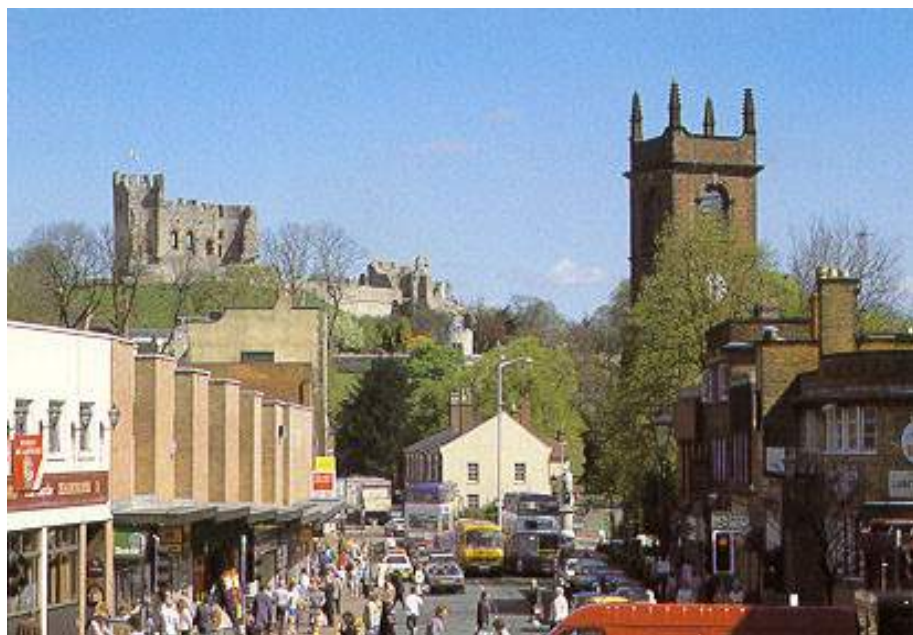


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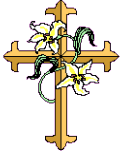
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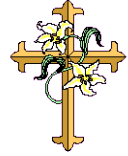
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23rd	Gladys Watkins William Linskill
25th	Arthur Cracknell James Dutton Ada Estelle Hill Lynda Reynolds
28th	John Causer Harcourt

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

ASTROLOGY? PSYCHIC? STARGAZER?



A few days ago I was speaking on that marvellous invention patented by Alexander Graham Bell to a friend in the southern part of our nation.

After the usual preliminaries, we moved on to the partial eclipse of the Moon in the middle of this July. Must confess that I was not really interested in this natural phenomenon, wonderful as it is. The conversation drifted through various similar topics until we mutually moved onto something slightly different, that of astrology and psychics. Dangerous stuff and can sometimes cause rifts on belief and unbelief on what the human mind is capable of.

Is it biblical or not to be able to foretell what will happen in the future? I am convinced that only one man could have truly had that capability – Jesus of Nazareth. In the Gospels we read that Jesus said to his followers: “The Son of Man is going to be delivered into the hands of men, and they will kill Him, and He will be raised on the third day.” But my friend assured me that the bible has scatterings of foretelling the future. Because he is cleverer than my humble self, I swiftly moved on to something a little more mundane – television psychics and astrologers.

We rattled through the names: Patrick Moore (The Sky at Night) who could make a star millions of miles or light years away interesting. He very often appeared on TV wearing a monocle. I nearly bought one of those when I had my first cataract removed.

Russell Grant: modern and very outrageous, he made (makes) numerous appearances on chat shows and writes horoscopes in newspapers. He was a fairly recent guest on Come Dancing, giving new light to sequins and glitter. And then age crept in when we had a flashback to the late 50/early 60s and we came up with that wonderful Australian born psychic- the one and only Evadne Price. We had a huge television in those days – a 12 inch screen, black and white in a wooden cabinet with folding doors 5 times larger than the screen. She was often the last part of television for the day, and she gave a prediction and ended with “Think lucky and you’ll be lucky.” I think she had a crystal ball in front of her for the short show and in my tiny mind she had huge Bet Lynch earrings, big enough to hold a parrot (vivid imagination again).

Back to Stargazers: I was floored when my grammar school friend (never liked his school cap) reminded me of the greatest stargazers known, but only remembered once a year – the Three Wise Men.

Game set and match to him, but I am still sceptical.

JH.



READERS FOR AUGUST

4th	Mr S. Martin Mrs A. Mullaney
11 th	Mr A. Williams Mr M. Wisbey
18 th	Mr F. Sheppard Mrs J. Lambert
25 th	Mr M. Simpson Mrs M. McGraghan
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INTERCESSORS FOR AUGUST

4th	Mrs J. Lambert
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Sept 1 st	Mrs M. McGraghan

Please volunteer to join the reading and prayer rotas!

Thought for the Month

With holidays in mind....

**Take nothing but pictures; leave nothing but footprints;
kill nothing but time.**

Hunter Davies

View from the train



I am writing this travelling on a train back from the Kirchentag church convention in Germany. The Kirchentag meets every other year in a different city in Germany and has done so since 1949. It is an amazing Christian event, drawing in 100,000 people from all over Germany, Europe and around the world. Every day there are Bible studies, lectures and discussions, surrounded by a whole host of organised and impromptu concerts and street theatre. There is a carnival atmosphere with much laughter and fun as people both young and old meet up, finding old friends and making new.

There is a serious side. The Kirchentag started as a lay movement, coming to terms with what happened during the Second World War. Since then it has always engaged with the issues affecting society, and is all about how to live as Christians. The top politicians attend and you might even find a member of the government leading a Bible study.

I was involved in two particular acts of worship. The first was the Meissen Eucharist, celebrating the partnership between the Church of England and the German Protestant Church, which is expressed in the links we have with Magdeburg. The second was a service around the theme of Brexit, which concerns our German brothers and sisters as much as it does us. I preached a sermon in dialogue with a French pastor, in which we affirmed the bonds of affection between us, our unity in Christ trumping political differences.

So my train journey continues. We've just crossed the border from Germany into Belgium. There is no sign, but you see the difference in the look of the buildings and the different road signs. It occurs to me that the Belgians are not any the less Belgian because of the European Union, nor the Germans less German. They do not lose their national identity. And as I reflect on the experience of the

Kirchentag, it is clear to me that our identity as Christians comes before everything else as well.

The Kirchentag reminded me once again that this identity is expressed above all in how we live out the love of God in the world, wherever we happen to be. We take the world seriously because God does - indeed He made it! In these troubled times perhaps we need to be even more aware of that, courageous enough to speak truth to power, and hopeful enough to build up the bonds of affection between people and nations.

And now we've reached Brussels. It still amazes me that I'll get on another train here that will take me right through to London. Thankfully it is not only bonds of affection that will keep us connected; we always will be part of Europe.

Archdeacon Robert Jones



Many thanks to Frances Sheppard who gave us a talk on his bookshop. There are books old and new. He originally starting with some inherited from family members and a large number of others from the closing down of another shop. The downstairs part of the shop - as you will know if you have been in it - is quite small, but upstairs the space spreads over other ground floor buildings. Rather like the Tardis, bigger inside than it is outside.

Frances likes to encourage the social aspect of his business; there are poetry readings on some Saturday mornings, and he would like to encourage people drop in, browse the books and have conversations with fellow booklovers.

A lively discussion followed his presentation.

There will be no meeting in August, but there will be a **coffee morning on Wednesday 28th August**. See the item elsewhere in the magazine for further details. Your support for this is vital: it is our only fundraising event this year and we try to send money to the MU in the diocese for various appeals.

If you are going away, enjoy your holiday. If staying at home, try and relax and do something different.

MM

“READING ON THE ROCKS”

This is the name of the book group we started almost two years ago. There are ten of us to date (five of us from St Edmund's congregation).

We meet on a Wednesday afternoon, once a month, in the Archives Centre in Dudley.

We have read and talked about a wide variety of literature: mostly novels but also some short stories and two autobiographies, (Hillary Clinton and Ann Widdecombe). We even reread and discussed Lewis Carroll's "Alice in Wonderland". Over coffee / tea and biscuits (and occasionally, cakes) we give our opinions of the books selected for us. These books are on loan, free of charge, from Dudley Library as 'Group Sets'. You do not have to be an expert on literature - this is not high-powered college lectures, just a group of people who enjoy reading saying what they liked and disliked.

I am reminded of an old joke.

Conversation between two women in a Post Office queue.

First woman: "I don't know what to buy my husband for his birthday."

Second woman: "Why not buy him a book?"

First woman: "He's already got one!"

If you enjoy reading more than one book, perhaps you would like to join our friendly little group.

For more information speak to Jane, Francis, Mary or Janet, all at St Edmund's.

JL





A big 'Hello' from me, Sarah, the new curate at Top Church! I'm having a lovely few weeks coming around to all the churches in the team and I'm very much enjoying meeting everyone; thank you all for the warm welcome so far. I look forward to seeing more of you all and getting to know you over the next few years.

I got ordained on 23rd June this year, and in the week running up to that I went away on retreat to prepare myself and, in many ways, restore my strength in God for the role that he has called me to. Now, during that week it's not just me that began a restoration project, but Top Church did too, so I'd love to give you a little update on that.

The first stage was to take up all the pews from the Church. After that, and within a few short days, with the help of volunteers from the church and even passers-by on the street, we safely carried them to where they are currently being stored, Provision House (The former Blunt shoe shop). Some of these pews will find a new home at the Black Country Living Museum, a few will be reused in the church and the rest will be sold.

The next stage, which is underway as I write, is to lower the platforms that the pews were on so that the nave has a level floor.

After that we will create two separate areas. The first one will have crèche facilities for our young families, and the other one will be a designated 'welcome' area, designed to extend our best possible welcome to all who happen to come through. Overall, we anticipate the building work will be finally complete by the end of October.

With all the pews now safely removed, the space left behind really does look huge and I can't wait to see it being used for modern Anglican worship and community activities. Our hope is that with a renovated and flexible space this church can become a real hive of activity that is able to serve the community and, ultimately, that invites people to experience life in all its fullness as Jesus promises.

In the meantime, the Top Church contemporary Anglican gathering continues to meet over the road at Provision House on a Sunday afternoon, 4pm, which really has been a true provision of God to us.

Our traditional Sunday morning Eucharistic service, 11am, will be able to meet in Top Church at the end of July and throughout the month of August.

I hope to be able to tell you all more about me and my story soon too! Until then, be assured of my prayers for you all, that you may know and experience the love of Jesus this day and always.

Sarah



Below are 10 anagrams of countries which may be visited over the summer holidays. How quickly can you work them out?

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| 1. | RAIN | 6. | PLANE |
| 2. | ALSO | 7. | TANGO |
| 3. | PURE | 8. | TAMAL |
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A PRAYER FOR THE SUMMER HOLIDAYS

Let us pray for those who have left school at the end of the school year and for all pupils and teachers to enjoy a happy holiday time.

We pray for safety for those who travel over the summer, for family and friends, for help and guidance in the new school year and for continuing growth in faith and hope and love.

Have a lovely holiday!



NOTICE BOARD

ST JOHN'S

Please note change of service time on **Sunday 18th August to 9.30am.**

**ST JAMES'S
Sunday
25th August**

**6.30 pm
Choral Evensong**

ANAGRAM ANSWERS

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|----|-------|-----|-------|
| 1. | Iran | 6. | Nepal |
| 2. | Laos | 7. | Tonga |
| 3. | Peru | 8. | Malta |
| 4. | Mali | 9. | China |
| 5. | Spain | 10. | Burma |

Rota for	St Augustine	St Barnabas	St Francis	St James	St Thomas	St Edmund	St John's
Aug 20/19	11:00	09:30	11:00	09:30	11:00	11:00	10:00
04 Aug	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Holy Communion Evening Prayer 6.30pm	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion
18th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
11 Aug	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion
19th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
18 Aug	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion 9.30am Rev'd Hugh Burton
20th Sunday in Ordinary Time							
25 Aug	Service of the Word	Service of the Word	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Holy Communion	Morning Worship/ Communion
21st Sunday in Ordinary Time							

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

About Steve Martin



Following the sad loss of our previous organist, Reg Baxter, a member of the congregation, Steve Martin, stepped in to play the organ. We knew he was an organist and it can be seen from his potted history that he has loads of experience. Organists are few and far between these days, and we count ourselves very fortunate that he is with St Edmund's.

Steve writes:

I was born in Balham, South London, in 1952 and educated in Sussex.

First post as organist was in 1976 at St Giles', Graffham, at the foot of the South Downs. Appointed assistant organist at St Richard's, Aldwick, Bognor Regis, from 1970 - 1976.

Moved back to Balham 1976– 1978 and attended St Peter's Streatham.

Moved to Bournemouth in 1978 as organist to St Mary's Holdenhurst Road. Held several posts in and around Bournemouth until moving to Wolverhampton in 1988.

A long gap until attending St Edmund's last year.

Welcome Steve



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DON'T FLOG IT!



Over many years we have all viewed different types of antique programmes on ye olde television set.

Dickinson's Real Deal; Flog it etc, etc, all offering valuations (guesses really) on a piece of cut glass – china – jewellery. Some belonged to Granny and some bought for a pittance from a charity shop.

Paintings gathering dust on top of a wardrobe or under the bed. Everyone expecting to have a cruise or the drive tarmacked from the auction. That painting - is it really a Lowry worth millions? Probably not, and safer to buy a print for £20.

Whilst on the subject of paintings I almost forgot to mention miniatures, which brings me round to my topic – miniatures, but one in particular.

On the wall in our Lady Chapel is a memorial tablet dedicated to John Badley FRCS, born 1783 died 1870.

Dr Badley was an eminent and highly respected surgeon in Dudley for around 67 years!

As a member of St Edmund's, I understand, with strong religious and charitable principles, he was instrumental in founding the Dudley Dispensary in 1845. This was to provide good medical relief to the poor of the town centre area.

Firstly in rented property in Upper High, and then to Priory Road. The land for this was donated by the Earl of Dudley and a sizeable donation by wealthy chain-maker Mr Joseph Guest (he of the Guest Hospital).

Now, back to the miniature. A couple of months ago a gentleman visited us on one of our Thursday tea and coffee mornings.

When he told me of his connection to Dr Badley, we stood at the memorial which has a superb head and shoulders relief of the surgeon.

He then opened a small leather box (about the size of a matchbox) containing a miniature of John Badley, along with a letter of authenticity from one of his descendants.

Bearing in mind he died in 1870, so the picture must be several years older than that. The likeness to the marble on the wall is astounding. Chris W. had come on behalf of the Trustees of the Badley Memorial Trust asking if we could house it safely and securely either in St Edmunds or in a similar safe place.

No need for a second asking – “Yes, certainly”.

The miniature could be worth a lot of money or little, but John Badley, his wall memorial, his miniature and his tomb in our churchyard are reunited at the church he loved.

The miniature is available for viewing on request.

In a later article I will write further of John Badley, his family, and their legacy of care to our town and perhaps further afield.

JH



The John Badley FRCS Memorial in St Edmund's Dudley



Photograph of John Badley, Surgeon of Dudley taken ca. 1865 unawares by the grandson of a patient

Source: Wikipedia

Services for August 2019

Sunday 4th	Canon Graham Lyall
Sunday 11th	Fr Michael Brierley
Sunday 18th	TBC
Sunday 25th	Fr John Oakes

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 August

6th	Transfiguration of the Lord
10th	St Lawrence
15th	The Assumption
20th	St Bernard
24th	St Bartholomew
28th	St Augustine
31st	St Aiden bishop of Lindisfarne

Mission Shaped Ministry

There will be two Mission Shaped ministry courses running in the diocese this Autumn

Mission-Shaped Ministry is a part-time ecumenical course about how to start and sustain Fresh Expressions of church. Next month, this nationally recognised course will begin in two venues in the Diocese - Cradley Heath in the north and Worcester in the south.

There will then be ten sessions between September and June 2020, mostly on evenings and Saturdays, but also including a residential weekend in November at the diocesan retreat house, Holland House. The course will be run by the Revds Tom Fish and Alicia Baker in the north, and by the Revds Mark Badger and Glenn Reading in the south.

Ministry leadership teams would find the course useful to help think about new ways to engage with their local communities. Sessions will include discussions, videos and hands-on activities based on themes such as mission, vision and values, community engagement, Gospel and culture.

Revd Tom Fish, highlighted the importance of new ways of working, saying, "Fresh Expressions are the fastest growing part of the Church of England, reaching people and communities that existing churches cannot."

Find out more about the Mission-Shaped Ministry course on the diocesan website. To book a place on the course, please email training@cofe-worcester.org.uk.



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