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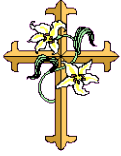
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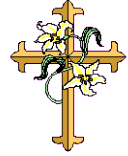
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IN REMEMBRANCE JUNE



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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

And your Saint is?



St Matthew? St Peter? St Barnabas? St Theresa? St Agatha? The little old lady who helps the friendless? The rich sportsperson who always has a photographer present when he/she gives out a few notes to a beggar?

We are seeing a rise in the number of vegan and vegetarians, so I wonder if they know that their Patron is St Nicholas of Tolentino in Italy. He was an Augustinian Friar who gave up eating meat as a personal penance. On one occasion when he was served cooked fowl at a meal, he was so appalled he made the sign of the cross over it and it miraculously turned into vegetables. Or perhaps you like the other story that it came to life and flew out of the window.

St Anthony the Great was an Egyptian monk who lived until he was 105 years old. Yes, 105 years old.

Apparently to overcome the temptations of boredom, laziness and the *phantoms of women* (your thoughts on this) he lived in a tomb for several years. Perhaps living in a tomb cut his life short. Oh, by the way, he is the Patron Saint of Gravediggers.

And how about St Julian the Hospitaller? Patron Saint of clowns and circus workers; innkeepers; fiddle players and jugglers. To add a slight complication, also of murderers.

Guess who is the Patron Saint of Funeral Directors? None other than Joseph of Arimathea.

“Open your mouth wide please” is what we hear twice a year when we visit our local friendly dentist (mine is). However give a thought to Apollonia, a devout Christian lady living in Alexandria, Egypt around the year 248 Anno Domini. Chased by an anti-Christian mob, she was caught and they smashed all her teeth. In spite of that pain, they told her if she repented she could live or if not they would throw her in the fires raging in Alexandria. Without another thought she fought them off and jumped into the fire voluntarily. Apollonia is depicted in pictures wearing her own teeth as a necklace, and holding a pair of pincers with one tooth. Needless to say, she is the Patroness of Dentists!

The delights of Sainthood.

JH.

READERS FOR JUNE

2 nd	Mr M. Wisbey
	Mr F. Sheppard
9 th	Mrs J. Fraser
	Mr A. Williams
16 th	Mr M. Simpson
	Mrs J. Lambert
23 rd	Mrs M. McGraghan
	Mr A. Baillie
30 th	Mrs A. Mullaney
	Mr R. Baxter
July 7 th	Mr J. Williams
	Mr F. Sheppard

INTERCESSORS FOR JUNE

2 nd	Mr J. Harcourt
9 th	Mrs A. Mullaney
16 th	Mrs M. McGraghan
23 rd	Mrs J. Lambert
30 th	Mr M. Wisbey
July 7 th	Mrs A. Mullaney

Please volunteer to join the reading and prayer rotas!

Thought for the Month

Weep if you must, parting is hell,
But life goes on, so sing as well.

Joyce Grenfell

We were delighted to welcome Major Joy of the Salvation Army to talk to us about her work.

Joy came from an SA family, and her husband is also a Major. She started by telling us of the history of the movement, how General Booth, the founder, was not trying to start a new organisation, but trying to encourage the “working man” to come to church, as they were intimidated by having to use a different door to enter the building from the “gentry”. As an Army man, he ran the movement on army lines: uniforms and terms such as Captain, Lieutenant and Major. Majors are ordained ministers within the Salvation Army.

The Salvation Army is well known for its work in the community with the homeless - the nearest hostel to Dudley is in Birmingham. Major Joy is from the Cradley Heath Citadel, where there is a modern building on one level, easy to access by all, open all day with a café in the mornings with its regular customers.

The Army works with all disadvantaged people its aim is to feed their bodies and their souls.

St Francis’s MU welcomed two new members into their branch on 22nd June, and I went to this, along with members from St John’s and St James’. The Diocesan President conducted the enrolment during the Wednesday communion service. This was followed by coffee and delicious cup cakes in St Francis café.

We are invited to :

St James MU meeting on Monday 3rd June at 2pm. There will be a special speaker followed by a strawberry tea.

The Deanery Festival will be on Monday 17th June at 2pm at St Peters’ Darby End.

St Edmund’s next meeting will be on: **Tuesday 16th July at 7pm** when Mr Francis Shepherd will be talking about his book shop and anything else of his choice.

MM

Mrs Dorothy Dodd

It was with sadness we heard that Mrs Dorothy Dodd - Dot - passed peacefully away in the presence of her family on Sunday 19th May.

The funeral arrangements are:

St Edmund's 6.30pm on Monday 10th June
Gornal Crematorium 1.30pm Tuesday 11th June

A full obituary will be in July's magazine.

Ordinations in Worcester Cathedral

Over the weekend of 22/23 June, 16 people will be ordained to serve in parishes across the Diocese.

On Saturday, 12 candidates will be ordained priest in the Cathedral, having completed their first year in their parishes; they are now able to preside at the Holy Communion. A further 4 candidates will be ordained deacon on Sunday and are entering their first year of training as a curate.

Bishop John will ordain both the priests and the deacons, supported by Bishop Graham. Bishop David Wilbourne, Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of York, is preaching at both services, having led the pre-ordination retreat for candidates.

Please pray for all this year's ordination candidates. All are welcome to join us for the ordination services in the Cathedral to support them.



It is a steadily growing, worldwide organisation enabling people to gather weekly, drawn by a sense of community and the promise of well-being. It is facilitated primarily by enthusiastic volunteers who work for more than a million hours each year. It is open to everyone, inclusive and involves all ages. Most people who join in find themselves encouraging their friends and

families to come along too, as they love it so much - they quickly become 'evangelists' for this remarkable movement.

Sounds familiar? Is it church I am describing? I wish it were so, especially the last sentence! In fact the phenomenon in question has been described as "the new church", and in a recent newspaper article a volunteer was quoted saying, "The idea of the community has broken down. People don't go to church any more. But here, you come together with a load of people – and you feel embedded in the local area."

The obvious ingredient missing in this description is faith. This volunteer-led new community of which I and millions of others are a part on a Saturday morning is Parkrun, a timed, 5k run taking place in parks all over the world. It's great for building a sense of belonging in a healthy way, but of course it isn't church. Yet perhaps we as church, have things to learn from how it's growing. Especially about the affirmation of volunteers. The first thing that happens in every pre-run briefing is a big shout-out and cheer for that week's volunteers. As we run the course, most runners, (if they are not too breathless!), call out "thank you marshal!" to each and every one, and they always get listed and thanked in the Facebook run report.

On one Saturday in May members of Top Church in Dudley took on all the volunteer roles at the Dudley Parkrun to serve and become more embedded in their local community and demonstrate that many people do still go to church, (and some run too!).

Much ministry in our churches is undertaken by committed volunteers, faithful lay people similarly putting in millions of hours week by week. Sadly, many of you do this unnoticed, and all too often, un-thanked. God, of course, sees what it is done and why, but fostering a culture of gratitude whereby we take a moment to thank anyone who we know has served the church can strengthen relationships and encourage fellow church members no end. Why not make the month of June a '**volunteer thank-you month**', where we all try to consciously show our appreciation to those we see carrying out tasks to enable our churches to function? It would certainly boost morale!

I made a point of thanking our church wardens during the May visitations – they put in huge amounts of work. But can I take this opportunity to thank anyone reading this who volunteers in church or community in any way – you are appreciated very much.

Following the Annual Church Meeting, the following people were elected to serve the church for the next twelve months:

Churchwardens: Jon Harcourt
Mark Wisbey

Church Council: Anne Mullaney - Church Warden Emeritus
Adrian Baillie
Janet Lambert
Paul Flavell
Graham Foulkes
Jane Fraser
Mary McGraghan

Treasurer - Jon Harcourt **Secretary** - Mary McGraghan

We thank Francis Shepherd, Beryl Harris, Hilary Atkins and Malcolm Clews who retired from the council, for their time and input during their years of service to the church.



CHURCH TOUR:



On Tuesday 18th June we
welcome

Stourbridge Midland Ancestors for a guided tour of our
church.

The evening starts at 7pm, and refreshments will be provided
for our visitors.

Everyone welcome.



**Churches Together in Dudley
Unity Service**

**Sunday 30th June at 4pm
At the Salvation Army Citadel North Street**

Theme: Justice

Praying for Dudley at Pentecost

Sunday 9th June 2.30pm - 4pm

In Priory Park by the ruins

An Ecumenical Event

Thy Kingdom Come



Benediction.

We were delighted to receive a visit from the local Chapter of the Guild of Servants of the Sanctuary who sang their Guild Office and we then proceeded with Benediction of the Most Holy Sacrament.



What a wonderful and meaningful service this was. Fr Martin Ennis from Tividale was the President for the evening, which finished socially with chat and refreshments.

JH.



Managing – or flourishing – through a vacancy?

An update following the Dudley Team Annual Meeting on 29th April 2019

At the Annual Meeting Archdeacon Nikki Groarke updated us on the financial crisis in the Diocese. Parish giving has not kept up with inflation, and we have a year's shortfall of a million pounds. Obviously this can't continue, and cuts are having to be made, at the Diocesan Office in Worcester as well as in the parishes. This means that Tom will not be replaced immediately, whilst the Diocese assesses which posts may need to be cut or changed.

This has all only just happened, and so we are having to work it out 'on the hoof'. It means that we are now shorter of clergy than we should be, which will mean changes and challenges for all of us.

First, our capacity to provide services of Holy Communion will be reduced, though there will be Communion somewhere across the parish every Sunday. We know that this will be a challenge for some of you. However, as Nikki pointed out, we have more Communion than other similar Teams; also, that sometimes we may have to choose priorities, either to have Communion

and so worship in one of our other churches, or to worship in our own church including when the service may be different.

A "Service of the Word" is an overall C of E term for non-Communion services. They play an important part in our worship pattern. We are grateful for our Readers and LLM's who have taken a lead in this area of worship. As a Team we see Service of the Word as an equally valuable service. And as clergy, we would like to have opportunities to lead that service as well as Communion. As it comes to play more of a central part it gives us an opportunity to re-think what it could look like – not least to give it a better title. Ideas please to the clergy or Readers! And in holiday periods we will need to be more flexible, possibly having more in the way of Team Parish services.

Second, with limits on Team availability on a Sunday morning, the choices become more challenging: Readers, ALM's and Clergy will need more frequently to lead two services. (As a result, some of us may need to consider service timings.) We are also working out what it means for Top Church to be a Resourcing Church that remains part of our Parish

but not part of the Team. This is because when it becomes a Bishop's Mission Order it will operate legally, financially and structurally independent, as Nikki explained to us at our APCM. This does mean that James is not available for ministry outside Top Church, though is happy to be called on in an emergency!

Rachel is half-time at Top Church. How she is deployed across the Team for her other 'half' we realise needs some clarification. This is in some ways similar to Andrew Wickens' role - he also had a 50% role in the team (his other 50% being in the education department).

Who do I go to if I need a Vicar?

James and Rachel are naturally the people to contact at Top Church. I will be that person for St Francis', St James' and St John's, and also St Edmund's in matters that relate to the wider parish where needed. Rachel's role will continue to evolve, and we need to pray over how that develops. In the short term, she can be contacted for St Barnabas' and St Augustine's. She will share some of the pastoral responsibility at St Augustine's with Sue Sharp, our ALM.

We need to be clear, though, that Rachel will only have half the time (and no doubt energy) that Tom had for St Barnabas' and St Augustine's. I will also need to be

available for whole-parish tasks, and this will naturally be more thinly spread everywhere than if we had another colleague in post.

The good news however is that we have a wonderful team of Readers and other Lay Ministers who are already giving greatly to the life of the parish. In addition we have two new Readers joining the team, which will take some of the load.

The lack of a Team Vicar within the team will obviously affect each church and will mean compromise and change for us all. We hope you understand we are still a very new team and are working out the best way forward. We ask for your co-operation and prayers during this time. We have the exciting challenge of working out together what is God's best future for all our churches. May He direct and guide us. *Hugh Burton, Team Rector*

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There will be an array of stalls and lunches and refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre.



The Worcester Diocese is taking steps to become an Eco Diocese. Local groups are planning to attend a mass lobby of Parliament on **WEDNESDAY 26TH JUNE**, which has been arranged by the Climate Coalition which includes Christian Aid and CAFOD. For more information: theclimatcoalition.org/thetimeisnow Please let Hugh know if you are interested in attending.

ST JOHN'S MOTHERS UNION will be holding a '**PUDDING PARTY**' on **TUESDAY 9TH JULY** at **7pm**. A variety of delightful desserts will be on offer. Entrance is £5. Could you please let St John's know if you are planning on attending so there are enough puddings to go round!

Rota for	St Augustine	St Barnabas	St Francis	St James	St Thomas	St Edmund	St John's	
Jun 2019	11:00	09:30	11:00	09:30	11:00	11:00	10:00	
02 Jun	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion	
7th Sunday of Easter					4pm Resourcing Church	Canon G Lyall		
09 Jun	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion	
Pentecost Sunday				Service of the Word 6.30pm	4pm Resourcing Church	Fr M Brierley		
16 Jun	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion	
Trinity Sunday				Service of the Word 6.30pm	4pm Resourcing Church	TBC		
23 Jun	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion	
12th In Ordinary Time				Service of the Word 6.30pm	4pm Resourcing Church	Fr J Oakes		
30 Jun	United Service at Top Church at 4pm						Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion
13th In Ordinary Time	9am said Holy Communion at St Barnabas						TBC	

Midweek Eucharist on Wednesdays: St Francis 10.00 and St Edmund's 12.15 pm.

NB Rota is subject to change—latest info is at www.cofedudley.org.uk

What is an Admiral Nurse?



No, it is nothing to do with the navy or even an insurance company.

At the moment, there are over 850,000 (yes 850,000) living with dementia, and that number is rising all the time.

There are a number of different types of dementia, with Alzheimer's disease and vascular dementia the most prevalent.

Alzheimer's symptoms develop tend to develop gradually over time, and may include: poor concentration; confusion; slow or muddled speech; recognition of people, colours and objects.

With vascular dementia changes in a person may affect their speech, language; reading or writing are among the changes which occur.

Admiral Nurses are an important part of Dementia UK, and provide many specialist sections needed by families in their everyday life, working within the community, in hospital, care homes and within a home atmosphere.

*On Saturday 18th May we held a coffee morning to raise funds for the work of Admiral Nurses and Dementia UK.

The total raised was £408. Many, many, thanks to all who supported this wonderful organisation on the day. Thank you,

JH.



Services for June 2019

Sunday 2nd	Canon Graham Lyall
Sunday 9th	Fr Michael Brierley
Pentecost	
Sunday 16th	Fr Darren Smith
Sunday 23rd	Fr John Oakes
Sunday 30th	TBC

The 12.15pm service on Wednesdays will take place as usual, but at the time of going to press the celebrants have not been finalised.

Holy Days in June

5th	St Boniface
9th	St Columba, Abbot of Iona
11th	St Barnabas
13th	St Anthony of Padua
16th	Richard, Bishop of Chichester
20th	St Alban
29th	SS Peter & Paul

Black Country Food Bank

The Dudley branch (Refresh) has moved to:

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Current Shortages

Tins of: Tomatoes, Potatoes, Rice pudding, custard, Meat pies, Vegetarian ready meals e.g. Macaroni, vegetable curry, spaghetti.

Jars of cooking sauce

1L packs of fruit juice (long life), bottles of squash

Non food items

Shaving foam, adult toothpaste, toilet rolls, deodorant, Small packs of washing powder.

Café @ the Old Palace

If you're visiting Worcester, why not pop in to the Café at the diocesan office (The Old Palace, Deansway) for morning coffee or lunch.

Open Monday – Friday, 10am – 2.30pm (lunch served between midday and 2pm) the Café offers a range of food at very reasonable prices.

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