



THE GRAPEVINE

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Sunday Services

St Nicholas' Church and Parochial Hall

8.30am Said Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Church,
Book of Common Prayer - on **first and third Sundays**.

10.00am Holy Communion at St Nicholas' Church, with singing.
Family Praise - on the **second Sunday**
These services will also be livestreamed on [YouTube](#)



StN Kids on the **first and fourth Sundays at 10.00am** in St Nicholas' Church

6.30pm Choral Evensong on the **second and fourth Sundays** *Summer time*
NO Evening Services at St Nicholas' Church on first, third or fifth Sundays

Online: **Sundays at 10.00am** - livestreamed our Eucharist Service from St Nicholas' Church via our [YouTube channel](#), where you can also watch previous services.
Visit the church website at www.stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk and find the link for **Worship from Home** or [click here](#) for ways to take part in Sunday services on-line.



St Barnabas' Church

11.00am Morning Worship, with hymns on the **first, fourth and fifth Sundays**

11.00am Holy Communion on the **second Sunday**

Café Sunday 10.00am 3rd Sunday, now at **St Barnabas' Church**, Albion Street

Mid-Week Services

Tuesdays and Thursdays 7.45am Morning Prayer at St Nicholas' Church

Tuesday 11.00am 'Leavenses at St Barnabas' Church,

Wednesday 10.00am Mid-week Eucharist - on the **first Wednesday of each month** at St Nicholas' Church,

Thursday 4.30pm Evening Prayer at St Barnabas' Church

Please check newsletter or church notices for changes to regular services



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August brings with it a change of rhythm. Here at the vicarage, there is the joyous break from the daily school runs. If you have school aged children, your days may also take on a more relaxed feel while they are off school, with time for trips to the park, meeting friends and eating ice cream. Although if you have grandchildren, you may find your days busier as you care for them while their parents are at work. Many people will go on holiday this month, where the pace of life can slow, and relaxation becomes the priority. In church life, we too change rhythm. There are fewer meetings, and many weekly groups take a chance to have a break, so the group leaders can rest.

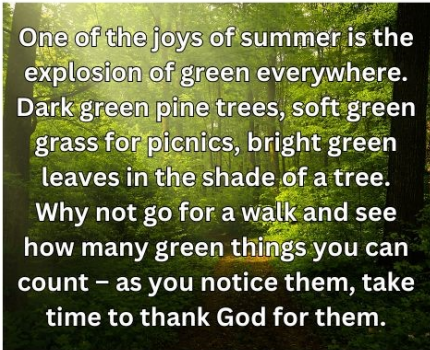
This change of rhythm can be a marvellous opportunity to take time to connect with God. Being outside our normal routines of praying and going to church, means there is a chance to try a new way of praying. Why not try one of these ideas, by yourself or with someone else?

I look forward to hearing, not just about your summer adventures, but about your prayer adventures too.

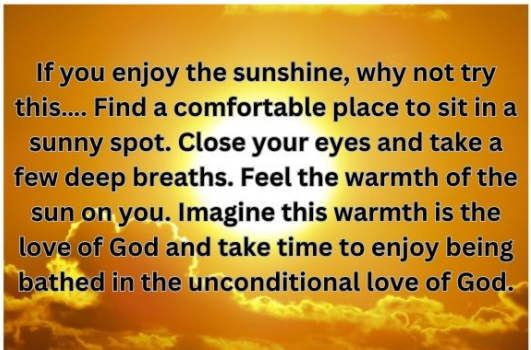
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Eira

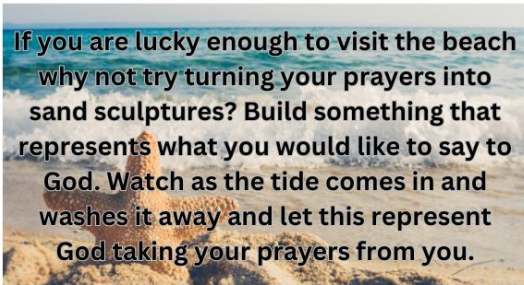
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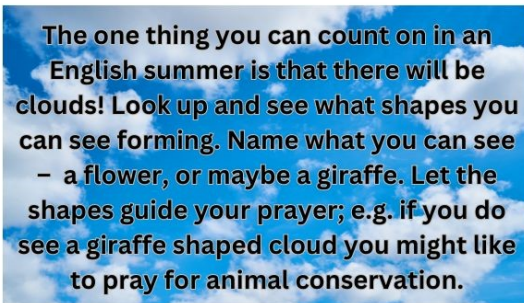
One of the joys of summer is the explosion of green everywhere. Dark green pine trees, soft green grass for picnics, bright green leaves in the shade of a tree. Why not go for a walk and see how many green things you can count – as you notice them, take time to thank God for them.



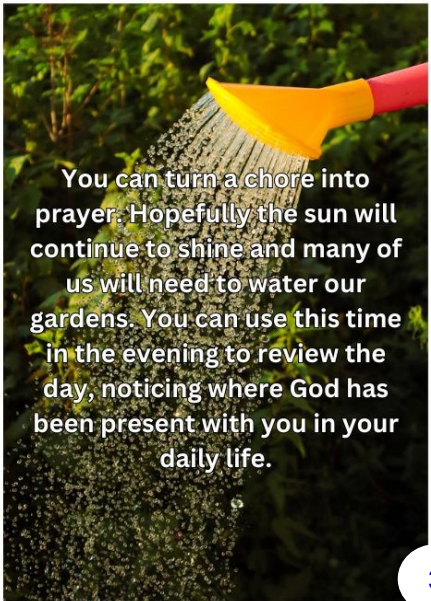
If you enjoy the sunshine, why not try this.... Find a comfortable place to sit in a sunny spot. Close your eyes and take a few deep breaths. Feel the warmth of the sun on you. Imagine this warmth is the love of God and take time to enjoy being bathed in the unconditional love of God.



If you are lucky enough to visit the beach why not try turning your prayers into sand sculptures? Build something that represents what you would like to say to God. Watch as the tide comes in and washes it away and let this represent God taking your prayers from you.



The one thing you can count on in an English summer is that there will be clouds! Look up and see what shapes you can see forming. Name what you can see – a flower, or maybe a giraffe. Let the shapes guide your prayer; e.g. if you do see a giraffe shaped cloud you might like to pray for animal conservation.



You can turn a chore into prayer. Hopefully the sun will continue to shine and many of us will need to water our gardens. You can use this time in the evening to review the day, noticing where God has been present with you in your daily life.

Wednesday Study Group

The Wednesday Study group does not meet in August

Our next meetings will be on Wednesdays, **September 11th and 25th at 2.30pm in St Nicholas' Church**, when we will be starting a new group of studies looking at the book of **Job**

Anyone who would like to come and join us would be most welcome.

We generally meet in St Nicholas' Church from 2.30 - 4.00pm on the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month. Please contact Heather for more details.



Heather Alford 01926 858308

St Nicholas' Church Teas **Sunday, 11th August, 2.30 - 5.00pm**

We welcome you all to come and enjoy pots of tea, filter coffee and homemade cakes, served Café style, in the beautiful surroundings of St Nicholas' Church and outside, weather permitting.

All income goes to Parish Funds.

Every second Sunday of the month, throughout the summer.

Volunteers always welcomed: Please contact Janet on 01926 857931



THE GRAPEVINE



Dear readers ...

We hope you enjoy this edition of
The Grapevine magazine.

The Online edition is free. A small number of printed copies of **The Grapevine** will also be available in church for a donation of £1.00

The online edition has interactive [links](#) which were all working at the time of the copy date. Should you find one not working, please contact me so that I can correct it.

If you wish to contribute, my copy date is currently the 25th of the previous month, (see page 25 for details)

Editor

A Message from Tim

Thank you all so much for your very generous gift on my standing down as church warden at St Nick's. I was at the time and remain genuinely touched by your generosity and promise to put it to good use!

It's certainly been an eventful six years and I hope that I did a half decent job during my tenure. I'm sure that you'll all be delighted to know that I'll still be around - sometimes twiddling knobs and pushing buttons on the AV desk and sometimes just being a congregant. I've missed being present in the moment and look forward to worshipping with you all.

I've really enjoyed my time as church warden and would heartily recommend it. If you're asked in the future, please give it prayerful thought. It's really not as arduous as you might imagine. We have a really good leadership team to provide wise and experienced support and it's a lot easier with a Vicar!

Once again, thank you all so much.

Tim xx



A big thank you to retiring churchwarden, Tim Wilkes

This month's cover:

Sunset and St Nicholas' Church. View of the church from the Bridge Street side of Abbey Fields.

St Barnabas' Church News

On June 25th, after the service of '**Leavenses**, a cake sale and raffle was held in aid of the **Muscular Sclerosis**



Society. It was the idea of Christine, whose daughter has recently been diagnosed with the illness. In total **£206.00** was raised, **£50.00** of the total was donated from those attending '**Leavenses**.

MS can be difficult to diagnose and take months to confirm a diagnosis. The MS society supports sufferers and their families, they have a helpline for anyone needing more information about MS: 0808 8008000.



An abundance of scrumptious cakes on offer, a raffle and a lot of fun! (The last photo is of the fancy cake which was the big prize!) Photos: Thelma Mitchell

Due to the generosity of the '**Leavenses** congregation, we were also able to send **£75.00 to Great Ormond Street Children's Hospital** at the beginning of July. Great Ormond Street is planning to open a new cancer centre for children. This new department at the hospital will be able to accommodate parents whilst their children are receiving lifesaving treatment. Every year over 4000 children and young people between the ages of 1 - 19 are diagnosed with cancer, this new unit at GOSH will be a great support to many families. Thank you so much to all who contributed to the two very deserving charities.

If you would like to join us on **Tuesdays at 11 o'clock** for '**Leavenses**, a short service followed by a time of fellowship and refreshments do come along to St Barnabas', you can be assured of a warm welcome.

The Warm Hub follows 'Leavenses at 11.45 until 1.30 (approx.). There is always food, drinks and a warm welcome for everyone at our Warm Hub, do tell people about it; it is open to all, and it is free.

If you enjoy meeting new people, drinking tea, coffee and like cakes, why not come along to St Barnabas' Church on **the**

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first Saturday in the month? From **2.00pm until 4.00pm** we have **“TEA 4 ALL”**. The doors of the church will be open from 1pm if you would like to join us for lunch, we have snacks to offer for lunch or, if you prefer, you are welcome to bring your own picnic lunch. There is no charge for **“TEA 4 ALL”**, any voluntary donations will go to parish funds.

If there are any cake-makers out there, donations of cakes are very welcome for **“TEA 4 ALL”**, as there are only three ladies who bake the cakes, it would be great if they could have an occasional rest!

KENILWORTH CONSORT SINGERS

Kenilworth Consort singers came to St Barnabas' Church on Sunday 7th July and we enjoyed a fabulous afternoon listening to some great music and singing. Refreshments followed.

The Consort Singers rehearse in St Barnabas' and, as a thank you, perform two concerts a year. These are free events and any donations go to church funds. £86.00 was raised on 7th July.

Keep watching this space to see when the next concert is as you don't want to miss out on an afternoon of lovely singing!

A big thank you to the Consort Singers for giving up their time to entertain us.

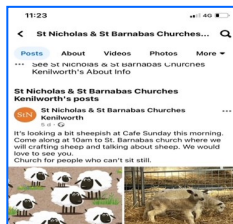
Lesley O'Connor

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Friday mornings coffee and chat

Each Friday, from 10.15 to 11.30am. Please do come along and catch up with friends while enjoying a cup of tea or coffee and biscuits in St Nicholas' Church.



The Flower Guild

Hello to you all.

I have just returned from a holiday in the North and our final stop was in Grasmere. This little village becomes very quiet when the tourists retreat in the evening. The village revolves around the parish church of St Oswald's. From the parish magazine I read about many events that were taking place. Recently there was a rush bearing ceremony that included the whole community. I think it relates to early times when flooring was replaced each Spring. Of course events like this could not happen without volunteers and so I felt areal connection with Grasmere.

This year the Flower Guild has had the pleasure of arranging for many sponsored flowers . I know that the Flower Guild is greatly appreciated and we are certainly grateful for your support. We have worked hard to fulfil all our commitments with a greater effort as we have a reduced team due to illness. In recent years we have had new members who have surprised themselves at their ability. If you would like to join our team of arrangers we would love to have you come. Don't feel daunted, there is plenty of support from our friendly group.

Finally, I hope you enjoy the photos that Barbara and Linda took recently.
Best Wishes to you all,

Annie

*Continued on page 9 - photos of the Flower Guild Workshop
and Wedding Flowers*

Annie Ralphs

Why not sponsor the Flowers at St Nicholas' Church?



Celebrate a special occasion, a birthday, wedding anniversary, etc. or in memory of a loved one.

Flowers can be sponsored through the Flower Guild or contact the parish office.

(Contact details on Who's who, pages 26-27)



The Flower Guild

Workshop on Saturday 13th July, St Nicholas' Church
A modern All-round Summer arrangement



Photos: Linda Williams

Members of the Flower Guild thoroughly enjoyed arranging the flowers for **Laura Balla and Joe Carter's wedding** on the 30th July. The church looked and smelled wonderful and was very much admired by all their guests.



Photos: Barbara Sheppard

Lego Club @ St. Barney's



A school year over and time for an end of term Lego Club report! It is hard to believe that Lego Club is almost a year old. It was launched last September in St. Barnabas church. We had some ideas initially which needed tweaking in the first weeks. The constancy and faithfulness, however, of Clare, and the other volunteers, Mary, Marion, Rodney and Felix, has carried us quietly and with some triumphant moments to the approach of the start of our second year in September.

We have welcomed 13 children altogether, all new to church. Six or seven younger children are regulars, with their equally enthusiastic and supportive grans, parents and carers. Everyone gets stuck in, guided in model making by the children! Some memorable moments from the year include:

- small boys working together harmoniously, as they read and work through instructions – which might as well be in Martian as far as I am concerned, a self-confessed Lego illiterate! What follows are complex constructions which it always seems a shame to break up later. So often we don't!
- Amazing interpretations of the Bible story of the day, some which verge on artistic sculptures – and show that they were listening!
- The seventh birthday of one of the boys – he chose to have it at Lego Club and a splendid homemade cake to share was delivered, complete with a sparkler on top!
- The shy children gaining in confidence.
- The support, often practical, and interest of church members which is so encouraging.

We will miss Clare, the children and families' worker. At the last Lego Club of the school



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year we had a little party. Gifts of a key ring, a Marks and Spencer voucher and a card signed by even the youngest member were presented to her. A special cake was made and pizza and party food scoffed by the always hungry children! (Inexplicably, the apples were ignored!) We will pray for you and your family, Clare, as you move to your new post in Wales. We also pray that everyone involved with Lego Club will enjoy some rest and relaxation in August.

We will be in need of a Bible story teller on some weeks in the autumn - Lego skills optional! – if there are any volunteers. It's a five minute slot and there is plenty of support material online, including cartoons and songs. And any gifts of Lego gratefully received, no matter how small – we will sort it out!

There will be a continuation of community amongst us in September, and a warm welcome given to newcomers, as well as returners, aged 5 -11. We're opening a little wider the door of the church and its Gospel message to the world.



Thelma Mitchell



Lego Club @ St. Barney's

Lego Club will be back for the Autumn term!

Where? St. Barnabas' Church, Albion Street, Kenilworth CV8 2FY

When? Doors open for hot toast and squash at 3.30pm

What? At 4pm - a Bible story and lots of Lego as well as Meccano until 5pm

Who? A warm welcome for ages 5 to 11 years and carers

We're back on Tuesday 10th September!

Have a wonderful summer – don't forget Holiday Club from Monday 5th to Friday 9th August 09.30 – 11.30 in the Parochial Church Hall

Children & Families

What we've been up to at **Stay and Play** over the last month.



We heard about Jonah and the Whale, so we made our own fish aquariums.



When we heard the story of how Jesus walked on water, we did our own craft to represent it.



We made our own lost sheep and pretended to be patients and doctors when we learned about the Good Samaritan.



Our last Stay and Play was like a party, with balloons, a bubble machine, cake and we made party hats.





It was also my last Stay and Play so it was an emotional time, saying goodbye to families I have built relationships with over the last three and a half years.

As I prepare to say goodbye to St Nicholas', I want to thank everyone who has supported me and the children and families. I continue to pray that more links can be made for these families that I have had the pleasure of reaching.

God Bless

Clare (kids@stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk)

Smile Line: - Church bulletin notices that didn't come out quite right...

- ◆ Glory of God to all and peas to his people on earth.
- ◆ Applications are now being accepted for two year-old nursery workers.

A picture from Richard.
See you in next month's Grapevine,

Richard



Reverend Richard Moore

We are still looking for Altar Servers

Have you ever thought of becoming an Altar Server?

Want to take a more active role in the service?

We currently have vacancies for altar servers.

Become part of our small, friendly team. We need you.

If you think you may be interested, please introduce yourself to one of us after a service and we will be happy to chat with you about the role or leave some contact details with the parish office and Jane will get back to you.



St. Nicholas' Ladies Group

Dear All

There is no meeting in August. Our meeting in October will see Ian King from Warwickshire Police, talking about his "30 years of Policing". Visitors are welcome, £3.00 charge.

Coffee Wives at the Almanack

Coffee Wives normally takes place at the Almanack on every third Monday of month at 10:30am to 12:00 noon.

Our next is in September when it will be the **fourth Monday, on the 23rd** as the Almanack is closed for an internal event.

We will return to every third Monday in **October** on **Monday, 21st**.

Coffee Wives is a social and chat - putting the world to rights!

Gill Peppitt, Secretary 01926 512209



Parochial Hall Roof

I don't know what sort of winter we can expect, but we are ready for it. As you can see from the photos, we now have snowguards fitted to the Parochial Hall Roof. This is a precautionary measure to catch any loose slates which slide down the roof..



We will still look to draw up a specification for the roof to be completely refurbished. The aim is still to strip the roof, install insulation and roofing felt, the rebate and replace the slates using modern nails. That will be in 2025 or 2026!

Malcolm Trewick

11th August Clare of Assisi - Prayer and simplicity



In the year 1212 Clare, the 18-year-old daughter of a local Count, heard a young preacher called Francis. A few years earlier he had caused a sensation in the centre of the town

where they both lived, Assisi in Italy, by stripping himself of his wealthy clothes and declaring that from now on he would live the life of a peasant. This, he said, was in obedience to the call of Christ, for whom the poor were 'blessed' and the rich were in peril of judgment.

Francis gathered a group of seven men prepared to embrace what he called 'joyful poverty' for Christ's sake, but that day he was to enlist a female disciple. 'You are a chosen soul from God', he told Clare, when she expressed her eagerness to embrace the same strict rule as his male followers.

In due course, after a period in a Benedictine convent, Clare and her sister Agnes moved into the church of St Damiano, which Francis and his friends had restored, and gathered there a group of like-minded women. Eventually Francis made Clare the abbess of a religious Order, at first called the 'Order of Poor Ladies', eventually, and universally, to be known as the 'Poor Clares'. Unable to operate an itinerant ministry like the men, Clare's sisters concentrated on ➤

a life of prayer and simplicity. In fact, their dedication to poverty was such that it affected the health of many of them.

Francis and Clare remained friends and colleagues over the next 14 years in this remarkable movement of renewal and mission. During the preceding century (as we can learn from Chaucer, among others) the religious Orders had in many cases substituted indulgence for discipline. Francis and Clare found this scandalous, and despite opposition from high places, set out to demonstrate that an effective Christian message required an appropriate Christian life-style. For them, poverty was not a burden but a joy – a release from the delusions of power and ambition. Their witness made an enormous impact on the poor people of Umbria and beyond, who saw an authenticity in their lives which spoke as eloquently as their words.

Clare helped to nurse Francis through his final illness, which lasted several years. She lived for 27 years after his death, like him suffering from the effects of long years of strict austerity. She died in 1253 and was canonised two years later. She is buried in the basilica of St Clare in Assisi, a few hundred yards from the basilica of St Francis. In life they proclaimed the same message of sacrificial love and service, and in their deaths they were not divided. Her special day is 11th August..

9th August – Mary Sumner, founder of the Mothers' Union

The Mothers' Union is now more than 140 years old. It has accomplished a staggering amount in that time, and nowadays numbers more than four million members, doing good work in 83 countries. That is a far cry from the modest circle of prayer for mothers who cared about family life, which is how it all began with a rector's wife, Mary Sumner.

Mary was born in late 1828 in Swinton, near Manchester. When she was four, her family moved to Herefordshire. Mary's father, Thomas Heywood, was a banker and historian. Her mother has been described as a woman of "faith, charm and sympathy" – qualities which Mary certainly inherited. Mrs Heywood also held informal 'mothers' meetings' at her home, to encourage local women. Those meetings may well have inspired Mary's later work.

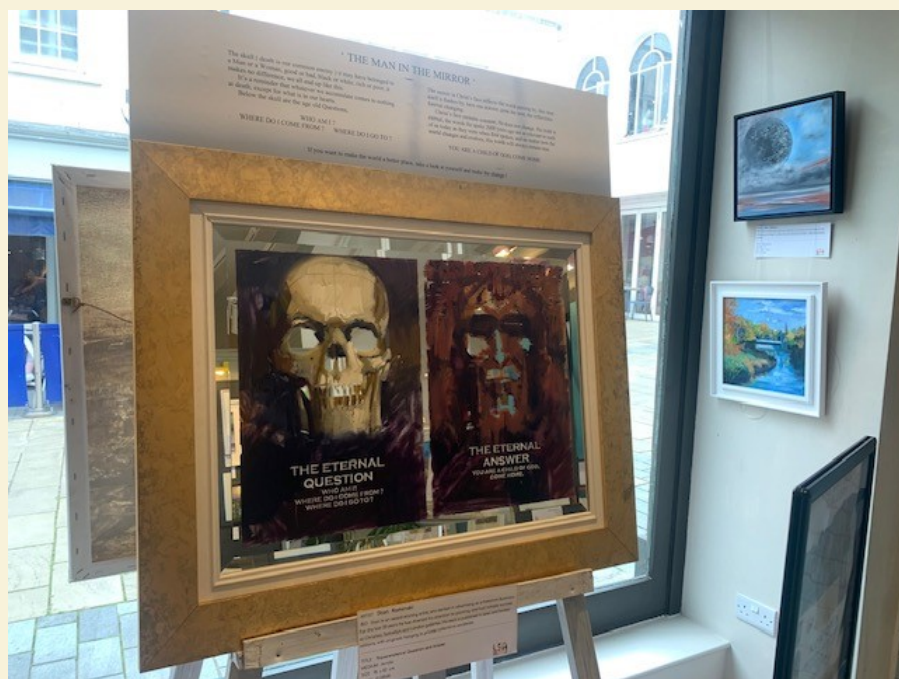


Mary was educated at home, spoke three foreign languages, and sang well. While in her late teens, on a visit to Rome she met George Sumner, a son of the Bishop of Winchester. It was a well-connected family: George's uncle became Archbishop of Canterbury, and his second cousin was William Wilberforce. Mary and George married in July 1848, soon after his ordination. They moved to Old Alresford in 1851 and had three children: Margaret, Louise and George. Mary dedicated herself to raising her children and supporting her husband's ministry by providing music and Bible classes.

When in 1876 Mary's eldest daughter Margaret, gave birth, Mary was reminded how difficult she had found the burden of motherhood. Soon she decided to hold a meeting to which she invited the local women not only of her own class, but also all the village mothers. Her aim was to find out if women could be brought together to offer each other prayer and mutual support in their roles as wives and mothers. That meeting at Old Alresford Rectory was the inaugural meeting of the Mothers' Union.

For 11 years, the Mothers' Union was limited to Old Alresford. Then in 1885 the Bishop of Newcastle invited Mary to address the women churchgoers of the Portsmouth Church Congress, some 20 miles away. Mary gave a passionate speech about the poor state of national morality, and the vital need for women to use their vocation as mothers to change the nation for the better. A number of the women present went back to their parishes to found mothers' meetings on Sumner's pattern. Soon, the Mothers' Union spread to the dioceses of Ely, Exeter, Hereford, Lichfield and Newcastle. By 1892, there were already 60,000 members in 28 dioceses, and by 1900 there were 169,000 members. By the time Mary died in 1921, she had seen MU cross the seas and become an international organisation of prayer and good purpose.

“The Man in the Mirror” on show at LSA Gallery in Leamington Spa until 5th August



If you are in Leamington Spa over the next few days you may still be able to see **Stan Kaminski's** original artwork, acrylic on mirror, “**The Man in the Mirror,**” which featured in the March 2023 edition of **The Grapevine**, (page 16).

It is currently being exhibited at: **LSA (Leamington Studio Artists) Art Room Gallery, Satchwell Court, Royal Priors Shopping Centre**, (opposite Carluccio's).

Stan said, “*it was painted 25 years ago ... (and had) been put into storage at my studio, waiting for an opportunity to show it. That opportunity came along a month ago when entries were requested for an exhibition in Leamington Spa, entitled ‘Transcendence’, which is a perfect description of what I tried to paint on a mirror ...*”

The work is unusual, not only because of the materials used, but, when looking into the two images, you are able to see your own reflection behind each. This original work needs to be seen for the picture to be properly appreciated. Stan's thoughts on the subject are included above the picture.

It is on display at the gallery until August 5th. Entry is FREE.

International Bat Night – 24th August



August is the perfect month to look out for bats, when our soft, warm twilight evenings are full of the tiny flying insects that attract them.

But these days bats need our help, and so this annual celebration will include a good few 'bat events' this month. If you like bats, you may enjoy one of the events being arranged by local bat groups, wildlife trusts, countryside rangers and other organisations across the country.

To help you get started, the website, <https://www.bats.org.uk/support-bats/international-bat-night>, is full of useful information. It explains the natural environment that bats need, and how you might help to conserve their dwindling numbers.

A Prayer for August 2024

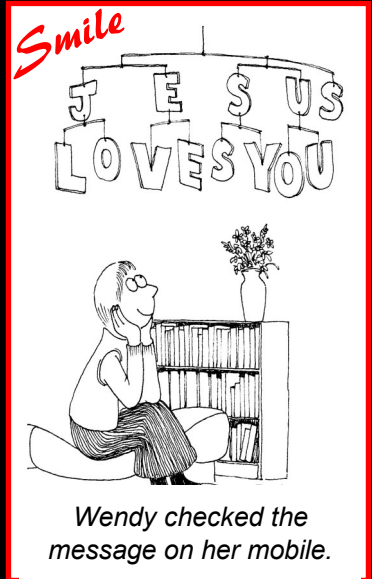
Lord, in a year of changes in our country and in the world, we thank You for the regular rhythm of each year.

We thank You for August, the month of holidays and rest for many, especially for families and those tied to termly timetables. We pray for Your blessing and restoration for all. As we take time out of normal routines, help us to still make space for You; to be refreshed spiritually as well as physically.

Feed us, Lord, by Your Word; revive us by Your Holy Spirit; encourage us by Your indwelling presence, so that we might naturally reflect Your love to all we meet, on holiday or at home or at work.

In Jesus' name. Amen.

By *Daphne Kitching*.



Wendy checked the message on her mobile.

This Month in History 1899

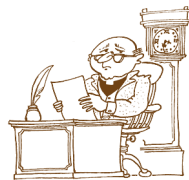
125 years ago, on 13th August 1899 that Alfred Hitchcock was born. This British-born American film director, producer and screenwriter was known as the Master of Suspense. Known for his films *The 39 Steps*, *Dial M for Murder*, *Rear Window*, *Vertigo*, *Psycho*, *The Birds*, and many more.



On the perils of swinging incense

The Rev Dr Gary Bowness continues his tongue-in-cheek letters from 'Uncle Eustace,' the vicar of St James the Least of All, to his recently ordained nephew, Darren...

The Rectory
St James the Least of All



My dear Nephew Darren

Well, at least you tried. Filling in for another colleague who was away on holiday was kind of you; that it was somewhere with a high church tradition was adventurous of you. But just because something is worth doing, must you do it to such excess?

I can remember the first time I saw you having to use incense; you held the thurible as though you had just been presented with a dead rat. This time, however, I am told that you heated so much charcoal that the congregation thought you were going to hold a barbecue rather than burn incense.

The church warden was impressed with how quickly everyone knelt down, as you went by. If it was in more of an effort to stay clear of your thurible than to pray; well never mind, at least they were on their knees. And I am entirely on your side; you were not to know that their new fire protection system included automatic sprinklers, activated when too much smoke is detected. I am sure most of them would have dried out by Evensong.

You told me that you had not been sure what to do with the thurible when you reached the front. But swinging it so enthusiastically that the chain broke and catapulted several pounds weight of red-hot brass through one of their stained glass windows was really not the best solution. Never mind. I am sure the insurance company will be sympathetic.

But surely you knew that smells also implies bells? So why the panic when the server rang the bells in your ear beside the altar? To have promptly dropped the chalice and shouted, 'fire!' was surely something of an over-reaction? Especially as it meant that the verger re-started the sprinkler system. I am told that several in the congregation left church looking as if they had taken part in a mass baptism, involving full immersion whilst fully clothed.

I am told that you actually even wore full robes, rather than your customary T-shirt and jeans. Just one tip: should you ever wear them again, you might wish to wear the chasuble right side out. But that is a small point compared to the 'hat',

as you called it. My dear nephew, wherever did you get it from? That is only worn by a bishop – and even then, the two tabs hang at the back, not over your face.

I am told that some of the congregation feared that in some frightful 'fresh expression' of episcopal rule, you had suddenly been handed control of the diocese. With the Church of England in its present woeful state, I suppose anything is possible.

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

The Parish Pump - August 2024

Kenilworth Food Festival - 28th July



The **Abbey Museum** is OPEN

Sundays and Bank Holiday Mondays
throughout the summer

2:30 - 4:30pm

FREE ADMISSION



**Kenilworth History &
Archaeology Society**

God in the Sciences

Physicist and Priest: John Polkinghorne (1930-2021)

At the age of 48 the Cambridge Professor John Polkinghorne decided he'd done his bit for physics and that it was time for a different sort of adventure. Resigning his academic position, he trained for ordination in the Church of England. In an interview 40 years later he said, "It's one thing to go to church on Sundays but to give up a professorship and train for something else – that was a bit more than a gesture...I think a lot of people realised I was a religious person but they didn't expect me to take it quite that seriously...People were saying to me, 'Oh John what are you up to?' They mostly weren't thinking so much about my becoming a clergyman but just the fact that I was a Christian." (From *Test of Faith*, Paternoster, 2009)

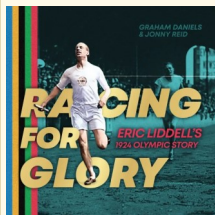
John saw his work in science as a Christian vocation, and he felt a responsibility to use his talents in that area. Once ordained he found himself thoroughly engaged in the conversation about science and religion. One of his main messages was that "I'm not a vegetarian butcher. There is a cousinly relationship between thinking about theology and thinking about science."

When asked for a Bible passage to appear at the end of his 2009 interview John chose Colossians 1:15–20: 'He is the image of the invisible God, the first-born over all creation. For by Him all things were created: things in heaven and on earth, visible and invisible, whether thrones or powers or rulers or authorities; all things were created by Him and for Him. He is before all things, and in Him all things hold together. And He is the head of the body, the church; He is the beginning and the first-born from among the dead, so that in everything He might have the supremacy. For God was pleased to have all his fullness dwell in Him, and through Him to reconcile to Himself all things, whether things on earth or things in heaven, by making peace through His blood, shed on the cross.'

John's explanation for his choice speaks volumes to anyone interested in the science-faith dialogue. *"I value this passage because it speaks of the cosmic significance of Christ, the One in whom all things hold together and who redeems all things (notice, not just all people) by the blood of His cross. Here meet my deepest religious beliefs and my strongest scientific concerns."*

This series is written by Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, who is Church Engagement Director at The Faraday Institute for Science and Religion in Cambridge. Ruth writes on the positive relationship between Science and Christian faith

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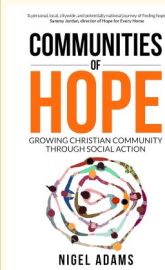


Racing for Glory – Eric Liddell's 1924 Olympic story

By Graham Daniels and Jonny Reid, 10Publishing, £3.99

One hundred years ago this summer, all eyes were on Paris for the 1924 Olympic Games. Among the world's finest athletes stood sprinter Eric Liddell of Great Britain. But holding true to his convictions, he chose not to enter his best race – the 100 metres – and instead changed the 400 metres discipline forever.

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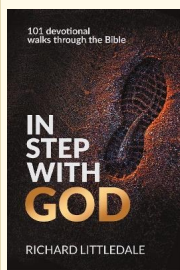
A Communities of Hope

By Nigel Adams, Authentic, £14.99

This is the story of how a Nottingham foodbank became more than just a resource. It became a community.

Tracing the story of his experience working with a foodbank that expanded in many directions, author Nigel Adams shares how Hope House in Nottingham offers such an inclusive welcome to all that over ten years, it has grown into a community of hope.

The story combines theological insights with practical application, as Nigel discovered that when God's people unite to show compassion to those in need, a new kind of community is born that follows Jesus and blesses everyone. Nigel Adams also coordinates Christian Action Nottingham, a network of social action ministries across the city.



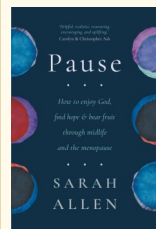
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By Richard Littledale, Authentic, £14.99

From Noah to Elijah through to the Magi and the disciples, the Bible is full of stories of people who have made long or short walks that have had an impact on themselves and others.

Richard Littledale, a pastor and BBC broadcaster, unpacks these often overlooked 'walking' stories and encourages you to take your own physical walk as you ponder their deep truths and apply them to your day.

These 101 thought-provoking biblical reflections and prayers can encourage you on your own spiritual and physical journey.



Pause – How to enjoy God, find hope and bear fruit through midlife and the menopause

By Sarah Allen, 10Publishing, £6.99

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Dealing candidly with the struggles of midlife and menopause, Sarah Allen offers a refreshing biblical perspective to changing emotions, bodies and lives.



"AND WHEN YOU PRAY,
PRAY THEN LIKE THIS ..."

Where does Jesus say
to go to pray?
Matthew 6:6



What does God know
before you ask Him?
Matthew 6:8



What can we ask God
to deliver us from?
Matthew 6:13

If you forgive others
what will God do?
Matthew 6:14



"Always be full of **joy**.
Never stop praying.
Whatever happens,
always be **thankful**."
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

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Smile



None of his training had prepared Gary for this.

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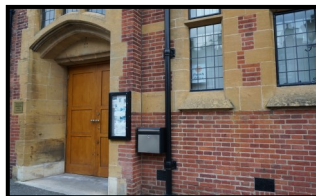
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Allotments stem originally from the General Enclosure Act of 1845. Traditionally, they were popular among older, retired men, but in recent years that profile has changed. Now fewer than half of all plot-holders are retired, and many more are being run by women, who share the plot with their partners.

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