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**February/March 2014**

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# The Sunday Plan



Sunday 2nd February  
11 am Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 9th February  
11 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Individual glasses

Conducted by TBA  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 16th February  
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Des Robson  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 23rd February  
11 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Common Cup

Conducted by Nicky Neville-Lee  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 2nd March  
11 am 50th Anniversary Service

Conducted by Rev. John Marsh  
See separate Notice

Sunday 9th March  
11 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Richard Jones  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 16th March  
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 23rd March  
11 am Worship & Holy Communion  
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 30th March  
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by TBA  
Coffee after the service

Sunday 6th April  
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Robert Lewin-Jones  
Coffee after the service

## 50th Anniversary Celebration

On 29th February 1964 our Church at Albany Terrace was dedicated and officially opened.

We are planning to celebrate this occasion on Sunday, 2 March.

Invitations will be sent out to members who have left the district and others whom we have not seen for some time. This is a very special occasion and it is hoped that as many as possible will be able to join us. The service will be taken by Duncan and the Revd John Marsh will be preaching.

Please put the date in your diaries.

### From the Manse

For me it is pantomime season (Oh yes it is). My rehearsals for Peter Pan mean great times of silliness and mistakes, bad jokes and exuberance, joy and laughter, and trying hard to get it all right. By the time of the performances in February, it must be perfect.



The odd thing about pantomimes is that so many people think they are ad-libbed, with no rehearsals. They think the interaction with the audience, that is so fundamental to pantomimes, just happens in some casual way. I have even met actors who have said, 'It doesn't matter about getting my words right. It's just a pantomime.'

That is not right. There is much rehearsal in what you see. Any

interaction is a carefully crafted part of the whole. If we all said 'it doesn't matter,' then the performance would dissolve into a mess. No one would hear their cues, because someone else hasn't bothered to say the right words. And, the audience have paid to be entertained, not to be confused.

In many ways, I see our faith in the same way. If the New Testament is infused with any atmosphere, it is one of joy. The sorrow of the death of Jesus turns into excitement. Worries over walking a tightrope of laws and have-nots become an exuberance of hallelujahs. John's Gospel says that God is love.

Paul talks about freedom, forgiveness, hope, and Jesus living within. That is incredible and wonderful. It means that anything is possible. Mistakes are forgiven. Christians can live a life of trust and wonder, without having to feel guilty and look over their shoulders. I hope you feel some of that. It is like having, every day, all the joy on the faces of children watching our pantomimes.

However, like pantomimes, there is a need to not be complacent. We do not house the Spirit of God just because it's a handy place to put it. God's Spirit is there to live through us, help us in our walk, encourage us in our efforts, to lift our thoughts and actions to a greater way. We could simply not bother - that would not affect our salvation. But what a bad performance that would be. The 'ad-libbing' would completely ruin the script, and the script is for the glory of God. So, in this time of pantomimes, can I encourage you: Live in the joy of your freedom and forgiveness in Christ. But, as Paul would say, don't use that as an excuse to slide. Instead, say, 'God, I am so thankful and happy over what you have done. Now lead me through 2014 into a greater trust and involvement in how I walk your ways.'

Life can be confusing (I know - I've played the Dame!), but the joy is still there. Under the aches and pain of this performance of life,

follow God's script, and know he is pleased.

Every blessing

Duncan

## Diary Dates

Wednesday, February 5th

Thursday, February 6th

Sunday, February 16th

Sunday, March 2nd

Thursday, March 6th

Tuesday, March 11th

Saturday, March 15th

Saturday, March 22nd

Wednesday, April 2nd

Elders Meeting 7pm

Albany Fellowship, 2:30 pm

Church Meeting after the Service

50th Anniversary of the Dedication of  
the Church in Albany Terrace

Albany Fellowship, 2:30 pm

Elders Meeting 7pm

Silent Movie Night, 7:30 pm

Theatre Trip to "Les Miserables"

Elders Meeting 7pm

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

## Book Group

Our Book Group has had a little rest during the Winter months (perhaps we are all engrossed in our Books?), but we haven't given up.



We will re-launch ourselves in the Spring. Maybe you have thought about joining us but haven't made it yet? Maybe you'd like Book Group to be doing something different to encourage you to come along, in which case let us know.

Its really just an excuse for us to get together, drink tea or coffee, and talk about books. Why not give it a try?

# Crafty Conversations



at Holly Mount URC

We are planning Easter craft for Crafty Conversations on Saturday 5th April, at Holly Mount Church and welcome friends from Worcester URC. Crafty Conversations provides a space to slow down and relax, enjoy being creative (even if that doesn't come naturally), have lunch and go home recharged with something you have made. All the materials are provided. Crafty Conversations is open to all and we encourage you to bring your friends for an exciting and unforgettable time. The timetable for the day:

- 10.00 - 10.30 Arrivals coffee / tea and biscuits
- 10.30 - 12.00 Welcome and craft activity
- 12.00 - 12.15 Reflection
- 12.15 - 13.15 Lunch
- 13.15 - 13.30 Photos and close

There is no charge for the event but a collection plate will be available for donations to cover the cost of food and craft materials. For more information or to reply to this invitation contact Geraldine. Please do let us know if you are coming to help us with our catering arrangements.

Geraldine Foster

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# Women's World Day of Prayer

Streams in the Desert

7th. March 2014

Cityside

St. Georges R.C. Church, Samsome Place 10.30 am

St. Johns Side

Bromwich Road Mission 2.00 pm

Ombersley Road Methodist 1.30 pm

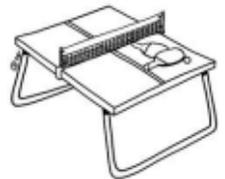
St. Mary's, Kempsey 2.30 pm

St. Michael's, Dines Green 7.30 pm

Fernhill Heath Baptist 7.30 pm

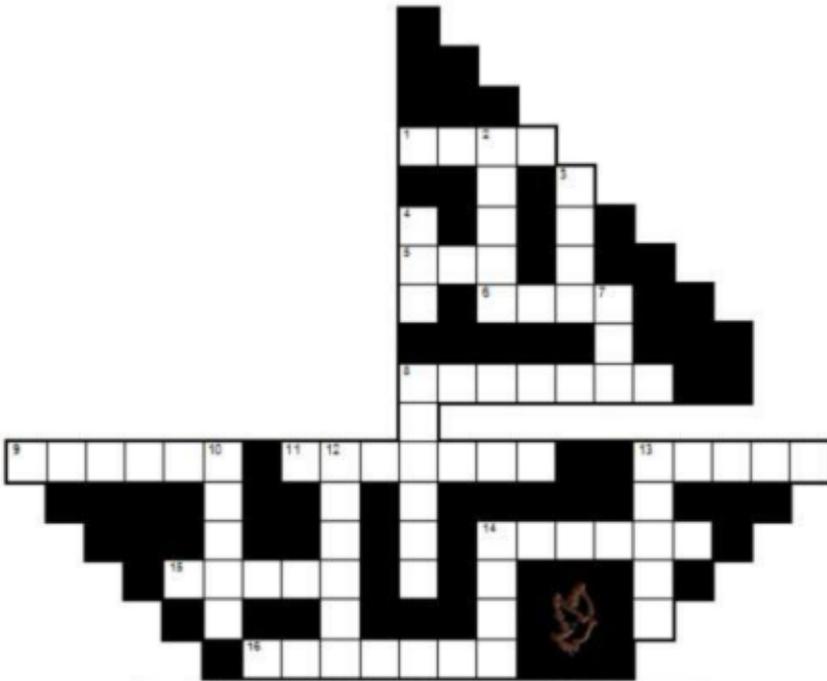
## Table Tennis

Table Tennis club has had an influx of new blood in recent months, which is great news. Our regular start time has moved to 6:30 pm on a Friday night, but if you want to come along a bit later thats fine as well.



Its all very light hearted, just good fun, so if you fancy a game do give it a try.

All equipment is provided, you just need to come along.



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Across

- 1 We have here only five loaves of bread and two \_\_\_\_ (Matt 14:17)
- 5 And all that handle the \_\_\_\_, the mariners (Ezek 27:29)
- 6 fishermen's gear (Mark 1:18)
- 8 the ship struck a \_\_\_\_ and ran aground (Acts 27:41)
- 9 One of his disciples, \_\_\_\_, Simon Peter's brother (John 6:8)
- 11 Jesus left there and went along the Sea of \_\_\_\_ (Matt 15:29)
- 13 "I'm going out to fish," \_\_\_\_ Peter told them (John 21:3)
- 14 A safe place to anchor ships (Acts 27:12)
- 15 they saw a bay with a sandy \_\_\_\_ Acts 27:39
- 16 they decided to run the ship \_\_\_\_ if they could (Acts 27:39)

Down

- 2 rear part of a ship (Acts 27:29-30)
- 3 where he found a ship bound for that \_\_\_\_ (Jonah 1:3)
- 4 the men did their best to \_\_\_\_ back to land (Jonah 1:13)
- 7 the God of heaven, who made the \_\_\_\_ and the land (Jonah 1:9)
- 8 weighed anchor and \_\_\_\_ along the shore of Crete (Acts 27:13)
- 10 roaring of the seas, the roaring of their \_\_\_\_ (Ps 65:7)
- 12 they lowered the sea \_\_\_\_ and let the ship be driven along (Acts 27:17)
- 13 Jesus crossed to the far \_\_\_\_ of the Sea of Galilee (John 6:1)
- 14 Your hand will lay \_\_\_\_ on all your enemies (Ps 21:8)

## Birds Nest Collage

This delightful birds nest collage can be enjoyed by all ages. Younger children can be given the shapes pre-cut and can take charge of decorating the paper plate nest and adding wiggle eyes and beaks to the baby birds. For older children you could adapt the craft to make the birds much more lifelike (study a real nest from a distance, or search for photos on the internet) and by using real nest materials in the collage.

You will need:

Large paper plate, Brown paint

Thin brown paper (tissue, greaseproof or packing will all work)

Brightly coloured card, Wiggle eyes

Scraps of yellow card or foam, Glue

Instructions:

Paint the back of the plate brown and leave to dry. Cut in half.

Cut the brown paper into strips and glue them to the plate. Don't worry about gluing all the edges as you are looking for texture.

Cut 3 ovals from coloured card and glue them along the edge of the plate. Add a yellow beak and two wiggle eyes to each.

# Albany Fellowship



We would like to say a Very Happy New Year to everyone and hope you all had a very good time.

We will have our first meeting again on 6th February when we will have some hearty soup to keep us warm. There is nothing planned, so, as with the past couple of years, we will have a social afternoon catching up with each other after the break.

It has been a very sad time for the Church and our Fellowship as we have said goodbye to Eileen Barnett just before our Christmas meal. More recently we have said goodbye to Margaret Morgan. Having one light go out makes us a little dimmer but to have two in a very short time can leave us feeling at a bit of a loss.

Maybe at our February meeting we can reflect on Eileen and Margaret and come together to share memories of them both. The lights that have gone out mean we have to work even harder at making the Lords light shine ever brighter at Albany Terrace.

We should keep in our Prayers Eileen Greyson who has been unwell over the Christmas and New Year period.

We would be delighted to welcome anyone into our Fellowship Group.

We have social gatherings, speakers, outings and much more. Why not come along and join us. 1st Thursday of the month 2.30pm-4pm. We even throw in tea, coffee cakes and biscuits.

This Year our Diary is as Follows:

February – Soup and a roll social to catch up with each other.

March - Tim Dunn, talk on the BritishRed Cross.



# Hope Carriers Trust

<http://www.hopecarrierstrust.org/>

Or you can find them on You Tube.

As we all begin to have our annual 'Spring Clean' can I ask you to think of this Charity. If you are putting things out for the refuse collectors to take please ask yourselves if it could be mended or repaired. If it can then please put it to one side and contact Teresa Dunn and I will come and collect it.

Tim and I took a car full of items across last week to Hereford where the depot is for dropping things off. They are waiting for the lorry to come back from Romania to arrive back in the UK early Spring to take a lorry full of items out again.

They are so grateful for anything. To see Nicolae Stepan, the man who runs the Romanian end of the operation break down in tears when he sees the generosity of people here you cannot fail to be moved.

Please just bear them in mind.

Many thanks  
Teresa Dunn

## Items for the April Newsletter

If you have any items for inclusion in the April Newsletter please give them to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email [newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk](mailto:newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk) by Sunday 16th March at the latest please.

# Mixing Pop, Politics and Religion?

In recent months I've spent some time at my Dads house in Bristol and in an idle moment I picked up an old copy of the Reform Magazine that he had left on the table. Now I know you might think I read it regularly, but in honesty I don't!

None the less, on browsing the July edition I find not one, but two references to Billy Bragg, whose music I have been avidly collecting since 1984. As I've told people on many occasions, my strange guitar style is self taught from two books, Junior Praise and the Billy Bragg guitar book!

One reference to Billy was regarding his appearance at the Greenbelt Festival, the second was a review of his latest album, "Tooth and Nail". Much of Billys repertoire consists of Love Songs, or Political/Social comment. In fact in the 1980s you would find his music in Record Shops characterised under 'Urban Folk'. Nowadays of course you will struggle to find a record shop, never mind any reference to Urban Folk! But his music has always had folk roots and this latest album has been well received by the Folk community.

But why was it reviewed in Reform? Certain of the tracks on the new album certainly have Religious references , 'Do unto others' being an obvious example, and the article discussed whether Billy was indeed on a Spiritual Journey. He has always appeared reticent to talk about Religion, although he is not shy of giving his views on any other subject. A Billy Bragg concert is half music and half political rants, but I have often heard him say Faith is a personal choice so he doesn't get involved. His mantra of "I keep Faith" refers to a belief in the goodness of human nature rather than a religious conviction. Having said all that, the new album is certain less of a 'thrash' than much of his early work, and if you ever come across it I'd recommend that you at least give it a listen.

Tim



# **SILENT MOVIE NIGHT 2**

**Albany Terrace  
United Reformed Church  
Saturday March 15th  
7:30 pm**

**1920s Short Films from  
Charlie Chaplin and Laurel & Hardy  
with Live Musical Accompaniment  
by  
Lucas Ball**

**Tickets £3.50 on the door  
(children free)  
to include tea and coffee**

**All proceeds donated to  
HOPE CARRIERS TRUST**

**Evening Dress Optional**

## Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	2-Feb	9-Feb	16-Feb	23-Feb	
Preacher	Helen Yare	TBA	Des Robson	Nicky Neville-Lee	
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	Pat Berryman Len Berryman	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie	
Reading	Carol Hardyman	Tim Dunn	Sarah Lodge	Teresa Dunn	
Prepare Table		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough		Len Berryman Pat Berryman	
Serve Communion		Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke Jeremy Davies Liz Davies		Paul Denham Brian McCluskie	
Beadle	Nicky Neville-Lee	Helen Moore	Helen Yare	Rob Peachey	

	2-Mar	9-Mar	16-Mar	23-Mar	30-Mar
Preacher	Rev John Marsh	Rev Richard Jones	Jelen Yare	Rev Duncan Tuck	TBA
Books/Foyer & Offertory	David James Barbara James	Russell Needham Jo Needham	Chris Taylor Les Kease	Chris Harris Roger Harris	Val Geddes Ann Cook
Reading	Roger Morris	Brian McCluskie	Helen Moore	David James	Bryan Neville-Lee
Prepare Table		Sarah Lodge Rob Peachey		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Sarah Lodge Helen Moore Rob Peachey David James		Roger Morris Margaret Morris	
Beadle	Liz Davies	David James	Paul Denham	Bryan Neville-Lee	Jeremy Davies

	6-Apr	13-Apr	20-Apr	27-Apr	
Preacher	Robert Lewin-Jones				
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Carol Hardyman Betty Forrer	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	Sarah Lodge Margaret Dodds	
Reading	Betty Forrer	Penny Peak	Nicky Neville-Lee	Michael Clarke	
Prepare Table		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee	
Serve Communion		Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke Jeremy Davies Liz Davies		Paul Denham Sarah Lodge	
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**PLEASE ARRANGE YOUR OWN DUTY SWAPS AS REQUIRED**