



**Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing**

**June and July
2011**

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 29th May
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Lynne Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 5th June
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 12th June
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 19th June
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 26th June
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 3rd July
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 10th July
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Individual glasses

Conducted by Rev Tom Cheesbrough
Coffee after the service

Sunday 17th July
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Helen Yare
Coffee after the service

Sunday 24th July
11 am Worship & Holy Communion
Common Cup

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 31st July
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

The art of communication has become very sophisticated these days. For example, this morning I have had 4 phone calls, 8 email messages on my computer and a text on my mobile all the way from a ship in mid-Atlantic and all at the press of a button or two. I've even had some letters and a postcard from Florida.

Before all these systems came to our aid there were plenty of other ways of sending messages, each one the 'high technology' of its day. At sea if you wanted to send a message to another ship then signal flags were used, some hoisted to the yard arm like Nelson's famous 'England expects' message to the fleet before the battle of Trafalgar.

Then came Morse code with its dots and dashes of long and short sounds helping people send messages over even greater distances to people and places you couldn't see and probably hadn't even heard of!

The strangest way of communicating that I've come across is found on the island of Gomera, one of the Canary Islands. When people need to send a message from one high mountain to another, they whistle! The sound carries very well over the steep valleys and those who are very good at it can make themselves heard up to 10 kilometres away. Apparently it's a very detailed 'language' and very exact. If someone falls ill in a mountain village, the details are whistled from village to village along the mountain ridges until the message reaches the capital San Sebastian where the doctor lives. I

suspect Roger Whitaker learned his skills there!

Today the skill seems to be in avoiding the messages on the one hand while still being in communication on the other, all relatively simple with the latest cell phone technology. But still some people still don't seem to understand the basics. In my favourite coffee shop last week a man and a woman were enjoying each other's company when the man's phone sounded. He was annoyed and complained quite loudly about the intrusion into his free time. He was one of those who don't seem to understand the basics referred to above. If you don't want to be contacted – turn the phone off!

Sometimes I think the same is true of Church people and their contact with God. Those who have grasped the basics are good at switching on and tuning in to the security of the Sunday worship but less good at keeping the line open in the week that follows. Keeping in touch is important whether that means with family or friends or God.

Prayer is a vital part of the Christian's communication process – and it's a two-way process. If we expect God to listen to us then the least we can do is listen to him.

With love and best wishes, Jim

The local collection for Christian Aid week raised £308.00.

Thanks to Lynne Brown, Margaret Morris and Helen Yare for their help collecting.

Roger Morris



Dates for you Diary



Here is a reminder of a few dates from the Church Calendar

May 25th - Church AGM, 7:30 pm

June 2nd - Albany Fellowship

June 2nd - WURC Out

June 9th - WURC Out

June 16th - WURC Out

June 22nd - Elders Meeting

June 23rd - WURC Out

June 25th - Garden Party

June 30th - WURC Out

July 7th - Albany Fellowship

August Deadline



Items for inclusion in the August Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905 457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday 17th July at the latest please.

Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month the following extracts are from Operation Smile. For further information on any of these stories visit their Website: <http://www.operationsmile.org.uk>

Our History

Throughout the world, Operation Smile volunteers repair childhood facial deformities while building public and private partnerships that advocate for sustainable healthcare systems for children and families. Together, we create smiles, change lives and heal humanity. Operation Smile was launched with its first project to the Philippines in 1982 and currently supports international and local, in-country medical projects to 25 countries.

What is a project?

As a result of our sustainable development model over 60% of all Operation Smile Operations are now performed by medically credentialed local physicians on Local Projects. Based on the Operation Smile International Project medical model, teams of in-country medical volunteers conduct local projects to take care of more of their children year round. These projects are funded, organised and staffed through the local foundations.

International Medical Projects

Through International Medical Projects Operation Smile continues to create local partnerships and to treat children in regions where they would otherwise not receive care. Operation Smile's standard International Medical Project is comprised of a team of 35-40 credentialed medical professionals from around the world who travel to Operation Smile partner countries to treat children. Between 100 and 150 children are treated on a typical International Medical Project. Operation Smile coordinates more than 30 medical project sites in over 26 countries annually.

World Care Programme

Some children need more care than can be provided during a project. Through special sponsorships, we arrange to have a child and a guardian brought to the Europe, Australia or the United States where the child receives surgery. A caring local family provides a home for them during the child's treatment and recovery. Not only are these children given new faces, they're given new futures, filled with promise and hope. To date, the program has treated 135 children.

Testimonial of John

John Maina was a street child from Thika, a town near to Nairobi, where an Operation Smile medical project was taking place.

John was accompanied by Duncan, Githaiga, a café owner who had befriended John and gave him food. When Duncan heard that Operation Smile would be in Nairobi, he closed his café, found John, and brought him to see the Operation Smile team.

Duncan explained that John couldn't speak very well because he had never been to school, having lived his life on the streets.

John was accepted for surgery and while he was being treated, an Operation Smile volunteer spoke with Duncan and told him if he could find a school for John to attend, she would make sure his education was paid for. John returned to the project site a year later, now speaking English and staying with Duncan on his school breaks.

Testimonial of Maria Vitoria & Maria Vivian

Maria Vitoria and Maria Vivian's mother knew she had to do something when her baby girls were born with severe cleft lips and cleft palates, marring their sweet faces.

When she took them out, people looked at them with shock. It was a nightmare. But with no job, surviving on government assistance, there was no money for the multiple reconstructive surgeries they needed. Then her paediatrician told her about an Operation Smile medical project in the nearby city of Fortaleza, Brazil. She brought the twins and they had their cleft lips repaired. The following year, they returned to Operation Smile's medical project in Fortaleza for their cleft palate surgeries. Today their smiles are healed and their futures are bright.

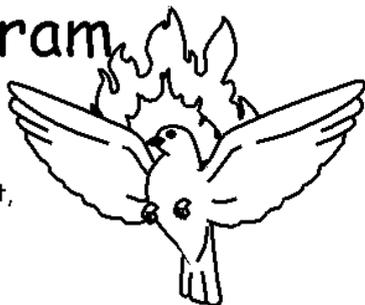
Childrens Pages

A Pentecost Picture to colour in



Unscramble the letters to find the words in our

Pentecost Anagram



Word List:

disciples, fiftieth, heaven, languages,
offering, power, presence, sounds, Spirit,
symbolize

aehnv _____

eoprw _____

ceeenprs _____

effhiitt _____

dnossu _____

aaegglnsu _____

effginor _____

beilmosyz _____

cdeiilpss _____

iiprst _____

Community for Reconciliation was created by John and Joan Johansenberg. They gathered together a circle of friends and supporters and in 1986 they prepared and opened Barnes Close, near Bromsgrove, as a centre for their work.



This lovely house in extensive surroundings belonged to a member of the Cadbury family, which seemed so fitting. A member of the family remains involved in the work of the centre to this day.

Silver Anniversary Garden Party

Saturday 25th June 2011
10 am to 4 pm

Come to Barnes Close and
see the range of our work

Discover more about
UnAfrAid
Village India Aid
Romania Concern
Footprints

Experience a taste of the
Barnes Close
programme & hospitality

Make suggestions for the future
You are welcome to stay for the weekend as well

www.cfrbarnesclose.co.uk

Albany Fellowship



Many thanks to all who attended our April and May Fellowship meetings.

You may remember that Tom Cheesbrough read to us and that May was our Bring and Buy sale along with entertainment from Mrs Yeates and John.

Our Bring and Buy raised a total amount of £43.60 so a huge Thank you to everyone for your support. A huge thank you goes to Rob Peachey for his help in transporting for us, also to Lynne Browne for her help at the Bring and Buy.

In June we are looking forward to Paul Denham who is going to come and talk to us about his life as a Councillor. We will also be having Strawberries and Cream instead of cakes with our tea.

Looking further ahead we are to have an outing in July and there will be a rest in August and we will restart in September.

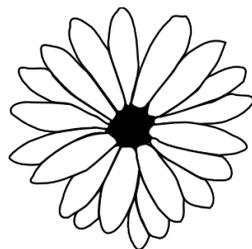
We look forward to seeing you all on June 2nd.

Love

Jean and Teresa

Church Garden Party

On Saturday June 25th we will be holding a Garden Party at the home of Jean and Brian McCluskie.



Time will be 3pm - 5pm

Please contact Lynne Brown for further details.

Worcester Volcano Choir

Worcester Volcano Community Choir 10th Anniversary Concert will be held at Sansome Walk Baptist Church on Saturday 16th July at 7.30pm.

Tickets £8.00 are available from Roger Morris, tel 01905 22045.

Proceeds from the concert will be shared between The Worcestershire Breast Unit Appeal and HIV Aids projects in Refilwe, S Africa.

Talk to Roger or Margaret for more details.

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Pentecost Anagram



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commitment for life

JUNE

What does the Lord require of you but to do justice, and to love kindness, and to walk humbly with your God? Micah 6:8

As we look at all we possess,
We see your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy,
Walk humbly with your God'
May we never be found wanting.
As we pass by on the other side,

We see your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy,
Walk humbly with your God'
May we never be found wanting
As we live by the faith we inherit

We hear your words in the lives of the poor
'Do justly
Love mercy,
Walk humbly with your God'
May we never be found wanting
Amen.



JULY

I know the Lord maintains the cause of the needy, and executes justice for the poor.

Psalm 140:12

God of all mercy before the righteous change sides
and fair play becomes a thing of the past,
hear our prayer for those with conflicting loyalties,
for whom speaking the truth means putting themselves and those
they love at risk;
God of all mercy
before the tables turn against justice
and those falsely accused are sent to trial,
hear our prayer for those who are governed by conscience
and campaign against injustice and speak out against human rights
abuses.

God of all mercy
before the opportunity is missed
and the moment is gone,
hear us as we pray to You
that we might use whatever influence we have for good
through our giving and spending
through our actions and the lives we lead
through our prayers for all those in need.
Amen

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Walking Dates 2011

The last walk was unfortunately cancelled as there was not enough interest to make it worthwhile.

Here are a reminder of the dates we have pencilled in.

June 26th After Church

Skip August

September 25th after Church

November 19th, Saturday

Teresa and Tim



Table Tennis

Table Tennis continues on Friday evenings in the hall at 7:30 pm.

No decision has been made as yet as to whether we will have a Summer break. So in the meantime, all are invited to come and join us.

You don't have to be good, just keen to enjoy a game, and we could really do with a few more people.

Tim Dunn



Duty Rotas

	5-Jun	12-Jun	19-Jun	26-Jun	
Carry in the Bible	Len Berryman	Michael Clarke	Rosemary Clarke	Nicky Neville-Lee	
Books & Offertory	Brian Jones Jean McCluskie	Alison Hall Betty Forrer	Carol Hardyman Sarah Lodge	David James Barbara James	
Reading	Bryan Neville-Lee	Rosemary Clarke	Lynne Brown	Brian Jones	
Prepare Table		Jean McCluskie Doreen Cheesbrough		Margaret Morgan Lynne Brown	
Serve Communion		Brian McCluskie Sarah Lodge David James Rob Peachey		Michael Clarke Helen Moore	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	
Foyer	Len Berryman	Len Berryman	Len Berryman	Len Berryman	

	3-Jul	10-Jul	17-Jul	24-Jul	31-Jul
Carry in the Bible	Helen Moore	Bryan Neville-Lee	Doreen Cheesbrough	Jean McCluskie	Sarah Lodge
Books & Offertory	Carol Hardyman Pat Williams	Tim Dunn Teresa Dunn	Bryan Neville-Lee Nicky Neville-Lee	Doreen Cheesbrough Tom Cheesbrough	Barbara James David James
Reading	Roger Morris	David James	Brian McCluskie	Helen Moore	Betty Forrer
Prepare Table		Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie			Len Berryman Pat Berryman
Serve Communion		Teresa Dunn Brian McCluskie Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee		Sarah Lodge Helen Moore	
Beadle	Teresa Dunn	Brian McCluskie	Jeremy Davies	Paul Denham	David James
Foyer	Pat Williams	Tim Dunn	Nicky Neville-Lee	Doreen Cheesbrough	Tom Cheesbrough

	7-Aug	14-Aug	21-Aug	28-Aug	4-Sep
Carry in the Bible	Carol Hardyman	Lynne Brown	Betty Forrer	Rita Michelman	Tom Cheesbrough
Books & Offertory	Margaret Morris Roger Morris	Paul Denham Rob Peachey	Pat Berryman Len Berryman	Michael Clarke Rosemary Clarke	June Barber Brian Jones
Reading	Michael Clarke	Paul Denham	Rob Peachey	Bryan Neville-Lee	Rosemary Clarke
Prepare Table		Nicky Neville-Lee Bryan Neville-Lee			Sarah Lodge Lynne Brown
Serve Communion		Rob Peachey Helen Moore David James Lynne Brown		Roger Morris Margaret Morris	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	Sarah Lodge	Teresa Dunn	Brian McCluskie	Jeremy Davies
Foyer	David James	Paul Denham	Rob Peachey	Len Berryman	Brian McCluskie

Please arrange your own duty swaps as required

This is my first attempt at the rotas so please be gentle with me.