



Welcoming,
Caring,
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August/September 2014

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 3rd August
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Teresa & Tim Dunn
Coffee after the service

Sunday 10th August
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Richard Alford
Coffee after the service

Sunday 17th August
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

Sunday 24th August
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 31st August
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Nicky Neville-Lee
Coffee after the service

Sunday 7th September
10:30 am Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare?
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th September
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by TBA
Coffee after the service

Sunday 21st September
10:30 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

Sunday 28th September
10:30 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Richard Foot
Coffee after the service

Sunday 5th October
10:30 am Harvest Festival

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

From the Manse

Dear friends



How are you with going on holiday? I'm one of those people who hate the travelling, but love to get there. My back can't cope with too much sitting. And, in a way, I would be happy if the URC Enterprise could beam me straight there!

Then I realise I'm a bit of a paradox, because I also don't like to dash. And I tell myself to enjoy the journey. In fact, sometimes the journey can be delightful. That's why I like to take my time, use back roads rather than motorways, and stop off in unknown corners. That is the only way I know of to arrive with a smile.

I'm learning that, if I must take a long trip, I should try to make the journey just as important.

And that is a picture of the Christian life. Sometimes we get so fixated on where we're going - heaven, eternal life, and so on - that we forget to enjoy the journey. And we can then miss out on so much. Frankly, great as it is, the end result is not what we should focus on.

It seems to me that there is so much in the Christian message that talks about the journey - the daily grind. In particular, we are assured that, no matter how tough the journey is, God walks it with us. Paul talks about the Spirit being within, helping us day by day. In other places, he says that Jesus lives his life through us. If we simply fret over the journey, and want to get to our destination too quickly, none of that can happen. And the growth, the experience, the learning, the relationship, the coming to understand more of our God, will not take place.

So this summer, when you're stuck in a traffic jam on some motorway as you leave for sunnier climes, try to take a deep breath and see what it is that Jesus is saying to you. Try to learn, and to understand more of your God. Perhaps take a few side roads so that you can actually hear God over the roar of the traffic. And, most of all, enjoy those moments of knowing that, no matter what, God's love goes with you.

Every blessing

Duncan



Diary Dates

Monday Evenings : Singing Group : Contact Margaret Morris

Friday Evenings : Table Tennis : Contact Tim Dunn

Monthly Book Group : Contact Tim & Teresa Dunn

Monthly Albany Fellowship : Contact Jean McCluskie/Teresa Dunn

Faithful and Free education Conference

A day for all with a particular concern for education on September 20th at Carrs Lane URC Church, Birmingham. Keynote speakers, Dr Ann Limb and Dr David Cornick. Workshops, displays and worship.

To book a place goto the link below.

http://www.freechurches.org.uk/Groups/240074/Free_Churches/Activities/Education/Faithful_and_Free/Faithful_and_Free.aspx
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Economy for the common good.

The Diocese of Worcester has a year-long partnership with Christian Aid and Church Action on Poverty on the theme "Economic and Tax Justice: economy for the common good". Members of all churches and denominations are very welcome to join in any of the events. We are calling September 21st (St Matthew's Day) Tax Sunday. We have developed a reflection for that day which might be of interest to anyone who wishes to talk or preach on Tax issues. It will shortly be available on our web site. We are also encouraging people to see the film "The UK Gold" - an award winning documentary exploring tax dodging through the eyes of a London East end Vicar. And on September 18th we are holding a discussion evening with our partners from Peru and Tanzania when our visitors will tell us about their experiences of some of these issues. All are welcome.

Details of the reflection, and dates, times and location of the discussion evening and film showings will all be found on our website at:
http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/news_n.php?i602

Revd Phillip Jones
Mission Development Officer, Worcester Diocese.



Big Bible Study

On September 27th at Worcester Cathedral, the BBS will be led by one main speaker - Dr Kathy Galloway, and follow a pattern of PRAY- STUDY -EAT around a scripture reading. Kathy Galloway is the director of Christian Aid Scotland having been Leader of the Iona Community. She is an ordained minister in the Church of Scotland, and a prolific writer, poet and compose

For more details:

http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/news_n.php?i615

Childrens Pages

DESERT IN A BOX

What you'll need

Plastic drawer organizer

50/50 mixture of potting soil and builder's sand Variety of miniature cactus

Gravel

Desert decorations

POPCORN IN A PICKET PLANTER

Wooden clementine box

Wooden clothes pegs

Wooden beads

Glue

Latex semigloss wall paint

Plastic seedling trays

Potting soil

Popcorn kernels

How to make it

Variation - Desert In A Box

Desert In A Box:

We started with a plastic drawer

organizer filled with a 50/50 mixture of potting soil and builder's sand (you can also use premixed cactus soil). We selected a variety of miniature cacti (look for them in garden centers and florist's shops), transplanted them into the soil mix using salad tongs, and lightly watered them in.

We then added a thin layer of gravel (from the pots the cacti came in), along with some desert decorations: a steer skull crafted from modeling clay, a guardian lizard (from a local craft shop), a plastic cowboy, and a road marker made from craft sticks.

To keep your cacti happy, water them once a month until the soil is damp to



the touch but not soggy.

Variation - Popcorn in a Picket Planter

Popcorn in a Picket Planter: The planter's base is a wooden clementine box. We glued a line of wooden clothespegs to the top edge, and wooden beads atop the corner posts and the adjacent clothespegs.

Once the glue was dry, we gave the planter two coats of paint (we used latex semigloss wall paint). We set plastic seedling trays--easily removed for watering--inside the box and filled each to an inch from the top with potting soil. We then sprinkled on popcorn kernels (not the microwave kind) and covered them with another half inch of soil. We kept the soil moist, and our corn was up in about a week. The greenery lasted for several weeks more.

Hope Carriers Trust

Just to mention that if you are having a clearout ready for the Winter months, please do not throw anything away. Please think of the Hope Carriers Trust and pass your unwanted items to Tim and Teresa who will collect if you them to. The items will go out to people in the mountainous regions of Romania.

Thank You

Teresa and Tim

Items for the October Newsletter

If you have any items for inclusion in the June Newsletter please give them to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 2st September at the latest please.

Albany Fellowship



At our meeting in June we shared stories. The idea was that we brought something along that had a story attached to it that we could share. Unfortunately none of us, including Teresa, remembered to bring the item. We still shared the stories and enjoyed a lovely afternoon ending with tea, Strawberries, Cream and Shortbread.

In July we had our outing and visited Barnett Hill Garden centre. This is very much like a mini Webbs. We had a potter round the store looking at all the different things that were there. At about 2.30pm we gathered in the Café for a Cream Tea and and a chat.

Jean and Teresa give you our heartfelt thanks for the beautiful plants that were presented to us, we were very touched.

We do not meet in August so we will see you all on 4th September when we will have a general get together and talk about what we have done over the Summer.

Jean and Teresa send you all their love and hope you have a wonderful Summer and we look forward to seeing you all in September.

Jean and Teresa

Sunday Notices

Liz Davis is now coordinating & reading the notices on Sundays and would appreciate receiving them, where possible, as early as possible via email not on the Sunday.

Thanks

Please Beware of this Scam

Thanks to Rob Peachey for the information

Police Warn Of Bank Account Scam

West Mercia Police and Warwickshire Police are warning people to be aware, after an elderly lady was conned into transferring nearly £100,000 from her bank account.

The woman aged 89, from Atherstone in Warwickshire, was called by people posing as bank officials and officers from the Metropolitan Police. They told her there was a problem with her bank, which the police were investigating and she was tricked into transferring the money 'to be safe'.

DCI Sean Paley from Warwickshire and West Mercia Police said "This was a very callous and deliberate targeting of a vulnerable lady that forms part of a series of such crimes across the country.

"Whilst people are generally aware of such scams, these criminals target vulnerable members of the community. I would urge people to talk to close friends and relatives who they think could be at risk."

Remember to ensure callers are genuine, and be wary of calls out of the blue. Never give out your personal details until you are certain that the caller is legitimate.

If you receive any suspicious calls or have any information on these types of scams, please contact police on 101.

If you want to give information without giving your name you can also call the charity Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111 or visit their website www.crimestoppers-uk.org

Further advice and support on avoiding scams can be sought the Action Fraud website: www.actionfraud.police.uk

Prayer Partners 2014

August – Campaigning



We pray for:

- and give thanks for all churches that are part of Commitment for Life, that they may continue to support the programme through action and giving because their faith demands it.
- those who write letters week by week, email their MPs and speak out about injustice in this world and are prepared to do something about it, asking for patience encouragement and a sense of witnessing God's compassion and justice.
- organisations such as The World Development Movement and their work on eradicating the causes of poverty.

September Honduras:

We pray for

- Christian Aid partners, whose communities prepare to face the worst when disaster strikes and the work they do in supporting small rural businesses to thrive and grow.
- for ways to end the deforestation which has led to changing rainfall patterns, poorer soils and soil erosion and also for poor communities in the mountainous areas hit time and time again by tropical storms which often trigger landslides.
- the Christian Organisation for Integrated Development in Honduras (OCDIH) as it works at village level to help communities strengthen their ability to deal with natural disasters. And also for those who will alert villages using the new early warning systems to alert themselves to flood risks and those who have educated them about emergency drill training and forming rescue brigades.



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Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	3-Aug	10-Aug	17-Aug	24-Aug	31-Aug
Preacher	Teresa & Tim Dunn	Rev Richard Alford	Rev Duncan Tuck	Helen Yare	Nicky Neville_Jee
BooksFoyer & Offertory	Carol Hardyman Betty Forrer	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	Sarah Lodge Margaret Dodds	Roger Morris Margaret Morris
Reading	Helen Moore	David James	Bryan Neville-Lee	Betty Forrer	Penny Peak
Prepare Table		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee		Len Berryman Pat Berryman	
Serve Communion		Rob Peachey David James Roger Morris Margaret Morris		Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke	
Beadle	Nicky Neville-Lee	Liz Davies	Helen Yare	David James	Helen Moore

	7-Sep	14-Sep	21-Sep	28-Sep	
Preacher	Helen Yare	TBA	Rev Duncan Tuck	Richard Foot	
BooksFoyer & Offertory	Penny Peak Ann Cook	Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	Tim Dunn Teresa Dunn	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	
Reading	Michael Clarke	Nicky Neville-Lee	Paul Denham	Rob Peachey	
Prepare Table		Sarah Lodge Rob Peachey		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Jeremy Davies Liz Davies Paul Denham Sarah Lodge		Brian McCluskie Margaret Morris	
Beadle	Nicky Neville-Lee	Brian McCluskie	Paul Denham	Liz Davies	

	5-Oct	12-Oct	19-Oct	26-Oct	
Preacher	Duncan Tuck HARVEST				
BooksFoyer & Offertory	Pat Berryman Len Berryman	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	David James Barbara James	Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie	
Reading	Margaret Morris	Rosemary Clarke	Jeremy Davies	Liz Davies	
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Beadle	Helen Yare	Chris Harris	Helen Moore	David James	

PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN DUTY SWAPS AS REQUIRED

