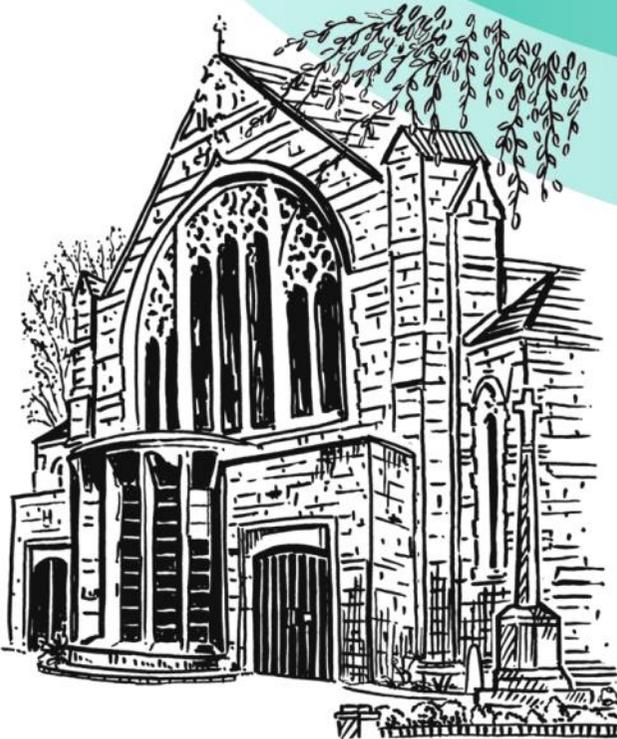


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London Road
in the Worcester
South East Team

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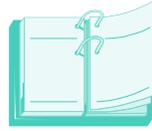
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Parish Register

We are sad to announce
the death of parishioner
Marion Ellen Stanley,
of Goodwood Avenue,
who died on 22 April 2021.

Church Calendar for June



Tues	1 st	Justin, martyr, c165
Thurs	3 rd	Martyrs of Uganda 1885-7, 1977
Fri	4 th	Petroc, abbot, 6th cent.
Sat	5 th	Boniface (Wynfrith) bishop, martyr, 745
Sun	6th	TRINITY 1
Tues	8 th	Thomas Ken, bishop, nonjuror, hymn writer, 1711
Wed	9 th	Columba, abbot, missionary, 597
Fri	11 th	Barnabas the Apostle
Sun	13th	TRINITY 2
Mon	14 th	Richard Baxter, puritan divine, 1691
Tues	15 th	Evelyn Underhill, spiritual writer, 1941
Wed	16 th	Richard, bishop, 1253
Thurs	17 th	Samuel and Henrietta Barnett, social reformers, 1913 and 1936
Fri	18 th	Bernard Mizeki, martyr, 1896
Sat	19 th	Sundar Singh, sadhu (holy man), evangelist, teacher of the faith, 1929
Sun	20th	TRINITY 3
Tues	22 nd	Alban, first martyr of Britain, c250
Wed	23 rd	Etheldreda, abbess, c678
Thurs	24 th	Birth of John the Baptist
Sun	27th	TRINITY 4

Peter

I don't know the man.
I don't know Him.
I don't know Him.

But I did.
From the moment I turned to Him,
That day by the Sea,
I knew Him,
Knew He was the Lord.

I so wanted to serve Him,
Speak for Him,
Follow Him,
Fish for Him
Live and give my life for Him
No matter what.

He is the Lord
And I let Him down
Again and again and again.

I go on letting Him down.
But Jesus,
Who knows the best and worst of me,
Who knows how I rush in and blurt out,
Mix and mess things,
Fail and fall asleep,
Who feels the agony of the denied one,
Understands the agony of the one who denies.

He is the Lord
And He forgives
Again and again and again.
He goes on forgiving.

Feed my lambs,
Take care of my sheep
Feed my sheep.



By Daphne Kitching

From the Rectory

A letter from Revd. Peter Hart



One of my favourite passages in the Kenneth Grahame's *The Wind in the Willows* is the description of the mole scabbling to the surface after a long winter spent underground, sniffing the air and realising that Spring has started. With a burst of joyous energy, the mole breaks free of the earth and skips across the fields. We started our Spring with such potential, but our latter experience of it has been very disappointing and damp. We long for proper warmth and the comforts of summer – we have been huddled in our homes for too long and feel the need to get out and about with more confidence.

So too in church. We have come through the long hardship of Lent: we have emerged out of the joy-filled season of Easter, and with a burst of Pentecost energy, we have launched into the second half of our liturgical year. Our dominant colour in church is green, reflecting the colour all around us as we celebrate all that God has done for us and continues to do for us, day by day. There are still some Covid restrictions in place, but we are beginning to sense that we might just be putting all of that behind us.

Newness and potential abound. We have a second church warden now – Joy Grimwood – and we are absolutely delighted. She brings a wealth of experience and insight with her, and will provide strong leadership for the parish. Plans are in place for new initiatives for children and families – Mainly Music on a Thursday morning for pre-schoolers (watch this space for dates), Messy Church to restart in September, a music venture for children in Yr 4 and upwards called “Tunes & Chips”, as well as the continuation of Forest Church over the summer. When the restrictions on serving refreshments are lifted, we want to welcome all of you back for coffee mornings, lunches, afternoon teas, coffee concerts, music recitals with a proper bar: we want to open up St Martin's to everybody. What we have been able to secure is a visit from BBC Radio 4 – we will be hosting the live broadcast of *Any Questions* on Friday 11th June. Tickets will be available via the Eventbrite website (see page 13 for further details).

A building and its facilities can be an expression of the love of God. We want the welcome on offer at St Martin's to reflect divine generosity, divine accessibility, divine diversity. If you think we can host an event that you would like to put on, please get in touch with us: we would be delighted to help.

Fr. Peter

SEYAS

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South East Youth
Action and Study

Over the past year we have had Sian Morgan as our Mission Enabler, as part of the Calling Young Disciples. In our first Hub Meeting we discussed the possibility of starting a group for young people in the team. As with a lot of things the pandemic got in the way and delayed this initiative.

During Lent we started a group, starting the Lent York Course that the rest of the team studied. Meeting Sunday afternoons on Zoom.

The group plan to continue to meet fortnightly, initially on Zoom. The group has decided on a name **SEYAS** which stands for South East Youth Action and Study. The first **ACTION** they are undertaking is described by the young people in the following article below.

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Exciting Terracycle Collection Point

SEYAS (The Team Youth group) have started a collection point for Terracycle. Terracycle is a project that recycles rubbish that usually wouldn't get recycled by the council recycling. The project also raises money for charity. There would be a collection point at St Mark's and soon after, Whittington. The rubbish we would be collecting is: biscuit wrappers; cheese wrapping; confectionary wrappers; crisp packets; beauty product packaging; bread bags; food pouches; laundry pods; makeup packaging; toothbrush heads and toothpaste tubes. We are also going to collect pens (recycled by Ryman) and pill packets (recycled by Superdrug). We are doing this to help the environment. In 2016, 24 percent of rubbish was going to landfill. If we don't improve there will not be an earth for us to live on. The collection point will be open in May 2021. SEYAS – Hannah, Hazel and Phoebe (Thanks to Hannah for writing this article).





Missionary News

by Elizabeth Yarker



The Plant Sale

Thank you, everyone! Many, many people helped to make our Plant Sale an amazing success. We have raised £1275 so far, nearly double our previous best total. So, thank you to all our helpers, to everyone who gave plants or cakes etc. and to everyone who came and bought cheerfully and paid generously. We are especially grateful to Jenny Hughes who gave us her extra special and splendid geraniums in attractive pots, as she moves from her lovely garden in Orleton. Jenny used to live in the parish. We also thank Liz Groves who rescued so many interesting house plants from our friend Russell Jones' flat. Russell once told me that he had collected over a hundred different ones since he moved from his flat on the corner of Wylde's Lane. (People will remember him from his shop 'Pause for Thought' before Tesco's came, or in the Post Office) An innovation this year was a bookstall, which came from Margaret Benson's house. She was on the Missionary Committee for years and years. Beverley Hart's intricate cards also sold well. And many more generous donors, as usual – our grateful thanks.

The promised one-way system to cover all the "stay safe" advice did not materialise as despite our best endeavours we just ran out of time. Customers were arriving and needed serving. Nobody complained. And although we could not run our usual Coffee Morning because of Covid restrictions we found that the South Porch made an excellent Cake Shop.

The weather was kind to us as well. The forecast had been dire. "Postpone it," said some. Others said "Cancel it!" "We can't. The Banner is up." I replied, and of course it was not dire. Damp certainly, even wet, but not bad enough to deter people. However, the money got wet, and had to be dried as we counted it. The notes stuck together, and we found that we were richer than we first thought. We seemed to have less than usual to move into church at the end of the Sale, and found that the Baptistry was a good place for it, the Peter & Paul Chapel being unavailable. The last plants were sold at Pentecost. Once again, to all who helped - many, many thanks.

We have a new record to aim at!





Christian Aid Week - 10-16 May

Once again thank you to everyone for your generosity. Money is still coming in, but we have over £1300 already and we feel most encouraged. I think we can be sure that Rose and her friends will get their earth dam this year and will no longer need to walk for hours to fetch water. But plenty more people will still be affected by climate change.

Our 'delivery only' envelopes have been surprisingly successful. We are very grateful to the people who delivered the envelopes and to everyone who agreed to be 'collection points' for returns. The church letterbox is a good and useful place for returns, but it is not particularly convenient for many of our parishioners who do not live nearby. It is good that so many people do go out of their way to support Christian Aid. And we shall never know how many people give by other means.

Christian Aid ask us to distinguish between 'church collections' and delivery only. We have never separated the two. We only have one collection. However we know that St Martin's people are generous because they increase their donations by filling in the Gift Aid forms. So thanks for that. Of course others gift-aid their donations as well, and we thank them too.

We were also encouraged by the popularity of our luxurious Cream Teas, though they were hard work. The next cream teas we do will definitely be sociable ones!

Remember – it is NEVER TOO LATE to return Christian Aid envelopes.

As one of the people who received a home-delivered cream tea, I would like to say a big thank-you to Elizabeth and her band of helpers. It was so well thought out, delicious, and definitely worth all the hard work! NH



Do you have any stories, memories, facts, jokes, or puzzles that we could include in future magazines? Send them to Nick and Hannah using the email addresses on page 35, or talk to us if computers are not your strongpoint so we can sort something out!

Forest Church

“Please sir, can we have the lesson outside?” How many times did I hear that on sunny days when I was a teacher! But I ‘get’ it. There’s something deep within us that draws us out into the open air, into landscapes filled with fields and woods, bugs and birds, streams and flowers. God’s world is truly beautiful, and precious—it’s our home. And what an appropriate place to worship God! Out of doors. Forest Church is all about taking the lesson outside and exploring ways to offer Christian worship that are not only true to the faith but also attentive to the space around us as it changes through the seasons. But unlike my students, it embraces the outside not only in lovely sunny weather but also in snow and rain. Hug the sun and embrace the rain! (Though not literally, as Icarus will tell you.)

The idea originally came to me as a way of doing something for the children that could work during a lockdown. It quickly became apparent, however, that the idea had a lot more potential than a simple quick fix for a temporary problem. It was packed full of possibilities for a fresh and fun way of worshipping that fully engaged not only children but also their parents and grandparents.

As it happened, events conspired to delay the start, but we got there in the end. May Day saw the launch of our new Forest Church service, up in the graveyard at Whittington Church. We had eight families, giving us a total of twenty-four people participating.

Before starting, families were given images of different kinds of leaves and flowers that could be found around the churchyard. Their mission was to locate examples of each kind. Lots of very focused children zipped about and . . . Mission accomplished! Then the service began. Our theme was “*celebrating the rhythms of God’s world. Spring is a time of new life: animals are born, flowers bloom, insects get to work.*”

We sought to utilize the space around the churchyard. The first part took place outside the front of the church. We built a praise-spiral out of pinecones and stones. Each family placed their pinecones and stones, building up the spiral,



while offering thanks and praise to God as they did so for whatever inspired them. Our Bible reading was Psalm 104:10–15, 24, which expresses wonder and gratitude for the variety of God’s creation—rivers, animals, birds, rain, plants, and such like. Sian, our mission enabler, gave a helpful three-minute talk about the passage. Then after a short prayer we moved around the back of the church, near the old yew tree, for a craft activity.



The activity this session, led by Carol Parry, was hapazome (pronounced ‘hapa-zo-may’). I imagine most of you will never have heard of that. In a nutshell (though not literally, as Squirrel Nutkin will tell you), one puts a plank of wood or a brick on the floor, places a leaf or flower on top of it, then carefully lays a piece of white cloth made of natural fibres over it. Next comes the fun part. Taking a hammer, gently tap the leaf through the cloth, and slowly but surely the patterns and colours of the leaf imprint onto the cloth. We then made these into leaf flags on sticks. I think some of the adults were as entranced as the children!

Following that, we all moved to the far end of the graveyard. There, families went to different prayer stations based around various trees and hedges and engaged in a range of short and simple intercessory prayer activities. Finally, we gathered for the Lord’s Prayer—which we are learning to do in Makaton, a simplified form of sign language—and a blessing.

All in all, it was an encouraging start. The children seemed to have a lovely time and were engaged in the worship all the way through.



We are looking forward to our next service, which takes place at Whittington Church on Saturday 5th June. Our theme will be the first three days of creation, in the Genesis 1 story, and especially the seeds and plants and trees God created on the third day. All children aged 0–11 are welcome, along with their families. Please note, however, that **booking is essential**. For more information, please visit the website or contact the church office.

Rev. Robin Parry

Meet Pippa Heenan

Pippa has a six-month placement in the Team as part of her studies at Queen's College Birmingham. We asked her to write a few lines so that we can get to know her better!



My name is Pippa Heenan and I am your 'Reader in Training' and for anyone who recognises the name sadly I am not related to the Heenan Works that used to dominate Worcester. My family have a split heritage from Wales and across the water on the Isle of Wight. I was born next to the sea and am never happier than when I am playing on or in the water. My teenage years were spent in Cheltenham before going to Birmingham University to study Dentistry. During my studies I spent some time as a medical Missionary in Uganda based at Kiwoko Hospital setting up a new dental clinic and being thrown in at the deep end of missionary life where running water and sanitation were a luxury. Having backpacked solo around East Africa I came home and married Guy who had patiently waited for me to settle down!!

Guy and I met through lifesaving but shared a passion for music and conviction of our faith. We sang for many years in Chorus Amici, winning the BBC choir of the year in 2000, allowing us to tour extensively and sing on many famous stages. We played together in many different orchestras with the most constant argument being which was more important, brass or strings...

We first lived in Bedford before moving to Surrey where we had our son and finally settled back in the Midlands where our daughter was born. I have been in Dental General Practice for twenty-four years and a member of the Christian Dental Fellowship for twenty-eight years. Living in the Worcestershire countryside has allowed me to follow my passions of horses and dogs, gardening and lifesaving. While raising our children I have been involved in all of their activities either coach, bottle washer or over excited supporter.

Guy shares my passion for travel and as an airline pilot we have taken advantage of every opportunity that it has presented, circumnavigating the Globe and hopping from one continent to another numerous times. I have had the opportunity to see both the common and rare, life at it's



richest and poorest, heart breaking and joyous in equal measure. Our children have joined us on many adventures as we have set off with no fixed destination or plan.

The children are now grown, and left home, leaving us with just the dogs and space. We are acclimatising to a new life as my parents have recently moved up from the Isle of Wight to live close by, changing our family dynamic and enriching our lives further.

My Christian Journey started as a young child. Both my parents were religious so Church on a Sunday was deemed normal. My mother was one of the first women Readers and later in life was priested, a calling she has dearly cherished. As a family it was wonderful to watch her grow and flourish as the church accepted women priests.

For myself I always felt my calling was primarily medical and still do. In worship I was a crucifer since being big enough to hold the cross, and server from my confirmation in May 1985. As an adult I became involved in church administration, starting with ten years as a church Treasurer before becoming Chair of the PCC and finally five years as PCC Secretary following our interregnum. My journey to readership has been a long process taking four years to complete Bishops Certificate, Church Leadership Course and discernment period before I started my Reader Training. I now study at Queens College, Birmingham on a Wednesday and fit reading and worship around my full packed work and home life. Although thoroughly enjoying the course it as widened my eyes and enriched my knowledge of both my faith and that of those around me, the texts we follow and importance of liturgy in the worship we share. My placement in the South East Worcester Team has provided me with a wonderful opportunity to meet and get to know you all better and I have felt very honoured by the warm and supportive welcome that I have received.



Yours in faith,
Pippa Heenan

WOW News

An update on our
WOW Projects Appeal
from **Shirley Scott**



WOW Charity grants

Last month we reported on the generous grant that we had received from the *National Lottery Community Fund* to help us to pay for the new toilet on the lower level of the Church. I can now report that we've also received grants from the *Edward and Dorothy Cadbury Trust*, *Laslett's Charities* and *Allchurches Trust*. Along with generous donations from St Martin's charities and many individuals, we have been able to raise enough to fund Phase 1 of our WOW projects, on the lower level - the Vestry and kitchen refurbishment, new toilet, and disabled access.

What next?

Plans for Phase 2 are now being discussed - to provide the facilities we need at Church level so that we can continue to Widen Our Welcome. Details of what is being proposed will be on show at the Open Day (see opposite). What we do know at this stage is that Phase 2 will cost more than Phase 1, so we need to continue in our efforts to raise funds for this.

Could you join our fundraising group?

The applications for charity funding were made by Terry Dillingham, to whom we offer our very grateful thanks. Terry has announced that, due to other priorities and increasing family commitments, he is stepping down from his role in the WOW fundraising group. He will still be available to give advice, but it does mean that we're looking for another volunteer to join David and me, with the particular role of approaching and making applications to trusts and charities. This is a vital part of our fundraising activities, and if you feel you could help, please contact Anthony Glossop, Chair of St Martin's Finance & Management Committee, via the Team Office.

Ready to donate now?

Donations are welcome any time - you can make a direct payment to the Church bank account, using the reference WOW, or use this QR code with your mobile phone camera to make a card payment. Please add Gift Aid if you can!



WOW Open Day - Saturday 3 July

Shall we reach Step 4 of the Government's roadmap for easing of Covid restrictions on 21 June? As we go to press, nothing is certain, but there is some optimism. If we do see the end to all restrictions by the end of June, we'll be able to offer refreshments and lots of entertainment.

If not, the plans we're working on may have to be scaled down a bit, but we'll still be opening our doors wide and welcoming you and your neighbours, even if we have to stick to one-metre-plus distancing with face coverings.

The least we can offer is:

- live music in Church to start and finish the day (see page 25)
- a chance to view our refurbished Vestry with kitchen corner and new toilet facilities downstairs (but don't all rush at once)
- exhibitions, including what we're hoping to achieve at Church level - for new toilets, storage areas and kitchen server
- contributions from Red Hill CofE School and local organisations
- home-made cake stall • book stall
- raffle • tombola • a few surprises
- an opportunity to donate

If restrictions allow, we'll add:

- tea, coffee and cold drinks
- cakes, snacks and possibly more
- more entertainment
- a few more surprises!



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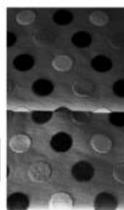
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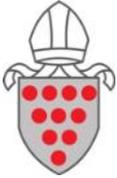
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A Letter from Dean Peter Atkinson



The Green Season



As we leave the season of Easter and Pentecost behind, the Church moves into the 'green' season of the weeks after Trinity. Green, because the vestments and altar frontals are of that colour, apart from the occasional variation when a festival or saint's day occurs. Green, too, because as we move from spring into summer, we are all the more aware of the greenery of trees and grass, hedgerows and hills. It's a good time of year for people with green fingers.

Green has other meanings as well. It stands for youth and inexperience ('he's very green'), reminding us of the green shoots of spring. Such people are sometimes called 'greenhorns', which is the American word for immature bulls or oxen. Less pleasantly, green is the colour of envy, derived from Shakespeare's 'green-eyed monster'. Older people can look with green-eyed jealousy at the greenhorns, who have all their life before them. The greenhorns are too green to know that the old can be envied as well as the young. To the envious person, old or young, the grass is always greener on the neighbour's side of the fence. All this suggests that we might spend the green season of the Church's year reflecting on what makes us envious, what makes us content, and trying to get the balance better.

And then, of course, the colour green has come to sum up the whole environmental agenda, from climate change to pollution, from waste to deforestation, from travel to sources of energy. One of the ways we can implement a green agenda is by living more simple lives, which brings us back to the idea of contentment, and learning to live without envy.

Soon after the start of June we celebrate the summer feast of St Wulfstan which is also the dedication festival of Worcester Cathedral (7 June). In the collect for St Wulfstan we pray that we may 'live simply, work diligently, and make God's kingdom known' – an agenda for the green season of the Church's year.

From Arsenic to Zephyr 'Unusual' Names in Historical Records

There are plenty of unusual names around in the world right now, especially if you look at the children of celebrities: Moon Unit (daughter of Frank Zappa), Blue Ivy (daughter of Beyonce), and more recently X Æ A-XII (son of Elon Musk and singer Grimes), to name but a few. Whether these names intrigue you, or make you roll your eyes, unusual (and often unfortunate) first names are not a modern phenomena. Looking through historical records there are plenty of interesting examples.

There are children named after biblical villains, such as Jezebel, Cain, and Herod in the early 20th century census returns of America. Then there are people named for their mother or grandmother's maiden names, which is fine if their maiden name was something like Thomas or Jackson, but often they were a little more strange. For example, Admiral Horatio Nelson had a younger brother named Suckling Nelson (1764-1797), named after their mother, Catherine Nelson, nee Suckling!

Then you get the downright strange names. In the early 19th century there was a man named Posthumous Mince living in Greenwich, London. In 1873 there was a baby girl called Sensitive Redhead born in East Yorkshire. And in 17th century Nottinghamshire there was a woman named Lettice Spray!

In my own family there are a few strange names, such as Briscoe Snelson, Algernon Large Pinniger, and Shadrach Wedlock. I love coming across weird and wonderful names in the ancestry research that I do for other people too, a recent favourite being Savory Pommel, 4x great uncle of a member of St Martin's Church!

Would you like to find some strange names in your family tree, or just learn more about your ancestors' pasts? I can look into your family tree for you using online tools and records such as census returns, parish records, old newspapers, and criminal registers. For £50 I will conduct 10

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Hannah Parry



Groaner Puns

- ☺ It's only real French bread if it's from France, otherwise it's Sham Pain.
- ☺ I'm trying to organise a hide-and-seek tournament, but good players are very hard to find.
- ☺ A man came to replace my boiler today. He seems really nice but doesn't seem to heat the water up as effectively.
- ☺ Did you hear about the cat that swallowed a ball of wool? She had mittens.
- ☺ What do you call a chicken looking at a bowl of lettuce? Chicken Caesar salad.
- ☺ They said this balaclava was one size fits all, but you can't pull the wool over my eyes.
- ☺ Someone's been borrowing my winch without asking. I'm going to have to pull them up on it.
- ☺ I was never very good as a prison officer for reasons that escape me now.
- ☺ The inventor of buckets thought they'd go down well.
- ☺ I recently took my apiarist exams. I got a B.
- ☺ The best thing about working in a toy shop was that on the last day of term we could bring in text books.
- ☺ A book about grammar? For me? You shouldn't of.
- ☺ I just took my car in for a service. Accidentally ran over the vicar.
- ☺ When a casting director offered me the chance of playing the crocodile in Peter Pan I snapped his hand off.
- ☺ What do ET and Yoda have in common? Very little.
- ☺ What is the difference between a kangaroo and a kangaroot? One is an Australian mammal, the other is a Geordie stuck in a lift.
- ☺ Spaghetti hoops are basically Alphabetti Spaghetti for backing singers.
- ☺ Old MacDonald lost at Scrabble Q-L-X-R-P
- ☺ I bought a new muzzle for my pet duck the other day. Nothing fancy, but it fits the bill.
- ☺ A truck of terrapins collided with a lorry full of tortoises. It was a turtle disaster.
- ☺ I met a Dutch girl with inflatable shoes last week. I phoned her up for a date but she'd popped her clogs.
- ☺ What do you call an Italian with a rubber toe? Roberto.
- ☺ I just remembered I've got my 'People Who Think They're Furniture Club' committee meeting tonight. I've got to go. I'm the chair.

From the Archives

From one of our Parish Magazines from 1987, a piece about an essay writing exercise for Cub Scouts on a wet Sunday afternoon at camp. The boys were asked to write 'the best essay explaining God'!

Danny Dutton (aged nine) wrote:

'One of God's main jobs is making people. He makes these to put in place of the ones that die. He doesn't make grownups. Just babies. I think it works out pretty good.

God's second most important job is listening to prayers. Lots of this goes on. Some people, like preachers, pray other times besides bedtime. God sees everything and hears everything and is everywhere. Which keeps Him pretty busy. So you shouldn't go wasting His time. Jesus is God's Son. He used to do all the hard work like walking on water and doing miracles and trying to teach people about God. They got tired of His preaching and they Crucified Him. But he was good and kind like His father and He told His father that they didn't know what they were doing and to forgive them and God said OK. His Dad (God) appreciated everything He had done on earth, so He told Him He didn't have to go out on the road anymore. He could stay in heaven. Now He helps His Dad out by listening to prayers and seeing what He can take care of Himself without having to bother God. Like a secretary only more important. You can pray anytime you want, one of them is on duty all the time.



Perhaps he's heard that we're losing our churchwarden

You should always go to Sunday School because it makes God happy. Don't skip Sunday School to do something you think will be more fun – that is wrong. Besides the sun doesn't come out until noon. If you don't believe in God you will be very lonely because your parents can't go everywhere with you like to camp, but God can. It's good to know He's around when you get scared of the dark or when you can't swim and you get thrown in by the big kids. But you shouldn't just think of what God can do for you. God put me here and He can take me back any time He pleases. And that's why I believe in God.'

Our Family Activity Zoom Service

The Good Shepherd



A flock of very special sheep were imaginatively crafted by our families at this Activity Service on Sunday 25th April. Sixteen children and their families joined us, along with two members of our congregation, to sing, worship and learn just how special we all are to Jesus, how he knows us all so very well – every little thing about us! How reassuring for us all.



Our children thoroughly enjoyed our interactive Bible story which helped us all concentrate on the Bible story and understand how we can follow Jesus' example. In our reflection and prayer time we thought of someone we especially cared for and decided to make a card to send them, to remind them how much they were loved. We enjoyed singing lively worship songs with actions and listened to calming reflective songs whilst making our craft.



Our children were happy to interact together during Zoom, confident to share their ideas and show each other their craft. As in previous services it was great to see everyone fully absorbed and happily engaged throughout our time together, which is a real joy to share in with them.

By the time you read this we will have held our Pentecost Party on May 23rd.

Our next Zoom Activity Service will be on **June 27th**. Should you like to join us you will be very welcome.



Sheila Farthing

Maths Quiz Answers

1. Pi is an irrational number. It cannot be written as a simple fraction.
2. The only even prime number is 2.
3. An isosceles triangle has at least two sides of equal length.
4. A straight line drawn from one point on the edge of a circle to another is a chord.
5. Four-fifths as a decimal is 0.8
6. An integer is a whole number. It can be positive or negative, but not a fraction or a decimal.
7. The sequence of numbers 0,1,1,2,3,5,8,13,21,34... is known as a Fibonacci Sequence.
8. The closest prime number to 100 is 101.
9. Seven cubed is 343.
10. There are 6 feet in a fathom.
11. If you throw two dice at the same time, the probability of getting a 6 on both is $1/36$.
12. A polyhedron is a three-dimensional solid with flat faces, straight edges and vertices.
13. The year 1959 is MCMLIX in Roman numerals.
14. 13 kilometres is greater in length than 7 miles.
15. If Frank got 18 out of twenty in his maths test, his percentage would be 90%.



Seek and ye shall find...

The continuing search for the source of the leak in the church roof has given us an opportunity to see a glimpse of the wooden carvings on the Rood screen a little more clearly!
Many thanks to Dave Hall for the photo.

APCM Report



The Annual Church meeting was held in Church on the 23rd May, with twenty-eight church members attending.

Elizabeth Yarker was standing again for Churchwarden, and she was joined by Joy Grimwood. They were both unanimously approved, as was Barbara Richards in the role of Deputy Churchwarden. There is currently a vacancy for one Deputy Warden.

The Electoral Roll report was presented by Julia Glossop. There are currently 120 names on the Roll, of which 44 are non-resident in the parish. The Annual Report, Safeguarding Report, and Audited Financial Statement were all received. Revd Peter commented that the major change to the fabric of the church was the building project in and around the Lower Vestry and he thanked Dave Hall and Terry Dillingham for all their hard work to ensure that this had happened.

With regard to safeguarding, Peter said that there was still a vacancy for the important role of Safeguarding Officer and he urged members to think whether it was something they could take on. He thanked Malcolm McMurray for covering the role pro-tem.

Roger Waters-Duke was willing to continue as Independent Examiner and this was approved.

Dave Hall, Alison Fraser and mark Farthing were all standing as PCC members and all three were approved. There are currently three vacancies on the PCC.

Peter gave a short report on the changes to Deanery arrangements. There are now thirty-six parishes in the Worcester Deanery, with an emphasis on parishes working more closely together to pool resources.

In his Chairman's remarks Peter thanked Sian Morgan for the work she had done with Sheila and Mark Farthing and others in the Team. Although she is now moving on she will still help in a consultative capacity. He thanked Carol Parry for her work in setting up Forest Church. Future work with children and families includes Mainly Music, Messy Church, Tunes and Chips, and Baptism and Confirmation preparation sessions.

Sheila gave a brief report on children and families work throughout the year. She thanked Sian with whom she has been working since February 2020. She said a phenomenal amount of work had been done in building up relationships with families through online services and delivering activity packs, and they were seeing amazing fruits of their labour. It is hoped that

families will soon be able to meet up in person and a picnic is planned for July at the Countryside Centre. It is hoped that All Together Worship can begin towards the end of August.

Peter urged members to think and pray about areas of growth over the next twelve months including the full integration of children and families into Sunday morning worship, and community engagement. He said we need to channel prayer, creativity and energy into our efforts.

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Parish & People

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We also send our congratulations and best wishes to Sheila Farthing who is celebrating a 'significant' birthday on 2nd June!

New Job for Rob



Revd Rob Farmer has recently been appointed as Diocesan Co-Warden of Readers (Licenced Lay Ministers). Rob will work alongside Kath Davis (Dudley) to share the ministry across the whole Diocese as the new deanery structure is established. We send our congratulations and best wishes to Rob for this new role.

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