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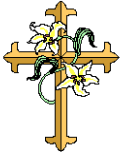
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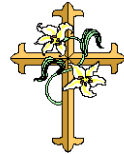
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## IN REMEMBRANCE JULY



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Rest eternal grant to them O Lord, and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

**Would you like to remember a loved one on their anniversary  
by sponsoring a floral display in church?  
If so, please have a word with Mrs Dodd.**

## Cross of Hope



It's a truly remarkable and haunting story. If you've missed Emma Jane Kirby's reports from the island of Lampedusa they are still available on the BBC website (search for 'Migrant cross Radio 4' or go to [www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03yxf94](http://www.bbc.co.uk/programmes/p03yxf94) . Lampedusa is closer to the shores of Tunisia and Libya than it is to Sicily. The inhabitants of this small island have had their lives fundamentally changed by the migrant crisis. Hundreds have lost their lives at sea as smugglers have abandoned people to the waves. Those who have reached Lampedusa have then been processed as newly arrived migrants have turned the island itself into one sprawling migrant camp.

Among those interviewed in Lampedusa by Emma Jane Kirby was the carpenter, Francesco Tuccio. The carpenter's trade needless to say extends to coffins as well as coffee tables. Francesco's hands though have taken to fashioning the cross as well. Salvaging wood from migrant boats that have long since disappeared with their cargo beneath the waves, Francesco has collected these fragments of destruction and waste and fashioned them into the cross. He speaks of these items of driftwood, washed up on the island's shore, as 'holy relics'. The wood carries the smell of the sea and engine fumes. With these fragments, Francesco claims as well to sense the migrants whose lives were held within and while some have made it to Europe's shores, many others died, trapped in the hold as their boats capsized. These wooden shards speak powerfully of misfortune, waste and suffering. Collecting these wooden fragments might betoken a macabre fascination with death and suffering, though equally in Lampedusa it is all around you so why not recognise it and name it for what it is?

Francesco, though, has taken these humble fragments of wood and has fashioned them into crosses which he has given to survivors washed up on Lampedusa's shores. For Francesco, the cross is a sign of hope for all in our world. Rarely have I heard anyone speak so simply and eloquently of the central heart of the Christian faith on the BBC, or anywhere else for that matter. The dispatches from Emma Jane Kirby were first broadcast earlier this year. One of those listening was curator at the British Museum and the Museum has now acquired a Lampedusa cross as the last acquisition by its outgoing director, Neil MacGregor. It is, he says, an object of unusual power that speaks to one of the central challenges of our times. And at the start of Refugee Week, this humble cross was taken from the museum and placed on the altar at St Paul's Cathedral. Francesco Tuccio was able to fly over to witness this extraordinary moment that connects us all.

Andrew

# **JULY**

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**Please volunteer to join the reading and prayer rotas!**

### THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH

How wonderful it is that nobody need wait a single moment before starting to improve the world.

Anne Frank

## **The Battle of the Somme - 100 years ago on 1st July**

*The Battle of the Somme has been described as the most devastating battle in modern military history. The Fourth Army, the first to be deployed, was largely made up of units from the north of England (where, of course, the majority of the munitions factories were located) as well as those from Scotland and Ireland. Nearly half of those first deployed on the Somme were support personnel, medical, catering, and logistics staff.*

We remember today with the jarring images of the waste and ruin of war imprinted on our minds and imaginations, all those who were involved in the Battle of the Somme.

We honour the memory of those who inhabited that war-shattered landscape, those who endured the mud and the blood; those who showed great courage and loyalty to comrades at arms; those who saw the unspeakable sight of bodies broken; those whose minds were numbed by the noise of bombardment, and those whose eyes saw the ugliness of disfigured, weeping and frightened faces. For all who were engaged in combat, those who tended the maimed and injured, the fallen, and for those families who still hold the memories of deceased soldiers, we ask for God's mercy, and for ourselves, the grace to remember.

### **Message from Joy at the Food Bank**

A big thank you for your loyal and wonderful support for the work of Refresh. You do an amazing job!

Would it be possible to continue to make donations throughout the summer? June/July/August tend to be difficult months, supply-wise at the Foodbank. The harvest season in the autumn sees the food bank through many months, but right now the shelves are a bit bare....

The storehouse is short of items such as coffee, sugar, cereals, tinned tomatoes, tinned fruit, rice and all toiletries especially shampoo, shower gel and shaving gel.

Many thanks again for your support.

# Dudley Group News



## What's at the Top?

Usually this column offers topical reflection on matters of interest for all our churches. Forgive me if I crave your indulgence on this occasion to tell you about the open day taking place at St Thomas & St Luke on Saturday July 9th. As you'll perhaps begin to see in publicity in coming weeks, the open day is a chance to show case Top Church and to begin to see from different local people and groups what kind of activities they would want to see taking place and how they may want to get involved.

There will certainly be plenty taking place on the day. From church tours to table football (it's the eve of the Euro 2016 final) with space for reminiscence and storytelling, St Thomas's is looking to capture people's memories and to stimulate dreams for the future. The Churches Conservation Trust is leading on this project and their

Regeneration team have a cutting edge profile in finding innovative solutions both for church buildings that have closed to regular use and also for churches such as Top Church that remain as places of worship week by week but which are looking to find new ways to engage with the local community. CCT's projects engage local people in finding their own solutions. The trust is billing St Thomas's as a 'top place' - building on the church's nickname in the local community. St Thomas & St Luke is grateful for support from Heritage Lottery Fund making this day possible. There's a welcome for all on the day with kick off (not just for table football) from 10.30 am. If you want to drop by or let others know about the day - it should be inspiring and hopefully dry... An event as part of the Black Country Festival.

Andrew

## **Memorial Service for Pauline Crewe & Cream Tea**

Many will remember Pauline Crewe from St Thomas's who for many years organised a coach trip from Dudley each summer to Holland House. Pauline, who died earlier this year, had connections with the house going back to 1947 and actually knew Miss Holland who donated the house to the Diocese in the first place. There is a memorial service at Holland House on Friday 12 August at 2.30 pm followed by cream tea. If you would like to attend please speak to Andrew.

## **Bingo at St Barnabas**

Come and join us at St Barnabas church for Bingo on Friday 22 July from 7.00 pm.

## **Pudding Party at St John's**

Pudding party in aid of Mothers' Union in the Lower Parish Hall on Wednesday 13th July at 7 pm; celebrating 140 years of the Mothers Union and the Queen's 90th birthday. Wear red, white and blue if you like! Cost is £5 with raffle. Replies to Avril by 4th July (01384 250934).

## **"Street Party" at St James**

in the crypt to celebrate the Queen's 90th birthday on Saturday 30th July, 2.00 pm. A traditional event with all the expected food (jelly etc) + games and activities finishing off with a rousing sing-song.

## **Churches Together Service at the Black Country Museum**

Tickets are available for the Churches Together **Service** (giving free admission to the Living Museum during the afternoon). The service at the museum chapel takes place on Sunday 10th July at 2.30 pm.



## **A visit from the Archbishop of Canterbury**



There will be an opportunity to invite your friends to experience 'Church' in a different way when Archbishop Justin visits the Diocese from 7 – 9 October. Events are being planned in Worcester, Dudley and elsewhere focused around our Kingdom People vision and also the Archbishop's priorities of reconciliation,

prayer and evangelism. For now please make a note of the diary dates and watch this space.

### **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

- 6 July Deanery Synod at 7.30 pm.
- 14 July Black Country Day (with festival in town centre on 16th)
- 18 July Bremen Planning Meeting at St Francis at 1.00 pm.
- 20 July Meeting of Team Representatives (Dudley Task Group) at St James from 7.30 pm.
- 30 July Barbecue in the Park (Churches Together) in Grange Park from 10.00 am.

Copy for the August Edition to Andrew by 9 July - please use 'DGN' in the subject box of emails.

### **Contact information**

More information is available on the website: [www.cofedudley.org.uk](http://www.cofedudley.org.uk)

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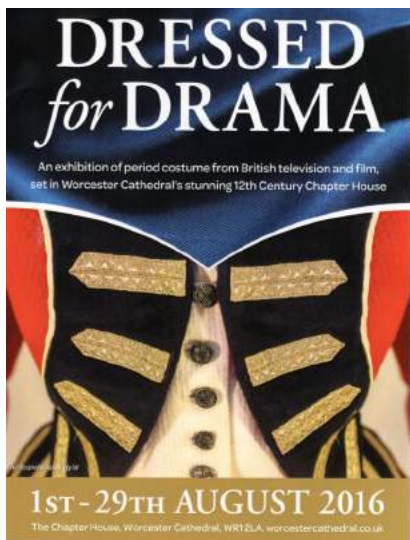
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Rota For JULY 2016	St Augustine 11:00	St Barnabas 9:30	St Francis 11:00	St James 9:30	St Thomas 11:00	St Edmund 11:00	St John's 10:00
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
03-Jul	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev J Anderson	Rev J Anderson	Canon A Wickers	Canon G Lyall	Fr M Brain
				Evening Prayer	Evening Prayer @6:30pm		
Trinity 6 / St Thomas				Tbc	Canon A Wickers		
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
10-Jul	Rev J Anderson	Rev J Anderson	Canon A Wickers	Canon A Wickers	Rev Dr T Atfield	Fr J Oakes	Fr M Brain
<b>Churches Together Service at the Black Country Museum from 2.30pm</b>							
Trinity 7	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev J Anderson	Rev J Anderson	Canon A Wickers	Fr A Mottram	Fr M Brain
Trinity 8				Evening Prayer			
	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
24-Jul	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev Dr T Atfield	Rev J Anderson	Rev J Anderson	Canon A Wickers	Fr M Brierley	Fr M Brain
				Evening Prayer			
Trinity 9 / St James				Tbc			
	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion
31-Jul	Mrs S Sharp	Canon A Wickers	Rev J Anderson	Rev J Anderson	Canon A Wickers	Fr M Brierley	Fr M Brain
				Evening Prayer			
Trinity 10				Tbc			

NB Rota is subject to change—latest info is at [www.cofedudley.org.uk](http://www.cofedudley.org.uk)

## Dressed for Drama costume exhibition....



will feature around 35 period costumes from British television and film, including Downton Abbey, Mr Selfridge, Far from the Madding Crowd, The Scandalous Lady W, The Crimson Field, Wolf Hall and The Danish Girl.

It will include some beautiful costumes worn by stars such as Cary Mulligan and Natalie Dormer, Eddie Redmayne and Damien Lewis.

The costumes will be displayed in the stunning early 12th Century Chapter house at Worcester Cathedral, which is thought to be the first round chapter house in the world. Visitors to

the exhibition will be able to get up close to the costumes to see the designs and craftsmanship that they have enjoyed on screen.

The exhibition runs from 1 to 29 August. Individuals and groups can pre-book to come to the exhibition by contacting Worcester Cathedral office on 01905 732900.

Exhibition tickets cost £6.50 for adults, £4.50 for children and young people, under 5's are free. A family ticket for two adults and two children will be £15.00.

For more details visit [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk)

### Handy Home hint.....

Avoid cutting yourself when slicing vegetables by getting someone else to hold the vegetables while you chop.

## THE ARCHDEACON'S LETTER FOR JULY



**B**y the time you read this we will know whether the UK has voted In or Out, though at the time of writing I'm still being assailed from both sides wanting my vote! However, as we saw in the Scottish referendum, the results aren't the end of the story. There are always further negotiations to take place and, perhaps more importantly for us all, relationships to be built and even re-built.

This process also happens within churches and in families. Opinions are one thing, but relationships count too. Often it comes down to key individuals going that one extra step and reaching out to the other side. As Christians we are surely in the business of taking the extra step, and more if needed. We saw this in the negotiations over the Good Friday agreement about the future of Northern Ireland, where sworn enemies sat down together for what they perceived to be a greater good. We see Pope Francis reaching out to all sorts of people who feel alienated from the Church and using the media to great effect in doing so. I guess for him it was not so much a case of the greater good as the greater God! He seems to rest at peace and with integrity within his understanding of a God who gives him space to take such courageous steps and live up to one of his titles, pontifex or bridge-builder.


God is always greater than we can imagine or conceive. Our words can only hint at who this God is. That is why the Church has worshipped Him down the centuries in the beauty of holiness, using poetry and music, liturgy and architecture to express that to which our words cannot do full justice. This beauty is not a sort of cultural captivity: there is a powerful Christian tradition of beautiful worship in beautiful settings leading to beautiful lives being lived to the full.

Those who have worshipped Him in the beauty of holiness have discovered that same holiness in the rough and tumble of daily life. Bishop Frank Weston, speaking at an Anglo-Catholic congress nearly a hundred years ago, told his listeners: 'You cannot claim to worship Jesus in the Tabernacle, if you do not pity Jesus in the slums . . . . It is folly, it is madness, to suppose

that you can worship Jesus in the Sacraments and Jesus on the throne of glory, when you are sweating him in the souls and bodies of his children.'

Love of God goes hand in hand with love of neighbour. Finding space for our spacious God surely enlarges our heart enough to go out to those we love and those we find it hard to love, and maybe makes us those bridge-builders and reconcilers which the world needs.

Robert Jones



**Mothers' Union Coffee Morning**  
**Wednesday 20th July from 10 o'clock**  
**Raffle and Bring & Buy**  
**All Welcome**  
**At Mrs Dodd's Home, Paganel Drive**



I hope as many people as possible will come to the above coffee morning, to raise funds for MU projects at home and abroad. Why not come to the coffee morning and then up to church for the 12.15pm service?

Everyone is welcome, you don't have to be a member of the MU.

Congratulations to Mrs Lynda Reynolds, one of our members, who will be celebrating her 99th birthday on 21st July.

There will be no meeting in August.

## Memorial Window in St Edmunds.



One of the delights about applying successfully for a Heritage England Grant is that we have to research about our church, not only the present building which dates from 1724, but also pre that. *Help!*

Amongst the many facts coming to life recently are details about the stained glass window in our Chancel dedicated to the Reverend John Davies, who died in 1872, whilst in post as Vicar of this Parish. One of his great-great-grandchildren was baptised at St Edmunds about 4 years ago. A picture of this window, photographed by Mike Hessey, is on the front cover.

Nearly 5 years after his call to glory, an appeal was launched to raise enough money to pay for the specially designed window to be made by Messrs Jones and Willis of London and Birmingham and at an estimated cost of approximately £90. £90? Yes, but remember the appeal was in 1876. The money was soon raised, with the final cost of £112 0s 9d, less cash discount leaving £110 14s 6d to be paid. It was.

A letter of thanks dated March 1877 to the subscribers, informs them this work of art is now in place for all to see.

Among those subscribers we see the 10s 6d being donated by the Reverend Edward Henry Lane Noott, Vicar of St John's Church, Kates Hill from 1843 to 1905. Yes, that's correct, for 62 plus years! Reverend Noott's great-great-granddaughter is Jennifer Rumney, who still worships at Kates Hill (and often at St Edmund's also).

One other donation of note, is the only anonymous one from "An old friend" of 10 shillings. A lot of money in those days. So "old friend" whoever you were, a big 'thank you' because your offering helped make this memorial a reality all those years ago.

Next time you are in St Edmund's (services Wednesday 12.15pm and Sunday 11am or during 'church-open Thursday' 10.30am to noon,) have a walk into the Chancel and study this fine piece of stained glass.

JH

Extract from the *Dudley Herald* 10<sup>th</sup> February 1877.

In my article about the Davies memorial window in the chancel of St Edmunds, I said that it cost approximately £110 in 1877.

So in terms of 2016 was that value for money then? Well yes it was, taking into consideration that depending on which calculation you looked at online, it represents about £12,000 in today's money. Having seen smaller modern day windows, the size if we commissioned tomorrow would be £20,000 plus! Finance out of the way (not the words you normally hear from a parish treasurer), let me describe the finer points to you.

So, from the *Dudley Herald*: "In the treatment of the window, the artist has divided it by an architectural design in character with the style of the church, into 2 subjects – the lower one representing John the Baptist preaching in the wilderness, pointing to the figure of our Saviour bearing his cross, which fills the upper compartment.

Running round the margin of the window is an ornamental border of flowers and fruit, containing the text, 'His own self bare our sins in His own body on the tree,' being the subject of the first sermon preached by Mr Davies in St Edmund's Church. Between the upper and lower compartments is the text, 'Behold the Lamb of God,' which was the subject of Mr Davies' first sermon after his ordination."

The author of the article praises the window by writing "The figures are well drawn, especially the upper one, of which the attitude and colourings are very beautiful, and altogether the window has a handsome and rich effect".

So, praise indeed for the art and craftsmanship which went into that window and in memory of a well loved Vicar of his time.

Visit and look, see the art, read the story, and then the turn to John 1 v 29 for the text: 'Behold the Lamb of God'.'

JH.

## Services for July

<b>Sunday 3rd:</b>	<b>Canon Graham Lyall</b>
<b>Wednesday 6th:</b>	<b>Fr Andrew Mottram</b>
<b>Sunday 10th:</b>	<b>Fr John Oakes</b>
<b>Wednesday 13th:</b>	<b>Canon Andrew Wickens</b>
<b>Sunday 17th:</b>	<b>Fr Andrew Mottram</b>
<b>Wednesday 20th:</b>	<b>Fr Tom Atfield</b>
<b>Sunday 24th:</b>	<b>Fr Michael Brierley</b>
<b>Wednesday 27th:</b>	<b>Fr Andrew Mottram</b>
<b>Sunday 31st:</b>	<b>Fr Michael Brierley</b>

## Holy Days in July

<b>11th</b>	<b>St Benedict Patron of Europe</b>
<b>15th</b>	<b>St Swithin's Day</b>
<b>22nd</b>	<b>St Mary Magdalene</b>
<b>23rd</b>	<b>St Bridget</b>
<b>25th</b>	<b>St James the Apostle</b>

**If on St Swithin's day it pours  
You're better off to stay indoors**

*Variation on old proverb*



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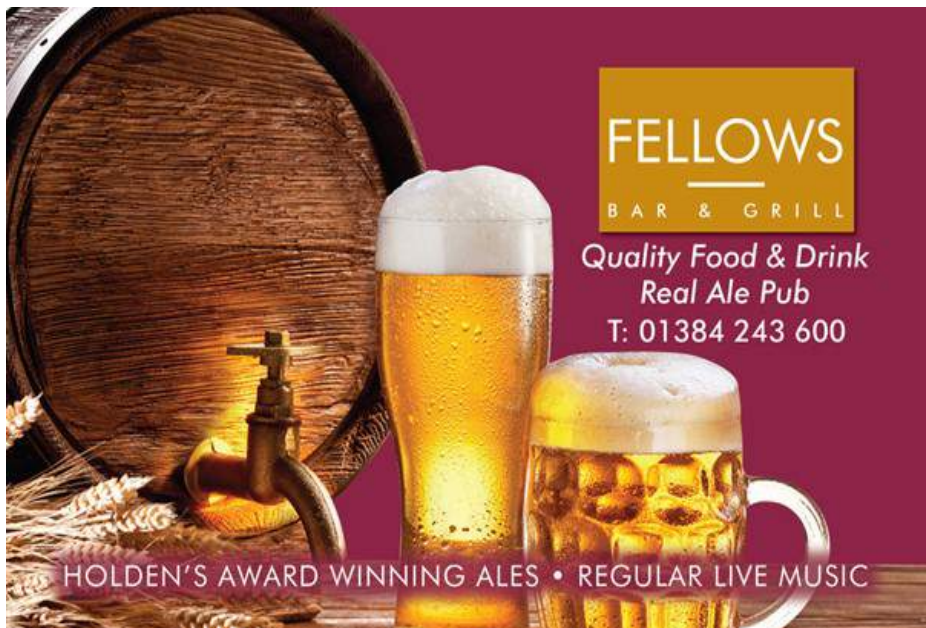
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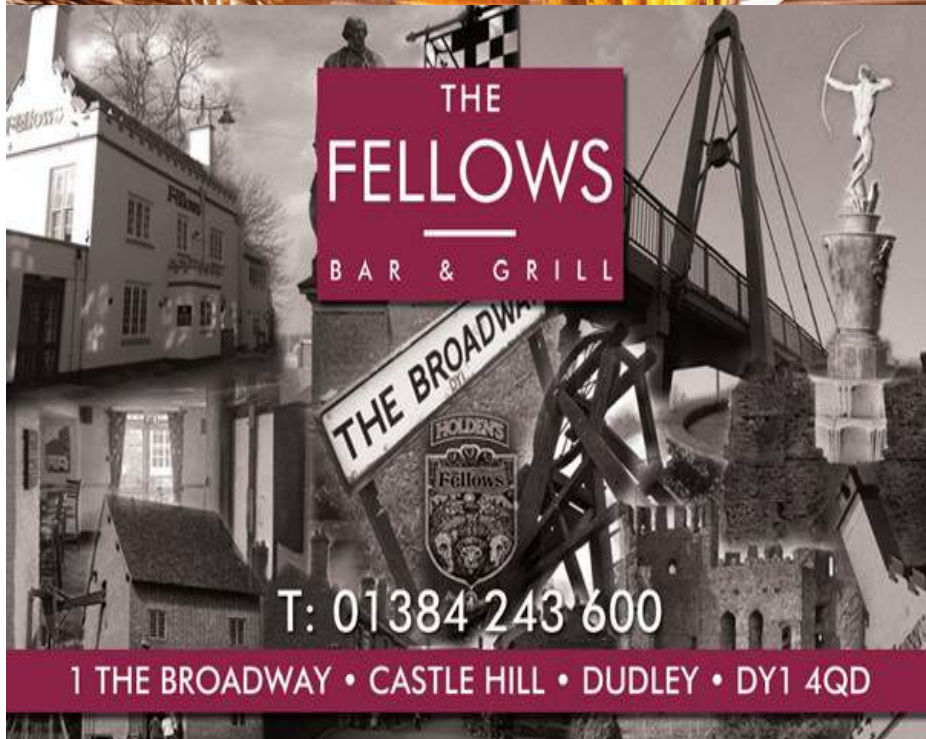
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