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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)

**Ark Tots and Toddlers (Mum's the Word) - Thursdays 9.30am to 11.10am in The Ark
Tiny Tots Service - 10.45am 4th Thursday of the month (sarah100work@gmail.com)**

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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Enquiries to Ian Price 0121 447 7955

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Forgiveness – the art of letting go

I have recently been made to think about forgiveness through the life story of Eva Kor, who passed away on 4 July 2019 at the age of 85: at the age of 10, Eva and her twin sister Miriam, were taken to Auschwitz where Dr Josef Mengele used them for medical experiments- both survived, but Miriam died in 1993 when she developed cancer of the bladder as a consequence of the experiments done to her as a child.

Eva wrote that during their time in Auschwitz they were starved of food and human kindness; it took every ounce of strength just to stay alive. Because they were twins, they were used in a variety of appalling and unimaginable experiments: sometimes they were given injections. After one such injection Eva became very ill and Dr Mengele declared that she had only two weeks to live. For two weeks she was between life and death but she refused to die: she knew that if she were to die, Mengele would have given Miriam a lethal injection in order to be able to carry out a double “twins” autopsy.

On 27 January 1945, four days before her 11th birthday, Auschwitz was liberated by the Soviet army. After nine months in refugee camps, she returned to her village in Romania to find that no one else from their family had survived.

Eva said that she did not speak publicly about her experiences until 1978 after the series “*The Holocaust*” was shown on television, when people began to ask about her experiences. She began to search for other twin survivors and exchange memories, which began to give her some measure of

Richard Bubbers writes...

healing.

In 1993 she was invited to lecture to some doctors in Boston and was asked if she could bring a Nazi doctor with her. She had heard of a Dr Hans Munch from Auschwitz, and he agreed to meet with her for a videotaped interview to take to the conference. When she met him in July 1993, she felt so scared, but when she arrived at his home he treated her with the utmost respect: he told her that the gas chambers were a nightmare he dealt with every day of his life. He said that he would come with Eva to Auschwitz to sign a document at the ruins of the gas chambers. After many months of soul-searching, the idea of her signing a Forgiveness letter for Dr Munch came into her mind: a friend challenged her to forgive Dr Mengele too. At first she was adamant that she could never forgive Dr Mengele, but then she realised that she now had the power to forgive, if she chose to: no one could take that away from her.

On 27 January 1995 at the 50th anniversary of the liberation of Auschwitz, Eva wrote that she stood by the ruins of the gas chambers with her children and with Dr Munch and his children: Munch signed his document about the operation of the gas chambers, while she read out her document of forgiveness and signed it. As she did it, she said she felt a burden of pain lifted from her: she no longer felt in the grip of hate – she finally was free.

She also said that the day she forgave the Nazis, privately she forgave her parents whom she had hated all her life for not having saved her from Auschwitz: she was able to understand that they could not have protected her.

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She described her experience of forgiving others as something which brought her healing and empowerment: it was a letting go of the pain and anger in her life.

But how is it possible for us to find true forgiveness for ourselves for what we have done, let alone being able to forgive others? Forgiveness is at the heart of the Christian message: as Jesus was experiencing his appallingly cruel and totally undeserved death on the cross, he cried out, *"Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing"* (Luke 23.34). Through Jesus' death and resurrection to new life, God offers each person the opportunity to experience his love and mercy, so that, as we receive his forgiveness, we may let go of whatever spoils and limits our lives - and once we have experienced the freedom of his forgiveness for ourselves, we are the more able to let go of what others have done to us.

We explore important issues like this regularly at St Laurence's: you are always welcome to come and participate, if you would like to.

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Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Lindsay Smith writes...

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

On 12th September we will welcome Phil Smith, Head Gardener at Wollerton Old Hall and his subject will be The Fragrant Garden. Phil is an excellent speaker.

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The Midland Sinfonia

Elizabeth Waters writes...

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For full details take a look at our website:
www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk

Arrow Vale Singers

Ian Price writes...

We are delighted to welcome **The Arrow Vale Singers** to The Ark for a concert on **Saturday 9th November**. The theme of the show is **"Songs From The Shows"**.

Tickets will be £8. Available from the Ark office or just pay on the door. The bar will be open at 6.45pm for pre-show drinks with the concert starting at 7.30pm. Hope to you see all there.

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Events at Alvechurch Library

Love your Library Day with author Mark Lowery

We had a fantastic day for "Love your library day" with children's author Mark Lowery. We welcomed nearly 400 children and adults on the day, who took part in writing workshops and fun talks. A big thank you to Dr Charlie Hotham for donating parish funds to support the event and all the lovely families and adults who attended.

Summer Reading Challenge

Now with over 225 children taking part in with this years "**Space Chase**" themed **Summer Reading Challenge 2019** the library is really buzzing. With lots of brilliant books and entertaining events, it's a great place to be. There's still time to join! Children aged 12 years and under can join in the challenge and collect the stickers and rewards until their sixth library book where they'll be invited to the GRAND medal ceremony in October.

Bookstart Packs for children under 18 months.

Have you received your babies Bookstart pack from your health visitor? If you haven't we have packs to gift to children under 18 months old. Please pop into the library for more information.

Patrick our language tutor has a few spaces on his ongoing Spanish class continuing at the end of October. 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.

Chess Club with Nigel

Nigel will be back with the Chess Club on Saturday 7th September from 11.00-12.30pm. There is no charge for the chess club and it is fantastic as it is suitable for juniors and adults, for all levels and abilities.

Crafty Kids

Our very popular **Crafty Kids** is starting again on September 16th. If any of the original members would like their place, please come and let us know. Otherwise any other kids, who are interested in crafting, learning to sew and knit, pop in and sign up. It's very popular and we can take around 12 children. Suitable for children aged 7 and upwards. We are planning to meet on the 3rd Monday of the month, straight from school, 3.30 – 4.30. Cost tbc.

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.

The Ark Cafe



We start our hot lunches again in September and we look forward you support as we start another year with the Ark Cafe.

The menu for September will be as follows:

September 5th Closed

September 12th Somerset Chicken

September 19th Roast Pork

September 26th Glazed Gammon & Parsley Sauce

Just an advance notice for our next Beef Lunch on October 24th, which will cost the usual £12 and the usual raffle. We will come round in September to check out if you want to come. The maximum number for this will be 60.

We look forward to seeing you all on September 12th.

Harvest Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 29 September at 12:30pm

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And All That Jazz

Margaret Haste writes...



I read in the paper recently that there has been a resurgence in the popularity of jazz amongst the younger generation, which is heartening news for, as the saying goes "use it or lose it".

I was introduced to trad jazz when, at the age of sixteen, a boyfriend took me to Birmingham town hall to see Humphrey Lyttleton, followed soon after by Chris Barber with Otilie Patterson. Since then, over the years, I have been fortunate enough to see performances by many of the greats of jazz, including Johnny Dankworth and Cleo Lane, Ella Fitzgerald, Sidney Bechet and Duke Ellington. Of course, jazz takes many forms and I have come to appreciate some modern jazz as well. Artists such as Charlie Parker, Miles Davis, Dave Brubeck and George Shearing come to mind. For anyone reading this who may be interested, I would recommend a wonderful CD with **Peggy Lee and George Shearing** called '*Beauty and the Beat*' - great music.

Here at St Laurence, we have a tradition, thanks initially to the efforts of Sue Brotherton, of organising a trad jazz concert each year and this year is no exception, with the return of **Sauce City Jazz on Friday, 11th October at 7.30pm (bar opens at 7pm). Tickets just £10 on the door.**

For those of you for whom this genre is an unknown I would urge you to come along and try it - just as I did all those years ago. Who knows, maybe like me, you will leave having been hooked for the rest of your life!

See the flyer on page 19.

Alvechurch Historical Society

Hilary Taylor writes...

The autumn programme begins

Monday 2nd September

Diana Clutterbuck "The Surprising MacDonal Sisters"

The MacDonal's had local connections in Birmingham, Wolverhampton and The Potteries. Four of their daughters were talented women who married ambitious men. Come along to find out about the well-known writers, artists, politicians and industrialists connected to this remarkable Victorian family.

Saturdays 7th & 14th September

AHS Open Days

This year, as well as a display from our collection of old photographs the theme will be "*The Stained Glass of St Laurence Church*". Full information is given elsewhere in this edition of The Grapevine.

Monday 7th October

The details of our second meeting are still to be confirmed, but an interesting evening is expected.

If you need any more information, please contact our chairman, Anne Humphries on 0121 445 5955. 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.

Parish Prayers

Prayers will be said in September at St Laurence Church for the residents of the following roads:

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This is a national event which is held each year and the income raised locally is used by the Worcester and Dudley Historic Trust to provide grants toward building repairs and fabric improvement of Christian churches and chapels (whatever age they may be) in the Worcestershire and Dudley areas.

Although the event was once limited to cyclists and walkers, you are now encouraged to take part using any form of transport convenient to you. Most participants are sponsored on the basis of the number of churches they visit on the official day, however, it is perfectly permissible to visit on another day although you may find a smaller number of churches open.

Half the sponsorship money will go to the church or chapel nominated by the participant and the other half to the Trust to assist with its grant awards. If you would like to take part, but do not wish to find sponsors, a donation will be welcomed.

St Laurence will be open from **10am until 4pm on 14th September**, as will most of the other local churches who are taking part. (The event coincides with the Alvechurch Historical Society Open Day, so you can combine the two if you want to). **PLEASE NOTE - St Laurence are also holding an open day on 7th September 10am until 4pm. The Alvechurch Historical Society are also holding their open days on 7th and 14th September, 2pm to 4.30pm. See the poster on page 13.**

Sponsorship forms and a visit record form can be downloaded from the website via the 'Events' tab. Hard copies will be available in the church or The Ark.

If you are already actively involved in supporting the work of the Trust, a big thank you. They have been able to give grants to hundreds of churches in Worcestershire and Dudley over the past 22 years, using money collected largely from the annual Ride and Stride. If you haven't taken part yet, do give it a try; it can be fun!

Best wishes and thank you for your support.

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A background image of a stained glass window with three panels. The central panel shows a figure, likely St. Laurence, holding a book. The side panels show other figures. The window is set within a dark frame.

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Children and Young People at St Laurence church

Sarah Linton writes...

As part of the weekly 9.30 Family Service our young people begin the service in church with their families, then have the option of coming through to The Ark for our Sunday Club. We then re-join our families towards the end of the main service.

During September our younger children will be continuing to meet Jack (in the Box), our appealing Labrador puppet, as he helps tell stories. For older children who are not involved in the village cricket, there are other activities provided.

We also welcome children under two and babies, whose parents wish to bring them along to join in, just wander around, or play with the toys provided.

At the end of September, **9.30 Sunday 29th**, we have our **Harvest Festival** service. This will be an inclusive service which the children and young people will be actively involved in and will be led by Sarah Linton and Roger Wardle.

Donations of long-life (rather than fresh) 'Harvest' Produce will be gratefully received and will be given to New Start in Bromsgrove.

Ark Tots and Toddlers Group at St Laurence church

A warm welcome awaits you and your Little Ones, for our Stay and Play group in the Ark, on **Thursdays** during school term times.

We run from **9.30 – 11.00** and re-start on **Thursday September 5th**. It's a relaxed and friendly time to chat and to play with your Little Ones with the range of toys and activities and we finish each session with a singing time. Refreshments are provided and although we don't make a specific charge, we welcome your contribution towards the facilities, refreshments and new toys/equipment.

So do come and join us as often as you wish. Spread the word and bring your friends.

Tiny Tots in Church

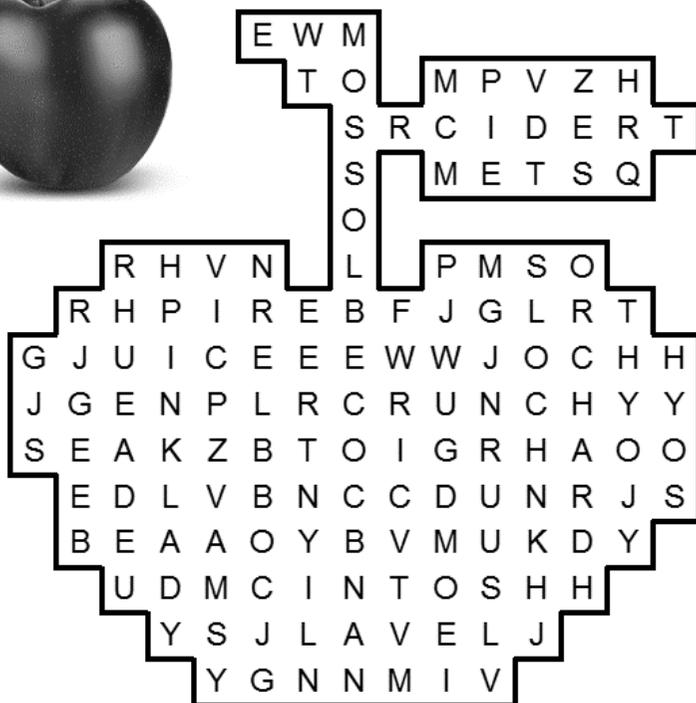
Once a month, on the 4th Thursday at 10.45, instead of our usual singing time at the end of our Ark Tots and Toddlers session, we invite you to bring your Little Ones into church. Come and join in this short, very relaxed and informal time of singing and interactive Bible story, designed especially for babies and toddlers to move around in in their own way!

During the Ark Tots and Toddler session there is a related craft activity available, which relates to the Bible story, if you wish to have a go with your toddlers.

For our September 26th our theme will be 'God made Our Amazing World'.



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Amy Elizabeth Martin, the youngest daughter of the Reverend and Mrs David Martin, married Dominic Jon Simpson in St Laurence Church, Alvechurch on Sunday 4 August. The couple met in New Zealand when travelling.

The bride was escorted into church by her father, the former Rector of Alvechurch, the Reverend David Martin, who then officiated at the marriage. The bride wore a white strapless, fitted dress with a diamante bodice and organza train. She was accompanied by five bridesmaids - Laura Kipling (bride's sister), Emily Beeny (bride's sister), Harriet Beeny (bride's niece), Jorja Simpson (groom's niece) and Lucy Beeny (bride's niece). The bridesmaids wore pink chiffon ankle-length dresses and carried bouquets of gerberas and roses. There were two flower-girls: Holly Simpson (groom's niece) and Charlotte Beeny (bride's niece).

The groom chose his best friend Chris Osbourne, to be his Best Man and the Ushers were Daniel Simpson and Adrian Simpson (groom's brothers). The groom works as a petroleum chemical engineer in Cleethorpes which is where the couple will be making their married home.

A reception was held at Wood Norton Hall, Evesham after which the couple left for a honeymoon in South Africa and Zanzibar.

The bride grew up in Alvechurch and attended Crown Meadow First School, Alvechurch CE Middle School and North Bromsgrove High School before enrolling at the University of the West of England Bristol to study Geography. She is now working as a newly-qualified geography teacher in Grimsby.

Letter from the Dean of Worcester

Using social media responsibly

Social media have become a way of life for many people. And like any way of life, social media are an opportunity and a danger. Social media can do good and can cause harm. Using social media well is a craft that needs to be learnt.

The Church of England has recently put forward ten guidelines for the good and positive use of social media. While designed for those using church social media accounts, they are simple guidelines that we would all be the better for following.

Be safe. The safety of children, young people and vulnerable adults must be maintained.

Be respectful. Do not post or share content that is sexually explicit, inflammatory, hateful, abusive, threatening or otherwise disrespectful.

Be kind. Treat others how you would wish to be treated and assume the best in people. If you have a criticism or critique to make, consider not just *whether* you would say it in person, but the tone you would use.

Be honest. Don't mislead people about who you are.

Take responsibility. You are accountable for the things you do, say and write. Text

and images shared can be public and permanent, even with privacy settings in place.

Be a good ambassador. Personal and professional life can easily become blurred online so think before you post.

Disagree well. Some conversations can be places of robust disagreement and it's important we apply our values in the way we express them.

Credit others. Respect copyright and always credit where it is due. Be careful not to release sensitive or confidential information and always question the source of any content you are considering amplifying.

Follow the rules. Abide by the terms and conditions of the various social media platforms themselves.

It would take very little effort on the part of any of us to stick to these. But a huge amount of unhappiness could be avoided, if we did. Some people would not be permanently damaged. Even some lives would be saved.



Peter Atkinson
Dean of Worcester



Trad Jazz



Friday 11th October
7.30pm



For all you followers of
Trad Jazz, we welcome the
return of the fabulous:-

Sauce City Jazzmen

Tickets just £10
on the door

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on 0121 445 1854



At The Ark
St Lawrence Church
School Lane
Alvechurch
B48 7SB



Bar opens at 7pm

All proceeds to the
Church Restoration Fund

All Together as Kingdom People

Sam Setchell Communications Officer writes...

On Saturday 28 September, people from across the Diocese will come together for All Together as Kingdom People - a day to be inspired, encouraged and equipped to grow as Kingdom People.

This year we will be joined by the Bishop of Liverpool, Paul Bayes, who will host a workshop on evangelism and will address us in our closing worship. There will also be plenty of opportunities through formal and informal workshops to come away with new ideas to reinvigorate your worship, prayer ministry or to help make running your parish easier.

There will be sessions suitable for families to attend together along with a climbing wall and sports cage completely free of charge, as well as practical prayer stations and a chance to be involved in a 'Kingdom Arts' project.

Bishop John said: *"Our last All Together Day in 2015 was a great success with people gathering from right across the Diocese. This is another fantastic opportunity to come together to be inspired by new ideas to use in your own parish as well as share in worship and food together."*

There is a timetable of workshops and more information on the day on the diocesan website: <https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/all-together/>



Saturday 28 September 2019 - Worcester Cathedral

Education Sunday

Laura Farmer -

Communications Assistant writes...

Sunday 8 September is Education Sunday.

There are 100 Church of England schools in the Diocese, educating approximately 22,500 children and young people across Dudley and Worcestershire. All schools ensure they offer a curriculum that is rich, broad, deep and engaging, whilst church schools in particular ensure that they have a focus on spiritual growth and character development.

Diocesan Director of Education, Dr Margaret James, said: *“Church schools have been reaffirmed over the last two decades as being at the heart of the Church’s service to the nation. The call for church schools is for them to serve local communities in such a way that brings hope and aspiration, within an ethos characterised by respect. Inspired by the words of Jesus in John’s Gospel, church schools are places in which every child is helped to live an abundant life.”*

Parishes can support local church and non-church school communities in many ways. You could take part in the pray, bake, read initiative (praying intentionally for your local school, baking a cake for staff each half term and offering to read with a student). Perhaps you could help with worship, assemblies, or confirmation preparation? Or maybe support the staff and children pastorally, or the school strategically, by becoming a church school Foundation Governor. What else could your parish realistically begin in order to nurture relationships with your local schools?

Why not talk to other parishes within your deanery, perhaps even working together to engage several local schools in one worship event.

For help and advice on working more closely with your local school, contact the Diocesan Education team on - education@cofe-worcester.org.uk

Model Railway Exhibition Success

David Richmond writes...

By the time you read this, plans are being made for next year's show. In fact several exhibitors and demonstrators have asked if they may come again.

After all expenses had been paid, a little over £900 was put into church funds, towards our next project.

Judging from reports I have heard the event was very popular with both exhibitors and visitors.

More people came in the afternoon to miss some of the morning rush!

Thanks to many helpers, tidying up at the end was much quicker .

If you would like another exhibition next year, please let me know as everyone is ready, and a provisional date of 11th July 2020, has been booked.

Flowers for SEPTEMBER

	1 September	8 September	15 September	22 September	29 September
Sanctuary		Hopwood WI		Peggy Nickless	Harvest Festival
Lady Chapel		Hopwood WI		Peggy Nickless	Harvest Festival
In memory of				Celebrating baptism of her Great Grandson Mat Christopher	Help required

Please consider helping to provide flowers in church. Several regular helpers have been unable to volunteer due to serious illness and I find I am a team of one. I can supply vases and containers for arrangements and give any advice should it be required. I will put a board on the table in church as a reminder if you can help me for the Harvest Festival.

Ann Thurrell
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From The Registers



Weddings

Those whom God has joined together

11 August Dominic Simpson & Amy Martin
17 August Mark Butler & Sophie Poole



Funerals and Cremations

May they rest in the peace of Christ

17 July Iris Twigg

Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, Rector, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Dick Russell, 2 Gothic Cottages, Radford Rd, 445 3083 Mrs Sue Phillips Wardle, 55 Birmingham Road, 445 0505 Mrs Helen Ayling, "Tarncroft", Hewell Lane, Vigo, 445 6176
Authorised Lay Ministers	Mrs Helena Allen Mr Martin Allen, 445 5605 Mrs Philippa Brakes, 56 Callow Hill Road, 445 3983 Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mr Michael Fletcher, 13 Red Lion Street, 447 8451 Mrs Annette Thomas, 8 Snake Lane, 445 5180
Churchwardens	Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mr Mick Fletcher, 13 Red Lion Street, 447 8451
Deputy Wardens	Mr Colin Bennett, 122 Redditch Road, 01527 64077 Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569 Mrs Alison Smith, 12 Hollington Road, 447 7293 Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, Alvechurch, B48 7LP Mr Andy Notley, 445 5653 Mr Roger Wardle, 55 Birmingham Road, 445 0505
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Organist & Choirmaster	Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, 445 4335
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Flower Co-ordinator	Mrs Ann Thurrell, Top Barn, Scarfield Hill, 447 7668
Ark Bookings Secretary & Grapevine Editor	Mr Ian Price, The Ark, School Lane, 447 7955 thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk

PCC Special Responsibilities

Finance and Standing Committee

Richard Bubbers	Mick Fletcher
Graham Clark	Alison Smith
Bob Dale	Janet Wright
Peter Freeman	

Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard for Mission Committee

Bob Dale	Colin Bennett
Graham Clark	Peter Freeman
Mick Fletcher	Andy Humphries
Janet Wright	Alison Smith

Children and Youth Committee

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 SEPTEMBER



Monday 2	7.45pm	Alvechurch Historical Society: Talk by Diana Clutterbuck: <i>'The Surprising MacDonald Sisters'</i> : Museum, School Lane
Wednesday 4	7.30pm	Hillside WI: The Ark
Thursday 5	9.30am	Ark Tots and Toddlers restarts: Sarah Linton No cafe
Saturday 7	10am to 4pm 2.00pm to 4.30pm	St Laurence Church Open Day Alvechurch Historical Society Open Day: Museum, School Lane
Thursday 12	9.30am 12.15pm 7.30pm	Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton Ark Cafe: Somerset Chicken Rowney Green Horticultural Society: Talk by Phil Smith: <i>'The Fragrant Garden'</i> : Rowney Green Village Hall
Saturday 14	10am to 4pm 2.00pm to 4.30pm	Ride and Stride / St Laurence Church Open Day Alvechurch Historical Society Open Day: Museum, School Lane October Grapevine goes to press articles to - thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
Thursday 19	9.30am 12.15pm	Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton Ark Cafe: Roast Pork
Friday 20	7 for 7.30pm	Ladies Fashion Show and Pop-up Shop in aid of Brain Tumour Research, M N D & Good Hope Hospital: Alvechurch Village Hall
Thursday 26	9.30am 10.45am 12.15pm	Ark Tots and Toddlers: Sarah Linton Tiny Tots Service in church: Sarah Linton Ark Cafe: Glazed Gammon and Parsley Sauce
Sunday 29	12.30pm	Harvest Bring & Share Lunch: The Ark

ADVANCED NOTICE

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Absolute beginners to improvers will love this course. Part-time, 14 week course. Tuesday mornings or afternoons, three hour classes, once a week.

Strictly limited spaces. For more details call 0121 251 0080. See the poster on page 14.