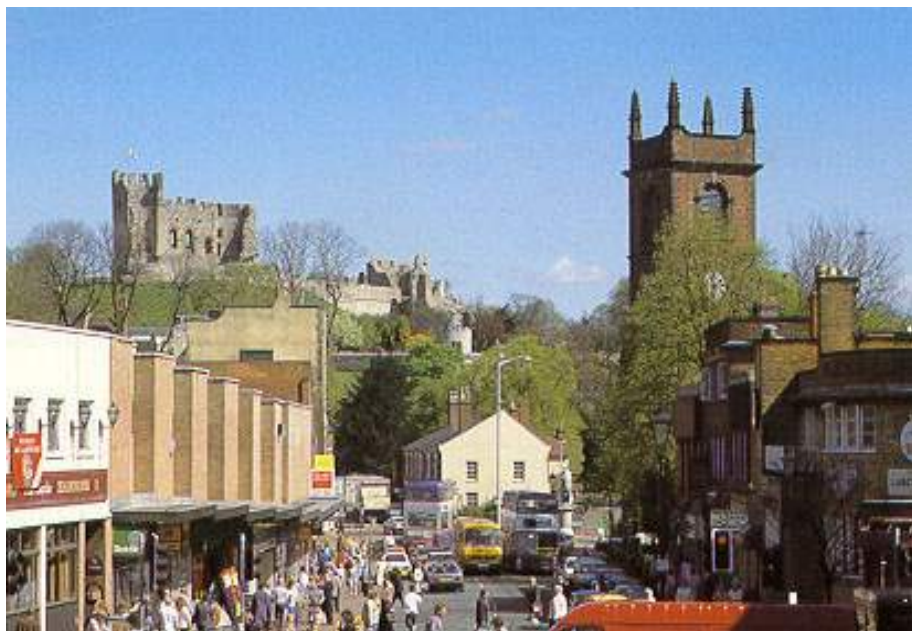


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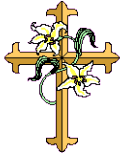
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Rest eternal grant to them O Lord,  
and let light perpetual shine upon them.  
May they rest in peace and rise in glory

### Thought for the Month

What good is the warmth of summer, without the cold of winter to give it sweetness.

*John Steinbeck*

## The Green Season



As we leave the season of Easter and Pentecost behind, the Church moves into the ‘green’ season of the weeks after Trinity. Green, because the vestments and altar frontals are of that colour, apart from the occasional variation when a festival or saint’s day occurs. Green, too, because as we move from spring into summer, we are all the more aware of the greenery of trees and grass, hedgerows and hills. It’s a good time of year for people with green fingers.

Green has other meanings as well. It stands for youth and inexperience (‘he’s very green’), reminding us of the green shoots of spring. Such people are sometimes called ‘greenhorns’, which is the American word for immature bulls or oxen. Less pleasantly, green is the colour of envy, derived from Shakespeare’s ‘green-eyed monster’. Older people can look with green-eyed jealousy at the greenhorns, who have all their life before them. The greenhorns are too green to know that the old can be envied as well as the young. To the envious person, old or young, the grass is always greener on the neighbour’s side of the fence. All this suggests that we might spend the green season of the Church’s year reflecting on what makes us envious, what makes us content, and trying to get the balance better.

And then, of course, the colour green has come to sum up the whole environmental agenda, from climate change to pollution, from waste to deforestation, from travel to sources of energy. One of the ways we can implement a green agenda is by living more simple lives, which brings us back to the idea of contentment, and learning to live without envy.

Soon after the start of June we celebrate the summer feast of St Wulfstan which is also the dedication festival of Worcester Cathedral (7 June). In the collect for St Wulfstan we pray that we may ‘live simply, work diligently, and make God’s kingdom known’ – an agenda for the green season of the Church’s year.

Dean of Worcester, Peter Atkinson.

## **Readers for June**

6 <sup>th</sup>	Mr M. Simpson Mr F. Sheppard
13 <sup>th</sup>	Mr S. Martin Mrs J. Fraser
20 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs M. McGraghan Mr M. Wisbey
27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs J. Lambert Mr A. Baillie
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs A. Mullaney Mr M. Simpson

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27 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs M. McGraghan
July 4 <sup>th</sup>	Mr J. Harcourt

\*Thank you to all our readers and intercessors – if you would like to join either of these rotas, please speak with J.H.

## “Daddy, what did you do in the Great War?”



I am not particularly techno minded, and sometimes I have to think what to do next with computers and the like.

You may wonder why I use the headline from a 1915 poster seen on the ‘tinternet’. Well, when the Pandemic is over (will it ever be) the next headline grabber could be “What did you do in the Coronavirus outbreak, Daddy?”

The brave ones will be those in the medical profession; the emergency services; care homes; transport; bus and train drivers etc and the thousands of unpaid volunteers keeping our systems going. The wonderful scientists working and producing *the vaccine*. Me? I isolated as ordered and wore the mask, had ‘*the JAB*’ and avoided contact as much as possible.

Note: wore the mask properly, not below nose and not as a chin strap! The worst wearing of this sensible item was seen by me in Dudley. A gentleman wearing his mask but pushed to the side so he could have a cigarette at the same time. Clever but stupid lad, but he was not exactly a lad.

So I, like you, did our bit to help win the war on the Virus.

In the 1950s my family were removed from a slum dwelling and given a council house with gas and electricity; an inside toilet with a flush (don’t ask!) and no mice to keep us company. An aunt also moved into a council house, nothing to be ashamed of – and never forget where you came from.

The walls were plain white so Mom decided we needed some colour in our lives – especially as we couldn’t afford a black and white tele. Wallpaper was out of the question, especially when she found out it was one and eleven pence a roll! 2 shillings: (10p 2021) - forget that. So she etched a plan someone told her about. Get a large potato, cut it in half and carve a figure of a bird or a butterfly in relief and then dip it into a coloured emulsion and press the design on the white wall. Simple, but the only colour I think she could beg was either battle ship grey or public toilet green. No matter, we were proud of the outcome.

Wallpaper: perhaps the Prime Minister or his fiancée should have used the same method to decorate their free flat in Downing Street. We have all read and seen the reports of the staggering costs entailed, but wallpaper at £840 per roll (yes, £840) beggars belief. We are all in it together.

But writing this towards the end of May, it is reported that the designers have been called back because it is peeling off the wall. Shame.

May 17<sup>th</sup> on the ‘road map’ towards lockdown has come and gone. All shops, pubs, restaurants and many amenities are open. We now look forward to the next stage in June. Churches are still under restrictions re. singing/funerals/weddings, but thousands packed into stadiums are OK. Stupid.

Holidays overseas are back on – great, but government ministers still can't agree on where you can or where you can't go overseas. Nothing changes from the 'experts'. Perhaps the expert during the pandemic who came out head and shoulders above ministers for common sense and honest approach was Professor Jonathan Van-Tam. Instead of giving honours to political cronies and wealthy tax exiles in Monaco, Professor JV-T in my humble opinion should be knighted. And how about the National Health Service becoming the Royal Health Service or similar?

We at our church have abided by all the rules when we have been allowed to function, and we look forward to when we can get rid of the black and yellow hazard tape, social distancing etc and enjoy having a chat over a cup of tea after the service.

At the moment the most we can do is say "thank you" for coming to church under slightly difficult circumstance, and hope that many more will join our congregation on Sunday at 11 a.m. and Wednesday at 12.15pm. We always say a big "thank you" to the priests who support us by celebrating the Mass at St Edmunds.

Not a new phrase, but **USE IT OR LOSE IT.**

JH.

### **Sewing Machines for Morogoro**

Following the Diocesan visit to Morogoro Diocese in March 2019, we returned with a clear sense that setting up a microfinancing project with the Sewing Academy could be a wonderful way of empowering graduates to set up small businesses.

"How do the graduates of the Sewing Academy set up in business?" The answer to the question was, "With difficulty."

Morogoro Diocese has an effective Microfinancing department administering a number of projects and they are willing to take on the administration of the Morogoro Sewing Academy Microfinancing Partnership.

After much prayer and consultation it has been decided that a sum of £6,000 would be what is needed to fund the 44 students who can graduate in any one year. This will enable students to buy a sewing machine locally, and to invest in materials to help them start up in their locality. Students come from all over the region to the Sewing Academy and the market is not saturated. We have been promised £3,000 to prime the pump of this partnership and would invite you to consider making a donation to the Morogoro Sewing Academy Microfinancing Project.

If you wish to donate please see the bottom of Page 12.

6th June

## Corpus Christi

or

### Day of Thanksgiving for the Institution of Holy Communion



Little wonder most Christians simply call this day by its Latin title—*Corpus Christi*—literally 'The Body of Christ'. The Anglican Church in England adopted the longest title for any festival which it little used, so we call today 'Corpus Christi'. What is it all about, and why should we keep this day special?

The Eucharist is the only service Christ ordered his followers to repeat, which has been done over the past 2,000 years, though all too often distorted by human anxiety to use as a means of control. So when Christianity came to England, the Eucharist was kept by priest or bishop leading the celebration. But change was coming! The celebrant kept receiving for himself alone. The people could watch and say those parts of the service given for them, in Latin!

After the upheaval of the 16th century reformation the Church of England restored the Eucharist to all the people, and used English as the language which they could understand.

Then came in the 19th century, a revival of Church life in the form of the Tractarians, or Anglo-Catholics. The Blessed Sacrament was to be honoured not only at the Eucharist, but beyond, and there lay the problem. The protestant-minded bishops tried to suppress any devotion shown to Our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament apart from in the Eucharist. Probably with support from the Book of Common Prayer. The more catholic-minded Bishops not only allowed, but participated in these devotions!

Today the Church of England has given a special day to *Corpus Christi*, with a carefully worded prayer allocated.



Those of us who remember with thanksgiving Our Lord's gift to us in Holy Communion, should say that prayer on 6th June and perhaps, more often.

Lord Jesus Christ  
We thank you that in this wonderful sacrament  
You have given us the memorial of your passion  
Grant us so to reverence the sacred mysteries  
Of your Body and Blood  
That we may know within ourselves  
And show forth in our lives,  
The fruits of your redemption  
For you are alive and reign with the Father  
In the unity of the Holy Spirit  
One God now and forever.

Canon Graham Lyle

***Mother Teresa wrote on the wall of her children's home in Calcutta:***

People are unreasonable, illogical and self centred.  
Love them anyway.

If you do good, people will accuse you of selfish, ulterior motives.  
Do good anyway.

If you are successful, you win false friends and true enemies.  
Succeed anyway.

The good you do will be forgotten tomorrow.  
Do good anyway.

What you have spent years building may be destroyed overnight.  
Build anyway.

People really need help, but will attack you if you help them.  
Help people anyway.

Give the world the best you have and you'll get kicked in the teeth.  
Give the world the best you have anyway.

## Tricky woo (read on) ...



Coronavirus has had such an effect on all our lives. It has had an effect on our social lives; our church going; charities; theatre and holidays.

But when all else seems to fail, we can always turn on the instant magic that glows electronically from an area which might be in a smart cabinet or on a cheap table or if you are a trendy, on the wall. You have guessed it

– the TELE! Hurray.

Gone are the 10 and 12 inch screens, in now are the monsters of 45, 55 and indeed 60 inches screens. No more switching it on and waiting for it to warm up; no more “I think the valve has gone, Dad”. Instant, and I don’t mean coffee.

Since March 2020 quite sensibly most shows could not be recorded or even presented, so the companies had to resort to repeats – and more repeats from pre-2020.

It was great fun before all this, but sometimes we secretly revelled in some nostalgia. I forget how many time I have seen ‘Last of the Summer Wine’ or ‘Vera’ or ‘Keeping up Appearances’. I mention these because over the years all have held a soft spot for me.

But in their places have come quiz and game shows galore. Not all sensible and not all easy to understand, but the thing I cringe over is any show with the word ‘Celebrity’ tagged on. Who? What is he/she/them Celebrity for? Why? Most of the female ‘Celebrities’ look the same; big lips puffed out beyond normality; showing as much leg or other fleshy parts as possible. Don’t go too close to the fire, love, you might melt. The answer is always at our finger tips – turn over to another channel.

You must, like me have looked in amazement at one of the many programmes called ‘The Real Housewives of .....’ Real? Again, Botox by the gallon. Bad language and nasty behaviour.

Rubbish, but a means to an end and any port in a storm for entertainment.

But from time to time better series do emerge. We remember ‘All Creatures Great and Small’ from yesteryear revolving around the life of a small village and the local vets. Actors and scripts with only occasional

animals or even a pampered Pekinese 'Tricky Woo' being cuddled (of course you remember) and getting fat on caviar.

The best of all has been running for a couple of years 'Our Yorkshire Farm'. Not a sanitized farm made to look clean and homogenized (probably not the right word, but you know what I mean). Amanda and Clive Owen and their tribe of 9 children (kids), animals galore, farmhouse and animal dramas, calves and livestock wandering into the kitchen. Drama with love. Dramas with 'the kids' that cannot be planned. Mucky wellies. Runny noses. Smiling in the snow and rain. It is little wonder that Amanda and Clive are at the tops of the tele 'must see' programmes.

Amanda has turned a working farm and her life into a business, and good luck to her, her husband Clive and 'the kids'.

JH

***At the recent Annual Meeting, the following people were elected to serve the church for the following twelve months.***

Churchwardens	Jon Harcourt Mark Wisbey
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Treasurer	Jon Harcourt
Secretary	Mary McGraghan
Standing Committee	The Churchwardens and the secretary.

## NOTABLE DAYS IN JUNE

**Saturday 5th World environment Day**

This promotes a greener, cleaner world. Local activities may include tree planting and clean-up campaigns.

**Cherishing Churchyards week starts.**

**Thursday 10th Solar Eclipse**

**Sunday 13th Open Farm Sunday**

**Sunday 20th Father's Day and World Refugee Day**

**Monday 21st Summer Solstice - the days start getting shorter .**

**Thursday 24th Midsummer Day**

**Saturday 26th Armed Forces Day**

**A thought for June:**

**Long stormy spring-time, wet contentious April, winter chilling the lap of very May; but at length the season of summer does come.**

Thomas Carlisle

### **Morogoro**

Donations can be made by cheque payable to the Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance with a covering note saying that it is for the Morogoro Sewing Academy Microfinancing Project. (Send to The Old Palace, Deansway, Worcester. WR1 2JE)

## SUNDAY SERVICES 11am

6th	TBC
13 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Michael Bartlett
20 <sup>th</sup>	Fr Tony Hutchinson
27th	Fr John Oakes
July 4th	Fr Tony Hutchinson

\*Thank you to all the clergy who support us on Sundays and not forgetting those who Celebrate on Wednesday as well.

## HOLY DAYS IN JUNE

3rd	Corpus Christi
5th	St Boniface
9th	St Columba
16th	St Richard of Chichester
22nd	St Alban, first Martyr of Britain
24th	Birth of John the Baptist
29th	SS Peter & Paul



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