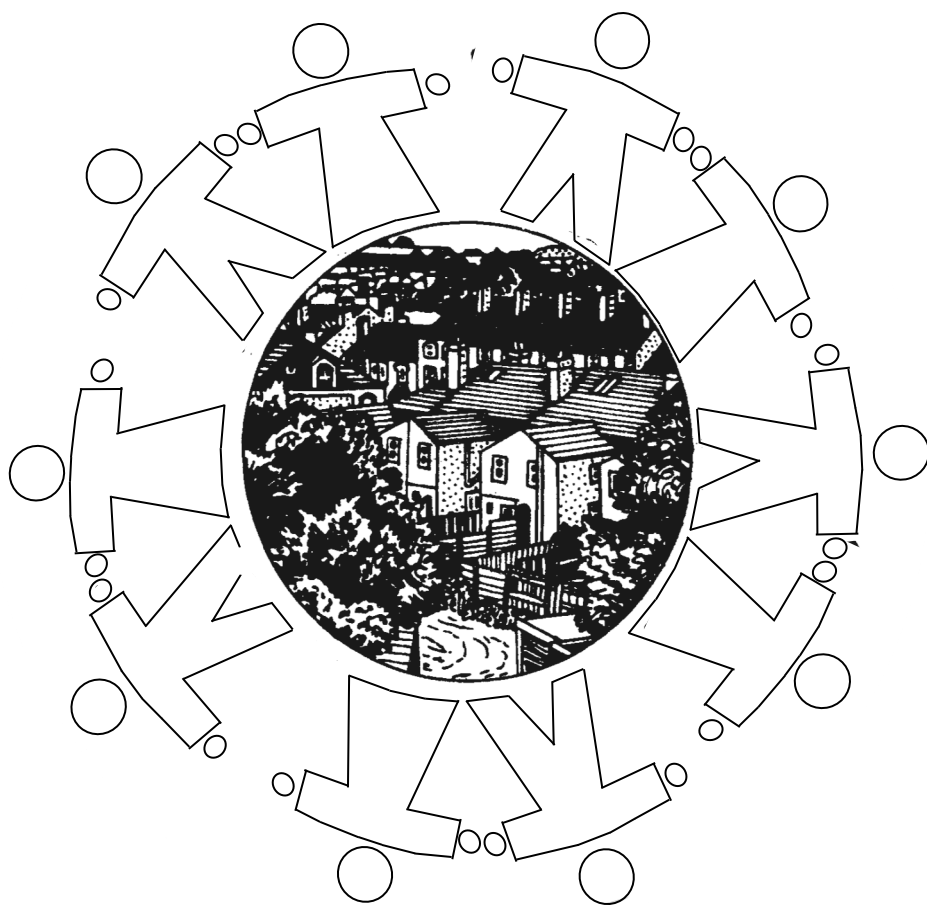

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SUNDAY WORSHIP

St Barnabas

8.00am Eucharist

10.00am Parish Eucharist

6.30pm 1st Sunday-Night Communion/quarterly Memorial Communion

2nd Sunday-Evensong (BCP)

3rd Sunday- Evening service

4th Sunday- Prayers for Healing & Wholeness

Christ Church

10.00am Family Worship

Baptisms (Sundays by appointment)

Baptisms take place in the Parish Eucharist on the first Sunday of the month and at 12pm on second Sunday

WEEKDAY WORSHIP

MONDAY

8.00am

Morning Prayer in St Barnabas

6.00pm

Evening Prayer in St Barnabas

TUESDAY

8.30am

Morning Prayer in St Barnabas

6.00pm

Evening Prayer in St Barnabas

WEDNESDAY

8.45am

Morning Prayer in Christ Church

10.00am

Eucharist in St Barnabas

6.30pm

Tolladine Community Prayers at Mission House, 214a Tolladine Road

THURSDAY

12.30pm

Eucharist at Christ Church

FRIDAY

9.00am

Eucharist in St Barnabas

9.45am

ToddleAlong at St Barnabas

Arrangements for booking banns, baptisms and marriages can be made on Wednesdays at 6.30pm at St Barnabas.

The clergy are available, either by arrangement, or in church, for confessions, confidential interviews, advice, home visits etc. Please contact us if you know anyone who would appreciate this.

Deadline for articles to appear in The Magazine is penultimate Sunday of each month. Please e-mail contributions to jackiecampbell@talktalk.net

The Church Hall is available for private events and parties, including after weddings, baptisms and funerals and for children's parties. Contact Rachel Chalmers (458101) or Julia Adams (610830)

PREPARING FOR A NEW SEASON

Last night it was dark by 7.30pm. It will be darker earlier than that this evening. So, here we are standing on the edge of another season. The harvest is being gathered and brought in. It has taken all year and a lot of work from creation and from people for there to be any harvest, or even if the harvest has failed. It is a season when some animals begin to prepare for hibernation. In many ways this time of year is a time to sleep.

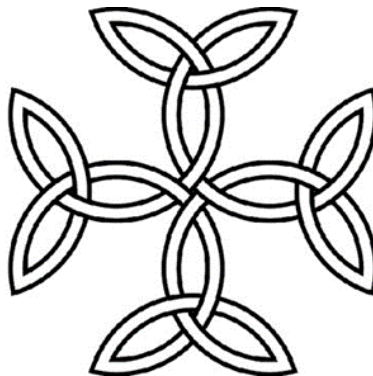
Over the years I have struggled with this because this season is also treated as being a time of new beginnings – a new academic year; a new school; new clothes – and we are required to find the energy for this. ‘My end is my beginning’ so said Mary Queen of Scots and brought to us more recently by T S Eliot. This saying reminds us that an *end* of an era, a life, a work and a season contains a

beginning. In life and all the changes we experience we are involved in a never ending story - always with a new chapter in life to explore. We look to Jesus to be our guide and to give us the courage, strength, imagination and hope to embrace both the endings and the beginnings: even the ending of light evenings and the beginning of a new season of deep autumn and the journey into winter.

Are we ready for it? I have plugged in my daylight lamp to keep the dark mornings and evenings at bay and brought out my hi-viz jacket so I can be seen in the dark. What preparations have you made?

Revd Julieann: October 2019

Take some rest for your mind and using a pen, starting from the middle, simply and slowly follow the lines of this symbol for a never-ending story:



MESSY CHURCH

The next Messy Church is on Saturday 19th October (with the theme of *Christ the Light of the World*) from 10.30-12.30 in Church Hall.



All accompanied children welcome! Messy Church next month will be on 16th November.

MAGDEBURG FUNDRAISERS

Make a note in your diary of these upcoming events:



Friday 25th October 7.00pm in Church Hall: **ENGLISH and GERMAN CHEESE & WINE TASTING**

Friday 7th December 7.00pm in Church Hall **ADVENT CAROLS** with mince pies and mulled wine

Everyone welcome to both of these!

CHILDREN'S SOCIETY BOXES

It's box-opening time for Children's Society Boxes, which should be taken to church/sent to John Dentith please. If you would like a box to keep at home to collect money, please let John know.

Thank you!

VISIT TO GLASSHAMPTON

An outing to Glasshampton, Society of St Francis House at Shrawley has been arranged for Saturday 9th November (maximum of ten people) Bring your own lunch and meet at the Monastery at 10.00.

On the Agenda:

10am Settle in (tea/coffee/herbal infusions provided).

10.15 A short tour of the building
10.30 Talk by a Brother about Franciscanism

11.30 Talk by me on the third Order

12.15 Noon prayer in the Chapel with Guests and brothers.

12.35 Lunch

13.00-14.00 Time of silent prayer and meditation on the word.

14.30 Say goodbye and drive to Astley Church to visit grave of Frances Ridley Havergal - prolific 19thC hymn writer. Sing hymn *Take my life and let it be...*

Please let me know whether you would like to join us as soon as possible. First ten names will be accepted. If demand is high then a second tour can be arranged early in the New Year.

Pax Et Bonum

Andrew Hall TSSF



SIX WAYS TO SAVE THE PLANET & NATURE

according to

Pump House Environment Centre

1. Refill
2. Repair
3. Eat local produce
4. Leave the car behind
5. Reuse
6. Do a litter-picking walk



hand or arrange a clothes swap.

4. *Use alternatives to cling film.* Use eco-friendly wraps, repurpose glass jars, visit zero waste shops.

5. *Make your commute a green one.* Cycle or walk; car share.

The RSPB

1. *Eat ethically* – It is becoming increasingly clear that reducing the meat in our diet is vital in reducing the impact of the climate crisis. Going veggie or vegan would help reduce environmental-damaging live-stock farming.

OR Try reducing meat intake to once/twice a week.

ALSO eating locally sourced food will help reduce emissions associated with shipping and transport.

2. *Switch to green energy.*

Use LED light bulbs, do not leave devices on standby and consider installing solar panels.

3. *Opt for sustainable clothing.*

Reuse, repair or recycle. Limit how often you buy new clothes. Consider where they are sourced from and choose natural fibres over plastics. Buy second

6. *Give nature a home.* Allow an area in your garden to re-wild. Plant wild flowers and other pollinator- friendly plants. Let grass grow to flower instead of keeping it short. Plant trees.

Judy Ford (our Eco Rep)

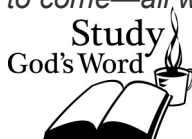
PARISH CLEAN UP

A Parish Clean Up has been organized for Saturday 5th October 9-11am to pick up litter from roads around church.

All welcome to help! - equipment provided

NEW HOME GROUP

A new Home Group has started, meeting every other Wednesday starting at 7.30pm with a cup of tea and finishing by 9pm, at 197 Bilford Road, WR3 8HL. Speak to Andy or Margaret (942052) for more info. *Kindly let us know if you plan to come—all welcome!*





SPOT THE DIFFERENCE!

The Cross in Worcester pictured in 1919 and 2019:
not much has changed although the buildings
have been scrubbed up a little!





HELP NEEDED...CAN YOU PUT A SMILE ON MARIAM'S FACE?

No difficulty in telling who is having the better time and sad to think of *anyone* being on their own at Christmas.

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Our *festive season* does not just mean Christmas but can also mean weekends in the run up to Christmas, and New Year. Your guest will be someone curious to experience British life with all its special traditions and culture... and keen to share those of their home country. Your hospitality will be a unique gift, a treasured memory and rewarding in so many ways.

Please consider opening your

home and heart to an international student and remember that if the festive season is difficult for you, we do operate *all year round*, so hosting can become one of your New Year Resolutions!

If you should like to know more, please go to our website www.hostuk.org or leave us a message on: <http://visits.hostuk.org/Public/ApplyToBecomeAHost>

PATRONAGE SCHEME

If you would like to mark a special date, maybe a birthday or anniversary, you could become a Patron of St Barnabas and pay towards the running costs of the church building for that day (cost £25). Patrons' names are recorded in a special book kept at the front of the church by the piano.

See Jackie Campbell for more info.



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Bishop J*





More than 40 people
 enjoyed the delicious Bring
 Your Own Harvest Lunch in
 the Church Hall

Left: We recently
 welcomed Rhianne and
 Michael Rourke with their
 children and friends (see
 our last month's
 newsletter)

Right: Revd Dr
 John Edwards with
 Bishop John (page 8)



‘L’ IS FOR LIFESTYLE

You may remember that last month I wrote about a book I had been recommended called ‘L’ is for Lifestyle and said that over the next few months I’d take the letter of the month and share what the book says about it.

This month then is ‘O’ and in the book for ‘O’ is ‘Organic’. The book explains that although buying organic seems to be more expensive, in the long run it is more efficient to eat organic and use organic products. Rather than intensive, chemical production of food, cleaning materials and skin products with the chemicals getting into our bodies through our stomachs or through our skin; and when we still do not know what the effects of these chemical are; it is better and more healthy for us and the environment if we do go organic.

There is much research available if anyone wants more information about all this.

My thoughts on this are practical: the experts might be right, and maybe some of us have the luxury to be concerned about such things. However, as someone who once could hardly afford to eat *non*-organic food, and when I was not alone and certainly there are many people now who can’t afford it either, until organic food on the shelf becomes affordable to those

who are hungry, non-organic food and all those other products, will remain.

So, why not this month and when we gift Maggs or the Foodbank, let’s buy organic for those who just wouldn’t be able to afford it otherwise?

Revd Julieann – October 2019

RESIDENTIARY CANON

The Revd Dr Stephen Edwards was installed as a Residentiary Canon of Worcester Cathedral in a special service of Evensong. Stephen joins the Cathedral Chapter from the Diocese of Manchester and will have a particular responsibility for promoting the Cathedral’s mission in the Diocese and local community, and for the pastoral care and spiritual nurture of the Cathedral community.

Worcester Cathedral has three Residentiary Canons. They are appointed by the Queen and are priests with responsibility alongside the Dean for the Spiritual life of the Cathedral. They have day-to-day liturgical, pastoral and preaching duties and as members of the Cathedral Chapter they share in the governance of the Cathedral and are trustees of the cathedral almshouse, St Oswald’s Hospital.

See photo on centre pages

MAKING A HOUSE A HOME

As some of you will know our Worcester house is currently covered in scaffolding. A kitchen extension will follow the work in the loft. Since getting married in



kind Greek barber.

Many years on we are now happily retired and settled in this neighbourhood. We are thankful for a comfortable home that reflects our

1980 we have lived in twelve different houses and being in the ministry haven't, until now, been free to knock down any walls! At some point here we will be banished to our dining room with a kettle and a microwave until the new kitchen emerges. We have coped before with a lot worse.

tastes and is furnished with memories of travels and family. We are also wanting to make new friends and have always enjoyed showing hospitality. Despite the building works we are looking forward to hosting a new home group, starting on September 25th and promise to provide a hot drink!

Our first flat in Zaire where we served with the Church Missionary Society in the mid 80's (see top left balcony with curtains in the photo) had been a hotel suite in its day. I use the word 'suite' lightly as it was very run down and needed a lot of cleaning from day one to make it anything like homely. There was a living space, bedroom and bathroom but no kitchen so we prepared food and cooked on the balcony and washed up in the bathroom sink. When the water was off we had a pulley system using buckets, filled up from across the road, thanks to a

As we approach Harvest Festival weekend, with our gifts going to MAGGS and the Food Bank, we will be remembering those who have fallen on hard times and may not even have a roof over their head. And of course not every home is a happy place.

When we are blessed with a home we enjoy we pray not only that we will use it wisely but that we will remember that people and relationships are always more important than bricks and mortar.

Margaret Gandon

PARISH GIVING SCHEME – A THIRD ALTERNATIVE

Those of you who are in the Planned Giving Scheme currently make your weekly or monthly offering by one of two methods, namely envelopes on the plate or monthly standing order through your bank. These might be Gift-Aided or they might not, depending on your circumstances. The cash in the envelopes has to be counted and banked, the church treasurer has to add the plate collections and the standing orders into the accounts, and the Gift-Aid Co-ordinator (that's me) has to enter the giving into our gift-aid records and submit a quarterly claim to HMRC to get the gift-aid back. This is not a problem, we have well-organised processes to deal with all of this which work very efficiently.

However, as of this year there is now a third alternative, called the Parish Giving Scheme or PGS for short. This is a scheme which is operated as a partnership between the various dioceses, administered centrally and cost effectively out of an office in Gloucestershire, and funded by the dioceses at no cost to parishes. But it's still delivered at parish level. This alternative to envelopes or standing orders collects your giving by direct debit, similar to how many of you will be paying your gas, electricity and telephone bills.

The direct debit gift goes off to PGS on the first of the month, they collate it together, claim the gift-aid where appropriate, and send both back to the parish in an itemized report by the 10th of the month. Much less work for the treasurer's team and the Co-ordinator. Annual renewals, and increases where appropriate, are handled between you the giver and PGS, who will alter the direct debit if necessary, no need to contact the bank.

I'm not going to bore you with more detail than that, this is not an attempt to get you to change if you are happy with what you do now, it's just an offer of a third option if it would suit you better. There is no need to change, but if the idea should strike a chord with you, I'm happy to talk it through with you and I've got some very good literature I can hand out. Most of your PCC members have already signed up for it.

What do you think? Would it suit you better?

John Dentith



THE MYRIAD CENTRE



The Myriad Centre is a local charity in Worcester WR1, for young people with a profound disability wanting to form relationships, make choices and enjoy activities, despite their serious impairments.

It is the Myriad Centre's passion that each individual is supported to engage with, and be seen within, the community, and achieve their potential so that their lives go beyond being cared for, to being valued for who they are as people.

Our vision is that every young person with profound and multiple disabilities across our region has the opportunity to lead a fun and fulfilled life. We do this by providing a wide range of specialist therapies and activities at our Centre, six days per week.

At the moment the centre are raising funds for a new Mini Bus. Someone cruelly stole one of their minibuses which thankfully they finally managed to replace. Unfortunately, that incident used funds which should have gone towards other things. They now need to replace another minibus which has done many thousands of miles transporting their clients around. They have been promised a new one but must raise £20k towards it. They are well on their way with £10k already raised, but are desperately in need of the rest before the minibus can do no

more!

Claire Summers Worcester 10k

I've recently been working at the Myriad Centre in the finance department.. Meeting the clients and seeing how profound the disabilities can be, has made me very passionate about helping them. I work with the support workers who help do activities in and out of the centre, to give the clients the chance to have fun, and some wonderful experiences, I watch and hear the staff daily and know how hard they work and generally care for them. It really is a very rewarding thing to see and do. The clients and staff's enthusiasm amaze me daily.

I run as a hobby, to keep fit and help my own mental health. The Worcester 10k and half marathon is done every September, and I decided to help raise money for the centre.

I've so far raised £350 on Just Giving and with gift aid on top, nearly £400.

Thank you so much to everyone who has donated so far. It really means a lot to me and everyone involved in the centre.
Claire Summers



FROM THE REGISTER

May they rest in peace ... and rise in glory

FUNERALS:

19th August

Michael James Pugh

age 64

And he took them in His arms and blessed them

BAPTISMS:

1st September

Harry Bayer

8th September

Lucas John Hill

Lottie Joyce Hill

Charley Jane Brooks



TEA AT THE VICARAGE

Tea, coffee, cakes

3pm - 5pm on:

Sunday 13th October

Come & go as you please

all welcome!



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