



Welcoming,
Caring,
Sharing

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Newsletter

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The Sunday Plan



Sunday 31st October
11 am - Morning Worship

Conducted by the Worship Group
Coffee after the service

Sunday 7th November
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 14th November
10:50 am Worship & Holy
Communion
Individual glasses
Remembrance Sunday

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 21st November
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service
At Albany Terrace

6:30 pm Evening Service

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

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

Sunday 5th December
11 am Morning Worship

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

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

Conducted by Rev David Ryan
Coffee after the service

Sunday 19th December
11 am Carol Service

Conducted by Rev Jim Brown
Coffee after the service

From the Manse



Dear Friends,

Most of you reading this will be of an age that remembers that great TV program 'Call my bluff' and in particular Arthur Marshall one of the team captains. Apart from being team captain his main job was as a writer and I came across an article he wrote on the great hymn writer Isaac Watts. He ended his piece by saying: 'Not a fun person, really!' and I guess we know, or can guess, what he means: beautiful lyrics about faith and hope but not a lot of joy. I expect there will be those who would argue differently!

It could easily be argued that the saints fall into this 'joyless' category. Read up on some of them and you're driven to several conclusions. One, there were a remarkable number of them who came from wealthy, aristocratic families: St Francis of Assisi for example. Two, they all had a strong sense of duty and obligation. Three, they were all prepared for hard, dirty, menial and often dangerous work which usually ended in a particularly gruesome martyr's death. And four, many seemed to lack a sense of joy, that rich bubbling effervescent joy that makes you want to imitate Gene Kelly (don't tell me you don't remember him!) by dancing in the rain, even if we haven't had too much of it lately.

A piece of graffiti on a derelict church wall in Winson Green, Birmingham, quite close to the prison said this: 'If you Christians are so full of love, joy and peace, why don't you tell your face about it!' And the sad fact is that there's a lot of truth in that like there is in a lot of graffiti = we don't often let our

faces reflect our joy and even less our words.

This short passage by the appropriately named Joy Cowley will, I hope, bring a smile to your lips and help put a spiritual spring back in your step:

'I've been looking for a suitable word to praise you, Lord. Something enthusiastic but not too formal, the sort of happy shout a child gives to its mother.

I've tried Hallujahs, Glorias and Hosannahs, but really, what I'd like is a word from my own language, a word that is me. If I were a nightingale I could fling my throat with ecstatic song. Or, as a lamb I could fling myself into a spring dance. As a mountain stream I could spill out inarticulate babblings of joy.

Lord, you overwhelm me with your goodness. Praise should not be difficult and yet I can't find the right word, the exact word. Perhaps it doesn't exist, though if it does, I'm sure it would sound something like 'YIPPEE!'

With love and JOY,

Jim

ps. WURC Out will resume at the Manse on Thursday 4th November at 7.30 pm when we will investigate Bible Geography in the context of today's maps. We will then be looking at Advent in the following weeks.

A Welcome to....



My husband, George, and I, moved to Worcester from Ludlow nearly a year ago.

We had lived there for 15 years in a fairly large bungalow at the top of a hill. This had a tiered garden and lovely views. However, it became too much to maintain and we decided to downsize. We looked at a lot of properties and chose one of the new apartments on the Royal Worcester Porcelain site.

Our two bedrooms over look the paved courtyard and beyond that, the Cathedral. We picked the top floor (it has a lift) and the main room overlooks Commandery Road and the Fort Royal Park. The location is handy for most things, comfortable and easy to look after, so we hope to be here for a long time.

George had worked for BOC for 30 years and I was working at City and Guilds in London when we met on holiday in Venice. We hope to celebrate our Silver Wedding next June.

Stephanie Randle

... and to ...

I have been asked to introduce myself as I have now been attending the morning service since I moved into Windmill Close in late May. By origin I am a Londoner but have now lived in the Worcester area for 40 plus years. I had trained as a child Care Officer and came here to work and lived through all the changes that resulted in the birth of the Social Services Dept. I remained in the area after I retired and became involved in a variety of voluntary



activities. Not only at the church I attended (St. Andrews Methodist, Pump St) but also at the Cathedral, the Worcestershire Wildlife Trust and more recently as a volunteer Counselor with the Bridge Counselling Service.

I have always been passionately 'green' and some 7-8 years ago became increasingly concerned about pollution, particularly that caused by the motor car. I was one of those who decided to try and do something about it. At the time I walked everywhere I could but knew that if I was going to give up driving I would need to live in the city centre. In March 2005 I moved into a third floor flat in St. Marys St, I have to admit that from the beginning I found life without personal transport much more difficult than I was expecting. Unfortunately I also developed a variety of health problems and came to realise my 'pent house' was unsuitable hence my arrival in Windmill Close.

As my mobility is now restricted, attendance at St. Andrews also became a problem. Arriving by taxi and hoping someone would take me home did not last long. I started to attend Worcester URC, In my heart of hearts I am still a Methodist but appreciate the warmth of my acceptance here. At the moment it rather feels like having two homes!

Marianne Wade

Supplementary Hymn Books

The Worship Group are looking into the possibility of having a supplementary Hymn/song book to run along side our Rejoice and Sing. We feel that it will enhance our Worship. If anyone has any knowledge of any such books and would like these to be considered please speak to either Jim or Teresa Dunn.

Remembrance



11th November 1919

The First Two Minute Silence in London:

The first stroke of eleven produced a magical effect. The tram cars glided into stillness, motors ceased to cough and fume, and stopped dead, and the mighty-limbed dray horses hunched back upon their loads and stopped also, seeming to do it of their own volition.

Someone took off his hat, and with a nervous hesitancy the rest of the men bowed their heads also. Here and there an old soldier could be detected slipping unconsciously into the posture of 'attention'. An elderly woman, not far away, wiped her eyes, and the man beside her looked white and stern.

Everyone stood very still ... The hush deepened. It had spread over the whole city and become so pronounced as to impress one with a sense of audibility. It was a silence which was almost pain ... And the spirit of memory brooded over it all.

~~From the Manchester Guardian, 12th November 1919.~~

"They shall grow not old, as we that are left grow old:
Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.
At the going down of the sun and in the morning
We will remember them."

Childrens Pages

Colour this Poppy for Remembrance Sunday

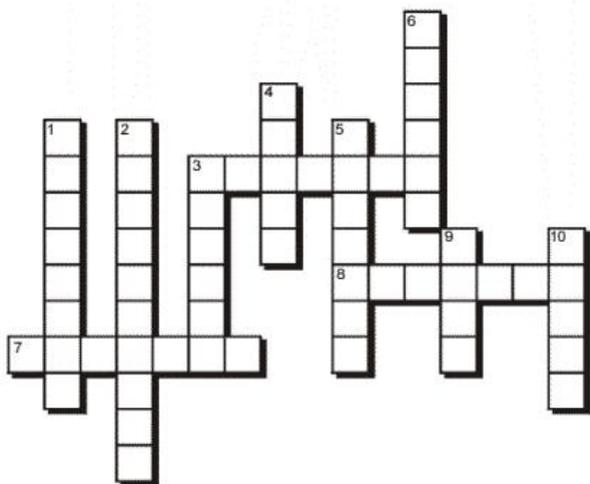


The Lord's Prayer

Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV)



Jesus encouraged his followers to pray to God with sincerity and not for show. He gave them a simple outline of a prayer that has become known as the "Lord's Prayer". You can read it in Matthew 6:9-13 (NIV). He did not intend that we only use this prayer when we pray but that we would include some of the things in this prayer in our own prayers. This prayer shows reverence to God, dependency on God for our needs, desire for God's Kingdom to come, thankfulness, an awareness of our sins, a desire to be forgiven and to forgive others, and trust in God to lead us.



"Our (3 down) in heaven, (1 down), be your name,
your (5 down) come, your (9 down) be done on (4 down)
as it is in (6 down). Give us today our daily (10 down),
 (3 across) us our debts, as we have forgiven our
 (7 across) and lead us not into (2 down),
but (8 across) us from the evil one.

Albany Terrace United Reformed Church

Albany Fellowship



**Do you like tea, coffee, cakes and a good old chat?
if so why not come and join us.**

**We meet the first Thursday of each month at 2.30 - 4 pm in
the Church
and is open to all.**

**Occasionally we have a speaker, take a trip out, have a quiz
or games
afternoon and maybe meet early for a homemade lunch.**

**Just come along or for more information contact:
Jean McCluskie 01299 253350
or
Teresa Dunn 01905 457909**



Pause for Thought

from the Worship Group



This month the following extracts are from 'World Vision'. For further information on any of these stories visit their Website: [/www.worldvision.org.uk](http://www.worldvision.org.uk)

World Vision is a Christian relief, development and advocacy organisation dedicated to working with children, families and communities to overcome poverty and injustice. Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor and oppressed as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people. World Vision serves all people regardless of religion, race, ethnicity or gender.

Their Work

World Vision works to make a serious and sustainable impact on poverty and its causes, especially as they affect children. We are committed to long-term change, which means connecting people. Whether it's enabling people in developing communities to support each other, or linking donors to those in need through child sponsorship, or creating networks to campaign for justice, we believe that getting people connected is the best way to make a difference.

Pakistan: Situation in south becomes critical

World Vision is continuing to step up efforts to help families in Pakistan after vast floods spread south through the country. The Indus River – which runs through Sindh and is fed by five rivers from the flooded north – is now swollen following heavy monsoon rains, which continued until the end of last week.

Mass evacuations have been taking place and flood water has damaged more than 173,000 homes in Sindh, affecting more than one million people, according to Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority.

World Vision is preparing resources to respond in Sindh as soon as the immediate danger posed by the flood passes.

"The scale of the response needed by all humanitarian actors is almost incomprehensible," said World Vision's Anita Cole.

Haiti: The first tree in Corail takes root

In the massive, dusty field of coarse gravel that houses the tent city of Corail-Cesselesse, the green plant outside Nanette Lanoix's tent can be seen a long way off.

It's too soon to call it a tree, but it represents a new start for her.

"Everything we need for now is here at Corail," says Nanette, "only it's very dry and hot.

"We thought some plants would make a difference, plus when they get bigger there will be some shade and some fruit too."

Engaging Churches:

Motivated by our faith in Jesus Christ, World Vision serves alongside the poor as a demonstration of God's unconditional love for all people.

Wherever we work, our prayer is that God will use our efforts to strengthen people's with Him and with one another.

November Deadline



Items for inclusion in the December

Newsletter should be given to Tim Dunn. 27a

Cornmeadow Green, Claines, Worcester. WR3 7PN. Tel 01905

457909, Email newsletter@worcesterurc.org.uk by Sunday

28th November at the latest please.

On the South Coast

I joined a group going on a 'break' arranged by Creative Travel of Lostwithiel for Worcester Sight Concern. Some 40 of us - carers & guide dogs included went to a modern 3 star hotel in Bognor, established by Action for the Blind. It was in a pleasant position overlooking a putting green, a road and out to sea. The rooms were large and light and sensibly furnished. Meals were varied with good choices of starters, mains and sweet courses.



The coach driver was very experienced and knew the area well, having been a Marine stationed in Portsmouth. The way he reversed the coach in a restricted space was remarkable. We only had to mention a place and he took us there - eg. Hayling Island. The weather for 3 days was perfect, especially when we sunbathed on Worthing Pier.

A visit to Chichester market saw us spending our money on the stall of leather goods; then we went to the Cathedral, where I was welcomed by a man who used to live in Worcester, welcoming visitors to our Cathedral. Chichester is smaller, easier to see, and having an interesting history. Above the high altar is hanging a huge tapestry designed by John Piper and woven in France in 1966, depicting The Trinity in brilliant colours.

Our final slightly damp day was spent in Portsmouth, where we enjoyed the new Gunboat Quays development and the Spinnaker, a remarkable feat of engineering at 170 m tall. Unfortunately, I did not arrive at the booking office with adequate time to experience travelling in the lift at 14m per second to enjoy the panoramic views across the city of Portsmouth and the Solent.

State of the art talking telescopes and Europes largest glass floor make this this a new sculptural icon for the UK and a worldclass experience. I bitterly regret missing the opportunity and will live in hope that I will have the opportunity to revisit Portsmouth.

We all enjoyed the welcome break, returning to Worcester on the 4th day and I will go on a similar break next year if one is organised.

Margaret Morgan



Albany Fellowship

We had our second meeting on 7th October. We discussed various options for our Christmas Luncheon trip which will take place on 2nd December. Nicky and Bryan Neville–Lee shared their trip to Oberammergau with us for which we extend to them our grateful thanks. To round off the afternoon we enjoyed tea, cakes, and a good old natter.

In our next meeting on the 4th November we will be having a quiz, led by Lynne Brown, which will be followed by tea and cakes.

There will be no meeting at Church in December due to us being out enjoying our Christmas Lunch. Also no meeting in January but we will resume in February 2011!

Please come along and join us at our next meeting and bring a friend along. The more the merrier.

If you need transport please let Jean McCluskie or Teresa Dunn know.

Love

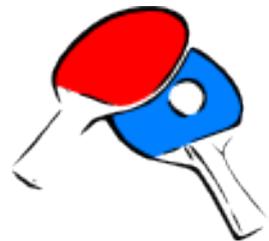
Jean and Teresa

Childrens Page Answers



"Our FATHER in heaven, HALLOWED, be your name,
(3 down) (1 down)
 your KINGDOM come, your WILL be done on EARTH
(5 down) (9 down) (4 down)
 as it is in HEAVEN. Give us today our daily BREAD.
(6 down) (10 down)
FORGIVE us our debts, as we have forgiven our
(3 across)
DEBTORS and lead us not into TEMPTATION.
(7 across) (2 down)
 but DELIVER us from the evil one.
(8 across)

Our small Table Tennis group is still looking for new volunteers. Don't be put off, enthusiasm makes up for any lack of ability!



We meet at 7:30 pm on a Friday in the Hall. Do come along and join us for a game (we won't be meeting on November 12th).

Tim Dunn

Duty Rotas

	Oct 31st	Nov 7th	Nov 14th	Nov 21st
Carry in the Bible	Lynne Brown	Betty Forrer	Brian Jones	Rita Michelman
Books / Offertory	Barbara & David James	Len & Pat Berryman	Margaret & Roger Morris	Tom & Doreen Cheesbrough
Reading	Sarah Lodge	Carol Hardyman	Paul Denham	Paul Denham
Prepare Table			Teresa Dunn Jean McCluskie	
Serve Communion			Lynne Brown Tom Cheesbrough Nicky & Bryan Neville-Lee	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey	Rob Peachey
Foyer	Carol Hardyman	Tim Dunn	Tim Dunn	Tim Dunn

	Nov 28th	Dec 5th	Dec 12th	Dec 19th
Carry in the Bible	Len Berryman	Tom Cheesbrough	Doreen Cheesbrough	Barbara James
Books / Offertory	Michael & Rosemary Clarke	June Barber Betty Forrer	Teresa & Tim Dunn	Alison Hall Brian Jones
Reading	Teresa Dunn	Michael Clarke	Rosemary Clarke	Rob Peachey
Prepare Table	Margaret Morgan Pat Berryman		Nicky & Bryan Neville-Lee	
Serve Communion	Sarah Lodge		Michael Clarke Roger Morris Sarah Lodge Helen Moore	
Beadle	Rob Peachey	Sarah Lodge	Sarah Lodge	Sarah Lodge
Foyer	Tim Dunn	Paul Denham Rita Michelman	Paul Denham Rita Michelman	Paul Denham Rita Michelman