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St Laurence Church Alvechurch

SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00am Holy Communion

Book of Common Prayer Communion Service, will take place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month. On the other Sundays there will be an 8.00am Book of Common Prayer Communion Service at St Leonard's in Beoley

9.30am Family Service

*with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday
and Baptisms on the 4th Sunday*

11.15am Parish Eucharist

6.00pm Evensong

On the 4th Sunday of the month at 6pm there will be Sacred Space, a quieter more reflective space for worship

On the 2nd Sunday of the month (4th in January), there will be a United Service (Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green), rotating between Alvechurch Baptist Church, St Mary's Roman Catholic Church, Rowney Green Shared Church and ourselves

At Rowney Green Shared Church

9.30am Methodist/Anglican Service

DAILY SERVICE

9.00am Monday to Friday in St Laurence Church

ORGANISATIONS

Sunday Club - Sundays during term time 9.30am Church & Ark

Choir - Thursdays at 7.45pm in Church (445 3569)

Bellringers - Sundays at 10.45am

Tuesday Practice at 7.30pm (01527 64077)

**Women's Fellowship - 4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00pm
in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)**

Mum's the Word - Thursdays 9.30am to 11am in The Ark (sarah100work@gmail.com)

Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month

Ark Cafe - Thursdays during term time at 12.15pm (447 7017)

Home Group - Thursdays 7.30pm at the Coach House (445 2547)

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Philippa Brakes writes...

Hands up anyone who has ever read a scandalous story about someone and thought *"at least I'm not as bad as"* followed by a little glow of self- satisfaction. Yes, me too. With today's ease of communication, it is all too simple to act on thoughts like this. Look how everyone jumped on the band wagon when Cliff Richard was suspected of abuse. He was tried and condemned by the media before any facts were known and his life very nearly ruined. Many other innocent people have suffered too, both those in the public eye and ordinary people.

Why do we, as human beings, seem to need to judge each other all the time? Is it somehow to assure ourselves that we are not so bad really...? Most, if not all faith groups recognize this tendency to speak negative thoughts and Buddhists work with four speech precepts:

1. Avoid false speech, making truthfulness the centre of their conversation.
2. Abstaining from harsh speech, practising kindness in the way they use words.
3. Avoiding frivolous speech - curt quips that can hurt others.
4. Avoiding disharmonious speech, using communication to bring people together rather than drive them apart.

I particularly like that last one.

The good news is that we don't need to knock others down to make ourselves feel better. All we need to do is to look for reassurance to God, who loves us with the sort of passion and pride that good parents

feel when their child stumbles, falls and gets up again, at whatever stage of life! God doesn't demand perfection from us, only that we try to follow his ways of love. Jesus came to show us the way to love each other. He constantly forgave others. He even forgave those who crucified him *"Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing."* Luke 23 v14. Even in the worst agony possible, his thoughts were with others and not in a judgmental way, but utterly loving and understanding what had led them to act as they did. Confronted with that kind of love, how can we judge someone who has hurt us or others. It not only harms them, if we act on that judgment, but harms us as well as we become less loving and kind, which only makes us judge ourselves more harshly, so we have to blame others and so the cycle continues.

Let's let Jesus break this cycle. As St. Paul says in Ephesians chapter 2, *"Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other just as in Christ, God forgave you."*

I carry on my key ring a little disc that simply says *"forgiven"*. If we, who constantly fail and let God down, are forgiven and loved, then that love can and simply must flow out from us to bless others.

Perhaps we can make sure our children know that they are loved by a God whose opinion is of far more worth than the number or lack of likes they receive on their phones and the inevitable bullying that seems part of growing up. If they can give others love and support, God will bless their efforts and that love will flow back to bless them in a good cycle.

Thank you Jesus for not judging me!

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Brandon Road – 14 October

Brookside Close – 21 October

Buckleys Green – 28 October



Sunday 21 October is FREEDOM SUNDAY

Sam Setchell - Communications Officer writes...

With the help of the Clewer Initiative, we've been looking in this diocese at how we can help combat modern slavery. Recently Doug Chaplin met Jared and Helen Hodgson, of Bromsgrove, who've founded a charity to help churches and Christian volunteers offer support to freed slaves. This is what they say about their work:

*"We became aware that modern slavery still existed on a family trip to India. On our return, we discovered that slavery is rife in the UK and survivors are often left destitute and open to being re-trafficked. We decided that, like William Wilberforce, we couldn't 'look away' so opened up our home to survivors thus beginning the small seed of **Hope at Home**.*

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Come and join in our village Christmas Tree Festival at Alvechurch Baptist Church where we will have lots of events, including music, a film afternoon, Advent Carol service and a Christingle activity and of course the Christmas trees displayed by village groups.

More details to follow next month.

Contact Alyson Williams for more information at
Alyson.williams1@btinternet.com

Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

AUTUMN MEETINGS

Our next two speakers both relate the memories of people who did remarkable work in difficult circumstances.

Monday 1st October 2018

John Butterworth: *"The Nurse Who Changed Guinea-Bissau"*

In 1957 freshly qualified nurse and missionary Lily Gaynor set sail for Guinea-Bissau, to live among the Papel tribe. Illness was rife, and children were malnourished. Witch doctors flourished. Lily set up a clinic under the mango trees, administering penicillin through 'God's needle'. In the evenings she translated the entire New Testament into the local language, in the face of considerable opposition. Today Guinea-Bissau has one of the biggest national churches in West Africa.

Monday 5th November

Ray Sturdy: *"The Home Guard: the real Dad's Army"*.

Was it all really all like the TV comedy series? Ray will present true memories of our wartime Home Guard. As working civilians they had an eventful time training to protect Britain from an unknown future.

Our meetings are held on the first Monday of the month, at 7.45pm, in the museum hut on School Lane. Parking is available behind the Catholic Church, with their kind permission. Visitors are always welcome, just come along, or contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955.

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Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

Rowney Green Horticultural Society meets at the Village Hall on the second Thursday of each month at 7.30pm.

On October 11th we will welcome Pauline Thomas, a volunteer at Westonbirt Arboretum. Her subject will be The Wonders of Westonbirt. Guests are always welcome - £3.50 including refreshments.

For any further information please do not hesitate to contact Lindsay Smith on 01527 592874.

The Ark Café

Our menu for October will be as follows:



October 4th Roast Pork

October 11th Glazed Gammon

October 18th Beef Carvery Lunch - Ticket Only

October 25th Closed

Tickets for the Beef Carvery Lunch will cost £12 and are available on a Thursday lunchtime at the Ark or from Ian Price at the Ark Office Monday to Friday 9-2pm on 0121 447 7795. This will be a good value three course lunch together with a Raffle.

A note for your diary - we are having our usual Christmas lunches at the Ark on Thursday, 29th November and 6th December. The cost this year will be £15. Tickets as usual will be available from Ian Price.

We look forward to your support over the next few weeks.

St Laurence Women's Fellowship

Jill Woolley writes...



A very big thank you to everyone who supported our Charity Tea in August. It was good to see so many of you. We raised £600 for the Motor Neurone Association and everything left on the Bring and Buy stall went to the Primrose Hospice for sale in their shop, so two charities benefited from your generosity.

My thanks too to the members of our Fellowship who provided the cakes and worked so hard on the day.

At our meeting on October 24th we will welcome Neal Hughes of Kneales Chocolates with hopefully some of his wares. Join us at the Tanyard Centre at 2pm and have a taste!

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Hillside at Alvechurch WI

Linda Helmore writes...

At our last meeting held on 5th September we welcomed Judith Robinson who gave an excellent and entertaining talk about herbs and herbal crafts. Judith has had a love of herbs since childhood and talked about the uses of many different herbs including using dandelion roots for coffee and the leaves for salad. Recipes were given out for elderflower cordial as well as instructions on how to make herbal soaps, bath bombs and lip balm. Decorated pots for herbs using a 'dotting' method were displayed to use as gifts. Judith generously donated all her herbs and craft samples as raffle prizes. The talk was followed by tea and a selection of homemade cakes.

At our next meeting our speaker will be Trevor Langley who will give a talk on Thomas Oaken. To be held at **The Ark on Wednesday 3rd October**. New members are very welcome.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

We had an excellent meeting this month when Ginny Davies joined us to create a stunning floral display which she called 'Jam and Jerusalem.'

All the time she was placing flowers and greenery she recalled times when her mother, Mrs Catley, came to AWI and she had written notes on war time meetings which was good entertainment. The flowers were then raffled at the end and the lucky winners went out with gorgeous, colourful arrangements to take home.

Next month on Monday October 8th we will be celebrating the Worcestershire WI centenary by a tenuous, tongue in cheek 'Water' theme. Some WIs may go boating or canoeing.....we are having a quiz night with questions based on water, a guess who's who photo competition of members as children dressed in bathing costumes, and a lovely fish and chip supper treat.

At our November meeting the speaker on Monday 12th at 7:30pm in the Village Hall is Paul Harding, talking on Remembrance and Armistice Day. Put the date in your diary and join us if you can, as he is one of our best speakers.

National Adoption week runs from 16 - 22 October

An article by Joy Pollock from the Home for Good charity

Adoption Sunday is an opportunity each year for the Church to share the good news of our adoption into God's family and to respond to the needs of children and young people in the UK care system. Home for Good has a voice into 10 churches in Worcestershire. Could you be next? All Saints' in Worcester is hosting an Adoption Sunday service on 28 October.

At Home for Good, our vision is a home for every child who needs one. We want every child to have a stable, loving home where they can thrive. We know that for children in care, it's crucial to find the right placement at the right time - whether that's a short-term foster placement in an emergency, a long-term foster placement or a new adoptive family. Currently, this isn't always possible. In the UK there is an urgent need for more than 7,000 foster families and there are not enough people coming forward to adopt children who wait the longest for adoption - children over the age of four, with additional needs, from black and minority ethnic communities and who are part of a sibling group.

We believe the Church is well-placed to ensure that every child has the home they need and that families that foster or adopt receive the support that they need. So, the invitation to be involved in Home for Good through the local church is one we must accept. All Christians are adopted, and the Church must bear witness to this new family. Let's offer an extraordinary, radical alternative family where all are welcome by God's invitation.



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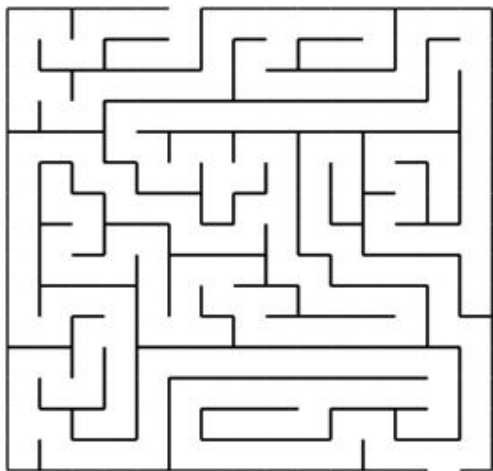
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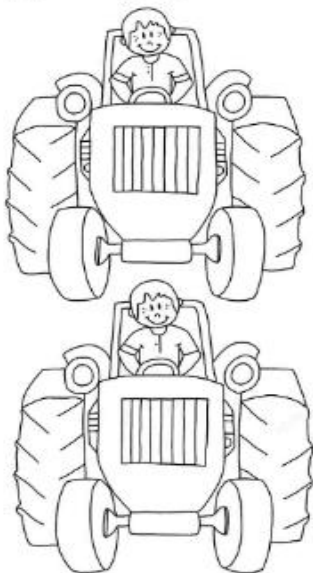
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The Wedding of Amy Rippington & Calum Hill 18-8-18



A former pupil of Alvechurch Middle School whose late father taught at the school, married her fiancé on Saturday 18th August at St Laurence Church.

Amy Louisa Rippington and Calum Hill have known each other for six years. The bride is the eldest child of Peter and Sharon Rippington and the groom, the youngest son of Leslie and Gay Hill.

Amy was escorted into church by her brother, Max Rippington and wore an ivory gown. She was accompanied by her bridesmaids, Charlotte Carroll, Claire Shaw, Josey Bailes and Emily Clare (all friends of the bride). The bridesmaids wore teal, lace and chiffon full length dresses. The flower girl, three year old Josey Hill (their niece) wore an ivory tulle dress.

The groom chose his brother, Gavin Hill to be his Best man and the Ushers were Max Rippington (bride's brother), Adam Carroll (friend) and Dave Groom (friend). After a reception at Nailcote Country Club and Spa, the couple left for honeymoon in Singapore and Bali. Both Amy and Calum are school teachers and will make their married home in Station Road.

The family would like to thank everyone who contributed towards making this such a wonderful day.

Jazz at The Ark

Great news for all you followers of Trad Jazz.

Sauce City Jazz Band will be returning to the Ark on **Friday 19th October** for another evening of toe-tapping jazz classics. Bar opens at 7.00pm and the concert starts at 7.30pm. Tickets just £10 on the door and all proceeds to the Church Restoration Fund. See you there.

Margaret (enquiries 0121 445 1854).
See the flyer on page 15.



Letter from the Bishop of Dudley



The hymn *'Dear Lord and Father of mankind'* is a favourite of many. I love the calming sense of the hymn as it progresses from verse to verse. The third verse speaks of the Sabbath rest by Galilee, recalling Jesus taking himself off into the hills in prayer to enter into communion with his Father in *"the silence of eternity interpreted by love"*.

Within Judaism, as we see from many stories in the gospels, the Sabbath has a central place in the rhythm of the week and in the makeup of life. In fact, it has a central place in the Ten Commandments, as the commandment to keep the seventh day unlike all other days is found between those commandments that talk about people's relationship with God and those that speak about relationships with other human beings. This Sabbath commandment, then, is the hinge point. It brings together God and the human world, the loving of God and loving of neighbour, in a unique way.

The Sabbath day is a place-marking gift. A day on which to stop toiling and to rest. It is also a day of joy to unwrap again all of the blessings we have been given and to be re-thankful for them. Rest and joy lead into freedom and we read of the sabbatical year when land is allowed to breathe, debts are cancelled, and slaves are released from that which binds them. In turn, this leads back to rest and joy.

In our own lives, there are various rhythms that are played out. We find we need to snatch periods of Sabbath time amidst pressing other responsibilities. Carers speak of the crucial need for rest, and whilst respite care often carries a sense of guilt, it allows the carer to go on caring. After a

traumatic or difficult period, we begin to see small signs of joy again and count our blessings. Freedom comes in many forms and I recall talking to a prisoner in HMP Hewell about his sense of freedom when he sang hymns of praise.

During the autumn, with the agreement of Bishop John and the support of the Archdeacons, I will be on sabbatical. I hope this extended Sabbath time will offer some rest which, to my mind, isn't loafing but is about doing things that bring me spiritual, intellectual and physical replenishment. I'm going to spend time writing which always brings me much joy. Freedom will come from having a break from some of the ministerial responsibilities which come with my role!

I am hoping to learn more about Orthodox Christianity which will resource my involvement with the International Commission for Anglican Orthodox Theological Dialogue. I will be spending time on pilgrimage to Mount Athos in Greece and taking part in a week-long painting retreat at the Bethlehem Icon School. In both places, as well as in the creativity of writing, I hope to encounter the silence of eternity interpreted by love.

I am delighted that sabbaticals are taken seriously in this Diocese and hope that the fact that I am taking one will encourage other clergy, who have not done so for seven years or more, to consider doing so. Do encourage them! My one previous experience of a sabbatical was personally very enriching and parishioners were kind enough to say that it was, in turn, beneficial for them - though they lacked clarity whether that was during or after the sabbatical!

I'm enormously grateful for this gift, and especially the generosity of colleagues in making it possible, so that I can go deeper into Sabbath life at the hinge point of serving God and my neighbour.

Church Homeless Trust changes its name

Homelessness charity Church Housing Trust recently changed its name to Church Homeless Trust.

Church Homeless Trust's new name emphasises its focus on homeless individuals and the specific support they need to rebuild their lives. There is no government funding for individual needs such as new ID, stipends for transport, or living costs if someone's Universal Credit has been delayed. Without these items it is impossible to live independently.

People who have experienced homelessness also need more than a roof over their head; without the skills and sense of community needed to sustain a new tenancy, they may end up back on the streets. The Trust concentrates on building an individual's strengths and interests, and meeting their needs with small, personal grants.

The charity's origins go back to 1882 and the incredible work of Church Army Housing on behalf of homeless people. They worked at the forefront of homeless services, and Church Homeless Trust continues to support people in many hostels first set up by Church Army Housing.

Communications Manager, Nicole Holgate, comments: "The small change in our name helps to represent what we have learnt over more than 30 years' of providing funding for homeless people. We have seen a dramatic rise in demand for individual grants, especially for the funds we provide that help people to settle into their own, independent accommodation after being homeless.

"Everyone is an individual and their needs are as unique as they are. Only they can tell us what will help them make a permanent transition out of homelessness."

Gemma's story

Gemma lives at a residential rehabilitation treatment programme for addiction. She is in 'Stage Three' flats, the third and final stage of the hostel's recovery process.

Having been through the treatment programme, Gemma regularly volunteers in 'Stage One', where people begin their recovery from addiction and rough sleeping. She supports those beginning their recovery from addiction, and acts as an example of what can be achieved. She says she started volunteering because wants to give something back to the community and the service that changed her life.

However, to continue her role she needed ID, which was lost during her time on the street. Thanks to our donors, Church Homeless Trust was able to fund a replacement passport that Gemma can use to continue volunteering, apply for jobs, and find her own home in the future



Gemma had a successful interview to join another hostel's volunteer programme. She hopes it will lead into a paid trainee position and eventually a full-time, paid role.

Without grants from funding raised by Church Homeless Trust, Gemma and others like her will continue to be excluded from society. A small grant can make a huge difference.

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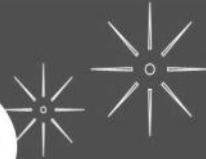
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Events at Alvechurch Library

Children's Events this Autumn Happy Pets

Join us for the drop in talk on Monday 8th October from 3.30-4.15pm. Geraldine from the Blue Cross will be visiting us to give a fun talk about looking after your pets and staying safe around dogs. This is very useful talk that gives little ones tips on how to stay safe around dogs and caring for their pets. Free to attend, no need to book.

Dangerous Diaries Workshop

On Tuesday 30th October from 2.15pm - 3.15pm for children aged 5-7 years old and then 3.30pm - 4.30pm for children aged 8 - 11 years old, join us and Explore Learning for a diary style workshop. You will travel to the extremes of the Earth – the North and South Poles. You will develop the skills to create your own diary, which captures the experiences in this amazing environment. Free to attend, no need to book.

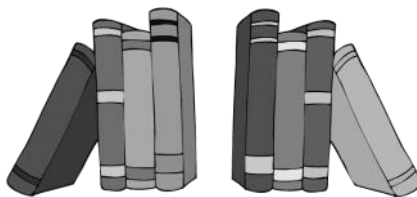
Our **Creative Writing** class with Irene is starting again on 20th October and we are keen to attract a few more people. Whether you're writing purely for pleasure or for profit this course will help you to find out what it is you really want to write and show you how you can do it. Learn how to become the writer that you really want to be! Course number 16016, starting Saturday 20th October 10.30am - 12.30pm and running for seven weeks. Fourteen hours of tuition costing £92 Workshop-style sessions full of opportunities to write, ideas to get you started and helpful advice and

direction to improve your writing and get it out there! Suitable for beginners, those with a little more experience and established writers alike.

On Tuesday 11th December, 9.30am - 12.30pm we will be running a **Family First Aid Essentials** course for adults, costing £15.00. Learn how to recognise and help in scary situations. Come and learn the essential skills to keep your friends and family safe including adult basic life support and defibrillation, choking, bleeding, burns, heart attack recognition and stroke management. This is an informal first aid course which will deliver essential knowledge and useful information. Please book in advance, course number 16211.

Patrick's ongoing **French** and **Spanish** classes continue throughout the year, three days a week in Alvechurch library. Please email Patrick at vdlt52@hotmail.co.uk or call 07708027372 to see if the level the class is being taught at would allow you to join in.

Any enquiries about any events at Alvechurch Library please pop into the library on the Birmingham Road, contact The Hub on 01905 822722, email - alvechurchlib@worcestershire.gov.uk and check out our Facebook page.



Obituary for Eileen Grace Ross

1926 - 2018

Eileen was born in 1926 at Smedley Crook Place in Hopwood. The family then moved to Ham Green near Bentley and then to the newly built Batchley Estate in Redditch – first in Batchley Road and then in Cherry Tree Walk.

Whilst at Batchley in the 1940s Eileen and her family lived in fear of their lives each night, as the Nazi bombers were targeting the nearby factories of High Duty Alloys and Royal Enfield that were engaged in war work.

Eileen recalled how she could see Coventry burning, a big red glow in the sky for three nights, all the way from Redditch.

Eileen worked as a nurse at St Chad's Hospital on Hagley Road, Birmingham, as a shop assistant at Lewis's Department Store, and then at Scotts in Redditch.

It was while she was at Scotts in the early 1950s that she met her husband to be, Malcolm. He came into the shop in his Royal Navy officer's uniform and they got talking. As he left Eileen said to her work colleagues: *"I've just been chatted up by a sailor with a beard!"*

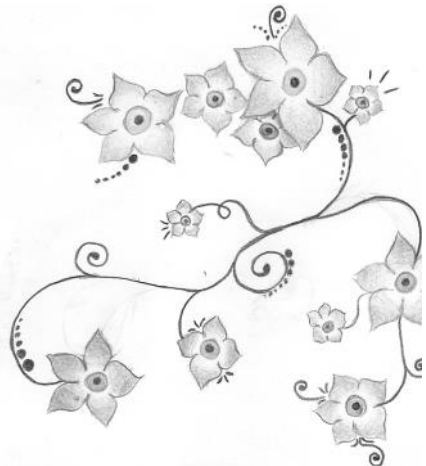
They were engaged within just one month of meeting each other and were married in 1957. They bought a house in Forge Mill Road, Redditch, and in 1961 their only son Iain was born. In 1967 the family moved to Callow Hill Road, Alvechurch, and Eileen got a job at Pretty's Bakery in The Square before retiring from her working life.

Eileen was an avid collector and soon became a well-known figure at local antique fairs. She soon began buying and selling and making money from what was originally just a hobby. She continued with this activity until well into her early 80s.

Eileen died peacefully in her sleep at home in Alvechurch on 11 May this year. She was 92. Her funeral, led by Revd Richard Bubbers at St Laurence church, was held on 6 June, after which her body was laid to rest in the churchyard.

Eileen was a determined fighter, as well as being a socialist, always down-to-earth and a realist.

She enjoyed life, and is greatly missed by those who knew and loved her.



Flowers for OCTOBER

	7th Oct	14th Oct	21st Oct	28th Oct
Sanctuary			Wedding	
Lady Chapel			Wedding	
			Jonathan Smith & Frances Crawley	

Plenty of opportunities to provide flowers in church this month as can be seen. Flowers can be given in memory of loved ones, to celebrate events or just to say thank you.

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Weddings

Those whom God has joined together

18 August Callum Hill and Amy Louisa Rippington



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

18 September Derek Stanley Morris

Who's who

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Janet Wright	Lynne Clark
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Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Thomas Birchall	Lynne Clark
Kate Birchall	Sarah Linton

Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips Wardle	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste
Sally Bubbers	Sue Lambert

Calendar for OCTOBER



- Monday 1 7.45pm Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by John Butterworth: *"The Nurse Who Changed Guinea-Bissau"*: The Museum, School Lane
- Wednesday 3 7.30pm Hillside at Alvechurch WI: Talk by Trevor Langley on Thomas Oaken: The Ark
- Thursday 4 9.30am Mums The Word: Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Roast Pork
- Monday 8 7.30pm Ark Angels WI: Mindfulness with Deb Hawken: The Ark
7.30pm Alvechurch WI: Quiz & Fish and Chip Supper: Village Hall
- Thursday 11 9:30am Mums The Word: Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Glazed Gammon
7.30pm Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk by Pauline Thomas, a volunteer at Westonbirt Arboretum: Peace Hall, Rowney Green
- Sunday 14 **NOVEMBER GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS**
Articles to thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
- Wednesday 17 10.00am CAN YOU HEAR ME? (Hearing Loss Communication Forum)
Open morning for all: Alvechurch Cricket Club, Birmingham Road
- Thursday 18 9:30am Mums The Word: Sarah Linton
12.15pm Ark cafe: Beef Carvery Lunch - Ticket Only
- Friday 19 7 for 7.30pm Jazz Concert: Sauce City Jazz: The Ark: Ticket on the door £10
- Wednesday 24 2.00pm St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Talk by Neil Hughes from Kneales Chocolates: Tanyard Centre
- Thursday 25 9:30am Mums The Word: Sarah Linton
10.45am Tiny Tots Service: Sarah Linton
No Cafe today