

The GRAPEVINE

Autumn Review 2025



The magazine for the Parish of St Nicholas with St Barnabas' Kenilworth

Looking back on August, September and October

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Dear readers ...

I hope you enjoy this edition of **The Grapevine** magazine. It is quite different from previous editions as it is a review and reflects on our church and parish over the past three months.

It has been quite challenging to edit the numerous articles that have been received but I think that there is an interesting mix of topics and celebrations that all can enjoy.

We have certainly received a large number of contributions, some with large folders of images, far more than we could fit in comfortably. We also have some new contributors who, hopefully, will continue to contribute to future editions.

Hopefully the interactive contents page will allow you to navigate to articles you wish to find and by clicking on a page number, you should return to the contents page.

I have chosen to add Autumnal borders to many of the pages to reflect the theme of the edition but I am not sure whether they will distract too much from the content. If you don't like them, please let me know so that I can avoid using them in the future; equally, let me know if you did like them so that I can use something similar again. The borders are from a free website called Unsplash and were by Shavi Mardahi.

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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 in future editions.

If you wish to contribute, the next copy date will be early in January for the Winter (Christmas) edition. Please watch the Newsletter for future copy dates. New contributors are always welcome but if you are unsure about sending me something, you can always get in touch with me and let me know what you are thinking of sending.

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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

4:30pm Choral Evensong on the **second and fourth Sundays** **Winter time**

 **Online:** **Sundays at 10.00am** - livestreamed Services 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 the Church Newsletter or church notices for changes to regular services.

View from the Vicarage

Autumn 2025

This time of year, with shortening days and falling leaves is a good time to reflect on letting go and transformation. As we watch the trees turn from vibrant green to shades of gold, russet, red, purple and brown we are reminded that what might seem to be death is, in fact, a gentle letting go. If the trees did not let their leaves fall then there would be no room for the new growth of spring and the future summer fruits. The falling of the autumn leaves is an essential part of the life cycle of a tree.



The same holds true in our own lives. The author of the Old Testament book, Ecclesiastes, showed great wisdom when he wrote 'for everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven'. We cannot expect to grow in our discipleship, in our ability to love God and love others, whilst clinging onto everything that has gone before. There are things that must be laid down before there is space to develop new patterns and habits.

Before the leaves fall, the trees celebrate by putting on an amazing colourful display; then there is a period of resting and waiting for the new leaves to form and grow. In this edition of Grapevine, we celebrate the life of our church over the last few months: wonderful weddings, a vibrant Festival of Play, and our glorious October Light Trail are just a few examples of what we have been up to in our faith community. I thank God for each of these events, the people that we have met through them and the amazing people who give up their time to make them happen. As we enter into a new season, I invite you to join me in prayer for the new things that are springing up and the events of the season to come: that through the life of St Nicholas' and St Barnabas' Churches more and more people will encounter the God who loves them, and begin to know themselves as beloved and precious to God.

Every Blessing

Rev Eira



From the Bell Tower

David Crawley

St Nicholas' Bellringers' late summer outing – Saturday 27th September 2025

Our annual September outing took place on Saturday 27th September, when a party of 20 ringers, together with family members, set off to ring at four churches in Warwickshire and Worcestershire.

The day began at St Matthew's, Salford Priors (8 bells), before moving on to St Nicholas, Alcester (8 bells) and St Peter's, Coughton (6 bells). We concluded at St Mary's, Studley (8 bells), where we also enjoyed an excellent lunch at The Little Lark.

Although the weather remained rather overcast, spirits were high. The three rings of 8 bells were challenging but proved rewarding once mastered, while the 6 at Coughton provided a pleasing contrast.

There was plenty of enthusiasm and opportunity for everyone to take part and the outing was another reminder of the fun, fellowship and benefits that comes from ringing in different settings.

Special thanks go to Rachel Bradley for organising the day so well and ensuring everything ran smoothly. It was a most enjoyable and worthwhile occasion.

Photos

Top: St Nicholas, Alcester

Right: Ringing at St Peter's, Coughton

Below: Lunch with family and friends

David Crawley



Reverend Richard Moore

Kenilworth Revealed – A Theological Reflection

Many of you by now will be familiar with the project to bring The Abbey of St Mary to life through AR – Augmented Reality. The digital re-creation of the Abbey, an approximation of how it would have appeared in 1500, is truly amazing. To add atmosphere to the experience, local people were drafted in to act out various vignettes, filmed in period costume and inserted into the digital fabric of the Abbey. I was chosen to play the part of the Abbot. It is at this point that the past and the present collide. I acted out the scenes, I think I appeared in three or four – licence was taken with language because the Latin of the day would be inaccessible to the majority of the intended audience.

My current role within the life of St Nicholas' Church blurs the line between acting as the Abbot and ministering as Reverend Richard; first and foremost, as an ordained priest I am never 'off duty', so for one scene when I recite the Lord's Prayer in Middle English I am simultaneously both Medieval abbot and modern-day minister. Is God present in the augmented reality? I am certain that nowhere is out of bounds for God, not even AR. So the visitors to the digital Abbey, connected only by tablet and smartphone are in the presence of God in the medieval abbey and witness to and recipients of the prayer that Jesus taught us.

Secondly, there is the connection of place with only the separation of time between the events of 1500 and the present day. The app for Kenilworth Revealed allows you to switch the image on your device's screen back and forth between what you can see today and what you would have seen in the year 1500, it is easy to allow your imagination to put you right back in the past.

I did feel a sense of loss at the destruction of the magnificent Abbey estate and a strong connection between the parish overseen by the Abbot, and the Parish of St Nicholas in 2025. Amidst this theology of place and parochial inheritance, the fusion of territory and history, is a sense of belonging, belonging to each other in community and belonging to God in Christ, reconciling this place to himself.



Flower Guild Diamond Celebrations

Jean Bunce

When the Reverend Frank Bull became the vicar of St Nicholas Church in Kenilworth in the mid 1960s he soon considered that there was a need for organisation of the floral decorations in church. He approached Molly Poynter for her help and she recruited twelve ladies with flower arranging experience. She was chairman of this team for seven years and was followed by "a number of very competent members" (These are Molly's words but the same applies to this day). To raise money for flowers, the team began to offer floral arrangements for weddings and for many years this was popular and remunerative. Sadly this is no longer the case, under five, compared with 17 or 18 per year.



In 1975 the Flower Guild staged a three day Elizabethan Festival of flowers to mark the 400th anniversary of the visit to Kenilworth of Queen Elizabeth I. This raised £375, "a considerable sum for its time". It paid for a new Festal Altar Cloth and a new carpet around the altar. Sadly these were destroyed by fire in the same year, but were replaced through insurance. We, in the present day, have continued to raise money with such ideas as demonstrations and workshops

In 2003, members of the congregations were asked to arrange fund-raising activities in order to strengthen links between the church and community. Barbara offered flower arranging demonstrations and is the only C to C activity continuing to this day. (Every other month a workshop is held and the regular attendees, usually thirty plus, were invited to our Diamond celebrations last month). Molly had reminded us about our Ruby Anniversary and we happily celebrated with Rosé wine and nibbles. Then she recalculated and said the next year was the true date, so we put it right and had a second great party. Thank you Molly !



Other anniversaries were celebrated in other ways such as with a visiting florist and tea in the Parochial Hall and a hat demonstration and tea at the Woodside. But the 60th was the special one! We decorated the church in the traditional manner for Harvest (happily much admired - the colours were wonderful) and alongside this, Trish and her team decorated the Lady Chapel with 'diamonds' - a great deal of glitter with



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displays of white flowers and lights in the windows and on a special screen near the altar. Probably the 'star' of the show was a tree on which every leaf was printed the name of an individual Flower Guild member outlined in glitter. All members since the guild's foundation were included !



Everyone who has had a connection with the Flower Guild over the years was sent an invitation to "Fizz and Nibbles" with present members allowed to bring a partner. As they arrived they were given a glass of fizz and invited to look more closely at the decorations.



Then the present Chair, Judith, welcomed all with a short speech, Revd Richard proposed the toast, and the

beautiful cake, made by Janet and decorated with fresh flowers, was cut and shared. There was much chatter and laughter contributing to a lovely atmosphere. We feel it was a very successful and enjoyable occasion - Is it Platinum next?



Of course flowers are at the centre of the guild's activities but we do feel that the fellowship is equally important. Come to church when we are decorating for one of the seasons accompanied by prayers, coffee and chatter and you will see what I mean. You will be most welcome!

Jean Bance



St. Nicholas' Ladies Group

Gill Peppitt

The Ladies started off on September 2nd with a wonderful talk by Nick Cole of the **Warwickshire Search and Rescue Team**.

They are purely volunteers but are specially trained in what they do, Nick actually is in charge of a drone, and a Leader. They are a Lowland Rescue team and assist police in searches for vulnerable missing people throughout Warwickshire, Coventry, Solihull and eastern Birmingham. Members are on call 24 hours a day, 365 days a year since 2013.

Specialist roles are:-

River Bank technicians, Kayak search, swift water rescue, drone pilot, search dog and handler, first responder emergency care and support team members; of which there are now 80 members. When called out, a Team Leader decides on role allocation, briefing, search areas subdivided, leadership and decision making - search planning, risk assessment, map reading navigation, radio. All record keeping is confidential.

As the organisation is purely voluntary, it relies on funding from the public. Money can be given direct or have someone come and talk about work for a fee and also give money into a charity box which we did. The organisation received The Kings Award for Voluntary Service.

The group can be found on facebook.com/warksar, twitter.com/warksar, instagram.com/warksar.

On **October 7th** we were given a wonderful talk by Alan Deeley titled **The Fascinating World of the Honey Bees and Bee Keeping**. Alan lives in Burton Green and has only been Bee Keeping for 10 years, he has some hives in his Garden, 15 at Warwick University and some in Staffordshire on heather moorland. During winter, bees require about 40lb of honey a hive to survive until spring and summer. Without bees pollinating plants and flowers, the world would be a very poor place, especially regarding food and harvest crops. The life of bees is quite complicated, they are very clever and have been around for thousands of years. We need to keep our gardens safe for bees to pollinate.



There is a wonderful booklet at www.rhs.org.uk/getinvolved that gives plants that encourage bees. Alan can be found at aldeeley@btinternet.co.uk or 07785 306669 in order to be contacted re a wonderful talk.

November 4th will see us have Jennifer Rigby give an enlightened talk about **Shakespeare's Women** at 2.00pm in St. Barnabas Church, Albion Street. This should be quite entertaining.

In **November** we take part in the Christmas Tree Festival.

December 2nd at 2.00 the Ladies will have their **Christmas Social**.

Coffee at the Almanac continues every 3rd Monday of the month at 10.30 am.



Gill Peppitt, Secretary

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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



Wedding photos

Congratulations to

James & Amy
18th October 2025

(James Faulkner and Amy Wright)



Flowers, flowers, flowers

Harvest Flowers at St Barnabas'



A big thank you to Rita and Lesley for the wonderful floral displays for Harvest at St Barnabas' Church.

Rita Colville would like to extend her thanks to Lesley O'Connor for her help in decorating St Barnabas Church. Lesley decorated the windows and Rita arranged the floral displays.



Modern Slavery

Mothers Union



MOTHERS UNION INITIATIVE



A group of seven Mothers Union members made knitted chains to symbolise the week of "**Modern Slavery**", being the week of 12th to 19th October. "More than 200 years of the abolition of slavery, there is an estimated 49.6 million men, women and children trapped in modern slavery, with at least 122,000 victims in the UK alone." (taken from the Clewer Initiative).

What an awful number. Having made 16 chains in all, we displayed the chains over our Mothers Union boards, over the three North windows of our Church, over the greenery, and around the cloakroom.

Mary Leeson

Wednesday Afternoon Study Group

Heather Alford

During the Autumn we have been studying the book of Esther from the Old Testament.

The Old Testament is full of stories. Many of them we are familiar with, such as Joseph with his amazing coat, Daniel who survived the den of lions, Jonah and his encounter with a big fish and many more. Jesus, too, was a great story teller and we are familiar with many of his parables from the New Testament.

Esther is one of the stories in the Bible which is perhaps less well known and yet she had a profound part to play in the survival of God's people, the Jews when all the odds were stacked against them. Esther was a brave young lady who risked her own life in order to save her people.

Lyn Penson, who wrote the notes, said this in her introduction, "The book of Esther is unique as a biblical book in that the name of God is never mentioned, nor is prayer or anything else that we might want to class as 'spiritual', except for fasting. Do we ever wonder where God is? Whether in national or international situations or closer to home in our difficult circumstances, we sometimes think that God is absent. In the book of Esther it seems that God is hidden, yet he is present and active. This can give us courage and confidence that God is present and at work even when we are not aware of him."

As we have worked through the book each study has given us fresh insight into the different characters involved and the way they are able to affect the outcome for the Jewish nation. The line up of characters gives us a very diverse mix of people. There's the rather weak and ineffective King, Xerxes, the proud and confident Haman, Esther's uncle, Mordecai, a devout Jew who is greatly concerned for his nation and the teenage Esther who is required to be brave and wise beyond her years.

As we have considered the people, we have, in discussion, related our own thoughts and our own experiences. We have had interesting and in-depth discussions which we have all agreed have given us much to think about.

If you would like to think about joining us, please contact me. After Christmas we will be selecting a new book or subject to study.

Heather Alford 01926 858308



Festival of Play

Heather Marshall

Children's and Families Worker

Every Tuesday and Thursday afternoon in August the Festival of Play took place in St. Nicholas' Church. It was such an amazing time and was all kinds of colourful, creative and playful fun. It was loud, messy and ... but oh so joyful.

There was a different theme each day based on the hymn 'All things bright and beautiful'. The first session was treasure and we made treasure chests to keep our special things in, we thought about what we treasure. Treasure was also the theme of our Family Praise service in August. The service finished with a treasure hunt. We had a space theme one day and made rockets, mini globe lights. We created birds from ball-pit balls, complete with nests, and another session we made giant rain sticks from recycled cardboard tubes from the centre of fabric rolls for the Helens craft shop. We made peg dolls which were a big hit with the carers as well as the children. We made jellyfish, Soctopus and monster puppets.

Alongside the 4+ crafts at each session we had toys for different-aged children, we had toys for the tiny babies, we had toys you build, we had cardboard boxes which became towers, bridges, houses and Christmas presents, we had toys you rolled, we had gardening with Coco Pops soil, we made perfume from



petals, we loved the marble run, we made drain pipes into all kinds of car runs, we had a train set down the middle aisle of the church.

We had play that used our imagination, that was creative, that helped us be social and play together with the new friends we made, we had play that helped with our emotions, develop language skills. We had playful prayer stations. Over the eight sessions we welcomed 117 children, 8 Dads, 45 Mums, one foster carer, 26 grandparents or great grandparents. In total we saw 197 people. There were 13 volunteers. We ate 48 packets of biscuits and four boxes of bread sticks. We used five blankets to make dens, used 25 egg boxes, 25 burger boxes to make treasure chests, we got through a tonne of stickers, we used two litres of glue, we drank five litres of squash and vast amounts of tea. We made 197 new friends and met people from across the world.

It was an amazing time and it would not have happened without the fantastic volunteers who chatted, welcomed, got to know the children and their grown-ups, they carried, tidied, they hoovered, swept, wiped tables, set up and washed up, they worked so hard to make people feel at home in church. They showed God's love through their care and kindness.



Heather Marshall

News from St Barnabas'

Lesley O'Connor



On Saturday 2nd August, we said a fond farewell to **"TEA 4 ALL"**. There were 19 of us in church to sample, delicious cakes and to reminisce about past times on Saturday afternoons spent in convivial company over the past 12 years. We give thanks for the fellowship and friendship that was so much a part of those Saturday afternoons.

St Barnabas' Church is well known for being a welcoming and friendly place, so although **"TEA 4 ALL"** has come to an end, there are other opportunities to enjoy the hospitality (and cake!) that we offer. On Tuesdays, following our service of 'Leavenses we invite you to join us for the Warm Hub. We have hot and cold food available, a warm welcome is assured. Our Warm Hub is from 11.45 until approximately 1.30, it's open all year round, there for everyone and it's free.

On Wednesdays you are all welcome to come along to the Craft Group, don't be put off if craft is not for you, just pop in for a cuppa and chat. It begins at 2pm.

'Leavenses

The generosity of the 'Leavenses congregation has made it possible to donate to several charities over the years and on September 2nd we added Ethiopia aid to the list of charities that 'Leavenses has donated to. Sadly, 40 years after Live Aid, people in Ethiopia are still struggling. Parts of the country have never recovered from the famine in 1984. In 1987 Sir Alec Reed visited Ethiopia and wanted to do something about the hardship that he witnessed. He founded Ethiopia Aid, using any money given to fund practical and life changing solutions. Women in northern Ethiopia often suffer from a lack of maternity care and many babies do not survive. It costs £84 to equip a maternal health ambassador to help a mother to give birth safely. We hope that the £120 we sent to Ethiopia Aid will bring much needed help to the people of Ethiopia.

On September 2nd, we also held a bring and buy, we raised £180 for the MS society. A huge thank you to all at 'Leavenses whose generosity make it possible to donate to so many worthy causes.

Service of 'Leavenses

I was surprised during a recent conversation to hear someone say that they thought that 'Leavenses was just coffee and cake. It is so much more than that!



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Since 1997 it has been part of outreach and mission at St Barnabas' Church. It was the idea of Margaret Pointer and Jean Reger, who were readers in the parish. The word 'Leavenses' is spelt that way for a reason. It relates to leavened and unleavened bread as mentioned in the Bible. Unleavened bread is made without yeast; hence it does not rise, add yeast and you have leavened bread that rises. People who do not know or recognise the Holy Spirit are 'flat'. If they are introduced to the holy spirit and accept it, they are 'lifted' like leavened bread. The original aim of the service was to encourage people to pop into St Barnabas Church on Tuesdays at 11o'clock for a short service followed by refreshments. Over the 28 years since that first Tuesday morning, countless people have attended 'Leavenses and have benefited from the service and fellowship. We have never taken a collection at 'Leavenses and any voluntary donations go to charity.

We do serve coffee and cake for all to enjoy, but, as I said earlier, there is a lot more to 'Leavenses than that - why not join us on Tuesday and see for yourself. You will be very welcome!

Luke chapter 13 verse 20 (NRSV version)

And again, he said "To what should I compare the kingdom of God? It is like yeast that a woman took and mixed in with three measures of flour until all of it was leavened"

Matthew chapter 13 verse 33 (Message Bible version)

God's kingdom is like yeast that a woman works into the dough and waits for the dough to rise.

Lesley O'Connor

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Getting to know ... James Kennedy

Liz Smith



You've probably seen James at the lectern at St Nic's on Sundays where he does the intercessions and bible readings or you may have spotted him behind the hatch helping serve tea and coffee. Also, he gave the talk with the Eco church team at the recent service held at St Nic's to celebrate God's Creation. He is a member of a weekly zoom home group too.

But you might not know much else about who he is:

James moved to Kenilworth in 2008 with his wife Kit and 4 children when he took up the role of Director of the International Student Office at Warwick University. However, he was born in Hythe in Kent, the son of GPs, but went to boarding schools from the age of eight. After school he took a gap year doing

various volunteering jobs such as in hospitals with MS and geriatric patients and even spent some time working on a cabbage farm in Germany!

After studying Russian and German at Exeter University, he began working for VSO, teaching English, spending time in Laos and Tanzania, where he met Kit whom he married in 1982. After taking a master's degree in Edinburgh, he worked for 26 years for the British Council in many different countries.

James retired in 2017 and spent some time back at Myanmar and Laos universities. He now spends his time volunteering for Warwickshire Wildlife Trust on local projects, researching his family history and having holidays with Kit and their now grown up children.

He has also become involved in local politics, joining the Green Party in 2014 and later their Kenilworth group. He was then elected to the Town and District Councils in 2019 and re-elected in 2023 and is now this year's Mayor for Kenilworth Town.

James' early life was steeped in Anglicanism, baptized by his grandfather who was a C of E priest and missionary, attending C of E or Foundation schools



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such as Marlborough College with its chapel services where he sang in the choir.

Although James questioned his faith as a teenager, becoming more involved in left wing politics at university, he stayed on the fringes of faith. He says he was influenced by how the Church became involved in the anti-apartheid movement as well as his experiences in Africa of inspiring people at that time, such as the President of Tanzania, who was a committed Christian. He says there was not a sudden revelation, but his faith was there without a fanfare and became real for him. So while in Edinburgh, James became involved with the Chaplaincy and the Chaplain, Fergus Smith, and went through the confirmation process.

James says that his faith is reflected in his daily life and has an impact on and underlies everything he does. It would be hard to imagine his life without faith. In his working life as a manager he found that the best management handbook was in fact the bible which he always clung to and found helpful in difficult situations, guiding him to 'what would Jesus want me to do'

In his work as a councillor, James says it's all about service and the amazing example of Jesus as a servant leader that inspires him. The hymn 'The servant king' resonates very much for him. He has found that on both Councils there is a code of conduct to follow which is built upon very recognisable Christian principles – integrity, honesty, openness, respect of others and disagreeing well.

Soon after moving to Kenilworth, they came to St Nic's one Sunday where they met Heather Alford who invited them for coffee. They had such a warm welcome from her and everyone here that they have been coming regularly since then and feel very much a part of the church community at St Nic's.



Liz Smith

Brick Club @ St. Barney's

Thelma Mitchell

Summer flew by, with its long days and often scorching weather. All too soon, the beginning of September saw schools back for a new academic year. For us it is a new term with a new name for our Tuesday after-school group at St. Barnabas. To avoid any copyright problems with the company we are now Brick Club@St. Barney's.

We finished last term with a super after-school party in the ideal garden of the Parochial Church hall, then, after a few weeks break, we were ready to greet familiar faces. They had all grown so tall

since we last saw them, with many stories of their holiday fun,

plus a considerable number of new children. I confess that I had prepared for a much smaller number, thinking that they would be settling back in at school and needed another week.

Delighted to say that we welcomed 13 children and ran out of toast! We now serve a variety of fresh fruit and hot toast and jam, the perfect after-school treats.

It has been exciting, exhilarating and exhausting in equal measure! If we were to have all the children on the list on one afternoon – not everyone can come every week because of after-school activities – we would be about 20, plus carers. One of the girls is now at Kenilworth School and is going to be a Brick Club junior assistant. Two years ago we began with 3 children and a number of teething problems. We feel very God blessed. It is a wonderful blessing to see the club going off in often unplanned but exciting directions and thriving.

We cover a wide variety of bible stories from both testaments. The week we heard the story of Jacob cheating Esau out of his blessing and inheritance by dressing up as a very hairy man to impersonate him.





(Genesis 27:36) the children made themselves bearded masks out of wool and paper plates! Whatever Bible story we look at, whatever we do, it is always fun. And sometimes their interpretations in their models verge on genius!

Heather, our children and families worker, is a fount of ideas and activities, which we really appreciate. In the October half term there was a Brick Club Light Party on the Wednesday morning with so many games and activities and fun party food. They made Lego lights, carved mini-pumpkins and oranges, and bobbed for apples, as well as storytime and model making. Now we are preparing for the Christmas Tree festival at St. Nicholas' at the end of November.

Look out for us!

Thelma Mitchell

'Brick-church in a tin shed'

A few weeks ago the Diocesan Growing Faith enabler, James Heeney, came to visit Brick Church. He is keen to inspire churches across the diocese in their work with children and young people by sharing stories about what different churches are doing. He's written a lovely article on the Diocesan website that I thought you all might like to read. He has apologised for the 'click -bait' style title (which he hopes will grab people's attention - but hopes the opening paragraph makes up for it!

My great thanks go to Heather, Marion, Mary and Thelma who are the brains and energy behind Brick Church and create this accepting, nurturing and welcoming space. I hope that you will join me in continuing to pray for their ministry.

The article is here if you would like to read it; <https://www.coventry.anglican.org/news/brick-church-in-a-tin-shed.php>

Rev Eira Hale
Vicar

Warwick District Faith Forum (WDFF)

Richard Dickson



Wellbeing Conference 11th October 2025

The theme of this year's half-day annual conference was Wellbeing. Along with about 80 participants, I attended as both a local Councillor and a worshipper at St Nicholas' and St Barnabas'.

Since 2006, WDFF has brought together people of different faiths across Warwick district to promote equality and diversity through mutual understanding, co-operation and engagement with the wider community on topical issues.

The aim of this year's conference was to raise awareness amongst Forum members of the ever-changing, and ever-growing, health and wellbeing needs in our communities and to give members an opportunity to engage with service providers from across the district.

Warwickshire's Chief Fire Officer spoke about how, for all of us, things can appear fine on the surface but underneath a hard outer shell often lies a mental and physical mess. This was followed by a trustee from Coventry & Warwickshire MIND who shared about the 40% increase in Warwickshire since 2019 in the demand for their mental health support services and how we should see help-seeking behaviour as a strength not a weakness.

Dr Martina Zimmerman from Kings College, London shared with delegates about how we need to rethink how to grow old well throughout all of our lives and this was followed by two disturbing presentations, the first about



the growth of online extremism to which local residents of all ages are exposed and, secondly, about the growth of domestic abuse in the district.

After hearing from a county council officer talking about the need for more partnership working to address adult safeguarding issues, there was an hour-long opportunity for everyone to share with experts about how faith communities could work together with public service providers to be more effective in meeting the health and wellbeing needs of local residents.

Coming home from the event, three thoughts struck me. Firstly, that working to tend God's kingdom can be a messy, complicated business that's best done in partnership with others. Secondly, that God uses people of all faith and none to build the kingdom of heaven. And, thirdly, how often I forget the first two.

Richard Dickson

Church Teas

A big thank you to everyone who baked the delicious cakes and helped in any way at church teas this year. We began with Snowdrop teas in February in conjunction with Fieldgate. Then each month until Kenilworth Gardens in June when we served light lunches and teas and made an amazing £1600 . Through the hot summer ending with Harvest teas when the church was beautifully decorated for Harvest and to celebrate the Flower Guilds 60th Anniversary.



We welcomed so many people into church and together we made £4158. Thank you all so much for your hard work.

We hope to start serving again in February when the Snowdrops are in bloom.

Janet Cherry

Flowers, flowers, flowers

Harvest flowers at St Nicholas'



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Ever thought about being a Church Warden

Frank Holt (Churchwarden)

When I was asked if I would stand for election for Church Warden, apart from surprise, having only been a member of St Nicholas' and St Barnabas' for a short time, I had only a distant idea of what was involved.

I did some reading and a lot of praying. Would I be able to do the job? What would it involve?

I talked it through with the new Vicar. I didn't know her, she didn't know me. I was Frank from evensong, we had met twice.

Was I on the electoral roll? No, more panic.

The details were sorted out.

I said yes and was elected at the AGM.

When I was asked to write something for the Grapevine, I thought why not give a bit of detail on the responsibilities of a Church Warden for potential applicants.

Churchwarden Responsibilities

- ◆ Churchwardens are elected annually and serve as the Bishop's officers, responsible for the parish's day-to-day functioning alongside the incumbent.
- ◆ They represent the laity, promote unity, maintain order during services, and manage church property, including keeping an updated inventory.
- ◆ Key duties include supporting the parish priest, providing feedback, resolving disputes, and ensuring the church is welcoming and open to the public.
- ◆ During a vacancy, churchwardens ensure worship and pastoral care continue, supporting clergy and volunteers.

Safeguarding and Training

- ◆ Churchwardens must complete Basic Awareness and Foundation level safeguarding training, focusing on integrating safeguarding into church practices.
- ◆ A DBS check is required only in parishes with activities involving children or vulnerable adults.

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Meetings and Administration

- ◆ They meet regularly with the incumbent and are ex officio members of the PCC, ensuring proper administration, financial oversight, and adherence to safeguarding and health and safety policies.
- ◆ Churchwardens must ensure financial systems are in place, bills are paid, and annual returns are submitted.

Mission and Pastoral Care

They should support the PCC in implementing a Mission Action Plan and ensure effective pastoral care within the congregation.

Responsibilities also include maintaining church buildings, overseeing property transactions, and ensuring compliance with insurance and safety regulations.

Liturgy and Worship

- ◆ In the absence of the parish priest, churchwardens ensure services continue and maintain order during worship.
- ◆ They are responsible for welcoming attendees and managing disruptions, with police involvement preferred for serious issues.
- ◆ Churchwardens are encouraged to delegate tasks and collaborate with others to fulfil their responsibilities effectively.

So when you have read all this wait for the call.

Frank Holt

Banking Hub, Talisman Square

The new Banking Hub was opened by the Mayor, Councillor James Kennedy, in Talisman Square to enable people of Kenilworth to access face-to-face banking now that the main banks have closed their branches here. Each bank will staff the hub for a scheduled day each week.

This does not include the two Building Societies that still have branches in the town.



This Little Light – St. Nicholas Light Trail

Heather Marshall

Children and Families Mission Leader



St. Nicholas' was given a glow up. For one night only we decorated the church with fairy lights, spot lights, disco lights, video projections and candles. The building looked spectacular. It was twinkling; it was glowing with pretty little lights. The church was aglow from the lights of the trail.

Our community came and were greeted by the Scouts who had a fire pit outside and people could make a s'more and if you don't know what that is you have missed a real treat. It was a marshmallow that had been melted over the firepit, placed between two chocolate digestives, a bit like a homemade wagon wheel. We are very grateful to the Scouts for helping us out very last minute, we are so glad they are part of our wider church community. They were amazing.

As you entered the church you were given a sheet with a guide to the trail. The trail had 11 stations along the way. The first one was 'In the Light of the Moon,' which was a chance to ponder on how God created the moon as a way to guide us at night.

One of the focal points was a lit cross where you could reflect on how, in the Easter story, the Roman soldiers forced Jesus to carry his heavy cross through the streets and then up the hill called Golgotha. You could take time to think about how sometimes our problems and fears feel heavy. Christians believe that God wants to help. You were encouraged to think about your worries and what you were finding difficult to carry. We offered people the space to ask God for his help. It was so beautiful to see people sitting and reflecting on the cross and the light it represents.

The trail took you past the choir pews which were decorated with leaves and this celebrated the light that helps nature to thrive. Then, you were led to the altar where you were encouraged to think about how Jesus spent his last supper with his friends and family. You could think about people you would like to share a meal with. You wrote their names on a





ribbon and tied it to the rail as a way of saying thank you for those people you love.

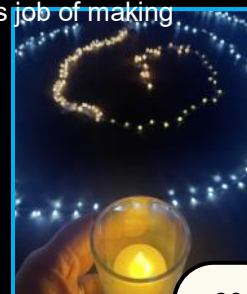
We also had a light labyrinth which was made out of fairy lights which lit up the dark Lady Chapel. It was a special journey to walk through carrying a lit candle as you were inspired to think about how a little light could make a big difference.



After the trail had ended, we then had a beautiful meditative service lead by Rev. Eira where she took everyone on a prayerful guided meditation. The service was very moving; there was a real sense of peace and it was a time to reflect on Jesus being the light of the world. It felt really special from the moment the service started with the choir singing, the candles glowing and time to press the pause button.



The evening was truly special and so wonderful and I am truly grateful to a team of people who worked throughout the day climbing ladders, creating a labyrinth which took a bit of brain power to bring it to life, setting up the light stations, and providing a friendly welcome to the 130 who walked the trail. They made the evening so memorable and special for each of our guests. They did a fabulous job of making people feel at home and relaxed.



Parochial Hall Lighting

Malcolm Trewick

I'm not sure what the Lighting was like when the Parochial Hall was opened in 1911, but when it was refurbished 100 years later in 2011, it had a collection of incandescent electric light bulbs in standard bayonet fittings. They served their purpose.

As far as I can determine, the Lighting in St. Nicholas' Church was upgraded from gas to electricity in November 1928, 6 years after mains electricity became available in Kenilworth. No doubt, the Parochial Hall was upgraded at the same time.

As part of the Refurbishment in 2011, it was decided to fit new attractive uplighters in the Main Clarendon Hall plus the Upstairs Office and Elizabeth Room (now the Parish Office). Enclosed circular ceiling fittings were installed in the toilet areas etc, and Designer Wall Fittings (which doubled as emergency lights) on the Stairs and Entrance lobby. These were all described in the Architect's brief as "state of the art". However, in retrospect, they were the end of an era, being fluorescent lights with complex ballast and driver arrangements. LED lamps were available at this time, but were relatively expensive and restricted in style.



The uplighters in the main hall

During the next 14 years a few of the fluorescent tubes have had to be replaced, but earlier this year, some of the drivers had become faulty, causing the lights to flicker and in some cases, to fail. Manufacture of fluorescent tubes and fittings has now ceased.

It was decided to upgrade our Lighting to LED and gain the advantage of lower electricity consumption, helping our drive to go Green .



Glass ceiling lights in the toilets

You won't notice a lot of difference at present, except perhaps that all the lights are working and are brighter than previously.

The first to be completed were the circular glass ceiling lights in the toilets area. The cheapest solution here was to completely replace the fittings with new ones which are visually identical.

This was closely followed by the uplighters in the Main Clarendon Hall. Here the cheapest solution was to retain the attractive fittings, remove the fluorescent gear, and fit LED tubes of the same size.



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The next step is the wall lights on the Stairway and Entrance lobby. It hasn't been possible to upgrade these fittings, so they will be replaced by circular white bulkhead fittings. These will also double as emergency lights. This should be completed in the next month or so.

We will still have to consider the lights in the Main Kitchen, which will be the next priority. These can be replaced with similar to those in the toilets area, then we will upgrade the uplighters in the Parish Office and Upstairs Office, although these still seem to be working satisfactorily. The simple fluorescent tubes in the storage cupboard and Castle Room can be replaced as and when necessary, as can the halogen downlights in the entrance ceilings.

I could start talking about the Floodlighting on St Nicholas' Church! That was the subject of a report by Keith Grierson in 2019. It is not only outdated technology, but has now failed. This is a project for the future if anyone would like to take it up.



St Nicholas' Mothers' Union began again in September after the Summer break with a trip down Memory Lane as we listened to Mervyn Kimberley's very humorous accounts of his early years in the Police Force. We also were presented with the Bronze Award for joining the Rise up against Domestic Violence campaign by Karen Morris, our Diocesan President. To make the meeting really special, Karen also enrolled a new member, Pippa Handley.

In October, John Elton spoke to us about the wonderful work of the Mercy Ships which are fitted out as Hospitals, bringing help and hope to people, especially children, who have no access to good health care and cannot afford operations for cases like cleft palates, cataracts or tumours.

Mothers' Union continue to make coffee and tea on Friday mornings in Church, you are very welcome to join us for a cuppa and a good chat.

Margaret Rogers

The Flower Guild

Judith Walmesley

Hello Everyone

Although Summer is over we have been treated to a glorious array of Autumnal colours on the trees. The range of colours has been outstanding and as the sun catches the oak leaves on the ancient trees they shimmer as if the leaves were of gold. Absolutely beautiful.

The last two months have been busy for the Flower Guild. In September we held our workshop when Barbara demonstrated an Autumn arrangement in a basket. The arrangement epitomised Autumn with sunflowers glowing golden, asters and spray carnations complemented by leaves and berries. Several ladies joined in the workshop which followed and also produced beautiful seasonal designs. We look forward to our next demonstration, on Saturday 22nd November, when Barbara and Heather will create Festive arrangements. As usual at the November event there will be coffee and cakes as well as an opportunity to buy any festive floristry ribbon etc. We hope as many of you as possible will be able to come.

In October we prepared for the Harvest Festival but this year it was slightly different as we were celebrating our 60th Anniversary of the Flower Guild being formed. We were rather short on members to decorate our Diamond Harvest Festival, but as usual every one who could help produced outstanding displays with so many original designs. The variety of flowers and fruit used was extensive: sunflowers, chrysanthemums, dahlias, rosehips, acorns, oak leaves and sweet chestnuts were all used to good effect to produce perfect Harvest displays.

The Lady Chapel was the stage for the Diamond part of the celebration with a most enchanting installation designed by Trish Freeman. A cleverly constructed tree with leaves displaying the names of all past and



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present members of the Flower Guild had pride of place. Each leaf was exquisitely decorated with a fine floral design encompassing each name. The tree sparkled as the light struck the diamanté decoration and the silver on the leaves. Another masterpiece was a screen decorated with white roses, chrysanthemums, spray carnations and foliage in test tubes and small glass vases. The corners of the screen had clusters of eucalyptus, silver allium seed heads and glittery leaves attached to them. The white flower and silver theme was extended to the vases on the windowsills and the pillar swag. Special thanks to Trish who designed it all and husband Hugh who skillfully constructed the screen.



Photos from the September workshop

In the evening we held our Diamond Harvest Celebration with invited guests. The evening was a thank you to all those who in some way have helped the Flower Guild and past and present members. It was a most happy, friendly occasion full of chatter and compliments for all the beautiful arrangements. Everyone was completely enchanted by the tasteful theme of white and glitter of the transformed Lady Chapel.

The whole evening was a great success. The abundant buffet and Prosecco were enjoyed by everyone. Many thanks to all those who contributed to the delicious and attractive buffet. Thanks also to Tim Lee and my husband Tim who kept our guests supplied with liquid refreshments. We all enjoyed the celebration cake which Janet Cherry made and iced. Thank you Janet. I must also thank Barbara, who made the floral decoration on the cake and all the table decorations, Paul her son who helped arrange tables, Rev Richard for his toast to the Flower Guild and a special thank you to all our guests who made the evening the success it was.

Shortly after this wonderful occasion we heard the sad news that our dear friend and fellow Flower Guild member, Janet Lawrence, had passed peacefully away at Myton Hospice. Our thoughts and prayers are with Ian and family at this sad time. Rest in peace, Janet, you and your artistic talent will be greatly missed.

With best wishes to you all

Judith

Fungi in the Garden

Victoria Lee

How do you feel about fungi? You might be like me and think they are fine – from the supermarket, wrapped up safely in a brown carton. Cooked in a little butter and black pepper, those button mushrooms are quite delicious. In a wooded or wild area, I view fungi somewhat warily as *interesting* and a *wonderful part of nature*. I also think that they might be poisonous, so, no, I am not going to suggest we all go on a church foraging activity. Still, they are acceptable as part of the landscape. Not so, when they are in my garden – randomly sprouting up in the lawn and borders. Then, fungi are unwelcome and unwanted and, well, sometimes a bit scary.

The scary-looking fungi are usually those that look strange and unpleasant – brown pasta shapes stuck to damp wood, skeleton-white corals peeking through the soil, jellified blobs on gravel paths. There is even a dog vomit fungus, which looks like ... I think you can guess. Gardens are managed, by us, and then suddenly these weird things spring up from nowhere and show that we aren't in control as much as we thought. Worst of all for any gardener is the appearance of honey fungus – clumps of yellowy mushroom shapes above ground and black boot-straps running amok underground. As a newish gardener, I learned to dread this fungus from listening to Radio 4's 'Gardeners' Question Time', even though I had never seen it. It can kill trees and plants and, once present in the soil, there is little you can do to stop it.

Even so, recently, the consensus has changed and fungi of all types are now to be valued as important and necessary parts of the ecosystem, including in gardens. So, I am working on changing my opinion.

The RHS has just brought out a book called *Fungi for Gardeners: Know Your Garden Fungi and How to Grow Them* by Dr Jassy Drakulic (DK). The book provides easy-to-read information, including a section on growing fungi in gardens intentionally – not just edibles but all sorts. With a few changes in our gardening methods, we can achieve beautiful displays of above-ground fungi in the autumn and we are also helping the soil and our other plants.

What we usually see of a fungus is the fruiting body, such as a mushroom. The main part, though, is underground: hyphae, which are gossamer-like threads, that clump together to form a mycelium. Mycelia travel through the ground and can form mutually beneficial

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relationships with plant roots. It is now understood that fungi frequently interact with other plants, often helping them to survive and thrive. Whilst fungi have other roles, such as breaking down rotting wood and leaves, it is how they work with other plants that is of most interest to gardeners.

Dr Drakulic points out that 'fungi provide the foundations for all other life in the garden to flourish'. He suggests that fungi do far more good than harm, by creating healthy soils by releasing nutrition from dead plant material, by helping with water management – both in heavy rains and droughts – and with these plant partnerships. Such is the turnaround in thinking that the RHS has been cultivating over 20 native species of fungi for display at Wisley this autumn. At Harlow Carr, in Yorkshire, over 768 species have been recorded.

According to *The Guardian* (Saturday, 1 November 2025), gardeners often damage beneficial fungal mycelia by over-digging and over-fertilizing, and also by picking up all the fallen leaves, which provide food for fungi. There is a lot of new learning for gardeners. Or perhaps it is relearning older ways. When I think of my grandmother – who had the greenest of fingers – she would have scoffed at the idea of buying soil improvers or fertilizers and I don't remember her doing much digging either. For her, gardening was an easier-going (and cheaper) experience.



Fungi in the garden

For all the complexities of understanding fungi, the general message seems to be to do less in the garden in order to act with nature rather than against it. Having said that, according to *The Guardian*, recorded sightings of honey fungus is up 200% in the UK this year. This is apparently because of the very hot summer we've had and now the wet autumn. Experts are currently working on ways to diminish the effects of this potentially destructive fungus but I guess we may have to live with it for a while yet. Mycologists state that climate change will affect fungi – what grows and what doesn't – as much as anything else. We live in a forever changing world.

So, I am beginning to appreciate fungi and the role they play in our ecosystem. I am finding the more I understand the better I feel about them. Fungi still seem a bit of a worry at times and I doubt I will be planting a fungi border anytime soon, but I will no longer try to eradicate them from my garden. I will, instead, view them with wonder. I hope you do that too.

Kenilworth Revealed - Secrets of the Abbey

The Kenilworth Revealed App, that allows you to see what the Abbey may have looked like in 1500, is now available to install on your mobile devices from the AppStore and Google Play. However, it will only work on the newer Android devices with sufficient memory. When the app is installed, you can go to the Abbey Fields or High Street and discover 30 plaques, (26 are granite slabs set into the ground and four in the High Street are fixed to planters). Each provides a 360 degree view of the location so do turn around to experience it fully.

You can use GPS tracking on your phone to find the plaques, and there is a map of them on the app. You can Explore freely in any order or undertake a Quest. There are five to choose from: 🌟 Abbey Life, 🌟 Produce and Diet, 🌟 Religious Observance, 🌟 Visitors and 🌟 Abbey Surrounds. There are also 'Relics' that you can collect if you wish.

The app has been made by the Town Council and involved local people (92 plus a horse) to re-enact various scenes of Medieval Abbey life. There are some market scenes along the High Street for fun - do watch for the little Knave of Mischief, the poor receiving alms, children at play and the Castle Constable picking up his tome from a familiar stall.

Elsewhere, there are scenes of a horse and cart arriving with barrels and beets, Revd Richard as Abbot Maxfield saying the Lord's Prayer in Middle English and blood letting in the infirmary. There is also a scene of townsfolk walking down to the Parish church, bell ringing (played by our own bell ringers), our MP requesting a canon for the castle and a choir of canons singing a Medieval chant in plain song, that was recorded in St Nicholas' Church.

My favourite scene is C4, with two canons scribing inside the Cloisters. Take a look to the left and see through the windows.



Filming the market scenes at Crackley School



Green screen of the Alms for the poor scene



Recording the chant in St Nicholas' Church

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Before you go ...

The next Grapevine will be the **Winter Review**, looking back at people, events and celebrations over **November and December** including Advent and Christmas. It should be another bumper edition that will include plenty of Christmas trees, festive cheer, another Getting to know... and, of course, some beautiful flowers.

For those running church or local community groups, clubs, societies or meetings, this would be an opportunity to submit your 2026 programme of planned activities, events or talks so that readers can see what is coming up for next year.

It was great to see so many contributions for this edition of The Grapevine. I hope that people will equally enjoy contributing to our next edition, and that you readers will also enjoy the Grapevine.

Do keep an eye on the Parish Newsletter for when the next copy date will be and when to expect the next edition.



And finally ...



Christmas Greetings

To all our all our readers, our regular and occasional contributors and everyone who has helped to produce **THE**

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**Wishing you all a joyous
Christmas and good health and
happiness for the New Year**

Ed.