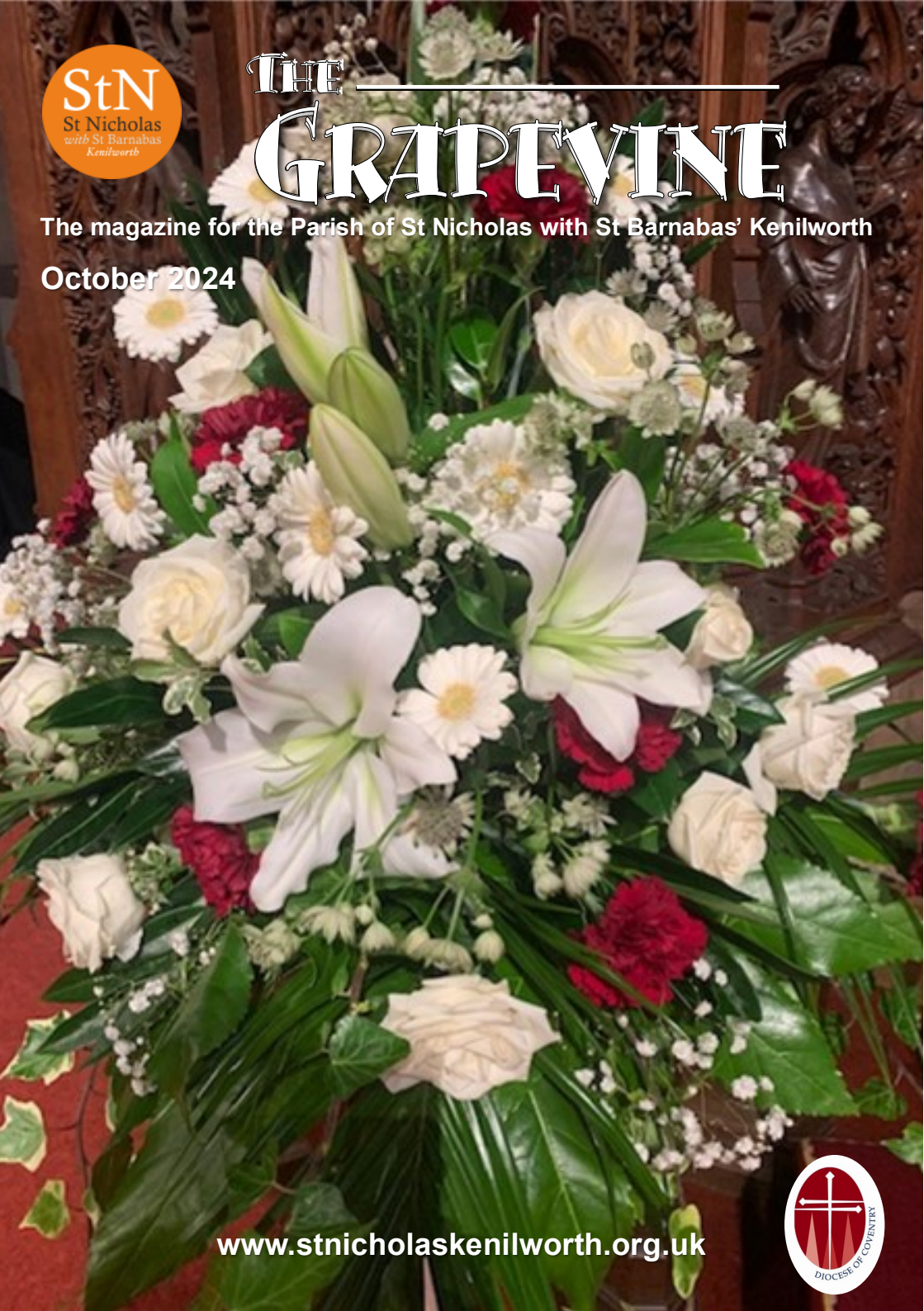




THE GRAPEVINE

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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

Choral Evensong on the **second Sunday 6:30pm** *Summer time*

Choral Evensong on the **fourth Sunday 4:40pm** *Winter time*
(Clocks go back)

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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At this time of year, I am always reminded of my school days. Crunching through the auburn leaves to arrive in the playground, coat pockets stuffed with conkers threaded on string, my ears ringing with advice from my uncles about how to ensure my conkers would win against all the others. Around this time, we would have a special assembly with piles of tinned food balanced precariously at the front of the hall, and baskets of apples spilling out onto the floor at the head-teacher's feet. Harvest Festival in my village school always felt special, a time when we all came together to say thank you for our food and to share our canned harvest with those in community who were most in need of it.



Whilst farmers have been harvesting crops for food for millennia, the church tradition of a Harvest Thanksgiving is relatively recent and emerged from the tradition of harvest-home suppers. These were hosted by farmers after the conclusion of the harvest, to celebrate with and thank all the workers that had helped to safely gather the crops. In 1843 Rev R. S. Hawker, a vicar in Cornwall, held a communion service, sometimes known as the Eucharist or Lord's Supper, where the congregation could share bread made from the corn from the new harvest. The idea caught on and has since been adopted by many church congregations who, to this day, will decorate their buildings with flowers, fruit and other produce and sing hymns of praise and thanksgiving for the bounty of the fields and orchards. There are often collections of produce that, afterwards, are shared with those in need in the community. In more modern times, as well as giving thanks for the harvest, there is space to reflect on the unequal distribution of food across the world and wider themes of climate change and environmental protection.

We continue this tradition at both St Nicholas and St Barnabas. In the coming days, the Flower Guild will be busy decorating St Nicholas church for our family-friendly Harvest service on Sunday 13th October. All are welcome to come and see the wonderful display and to join us in thanking God for all the hard work and commitment that goes into supplying our food, much of which we do not see. These days our collection of produce is taken to the Warwick District Foodbank, so please feel free to drop off your donations to church where you will find a collection box under the table just inside the entrance doors.

Every Blessing

Rev Eira



Wednesday Study Group

All are welcome to join the Study Group on the second and fourth Wednesday of each month. It is held in St Nicholas' Church from 2.30pm until 4.00pm. The dates are the 9th. and the 23rd. October.

We have started a new series of studies on the book of Job. More details and study books will be available beforehand from me; Heather Alford 01926 858308. Please join us!

Please contact me if you would like to know more.



Heather Alford 01926 858308

Mothers' UNION

ST NICHOLAS CHURCH KENILWORTH

St Nicholas Mothers' Union will meet on **Wednesday 16th October** in the Parochial Hall at 2.00 p.m. when Jaimie Richards will be speaking to us about the work of **Coventry Haven**.

We would welcome any new members, just come along on the day and see what we are doing.

Margaret Rogers

This month's cover:

Wedding flowers for the marriage of Sue Fitton and James Strickland at St Nicholas' Church on Sunday, 8th September. (See pages 8 & 9)

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



It is always slightly strange coming back to **Stay and Play** after the summer holidays because some of our regulars are no longer there. They have moved



on to "big School" and we miss their lively presence! However, we know it will not be long before others grow a little bit bigger and take their place!

We have started the year with themes for each week helping us to think about God's world and we have made flowers, matched picture wild animals and "dressed" little people at our craft table. It has been lovely to welcome 3 very new babies, and their Mum's, to the group and we



hope that they will enjoy being with us as much as we enjoy having them in the "Baby Corner".



There is still an invitation to anyone who might like to help with the group to contact me, Heather Alford 858308, or just come along one Thursday morning.

Heather Alford



Please note the time of **Choral Evensong on Sunday 27th October is 4.30pm** as the clocks go back and we will be on Winter time.

*This
Month
in
History
1824*

200 years ago, on 21st Oct 1824 that British mason, bricklayer and cement manufacturer Joseph Aspdin was granted a British patent for Portland cement. His son William went on to develop a stronger version and is regarded as the inventor of modern **Portland cement**.



The Parish Pump

The Family Lounge

During September we have been very excited to launch our new Family Lounge. We have chosen this name because it says it's for families to feel at home, relax and know they are welcomed and cared for. We hope that this will be a welcoming space for all families that use our church. You can find it in a light, bright space at the right-hand side of the platform at the front of the church.



The Family Lounge is a comfy space with books and frequently changing activities where children and their parents and carers can worship God and learn about the Christian faith through play. It is available for use during all of our services, but it is also available at all times the church is open. Why not visit with your children or grand-children and see what it on offer?

All that we ask is that you help us to keep the area welcoming for others by tidying away after you have finished using the Family Lounge.

Eira
Rev Eira

St. Nicholas' Ladies Group

Dear All

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St Nicholas' Church Ladies' Group is celebrating it's 50th Anniversary this year. The group was originally set up Young Wives Group in 1974, changing to Wives Group and subsequently Ladies Group to be all inclusive, married or not.

Here are some photos of the sponsored flowers, with some members after the Church service and from our Afternoon Tea held at Harringtons, with 28 ladies present.



All Ladies are welcome to come along to our meetings held on the 1st Tuesday of the month at St Barnabas' Church, 7.00pm in summer and 2.00pm in winter.

On **1st October** our speaker will be Ian King from Warwickshire Crime Prevention Team who will talk about his "**Thirty Years of Policing**".

We aim to have a **Christmas Social** on **December 3rd** and will cut a 50th Celebration Cake at that time.

Subs for this year have gone up to £18.00 to cover costs, etc. Visitors are welcome, £3.00 a visit.

Gill Peppitt, Secretary

01926 512209

Margaret Wright

The Flower Guild

Dear everyone,

As I looked out of my bedroom window to see the mist and dew on the grass I was reminded that the season was starting to change. I thought how much I liked Autumn but then remembered that I always like the changes from one time of the year to the next!

The Flower Guild is about to embrace that change with their floral offering for Harvest. On Saturday Barbara led our workshop to help and prompt us with ideas around using sunflowers. I always think they are such jolly flowers and of course they are great for the birds when we have finished with them.

We had great fun and I hope that you enjoy our pictures.

As we look forward to the changing season I would like to thank you all for your continued support of the Flower Guild through sponsorship and donations. It is all gratefully appreciated.

.Kind regards



Annie

Congratulations to Sue and James on their wedding

On the 8th of September members of the Flower Guild enjoyed being part of Sue Fitton and James Strickland's wedding. We were involved in all aspects of the floral designs in the church, at the reception and the bridal flowers.

Revd. Richard Moore conducted a lovely service. The bride looked beautiful and after a very wet morning, the sun shone.

Happy is the bride the sun shines on.

Pictures from the wedding, including the floral arrangements, can be seen on page 9 📖



Wedding of Sue Fitton & James Strickland

1 p.m. | St Nicholas Church,
 Sunday 8th September | Kenilworth

Everyone is welcome to
 attend the service







Welcome
 TO OUR WEDDING
 SUE & JAMES
 SUNDAY 8th SEPTEMBER 2024
 Thank you for celebrating with us



St Nicholas' Church Teas
Sunday, 13th October, 2.30 - 5.00pm

HARVEST FESTIVAL

**Last Teas for 2024, returning in February 2025 with
Snowdrop Teas**

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 the beautiful **Harvest Festival Flowers**.

All income goes to Parish Funds.

Volunteers are always welcomed:
Please contact Janet on 01926 857931



**You can also visit the bell tower -
open until 300pm**



Lego Club @ St. Barney's

is 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

Dates are: 1st; 8th; 15th and 22nd October.

29th October, from 10am -12 noon - HALF TERM LEGO CLUB extra

12th; 19th and 26th November; 10th and
Christmas party on 17th December

St Barnabas' Church News



Do you bake cakes?

“TEA 4 ALL” needs volunteers to bake cakes for our monthly event. If you are kind enough to volunteer, it doesn't mean that you must bake cakes every month. If we have 2 or 3 offers of help, it is possible to organise a rota for our volunteers. There are 3 of us that supply cakes presently and these 3 ladies have been making the cakes for “TEA 4 ALL” since the beginning, in 2014. After 10 years, they would appreciate some help, so that they can have some months off from baking cakes and enjoy someone else's delicious cakes! If baking isn't for you, we also need tea and coffee makers and people who could prepare the tables.



“TEA 4 ALL” is very much part of our life at St Barnabas and is held on the 1st Saturday in the month, apart from January and July. It is from 2pm, with an opportunity for people to join us for lunch from 1pm. It is a free event, with any voluntary donations going to parish funds. It began as part of St Barnabas's outreach and mission and has been very successful. We welcome people from all over the town of all ages and faiths, numbers vary but all who come to join us say that they feel welcome and enjoy the hospitality that St Barnabas is well known for.

Please consider being a volunteer at “TEA 4 ALL” and be part of a team that bring hospitality, fellowship and not forgetting, cakes, to many people!!

If you would like any further information, do not hesitate to phone me 07817059614.

Thank you.

Lesley O'Connor

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 poster is decorated with watercolor illustrations of autumn foliage and pumpkins. In the top left, there are purple and orange leaves. In the top right, a large yellow pumpkin is partially visible. On the right side, another yellow pumpkin is shown. At the bottom left, a green pumpkin is partially visible. At the bottom right, there are clusters of red berries and yellow leaves.

St Nicholas Church, Kenilworth

FAMILY PRAISE

Harvest Festival

**13TH OCTOBER
10 AM**

**WE WILL BE COLLECTING
DONATIONS FOR THE
WARWICK DISTRICT
FOODBANK.**

**PLEASE GIVE
GENEROUSLY**

From the Belltower



St Nicholas' Bellringers' late summer outing

Our second outing of the year took place on Saturday 21st September, when we were lucky enough to have what was probably the last of the summer sun to welcome us to four village churches, deep in the Oxfordshire countryside.

Jeff and Isabel Platten had arranged for us to ring the bells at St Kenelm, Church Enstone; St Michael and All Angels, Great Tew; St Mary's, Swerford; and St Giles, Wigginton. Apart from Great Tew where the 8 bells were very much heavier than those of St Nicholas with the tenor weighing over one ton, the rest of the towers had 6 lighter-weight bells although they still managed to present their challenges to the band of 14 ringers. In particular, at St Giles, Wigginton, we had to negotiate a steep and narrow spiral stairway up to the ringing chamber, whereupon there was then a near vertical ladder of some two meters leading down to the chamber's floor.



The idyllic church of St Michael and All Angels, Great Tew



The ringers in action at Great Tew

We were pleased to be joined by fellow ringers Eden Horwood and Richard Goldson from Wing, Bucks, as well as Ross Bradley from Hampreston, Dorset – his daughter Rachel and grandson Seth being part of our band at St Nicholas Church.

Eleven-week-old Alexander Darvill also joined us for his first ringing outing and happily he expressed no notes of discord throughout the day - as least not in the towers!

The 'compulsory' pub lunch was arranged for a total of 22 of us including family members at the splendid Sun Inn, Hook Norton. Unfortunately, the local brewery was unable to accommodate our party for a late afternoon tour despite our request of some weeks ago, it being so popular that there is a six-month waiting list!

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Itineraries are already being discussed for next year's outing given the enjoyment we had, and the experience gained by all when ringing bells at different churches.



The ringers and families outside St Mary, Swerford

David Crawley

We still need more Altar Servers!

Have you ever thought of becoming an Altar Server or want to take a more active role in the service?

We currently have vacancies for altar servers.

If you think you may be interested, or know of someone who maybe, please introduce yourself to one of us after a service and we will be happy to chat with you about the role or leave your contact details with the parish office.





The Family Lounge

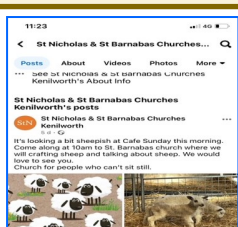


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On Eagle's Wings

The 2024 Paris Olympic Summer Games are over. After the post-Covid, somewhat sterile Tokyo Summer Olympics in 2021, this year saw a return to the Olympics in all its glory – joyful, exuberant, challenging, surprising and entertaining – even the breakdancing!

The wet opening ceremony, the competitions, the fierce rivalry, the nail-biting, photo finishes, the highs and lows, the triumphs and regrets, these Games completed a wonderful summer of sport. There were 10,000 Olympic competitors and 1000 medals won so some joys and many disappointments.

It is 100 years since Eric Liddell won a gold medal in the Paris 1924. A Scottish sprinter, born in Tientsin, China in 1902, his parents were Christian missionaries. He spent his holidays from boarding school for 'Mish Kids' with family in Edinburgh. With his brother Robert he subsequently studied Pure Science there.

An outstanding athlete, he captained the first cricket and rugby teams at school, being described as 'entirely without vanity.' He played rugby for Scotland in the 1920's, winning seven caps. At university he became known as the Flying Scotsman, variously described as being determined, but not pious, with a great sense of fun.

Eric held on to his deep Christian faith throughout his life to its cruel end. He came to the full fame of the world in the 1981 film, *Chariots of Fire*, about him and his sprinter rival, Harold Abrahams. The film focused on their

contrasting lives and viewpoints during the 1924 Olympics, and the principles of self-giving love.

He made his decision not to run on the Sabbath, saying; 'God made countries. God makes kings and the rules by which they govern. And those rules say that the Sabbath is His.' This defiant, very principled stand, this sacrifice, was rewarded when subsequently he won gold in the 400 metres.

Following the Olympics he returned to China in 1925 as a missionary. A teacher at the Anglo-Chinese College, he was able to train boys in different sports, continuing to compete locally on occasions. On furlough he was ordained a non-Conformist minister and married Florence Mackenzie, a Canadian Mish Kid, in 1934. They had three daughters. The youngest he did not live to see.

He devoted his life as a missionary to serving in the poorest areas of China. In 1941 Japanese aggression meant China became increasingly dangerous. Eric sent the family to Canada, but he went to a rural mission station in Xiaoping with his brother Robert, a doctor there. Life was tough in this poverty-ridden area. Robert became so ill he was sent home on furlough. Eric was captured by the Japanese in 1943 and interned in Wei Hsien Internment Camp.

Many in the camp spoke of the solace they found in Eric's bright, very special

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presence, with his deep concern for everyone. He was kind, considerate, possessing a great sense of humour. He organised games for the younger ones and wrote a chemistry textbook for them. Some survivors went on to study sciences post-internment, with flying colours.

A modest, shy man, running was an expression of his faith. He died of a brain tumour in the camp, the Light still inside him. He brought that Light as well as laughter to a terrible place. As he slipped away, he called; 'Surrender, surrender, surrender.'

Let the last words go to Eric Liddell: 'Circumstances may appear to wreck our lives and God's plans, but God is not helpless amidst the ruins. Our broken lives are not lost or useless. God's love is still working.' AMEN to that.



Thelma Mitchell

22nd October St Donatus' Day,

The danger of exploring an unfamiliar church

When you are out and about on the road far from home, ever feel tempted to pop in and explore an unfamiliar church? If so, think of Donatus as your patron



saint – and beware. You don't know what you may be letting yourself in for....

In 829 Donatus, an Irish monk, had completed a prayerful pilgrimage to Rome, and thought his adventures were over. Now there only remained the long road home to Ireland. He had got as far as the beautiful little town of Fiesole, which sits high above Florence in Tuscany, when he saw a lot of people milling about the cathedral. Curious, he decided to look in.... as he entered the cathedral, the bells rang, the lamps were lit and wham! Without any diocesan paperwork at all, he was acclaimed to be the new bishop the people had been praying for.

Donatus was very surprised, but accepted that this turn of events must be God's will for his life. So he became bishop, in a time when bishops did even more dangerous things than they do nowadays. Instead of verbal forays into the national press, Donatus was given the job of leading Pope Louis the Pious' troops against the Saracens. Safely back in Fiesole, Donatus settled down as a scholar and teacher of his new flock. But he never forgot his native Ireland, and so did the 9th century equivalent of 'twinning' his diocese, for he opened a little hospice where any Irish pilgrims passing through Tuscany could stay in safety. He died in 876, and 12 centuries later, his relics lie in the present cathedral of Fiesole. >



Coffee Wives at the Almanack

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

Our next Coffee Wives will be **Monday, 21st. October**



Sponsoring Flowers and Bells at St Nicholas' Church



Celebrate a special occasion, a birthday or wedding anniversary or in memory of a loved one by sponsoring the church flowers or the ringing of the bells.

As well as sponsoring church flowers floral arrangements for weddings and special occasions can also be arranged by our **Flower Guild**, including flowers for the church, table arrangements and the bridal flowers.

For details or to arrange sponsoring flowers or bells, contact the Parish Office, on 01926 857509 or email: office@stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk

Or for floral arrangements by the Guild, contact the Flower Guild directly or contact the parish office

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



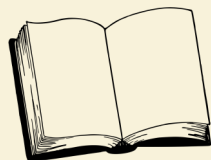
Pew-sheet notices that didn't come out quite right...

Smile

Would the person who took the church step ladder last week please bring it back, or further steps will be taken.

After Sunday morning coffee, please empty the teapot and stand upside down on the draining board.

Worshippers are asked to wail, until the choir has been served Holy Communion.



Sadly, Bookworm has decided to retire and we no longer have Bookworm's Good Reads. If you enjoy a good read and would like to take up Bookworm's mantle, you would be most welcome. It does not have to be a regular or lengthy contribution. If you think you may be interested, please email me at:

grapevine@stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk

A Postcard from France

I again find myself in France as The Grapevine goes to press, on Sunday we drove westward from Boulogne to Bayeux, leaving behind the smart environs of Le Touquet and the smart set - the wealthy folk frequenting the resort on le weekend. We follow the coast road; on our left are low-lying pastures and on our right, salt marshes and reed beds forming a natural barrier between the road and the sea.

Overhead a flock of starlings catch my attention, flying in formation - a murmuration - soaring, turning and diving as one. It is a phenomenon that has defied science to come up with a satisfactory explanation as to how the starlings flight formation is so perfectly synchronised. Sometimes an explanation is not required, it is enough to just observe and wonder in amazement.



This is the sort of that situation the first disciples found themselves in. They were eyewitness to the miracles performed by Jesus, acts which defy rational explanation and they had the privilege of witnessing first hand events that we have to take onboard as a matter of faith. We can thank the writers of the Gospels who described those events for our benefit, John the Evangelist in particular: *'But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name.'* ((John 20. 31)

So a murmuration of starlings glimpsed overhead leads me to ponder on the nature of belief and as we head into Bayeux, our destination for the next few days I am struck by another arresting sight; the road in from the coast is arrow straight and the magnificent cathedral is visible several miles distant; and like pilgrims of old we are drawn to its towering spires and like them we too take our place in that unbroken thread of Christ's disciples, 'the communion of saints'.

Richard

God in the Sciences

Dr Ruth M Bancewicz, 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.

Fearfully and Wonderfully Made

Every person was once a sperm and an egg. Those two unique germ cells fused together, and in nine months they turned into a living, breathing, human being. One of the most important stages of this process is when each section of the body, from head to rump, takes on its identity.

In this context, identity means what shape it takes, and which limbs or internal organs grow there: legs or arms, lungs or pancreas, and so on. The source of that physical identity is DNA: the networks of genes that are switched on or off in each segment of the body, making all the proteins that are needed to grow and develop in the right way. The master-genes that control the whole process are called homeobox, or Hox genes for short.

The most beautiful thing about the process of body patterning is the way it brings the dimensions of time and space together in such a tidy way. The Hox genes are organised into several clusters on the chromosomes, in the order in which they are needed during development and the order in which they appear on the body.

As the embryo develops, the cells near the head end activate the first genes in the Hox clusters. The cells just below the head then switch on the second genes in the cluster, and so on. A wave of gene activation passes down the embryo, specifying each section of the trunk in turn.

Once a Hox gene is switched on it can stay switched on in the next few sections of cells, and it is the overlapping activity of the genes which gives each section of the body its proper identity.

The Wisconsin-based developmental biologist Jeff Hardin often quotes Psalm 139 to express the wonder of embryonic development. “For you created my inmost being; you knit me together in my mother’s womb...your works are wonderful, I know that full well. My frame was not hidden from you when I was made in the secret place, when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.” The story of the tidy Hox genes is very relevant to these verses, bringing out the hidden beauty in the process.

The more biologists get to find out about how we came to be born, the more we can say, *“I am fearfully and wonderfully made”!*

The treasure in church chests

For whatsoever things were written ... were written for our learning, that we through... comfort of the scriptures might have hope... Romans 15:4

Many of our churches have old chests which are used to keep books in. I have been in two recently where the chests were older than the churches themselves!

I do not think our chest in my church is very old. It is near the altar and is covered with a cloth. I am not really sure why it needs to be covered like this. I suppose someone thought it would look more fitting if it had a cloth on it.

Being of an enquiring mind, or just plain nosey, I had a look inside and found it is full of old Bibles and prayerbooks. I like using them during the traditional morning worship services. I love those massive old Bibles, some of which go back hundreds of years and the Books of Common Prayer. Although they seem to weigh a ton they were made to be used and have large print which I find very helpful! Recently when I was finding the lesson I notice someone had already marked it. That was probably done years ago.

The prayerbooks are fun as well, as many date from ages past; some encourage us to pray for King George, not the Georges of the 20th Century but King George and his wife Caroline from the early 19th Century. It is interesting how these State Prayers alter as the Royal Family changes like our own families. The older books have prayers for King the Charles the Martyr and the anniversary of his death, and also prayers for 5th November. (I actually used the Guy Fawkes prayer last year, with edits, and I left a note in the book to say so. Please don't tell anyone!)

A prayerbook from the Victorian period has some loose tracts put inside and another a patriotic song from 1914. Another thing to note is the old way of printing the letter 'S' which looks like an F and can catch unwary reader out. Our sister church has an even older Bible dating from the 17th century.

Let us use these old books and cherish history. Many of these were gifts to the church by previous members of the congregation. They would have been significant expenditure. The Bible in the 17th century would have cost the price of a new car today. The Bible speaks to every age.

Parish Chest in St. Mary's Church, Kempley
Made from a solid oak tree trunk. Made in the early 16th century when the tree would have been about 250 years old.

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On the perils of being a school governor

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

I was interested to hear that from this academic year, your vicar has asked you to take his place as a school governor. A whole new world of exciting meetings is about to open up to you. Naturally, you will have been told that the governors only meet three times a year. You will probably not have been told that you will also be expected to be on at least two sub-committees, where you will be immediately asked to become secretary, as a way of getting to know the job. Add on training days, parents' evenings, sports days, school socials, end of term services, charity events and accompanying classes on days out and you will begin to realise that your vicar's suggestion was not as innocent as you may have thought.

Remember, too, that all meetings require you sit on chairs designed for five-year-olds. You will then spend countless hours going through a 40-item agenda, trying to look dignified with your knees somewhere round your ears while drawing up school plans as if they were the Normandy landing. Be prepared to receive paperwork measured by the hundredweight; entire rainforests have been obliterated by your education authority sending what they seem to think is vital information; it does, however, make good cat litter.

Most meetings will be so full of acronyms that for the first few years you will have the feeling that conversation is taking place in a language that may bear a passing resemblance to English, but isn't. There is little point in trying to learn what they all mean because before too long, they will all be replaced by another set anyway, which will be equally incomprehensible.

Your computer abilities will be expected to be far beyond what anyone over the age of 30 could ever be expected to achieve; if you sink without trace, ask a seven-year-old, who will soon put you right.

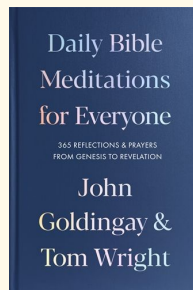
You will also be encouraged to attend training days; I strongly suggest you select all-day events, as at least you will get a lunch out of it. You needn't bother to arrive on time, since the first hour will be spent with everyone introducing themselves and you can leave early, as the final hour will go on filling in evaluation forms.

Just keep reminding yourself that your term of office is a mere five years; you may even get remission for good behaviour..

Your loving uncle,

Eustace

Daily Bible Meditations for Everyone – 365 Reflections and Prayers, from Genesis to Revelation



By John Goldingay and Tom Wright, SPCK, £19.99

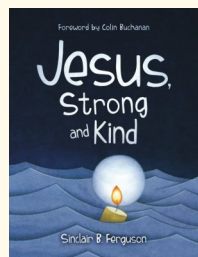
This book takes you on a journey through the whole Bible in one year. With wisdom, clarity and depth, Goldingay and Wright provide a rich blend of theological insight and practical application in 365 concise reflections and prayers.

For anyone seeking spiritual growth, a deeper connection with the Scriptures, or simply a daily source of inspiration, this book could enrich your appreciation of the whole Bible and offers a clear path to understanding and applying God's Word in your daily life.

Jesus, Strong and Kind

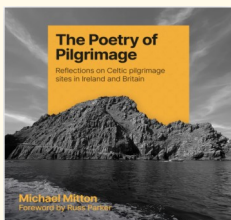
By Sinclair B Ferguson, 10Publishing, £10.98

This book uses the words of the popular children's song to help children understand that they can always run to Jesus, even when they feel lost or scared or weak. The author shows that God is powerful and merciful, good and faithful. With some very attractive colour illustrations by Angelo Ruta, the book will be a helpful addition to any family's library.



The Poetry of Pilgrimage: Reflections on Celtic Pilgrimage sites in Ireland and Britain

By Michael Mitton, BRF, £12.99



Drawing from his experience of co-leading pilgrimages in Britain and Ireland, Michael Mitton describes 23 significant pilgrimage sites for anyone from experienced pilgrims to armchair pilgrims.

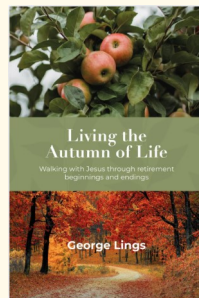
Each chapter outlines the story of the Celtic saint who founded the site, together with information about the location, a poem inspired by the author's experience of that place, a reflective question, a suggested Bible reading and a photo of the site. Michael Mitton is an Anglican priest and canon emeritus of Derby Cathedral.

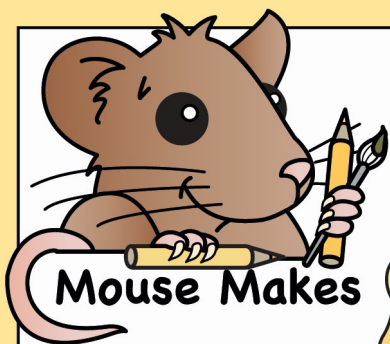
Living the Autumn of Life: Walking with Jesus through retirement beginnings and endings

By George Lings, BRF, £12.99

How can we best approach the season between retiring and becoming dependent? Autumn is a time of gains and losses: fruit being harvested, and leaves falling.

This book charts the experience of living through both realities, drawn from the author's own life and from the views of interviewees. Informed by historic and contemporary reading, it offers snapshots of later life, taken against a backdrop of ageism in society and church. George Lings reflects on the identity of the 'active elderly' and considers the challenges and opportunities that this season brings.





WALK WITH THE LORD

"Teach me your way,
O Lord, that I would
walk in your _____."
Psalm 86:11

Mouse Makes

"For we **walk** by

not by sight."
2 Corinthians 5:7

"**Walk** by the

"
Galatians 5:16



Jesus said:
"I am the light
of the world.
If you

me you won't
have to **walk**
in darkness
because
you have
the light
that leads
to life."
John 8:12



"**Walk** in

as Christ loved
us and gave
himself up for us."
Ephesians 5:2

"**Walk** in
a manner
worthy of the
Lord, fully pleasing
to him, bearing

in every good work
and increasing in
the knowledge
of God"
John 8:12

is everyone who
fears the Lord,
who **walks** in
his ways."
Psalm 128:1

GOD • JESUS • LORD • WALK
WAYS • STEP • FEET • PATH • GO • TEACH • KNOWLEDGE • LIGHT

Find the words from the questions too!

The GRAPEVINE

Contributing to The Grapevine

There are 11 monthly editions of the magazine with December and January being a double edition. If you wish to contribute an article for **The Grapevine**, it would be most welcomed. The deadline for all copy is currently the 25th of the preceding month when all items should be with the editor (Tony Shakespeare) at 7 Rosemary Mews, School Lane or email: grapevine@stnicholaskenilworth.org.uk



Smile



It's either an appeal to youth culture or we can't afford to service the boiler for the winter season

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For detail of our various groups, contact the office who will be able to pass your details onto the group leader.

Parish Office

The Parish Office is located in the Parochial Hall, High Street.

The Office is open and you can contact Debby, the Parish administrator during the usual office hours

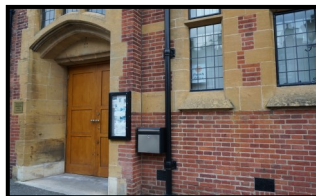
11am – 2pm on Tuesday, Wednesday &

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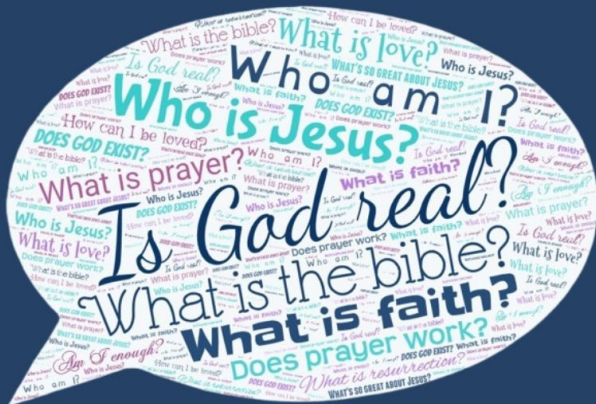
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Got questions about life and faith?

Join us this autumn as we explore them together

Thursday evenings 7.30 - 9pm

St Barnabas Church, Albion Street

October 3rd	Is God real?
October 10th	How does God speak today?
October 17th	Who is Jesus?
October 24th	What is the Holy Spirit?
November 7th	How does the Bible help us?
November 14th	What is faith?
November 21st	More Questions?



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