



Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing
June/July 2013

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 2nd June
11 am Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

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

Conducted by Rev Richard Jones
Coffee after the service

Sunday 16th June
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Moore
Coffee after the service

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

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

Sunday 30th June
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 7th July
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Singing Group
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th July
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Ian Ring
Coffee after the service

Sunday 21st July
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Robert Apps
Coffee after the service

Sunday 28th July
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Duncan Tuck
Coffee after the service

From the Manse

Dear friends

Paul says, 'Rejoice in the Lord always. Again I say, rejoice!' (Philippians 4.4)



As I write this, I am looking forward to going on holiday to Scotland, and I'm keeping an eye on the weather forecast. It doesn't look good. It's the middle of May, and the forecasters are saying there could be snow in some parts of Scotland. 'Lord,' I ask, 'Can't you give me a bit of decent weather for once? I got wet enough last year!' Then God laughs and says something about learning to trust him in adversity. I also get the feeling he mutters something about not having everything - I can't have lush green scenery and blazing hot sunshine at the same time.

Decent weather isn't guaranteed. That's why we feel so good in this country when the sun shines. Someone said to me recently, 'Isn't it always so much easier to rejoice when the sun is shining?' And I agreed. But that also made me think about how that would differ around the world. I guess the nomadic tribes of the Sahara would find it easier to rejoice when it rains rather than when it's sunny, whereas those living in the rain forests would find it easier to rejoice when it's dry for a day or two. And there was an advert a few years ago of two African gentlemen in a hotel in London who rejoiced because they saw snow.

Rejoicing, it seems to me, is case-specific, and is also dependant on what we expect. We rejoice over the unexpected; the momentary relief from the normal; the lifting of a burden, even if only for a short while. We rejoice when something turns out better than we hoped for. If we are normally healthy, we don't rejoice that we can move our fingers; but someone who has been

paralysed would rejoice mightily when that happens. If we have money enough for treats, we don't rejoice over a digestive biscuit; but there are millions around the world who would find digestives a luxury to thank God for.

With that in mind, how can we Rejoice in the Lord always? I think the trick is to realise that our normal, our expected state, is that of being, as Paul would say, 'a slave to sin.' We can expect no more than disappointment, drudgery, hopelessness and despair. But God, in his love for this world, has done the unexpected. We rejoice because we don't expect to be free, but we are released. We rejoice because we don't expect to be cleansed, but we are forgiven and our sins are forgotten. We rejoice because we expect to be alone, but Jesus comes to live in us by his Spirit, so that we may never be lonely.

As you prepare for your holidays, and hoping that the weather improves, realise that what God has done for you in Jesus is so much more than we deserve. But, in his love, he gives us free gifts that are way beyond our expectations. Enjoy your summer. Lie on the beaches. Explore the countryside. Eat and drink and be merry. And in the middle of that, thank God for all the little goodnesses that you don't really deserve, but that you have anyway, because you are his.

Every blessing

Duncan

5th Sunday



We plan to hold a Bring and Share Lunch on the 5th Sunday in June (June 30th) after the service which will be conducted by Helen Yare. All welcome, bring a plate of food to share.

Diary Dates



Sunday June 2nd	Britannia Square Residents Garden Party
Thursday June 6th	Albany Fellowship 2:30 pm
Saturday June 8th	Strawberry Tea at Ombersley Road 4pm
Wednesday, 19 June	Elders Meeting at 7pm
Tuesday 25 June	Book Club 2:30 pm
Wednesday 26 June	Church Meeting at 7:30 pm
Sunday June 30th	Bring and Share Lunch after the Service
Sunday 14th July	St. Stephens Outdoor Service 10 am

URC Multicultural Celebration at Carrs Lane Church Birmingham
Date: 28 September 2013
2013 Start Time: 10.00 a.m. End Time: 4.30 p.m
More details on the West Midlands synod website

Items for the August Newsletter

If you have any items for inclusion in the August Newsletter please give them to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 14th July at the latest please.

Thomas Badland

I would like to suggest that everyone reads the first chapter of the book written by John Marsh in our Tercentenary year 1987.

You will be amazed by the struggle that non-conformists of the 17th century had against the Anglican Church. You will read of Rev Thomas Badland who broke away from the Cathedral to establish a non-conformist chapel on Warmstrey Slip (off Deansway) - the first in Worcester. He was 'thrown out' of the Cathedral. We have his memorial stone in the 'hut' and it must be preserved for posterity.

I am not suggesting that you read the rest of the book as you will not know the people.

Books are on the church table - please pick one up.

Margaret Morgan.

Book Club

Seven people attended the second meeting of the book club.

Marianne gave a short summary of the book on Woodbine Willie.



We each reported on which books we had read in the last month and gave each a score out of 10. We will keep a list of the books people have read for future reference.

We then discussed various authors whose books we had enjoyed.

Please feel free to join us for our next meeting on 25th June at 2:30 pm.

Frances Chambers

Frances Chambers was Associate Minister URC after she retired from her ministry in Ipswich.

She took up the whole work of the Worcester URC while John Marsh was at Westminster College, Cambridge for the Lent term 1986 where he prepared and wrote the history of our church from 1663 onwards.

In Ipswich Frances was also Chaplain at the Psychiatric hospital. She had an understanding and sympathy for individual people. Frances died 25th February 2003.

Betty wrote this as many who have joined the church within the last 10 years will not have known her but others have fond memories of her. She was an interesting lady, born into a humanist family, she had what she described as a Pauline conversion. She had a lively mind and a wicked sense of humour and a strong dislike of lilies. She was also a gifted artist. She always made me think and challenge myself to deeper commitment to the work of Christ's kingdom.

Helen Y and Betty Forrer

Duty Rotas

You will have noticed that the Duty Rotas have been changed slightly.

As from July the Foyer, Books and Offertory duties will be shared by two persons.



The Carrying in the Bible will be the responsibility of the Beadle who will ask one of the children if they would like to do this. If not, a member of the congregation or the Beadle will do it.

The Elders

Albany Fellowship

In April we were entertained by Helen Yare. Our grateful thanks go to Helen for her very interesting talk on her visit to China. It was a very informative afternoon.



In May we had a talk about Romania by Duncan Tuck. His visit had been organised to highlight the plight of the orphans there. Again this was a very informative afternoon. Our thanks go to Duncan for his visit and talk. Grateful thanks also go to Carol Tuck in helping with the refreshments.

In June we have Bryan Neville-Lee entertaining us with songs and poems, followed by Stawberrys and Cream, so do come along and enjoy this afternoon of entertainment.

We look forward to seeing you all on 6th June.

Our Love and Best Wishes to you all
Jean and Teresa

Race for Life

I have decided to compete once again in the Worcester Race For Life on the 16th June. I took part in 2006 and 7 and feel that I would like to once again take part. I will be walking this time though!

I know that many people compete in this event, and that many of you already have charities that you donate to, but if you feel you would like to help me raise money for Cancer Research UK, which has touched our family and many others I have my own fundraising page. You can donate on www.raceforlifesponsorme.org/elizabethdavies124 or see me in church.

Thank you, kindest regards
Liz



Teresa and Tim would like to thank you all very much for your thoughts and Prayers over the past month. They have meant a lot us and have helped us through a very difficult time.

Thanks

Love
Teresa and Tim

Table Tennis

A small group of us continue to meet on a Friday night for a game of Table Tennis. Our numbers have been supplemented recently by a few old work colleagues that have been badgered to join us, but more people are always welcome.



We meet at 7:30 pm when there are enough of us available. Standard of play is less important to us than the fun we have trying. If you fancy a game, or know someone else who would, please contact Tim or Teresa.

How God became King

The world famous biblical scholar and former Bishop of Durham, Professor Tom Wright, will be speaking in Worcester Cathedral on the evening of Wednesday 5 June.

He will explore themes in his recently highly acclaimed book How God became King.

The evening will begin at 7.30pm and all are most welcome. There will be no charge but a retiring collection.

100 YEARS OF GIRL GUIDING ON BROWNSEA ISLAND

11th-14th June 2010

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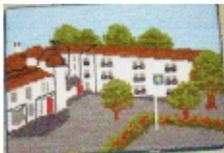
Brownsea Island is now part of the National Trust
It is also well known to the Scouts and Girlguiding Associations.

The Trading Post is the shop run jointly by scouts and guides being staffed by FOGBI AND SASU and housed in the BP Centre on the island.

On the Saturday Christine and I spent the day on the Island, as I hadn't been there before. It was beautiful weather so we made the most of it by exploring and visiting one of the campsites where there were a group of guiders camping

I had paid for one of the 10 new kneelers being presented to St Mary's Church. Another lady had kindly stitched the kneeler, but unfortunately hadn't put the kneeler together.

The One Or Two guiders we had met on the Saturday made sure that "my" kneeler was ready to join the other nine kneelers that were being dedicated during the service on the Sunday



ALISON HALL

RECALL NOTICE:

The maker of all human beings (GOD) is recalling all units manufactured, regardless of make or year, due to a serious defect in the primary and central component of the heart.

This is due to a malfunction in the original prototype units code named Adam and Eve, resulting in the reproduction of the same defect in all subsequent units.

This defect has been identified as "Subsequential Internal Non-morality," more commonly know as S.I.N, as it is primarily expressed.

Some of the symptoms include:

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| 1. Loss of direction | 6. Depression or confusion |
| 2. Foul vocal emissions | 7. Fearfulness |
| 3. Amnesia of origin | 8. Idolatry |
| 4. Lack of peace and joy | 9. Rebellion |
| 5. Selfish or violent behaviour | |

The Manufacturer, who is neither liable nor at fault for this defect, is providing factory-authorized repair and service free of charge to correct this defect. The Repair Technician, **JESUS**, has most generously offered to bear the entire burden of the staggering cost of these repairs. There is no additional fee required. The number to call for repair in all areas is: **P-R-A-Y-E-R**.

Once connected, please upload your burden of **SIN** through the **REPENTANCE** procedure. Next, download **ATONEMENT** from the Repair Technician, Jesus, into the heart component.

No matter how big or small the SIN defect is, Jesus will replace it with:

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| 1. Love | 6. Goodness |
| 2. Joy | 7. Faithfulness |
| 3. Peace | 8. Gentleness |
| 4. Patience | 9. Self control |
| 5. Kindness | |

Please see the operating manual, the **B.I.B.L.E** (BEST Instructions Before Leaving Earth) for further details on the use of these fixes.

WARNING: Continuing to operate the human being unit without correction voids any manufacturer warranties, exposing the unit to dangers and problems too numerous to list, and will result in the human unit being permanently impounded. For free emergency service, call on **Jesus**.

DANGER: The human being units not responding to this recall action will have to be scrapped in the furnace. The SIN defect will not be permitted to enter Heaven so as to prevent contamination of that facility. Thank you for your attention!

- **GOD**

P.S. Please assist where possible by notifying others of this important recall notice, and you may contact the Father any time by 'Knee mail'!

Because HE Lives!

Prayer Partners 2013



NEWSPAPER

We pray for those who are exposed, even in their poverty, by TV crews and others anxious for a picture. We are committed to life.

Action: Look in today's paper or on a world news website. Pick an image that strikes you.

Does it tell a story? Does it inspire or shock you? Look at the subject of the photo. What is the background behind this image? Has the dignity of the person on film remained intact or have they been exploited for the sake of bringing us this story? Pray that photographers and film crews will report the news from around the world with integrity, wisdom and truth. Pray too that we will be able to hear such news with understanding, insight and thoughtfulness.

MEDICINES

We pray for those who are sick, those denied medication by the wealth seeking of international pharmaceutical companies. We pray for the families torn apart by a lack of treatment for those they love. We are committed to life



Action: Take an item from your medicine cabinet - maybe a plaster or some antiseptic cream. Look closely at it. Can you remember where, when and why you bought it? The ability to walk into a doctor's surgery or chemist is a right denied to so many. As you hold the item, thank God for your access to healthcare, medication and medical professionals. As you safely return the item to the cabinet pray for all those who, for whatever reason, are denied this essential human right.

Worcester URC Duty Rotas

	2-Jun	9-Jun	16-Jun	23-Jun	30-Jun
Carry in the Bible	Rita Michelman	Rosemary Clarke	Len Berryman	Michael Clarke	Nicky Neville-Lee
Books & Offertory	Brian McCluskie Jean McCluskie	Carol Hardyman Betty Forrer	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Jane Barber Margaret Dodds	Jeremy Davies Liz Davies
Reading	Teresa Dunn	Roger Morris	Brian McCluskie	David James	Helen Moore
Prepare Table		Len Berryman Pat Berryman		Sarah Lodge Rob Peachey	
Serve Communion		Roger Morris Margaret Morris Tom Cheesbrough Michael Clarke		Jeremy Davies Liz Davies	
Beadle	Paul Denham	Nicky Neville-Lee	Liz Davies	Pat Berryman	Rob Peachey
Foyer	Carol Hardyman	Brian McCluskie	Tim Dunn	Doreen Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough

	7-Jul	14-Jul	21-Jul	28-Jul	
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Roger Morris Margaret Morris	Carol Hardyman Sarah Lodge	Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	Tim Dunn Teresa Dunn	
Reading	Bryan Neville-Lee	Betty Forrer	Nicky Neville-Lee	Michael Clarke	
Prepare Table		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie		Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	
Serve Communion		Teresa Dunn Paul Denham Sarah Lodge Brian McCluskie		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee	
Beadle	Helen Yare	David James	Paul Denham	Nicky Neville-Lee	

	4-Aug	11-Aug	18-Aug	25-Aug	
Books/Foyer & Offertory	Barbara James David James	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	Pat Berryman Len Berryman	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	
Reading	Paul Denham	Rob Peachey	Margaret Morris	Rosemary Clarke	
Prepare Table		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion		Helen Moore Rob Peachey Margaret Morris Roger Morris		David James Teresa Dunn	
Beadle	Liz Davies	Pat Berryman	Rob Peachey	Helen Yare	

Please arrange your own duty swaps as required

