole, with the whole being greater than the sum of the parts. I think that is a beautiful analogy, and am very happy to be part of a solid figure in which *“pastoral and political activity alike seek to gather in this polyhedron the best of each”*. Thank you Pope Francis.

One of the reasons I have been looking at the writings of Pope Francis recently – apart from the fact that he is a hero of mine, and I think he is a twenty-first century prophet, clearly speaking uncomfortable truths to the world – is that I am currently doing a course in Theology, Ecology and Ethics. I am finding it extremely stimulating and affirmative. One of the books we have had to read is a letter that Pope Francis wrote just over five years ago called *Laudato Si'* – the first words of Francis of Assisi's beautiful Canticle of the Sun in its original language - which is addressed to *“every person living on this planet”*. *Laudato Si'* is full of theology: “the entire material universe speaks of God's love, his boundless affection for us”; of ecology: *“Ecology studies the relationship between living organisms and the environment in which they develop”*, and of ethics: *“the interests of economic groups*

which irrationally demolish sources of life should not prevail in dealing with natural resources” to give just a few quotes. It is also full of social justice, and one of my favourite quotes is that we should listen to *“the cry of the earth and the cry of the poor”*. No wonder it is one of our set texts.

Those of you who know me will recognise that I am a bit of an ecological purist – no car, no plastic and no bleach! But what has struck me afresh from my course is the interconnectedness of all things, how every part of God's wonderful creation is dependent on other parts, and ultimately on the Creator. The humans, the sentient creatures, the non-sentient and even the non-living parts of the cosmos each rely on the other for well-being and flourishing. This has been reinforced for me during walks around our wonderful area during the past few months; I've heard bird-song that I hadn't heard for years because there was no vehicle noise to suppress it: I've watched innumerable beautiful butterflies flitting from flower to flower through air purer than it's been for decades, and I've seen trees and plants develop and grow and produce glorious blossoms and flowers as I've never seen it before – possibly because for once I have had the time to reflect upon nature and really notice it. And I've thought how wonderful it would be if, post-Covid, the 'new normal' could reflect this connectedness, and also give us time to consider that we should be giving the whole of creation more respect, and stop taking so much from it by our greed.

So the interconnectedness of God's wonderful creation brings me back to the interconnectedness of Christ's people and to Pope Francis' polyhedron. If the whole is greater than the sum of the parts, it is good to be part of CTARG, where we can each be distinct, but be working together to build God's kingdom of love, justice and peace in Alvechurch. Which is why I feel it is such a privilege to be part of it.

Update on this year's ordinations

Following the postponement of the ordinations until September, those who were to be ordained Deacon will instead be licensed to their new parishes as lay ministers this week, by the Bishop of Dudley over Zoom.

Bishop Martin said: *"It's been very disappointing that due to the Coronavirus pandemic we've had to postpone this year's ordinations. All of the candidates have been on our hearts as bishops. They have been on a long journey to get to this point and becoming a Deacon or a Priest is such an important milestone in their lives. However, it's my privilege to license new Curates as Lay Ministers so they can begin their work in their parishes straight away. God willing we'll be able to gather in the Cathedral for the service of ordination in September."*

There are nine candidates who will become deacons later in the year. They have expressed their disappointment at not being able to be ordained at this time, while understanding the uniqueness of the current situation and an unwavering belief that God is in control.

The four people who were due to be ordained Priest will also have to wait longer for their ordination.

Sarah Bardell, Curate in Dudley, said: *"In one sense I've been waiting to be priested for some years now so a few more months shouldn't make too much difference. Yet, at the same time, it is a cause of great sadness too. The sadness almost feels inexplicable - there are people suffering in many ways due to the pandemic and this hardly compares to what others have faced - but it is very real. I've seen a fair few ordinations now, and I've always found the priestly ordination very moving. When I get ordained as a Priest, it's*

likely to look different with fewer people attending, fewer priests present and social distancing still in place. It might not be the celebration I'd always envisioned but I still keenly wait for that day and I'm certain that it will be a special occasion and that God will meet with us in a significant way."

Please pray for all of this year's ordination candidates. It is hoped their ordination service will be able to take place on the weekend on 26/27 September.

To be ordained deacon:

- Claire Billington to serve in Peopleton and White Ladies Aston w Churchill & Spetchley & Upton Snodsbury & Broughton Hackett
- Lindsey Coulthard to serve at St Stephen's Barbourne, Worcester
- Foluso Enwerem to serve at Top Church, Dudley
- Jon Evans to serve at Christ Church, Lye
- Jess Fellows to serve at All Saints, Worcester
- Christopher Henson to serve at St John's, Kidderminster
- Rosie Moss to serve at St Nicholas, Warndon, Worcester
- Kim Topham to serve in Clent and Hagley
- Carol Weston to serve in Brierley Hill

To be ordained Priest:

- Sarah Bardell serving in the benefice of Dudley
- Victoria Barlow serving in St Matthias & St George, Astwood Bank and St Luke, Headless Cross
- Jonny Gordon serving at Great Malvern
- Francis Moloney serving at Holy Trinity, Redditch



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.

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:

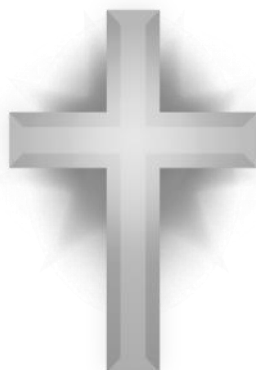
Dagnell End Road – 2 August

Dellow Grove – 9 August

Foxhill Lane – 16 August

George Road – 23 August

Grange Lane – 30 August



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Calendar for AUGUST



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With our thanks and prayers
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