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Sundays: 8.00am Holy Communion

10.00am Parish Eucharist*

5.00pm Evensong (3rd Sunday)

6.30pm Every other Sunday

1st Sunday: 10.00am All-Age Family Service (without Communion)

2nd Sunday: 10.00am Parish Eucharist .

3rd Sunday: 6.30pm Atrium.

Tuesdays: 7.30pm Holy Communion

Thursdays: 10.00am Holy Communion.

*This Service will also be on zoom. Do check out our website and on Facebook for links.



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Elected to PCC—Isaac Alun Jones;
Jackie Daniels; Richard Walker and
David Whyman.

Elected to Deanery Synod—Orion Jonson; Bob Macvie, Hilary
Mattocks; Julie Milne.

Orion Johnson and Bob Macvie
elected **Churchwardens**.
Liz Talbot and Richard Walker
elected **Deputy Churchwardens**.





Church that is accessible to everyone

I hear different comments as I go about the church. Some say that the church plays an important role in our community and is an integral part of our common life. Others say that it's comforting to know that the church is there when you need it for weddings, funerals, baptisms, and the like. There are others however who feel indifferent about church and faith and regard churchgoing rather like being a member of one of our many groups and clubs in the area. There are others who feel the church is 'cliquey', a bit exclusive and that it's not really for them.

Of course, the church isn't the building it's the people who worship there. I often say that if the building collapsed next week the church would still exist (unless of course the people were in it at the time!) The church is the people who meet to worship God in the building on Sundays and at other times during the week. The church is the people of God who gathers in one another's homes for prayer, worship and to learn more about Jesus together – the church is the people of God.

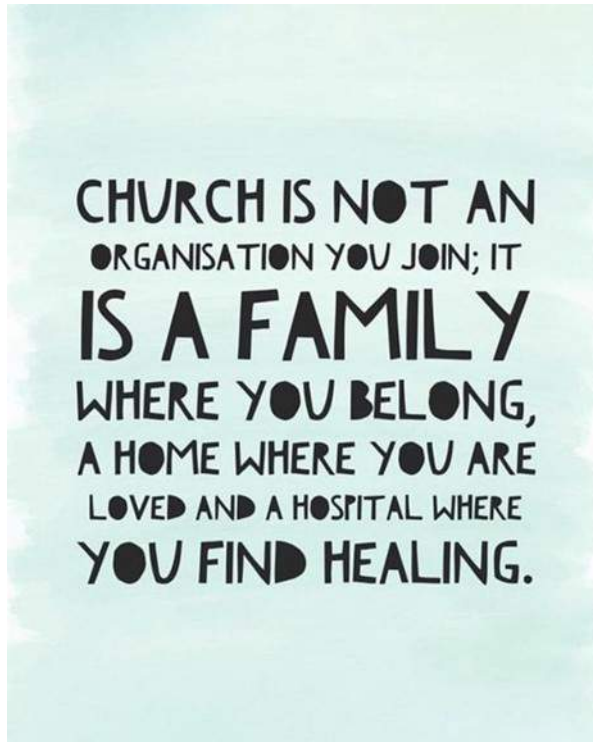
It's important though that what we do in the building is accessible to everyone in our community and not just a few. We want what we do to be inspirational and help those who come to connect with God and discover something of Him. We want people to come and worship with us and to keep coming back and to bring their families and friends as well.

There are many ways we worship at St. Andrew's, and all are acceptable to God whether it be a BCP Communion, a sung Eucharist or an informal celebration. If we come with open and loving hearts and giving the best we can then God delights in what we offer Him.

On the evening of the third Sunday of each month we have a service

called 'Atrium' in the parish centre. It's an informal, relaxed café style service that lasts about 45 minutes. The service always starts with coffee and cake giving everyone the chance to catch up with each other and to welcome new people. It involves lively music and songs, some teaching and prayer for one another and the world. Atrium is a wonderful service and one I would encourage you to come along to if you don't already and you never know, you may just love it – I know God does! God bless you all,

Revd. Craig.

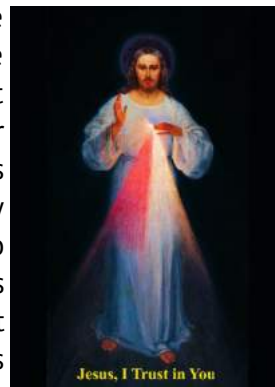


Going to church doesn't make you a Christian any more than standing in a garage makes you a car.



When I first answered the call to ministry over 14 years ago, I remember once speaking briefly about the Sacred Heart of Jesus as depicted in that famous painting by Saint Maria Helena Kowalska, (also known as Saint Faustina), painted in 1931. It is the striking image of Divine Mercy. It is an image that I find moves me, because

of the rays of light that are depicted as shining straight from the heart of Jesus Christ. She wrote in her diary about the call she received to paint this image. Many different images can be extremely powerful and often have a way of speaking to us to further aid our worship to God. I wonder if this is an image which speaks to you in some way? Might this remind you about the rootedness we have as one body (the church), with God, Jesus, and the Holy Spirit? Might it remind you to think about what is at the heart of Christ and our Christian faith? It invites us to know surely, that his heart beats with unconditional love for us all, which hopefully is a reciprocal love on our part, as believers in Christ.



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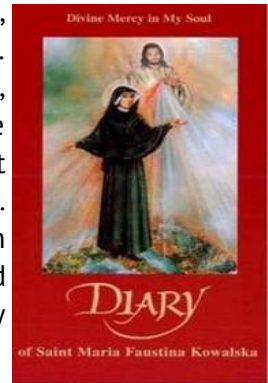
See the rays of (water / blood) righteousness, grace and mercy – divinely given and radiating from Jesus' heart. See the right hand in blessing towards you. See the left hand pointing back to Jesus own heart. The rays of love, and rays of divine calling (calling you by name), a love which he offers to you. Reaching out to you to trust in him through all things.

There are many, in faith, who have gone before us whose hearts have been for God and who have shown that spiritual discipline in joy and times of trouble keep us close to God and then proclaim this. Christlike exemplars. We heard from Reverend Nikki in a sermon recently about Julian of Norwich and her visions and her devoted faith in action embodying and enfolding others in the love of Christ, moved by the crucifixion promise, and from her cell sharing that love even though she suffered much.

After both the solemnity and joy and hope from Easter and Ascension,

what is your renewed hope now as we are invited to ‘turn again’ as renewed witnesses just as the disciples were? If not for those disciples, if not for us, and God’s spirit working within us, we may wish to try more to outwardly encourage others to come to know the love of Christ, just in ordinary conversation.

Might I encourage and invite you to ponder afresh deeply the promise of God’s salvation. Ponder afresh the rich inheritance for us through the eyes of Jesus heart of this image of Divine Mercy. Pray about it. St Terese of Liseux says that “prayer is surge of the heart; a simple look turned toward heaven, a cry of recognition and love, embracing trial and joy.” I wonder if you can relate. All people on earth in many ways suffer many trials, no-one can appreciate this more than Jesus on the cross, but Ascension last month was a turning point through trial and sadness to a time of great hope. Might we turn our hearts afresh, pick up the baton handed down from Jesus to the disciples, and passed on and on to us to bask in the divine mercy of our Lord Jesus Christ, then share it with others.



Revd. Sarah.



It has been announced that **The Bishop of Warwick, the Rt Revd John Stroyan**, will be retiring. Notice of his intention to retire has now been accepted by the Archbishop of Canterbury and His Majesty King Charles III. Bishop John will be stepping

down on 7 August 2023 after more than 18 years in the role.

“Nothing shall be lost that is done for God or in obedience to Him.”



A Big Thank You and a Little Surprise

Much like a bad penny, I'm back! This really is my last article for searchlight. But I couldn't go without saying a HUGE thank you to you all for such a lovely send off and for all the kind cards, gifts, messages and good wishes.

As some of you will know we wasted no time in moving from Grove Road with the removal men packing the house the day following my last service and moving us into our new home on the Tuesday. Helen is still working in Dorset for the time being so will be following along in July, as Molly is currently sitting her GCSE's.

Since I have left you guys, I have been enjoying some much-needed rest, it seems that's its only when you stop you realise just how tired you are. I have also been preparing myself for life in Bedford, having joined the local sailing club and achieved my RYA Level 1 Dinghy Sailing Course.

I have however not yet had that opportunity to get to know my new surroundings (or find a local pub) as I was only in Bedford for two days before I received a phone call from Helen calling me back to Dorset to meet a very special person who was about to make his first appearance, quite literally!!

Our eldest daughter Jess and her partner Aiden were in labour with our first Grandchild and I'm happy to say that **Elton David Michael Horlock**, was born at 11.04pm on the 4th May 2023 weighing a very hefty 8lb 11oz (two weeks early). Baby and parents are all doing very well, and Helen and I are adjusting to becoming grandparents in our 30's!!!



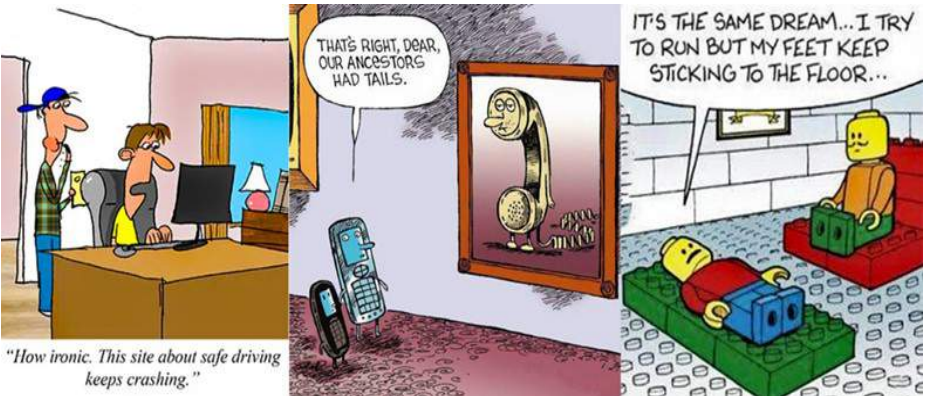


I'd like to finish by saying thank you to all those who are making the journey to Elstow to see my licensing and to all those who can't make it but have sent me best wishes and prayers, I still feel the support of St Andrew's and will keep you all in my thoughts and prayer for many years to come.

I wish you all the very best individually and as a strong, growing and developing church community.

All our love and blessings.

Mike, Helen and our (ever growing) Family.

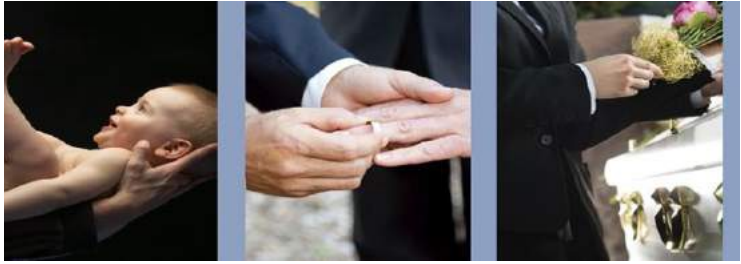




TRAIDCRAFT
Fighting poverty through trade

SUNDAY 18th JUNE following the 10am Service more Traidcraft goodies will be on sale.

PARISH REGISTERS



Funerals in May

11th Gillian Boyd (80) - burial of ashes

15th Jean Cowley (85)

22nd Roger Freeman

25th John Butler (73) – burial of ashes

25th Lin Walker

St Andrews Thursday Lunch



The next lunch is on Thursday 8th June in St Andrews Parish Centre at 12.30pm

The cost is £8 for a two course meal and coffee/tea, but please bring your own drink if you want to (other than water!)

Anyone and Everyone welcome.

Please reserve your place in advance by adding your name to the sheet in the church foyer (available about 2 weeks before the event) or phone Fran on 07906355064, and let us know of any dietary requirements, or if you have difficulty getting there.

From a church notice sheet: “Please note – from Sunday the evening service will begin at 8pm. This will continue until October.

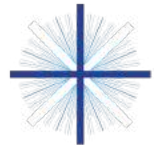
St. Andrew's Church Shottery

Plant Sale

**Saturday
3rd June,
10am till
noon.**



**By kind
invitation
of David
and Anne
Challis.**



What is the difference between results and consequences?

Results are what you hope for; consequences are what you get.

WALSINGHAM 2023

“Be nourished in mind and body.” This was the invitation Rev Paul offered to us when we gathered in St. Andrew’s Church for prayers and a blessing at the start of our pilgrimage. Our journey to Walsingham was punctuated with a coffee stop near Peterborough followed by a break at St. Nicholas’ Church, Dersingham, for a picnic lunch. This spacious C14 building with many interesting features, surrounded by extensive grounds is the main centre of worship in the benefice of which our son, Mark, is Rector.

A short journey then took us to the Shrine of Our Lady where peace and tranquillity awaits all visitors. Immersed in this relaxed atmosphere permeating the chapels which contrast from the greatly ornate to the austere bare and throughout the various garden areas, pilgrims follow their own path of worship, fellowship and stillness.



The suggested daily programme for our stay compiled by Rev Paul commenced with a said Communion Service before breakfast in the Barn Chapel. This small plain building is set in a secluded edge of the campus. Following the ‘Stations of the Cross’ that takes a meandering route through the grounds gave time for reflection of

the very real relevance of the readings in our own lives and moreover in the world today. Rev Mark joined us to facilitate a bible study which he focussed on Psalm 100; including time for discussion, reflection and prayerful consideration.

Whilst sharing in worship within our parish group, Walsingham also offers an opportunity to share in fellowship, both spiritual and social, with pilgrims from around the country. Surprisingly, there were only one or two other parish groups and this did impact on the sense of being part of a greater gathering at the evening services in the main Shrine chapel. There was not the usual abundance of clergy to form a Sacristy team for the candlelight procession. Rev Paul invited Andrew, Bob and David to be Crucifer and Acolytes to accompany



him carrying the statue of Our Lady around the grounds with the whole congregation following on in song. Walsingham, a rural village comprising mainly old buildings, is an interesting place to stroll around. The Abbey Grounds is a beautiful, extensive yet secluded garden encompassing the ruins of the medieval priory.

A mile long pathway from the Shrine along the old railway line leads to the Slipper Chapel, a C14 chapel where pilgrims could leave their shoes and then walk barefoot on the final part of their journey to the Shrine. This is where the modern large Roman Catholic Chapel of Reconciliation is situated, providing plenty of indoor space for worship as well as the old rows of benches outside. Another place of worship on this route lies close to the village and was part of the old station. The booking office is now the Orthodox chapel of St. Seraphim. It is richly decorated with beautiful icons and a holy house to rest a while.

The coastal bus service comes through Walsingham and takes passengers the few miles to Wells Next Sea. Here is a chance for some fresh sea air, a walk along the quay or sitting and enjoying the delights of a relatively unspoilt resort. This popular seaside town was remarkably quiet when we visited.



There was much opportunity for quiet relaxation and spiritual refreshment, but also time for socialising, building up friendships and having a glass (or two) of wine together. The on-site bar was a hub for fun and laughter -certainly when Shottery gathered together whether for morning coffee or later in the day after being extremely well-fed with the meals provided. On the final evening we gathered in the lounge of one of the residential buildings, reflecting on a very fulfilling pilgrimage, enjoying relaxing together and also celebrating Denise's forthcoming special birthday.



When Rev Paul led our final prayers just before our departure we reflected on his words a few days previously and yes, we had indeed, been nourished in our body and most importantly in our spiritual journey.

Hilary Capron

IT'S A STRANGE OLD WORLD.....

- * It is illegal in Florida for women to fall asleep under a hairdryer.
- * Cambridge University was once permitted to run its own prison.
- * Long after horse-drawn hackney cabs had been replaced by London's famous black taxicabs, drivers were still obliged to carry hay bales to feed their horses.
- * In Fairbanks, Alaska, a bar owner had a pet moose. The landlord and his customers would ply it with beer until it was completely drunk. It would then stagger along the town's footpaths, causing considerable annoyance to other pedestrians. The town came up with a rather strange solution to the problem. Instead of making it illegal to give alcohol to animals, they forbade moose to walk on the footpaths.
- * In 1867, it was illegal to drive cows through the streets of London between 10am and 7pm without the permission of the Commissioner of Police. Any cow running loose in London these days would probably not live to a ripe old age.
- * In Oklahoma , anyone making an ugly face at a dog can be arrested and fined or jailed, while in California, it's illegal to stop children from jumping over puddles....



On 15th May, Hilary Capron welcomed members and visitors to this - our "Post- Coronation Afternoon". There were several apologies - Fiona Macvie had been called away at the last moment so we were without the music as planned. And there was the usual news of those unable to attend and good wishes sent.

The short session of prayers which Hilary led included those reflecting the Coronation.

From the recent Diocesan report Hilary had received from Karen Morris, she mentioned:

- the Quiet Day on 5th June at Berkswell Church.
- the annual Summer of Hope Appeal - Hilary suggested that as our outreach on this, we could make Coffee Tots in Coventry the focus of our fund-raising in August. This was agreed as they are really in need of funds to help with their move to new premises.
- There was also news of Jane Hill's visit to Kapsabet so we are looking forward to hearing her talk at our next meeting - we are hoping to invite other M.U. members as well.

There was discussion about the planter we are hoping to install with funding from the M.U. Transformation project; the money has been received so the search is on for a trough suitable for the site under the Hall window by the Parish Centre entrance.

A Coronation Quiz followed and as this was a combined, very convivial affair, most of the answers were forthcoming - even the dates! Also everyone was asked to jot down their outstanding memory of the Coronation.

Many thanks to all who presented such a lovely tea which rounded off a very enjoyable afternoon.

Next Meeting - Monday, 12th June at 2 p.m. - Ex-President Mrs. Jane Hill talking about her recent visit to Kapsabet.

Daphne Jones



DIVINE INFORMATION

Some years ago while queuing at the checkout of a local supermarket my eye rested on the newspaper stand and on the headline of the front page of a copy of "New Scientist" magazine which read "*We've Run out of Explanations for the Universe*".

Those who have taken an interest, over the years, in the debate over 'origins' will have noticed a seemingly increasing effort to keep the 'divine foot' from the doorway. In other words any indication of creation, design and purpose is anathema to many in today's world of science. As a result possible 'explanations', sometimes rather bizarre, for the origins of life here on Earth, as well as of the Universe, have been forthcoming in an attempt to ban and remove God from His Creation.

A number of colourful 'explanations' have been put forward concerning the origins of life on Earth, one being that of multiverses. This claims that there is a multitude of universes and that from so many one at least must have accidentally brought about the conditions for life on Earth. The evidence for this ? - Nil. A second 'explanation' is named *panspermia* - a Greek term meaning that the 'seeds of life' are everywhere and from this has come the theory that 'seeds of life' came to our planet on comets. '*Directed panspermia*' is a newer version that holds that 'aliens' seeded life on Earth ! Again the evidence for this ? - Nil.

Charles Darwin's atheistic theory of purposeless and directionless evolution via sporadic and random mutations over vast periods of time, on which modern science has 'hung its hat', is being seen by many scientists to be an impossible situation for at least one major reason - genetic information. Any new species needs a large amount of genetic information but where does this information come from ? As has been realised, 'shuffling the pack' of the information in an existing species via sporadic and random mutations adds nothing new. So from where came new information ?

As Professor Paul Davies, a physicist who died in 2014, observed - "like a supercomputer, life is an information processing system .. It is the software of the living cell that is the real mystery. How did atoms spontaneously write their own software ? Nobody knows. There is no known law of physics able to create information from nothing".

For Christians however the answer lies in the opening words of the biblical book of Genesis. Though the copy of "New Scientist", previously referred to, had run out of explanations for the Universe, The Bible has shown us the answer but the seeker needs the inward "eyes and ears" to see, hear and comprehend. Atheist scientists will forever probably continue down false cul-de-sacs as they try to dismiss the divine presence from Creation but let us, with humble thanksgiving, remember the opening words of the Christmas Gospel - "In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God." (John 1:1).

Alan Minchin.

PS. *Anyone interested in this subject will find the book "Evolution's Achilles' Heels", put together by nine Ph.D scientists of various disciplines, of particular interest.*



Our charity collection
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Effect realised
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Coffee Morning
With Bring and Buy
Everyone Welcome

17th June
10am till noon

It was a beautiful day, (it always is where this took place), and Jesus and Moses decided to have a round of golf. There they were on the first tee when a little and very old man came up to them and asked if he could join them.

Well Moses wasn't too keen at first but Jesus persuaded him otherwise and he gave his ball a massive smack. Off it sailed into the distance but as it came down it struck a bush and bounced off into a deep pool sinking down to the bottom. Undaunted Moses went up to the pool and held up his staff whereupon the waters parted immediately. Up he went to the ball, gave it another smack and it bounced up over the bank and into the hole for two.

Now it was Jesus turn. He gave his ball a tremendous thwack and off it sailed until it hit a tree. Down it dropped straight onto the pool, I say onto because it didn't sink but bounced up and down a few times then lay motionless on the surface. Jesus strode across the water, hit the ball again and of it went into the hole also for two.

The little old man ambled over to the tee, carefully placed his ball and hit it as hard as he could. Off it went straight at the bush and bounced off, then onto to the tree bouncing off into the water. But still it didn't stop, for it bounced across the pool, up the bank and into the hole for one.

'There, that's what I mean,' said Moses. 'That's why I don't like playing with your Dad!'



TRIBUTE TO MIKE—30th April 2023.

This is the story of Mike from Nuneaton who,
When choosing what he wanted to do,
Decided a gardener was to be his lot
(Well then he would never lose the plot)



Life ticked on quite happily, with the occasional worry
(Like having to escape from a badger in a hurry)
For nothing seemed to disturb his days
And he seemed quite settled in his ways.

But as time went on, he questioned his occupation,
And realised he had a quite different vocation,
With a lot of soul searching, finding things he held dear,
His calling gradually became more and more clear.

So to channel the necessary instruction and knowledge
He trained at Cuddesdon Theological College.
And after a lot of learning—and perhaps the occasional cuss -
He was ordained and ended up at Shottery St.Andrew's with us.

Everyone welcomed him, and he was a great find,
And many a parishioner found he broadened their mind.
He made us think deeply and question our views,
And sometimes helping us find the right pathway to choose.

He reached out with passion to those not of the church,
Giving them advice and assistance, never leaving them in the lurch,
And his monthly articles in Searchlight we read with great glee,
Often thinking “Well he has written that just for me”.

He has developed, with us, from day to day,
And gathering a new wife and family along the way.
Enjoys cricket and golf, and the ‘occasional’ beer,
And the Beer Festival gave us a great deal of cheer.

He made a great donkey last Christmas, that much was plain,
And he has brought us much humour again and again.
But the time has now come for him to move away,
And we send Mike and Helen forward on this special day.

He is leaving us great memories of his time spent with us here.
And we shall always treasure them, and hold them all dear.
You go with lots of love and best wishes from this crew.
We wish you every success and may God go with you.

Gwen Zanzottera

Photo taken on Mothering Sunday this year, with daughter Sheila.



Sending our love and every good wishes to **DOROTHY UNITT** as she celebrates her 107th birthday on 18th June. Dorothy has been residing in Ambleside Care Home for over two years. Although frail now she retains her strong character.

Dorothy was very active in St. Andrew's for many years, ably supporting her husband Maurice in his years as Churchwarden. She was a founder member of Mothers' Union and always took an interest in all aspects of life at St. Andrew's.



PILGRIMAGE TO COVENTRY CATHEDRAL- 13th MAY 2023

As Cathedral Liaison Officer for St. Andrew's It has long been my wish for a group of us to visit our Cathedral and strengthen our link. And so, at last, and taking advantage of Revd. Su being insitu, a very select but small band of pilgrims descended on Coventry Cathedral on 13th May. Our day was planned and led by Revd. Su.

Su started our pilgrimage by pointing out that the city has had three cathedrals. She took us to the site of the first - St Mary's, a monastic building, which dates from 1102-1539, of which only a few ruins remain. The second was St Michael's, a 14th-century Gothic church designated as a cathedral in 1918, which remains a ruined shell after its bombing during the Second World War. The third is the new St Michael's Cathedral, built immediately adjacent after the destruction of the former, and consecrated in 1962.

When Basil Spence was planning the new cathedral after the war he felt it was important not to rebuild on the existing site but to see the project as a resurrection telling the Christian story.

From the site of St. Mary's, we moved into the ruins of the bombed cathedral. This cathedral is a symbol of war time destruction and barbarity, but also of peace and reconciliation.

During the bombing of the cathedral on 14th November 1940 the tower was not damaged and the clock continued to strike throughout the night. The Charred Cross was created after the cathedral was bombed during the Coventry Blitz of the Second World War. The cathedral stonemason, Jock Forbes, saw two wooden beams lying in the shape of a cross and tied them together. A replica of the Charred Cross built in 1964 has replaced the original in the ruins of the old cathedral on an altar of rubble. The original is now kept on the stairs linking the cathedral with St Michael's Hall below.



Only the tower, spire, the outer wall and the bronze effigy and tomb of its first bishop, Huyshe Yeatman-Biggs, survived. The ruins of this old cathedral remain hallowed ground and are listed as Grade I. Following the bombing of the cathedral in 1940, Provost Richard Howard had the words "Father Forgive" inscribed on the wall behind the altar of the ruined building.

Ever since Coventry Cathedral has become a centre of peace and reconciliation. This resulted in the forming of the Cross of Nails which now has 250 partners across the world promoting peace and justice in their communities

Sited within the ruins is the statue of Reconciliation. This bronze statue was presented to the cathedral in 1995 to mark the 50th anniversary of the end of World War II.



Also within the ruined walls is the only memorial to German civilians killed during the Second World War – Choir of Survivors.

One asked why Holy Trinity was left unscathed whilst the Cathedral next door was destroyed. It came down to Holy Trinity having a spire and the Cathedral having an angled roof which was easy target for the Luftwaffe.

We then moved to behind the great altar to the chapel of St. Mary where Rev. Su led us in a service of Holy Communion. We then took a break for lunch and returned to hear more about this magnificent building where she works.

It is worth noting that the Cathedral is built North/South not East/West.



The font was a gift from the Christians in Jordan and was taken from the road between Bethlehem and Hebron.

Globe - made by students following the 7/7 disaster. It shows slots for 4 candles depicting the suicide bombers, followed around the outside by candles representing those who died. And a central candle representing Christ.



Coventry was a centre of car manufacturing and evidence of this can be seen on the lectern and on the pulpit (radiators).

As the clock moved towards noon we returned to the nave of the “new” Cathedral for the Litany of Reconciliation which Rev. Su led. This is said daily at noon. The Litany of Reconciliation stems from Provost Howard’s vision in 1940 when he talked of Reconciliation, even during the war.

The Graham Sutherland Tapestry. “We come to Resurrection, carrying our scars. We see God face to face.”



6 very large candlesticks at the entrance to the choir stalls from the Nave are in the form of spinners as Coventry was also the centre of spinning.

Initially the prosperity of Coventry was concentrated on the Dyers who produced Coventry Blue cloth, famed for its non-fading qualities. But while the Cloth industry in Coventry declined, the French Huguenots fleeing persecution in their own country were arriving in England bringing with them their knowledge and experience with silk. The most precious of the silks was the sky blue colour (Coventry City Football club call themselves “The Sky Blues”.) Our Lady is usually depicted wearing blue. There is evidence of this blue silk in the side chapel

We ventured down to the Undercroft to view artefacts saved from the ruins, the choir room, and many other items of interest before returning back to the Chapel of Unity where we said Evening Prayer. This is not part of the Cathedral. Many denominations can use it.

Then to end our day the Cathedral choir performed for a film that was being made to promote fund raising for the £1million refurbishing of The Norwegian Organ, which was a gift from the people of Norway in 1967. Built in 1962, the Harrison & Harrison organ is judged to be of outstanding national significance. Sir Basil Spence himself designed the façade of the organ and it is an intrinsic part of the architecture and cathedral building. We played our part too.....we were filmed applauding!!! Fame!!!



We had all learned so much and enjoyed and appreciated the spiritual input into the journey of the Coventry Cathedrals. Revd. Su did us proud – thank you Su for an inspiring day. We felt your passion and love for the Cathedral. I have only touched upon our day but perhaps, if Su can manage it, she might lead us again in a year’s time. Watch this space!

Clodagh



SUPPORTING
**PROSTATE
CANCER UK**

Our charity collection on 11th June will be for PROSTATE CANCER UK

“We want a future where lives are not limited by prostate cancer. We unite the brightest minds in science

and healthcare and the most passionate and caring people to help men live long and live well.”

Prostate Cancer UK's top priority is funding research to stop prostate cancer killing men. We're investing millions to find better treatments and better tests that can spot fast-growing cancers early, and could be used in a screening programme to save thousands of lives.

The Prostate Cancer Charity was founded in 1996 by Professor Jonathan Waxman to address the 'Outrageous and arbitrary surgical treatment of men'.

We were the first national organisation for prostate cancer in the UK. Our aim was to improve the care and welfare of those affected by prostate cancer, increase investment in research, and raise public and political awareness of a long-neglected disease.

We started small: five members of staff and with our helpline housed in a small room in Hammersmith hospital. It ran one day a week. We merged with Prostate Action in 2012 and completely rebranded to form Prostate Cancer UK. In the last 20 years, we've invested over £37 million into ground breaking research, and continue to provide award-winning support for men. We have grown in size, strength and influence but our ambition is the same: to put men at the heart of everything we do.

Funding research that will stop men dying from prostate cancer

Over the last two decades we've funded and accelerated some of the biggest breakthroughs in prostate cancer care – from the use of multiparametric MRI to improve diagnosis, to the world's first precision medicine for prostate cancer. But we have a lot of work still to do.

“We couldn't do it without you” Dr. Seed says thanks as we move a step closer to a revolutionary test.

This promising scientist has unique skills that could transform advanced prostate cancer treatment.

And thanks to your donations, he's another step closer to using his unique knowledge and skills to build a test to show which men will respond to chemotherapy.

As the population grows and ages and as we continue to raise awareness and make more men aware of their risk of prostate cancer, we will see many more men going to their GP with concerns. This will lead to a huge swell in the numbers of men being diagnosed and people needing support to deal with the disease. It also means more of the men we love and need are going to die.

By 2030, prostate cancer will be the most common of all cancers. That is only 7 years away, which means we're on a countdown and we need to be ready.

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The good news

Thanks to the breadth and depth of our work over the last 20 years, we're in a very strong position. We know exactly what needs to be done to reduce the numbers of men being killed and lives being damaged. We can do for men what the breast cancer movement has done for women.

Unite with us now to truly make a difference. Men, we are with you.

Thank you.



The cash collection and donations via the card reader in church on that day will go to the charity. If you would like to make a donation and are unable to be in church on the day please make cheques payable to : Shottery St. Andrew PCC, and send to Anne Challis at 259 Alcester Road, Stratford-upon-Avon. CV37 9JG, or if you prefer to do a bank transfer, within 5 days of the charity Sunday, the details are as follows:-

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Thank you.



John 11:35. Jesus Wept. The shortest sentence in the Bible. I disagree with the view that it is always women who cry. I have taken many funerals and weddings where the men have been crying their eyes out. It happened to me when my dad died. I had brought my mum over to the vicarage and went into church for

evensong, sitting by Bob Macvie. The service was taken by Canon Raymond Cyster and when Mary Sturch started playing the tune of St.Clement for the hymn, "the day though gavest", I just sat down and howled!! But there are tears of pride also, best exemplified at Rugby when I commanded a large contingent of company strength and marched them onto the close for annual inspection to the tune of Pomp and Circumstance No 4. I saluted the admiral and he returned the salute. In the afternoon I gave the command to fire 2x25 pounders. It was a good day and for once everything went right for me, as usually it was the other way as I was an academic thicket. For my final mass at Alcester, I led the parade up High Street with the Town Band playing the same tune. Happy memories in deed.

Classical music moves me in all sorts of ways usually ending up with my eyes watering copiously. I love grand opera, ballet and especially organ music with a penchant for French composers. I entered the church for my final mass to the tune of "Marche Pontifical", Entry of the bishop and as I was feeling especially cheeky, I signed myself off as + David Alauna. Mind you I distributed about a pint of holy water and the rural, deans who were present got full libations.

I look back to the day when I signed off as vicar of Shottery and joined Bob Wright in singing that exquisite aria from the Pearl Fishers. It still moves me and I start to water. Then there is in fact any French organ music and the taps turn on again. Coppelia is a great joy to me with the inevitable consequences as is Aida.

Then there are hymns: I adore the evangelical hymn, "Lord for the years" which was in fact my first hymn at my final mass and then my final hymn was "Thine be the glory" which was my final passing out hymn at college. When we got to the words "rolled the stone away" those who were to be ordained got up and walked out of chapel. We had passed out. I always raise my hand in a victory salute because quite simply the words are the kernel of our faith. And to conclude, Easter Day is doubly meaningful to me because of that glorious Easter Hymn from Cavalleria Rusticana. If you don't believe having sung it you never will do, it is so powerful. I used to stand by my organist at Arrow Church on the great day and sing it. Quite a memory, because the person who had taught him the organ had been taught by no lesser person than Elgar.

Vey happy and yet very tearful memories.

David Capron

The Vicar's 5 year-old daughter noticed that her father always paused and bowed his head for a moment before starting his sermon.

One day, she asked him why. "Well, Honey," he began, proud that his daughter was so observant of his messages. "I'm asking the Lord to help me preach a good sermon."

"How come He doesn't answer it?" she asked.





REVELATIONS OF DIVINE LOVE

Following on from Rev. Nikki's sermon on Sunday 14th May when she referred to an inspirational book by Mirabi Starr's; her translation of Mother Julian's work "Revelations of Divine Love".....

Rev. Nikki writes "Mirabai Starr is a renowned modern day mystic of the interfaith tradition. She has prayerfully translated Mother Julian's work 'Revelations of Divine Love' for today's contemporary society and to reach a growing audience of Spiritual Seekers from across all faith traditions and none.

Mirabai's translation helps us to find comfort and challenge in Julian's words which though first written in the 14th Century are so relevant to us today as we, just like 14th Century England, contend with the challenges of post pandemic change, war in Europe and political and religious upheaval.

This is a book to pick up and read short extracts of taking the words into prayer and pondering just as Julian herself took her 'showings' into prayer and pondering in order to write these words for us."



MINI PILGRIMAGE

TUESDAY 27th JUNE to St. PETER'S CHURCH, WELLESBOURNE.





CAN YOU HELP?

Do you have any old reading glasses around that you have not thrown away yet? Please could I have them.

The church I go to in Formby are involved with a small charity "**Tanzania (UK) Trust**". A doctor, Laura, from the church in Formby became more active a few years ago when they managed to build their first clinic. (I gather that Tanzanian healthcare is one of the worst in the world). Laura has since decided to go into the church and is being priested at the end of May.

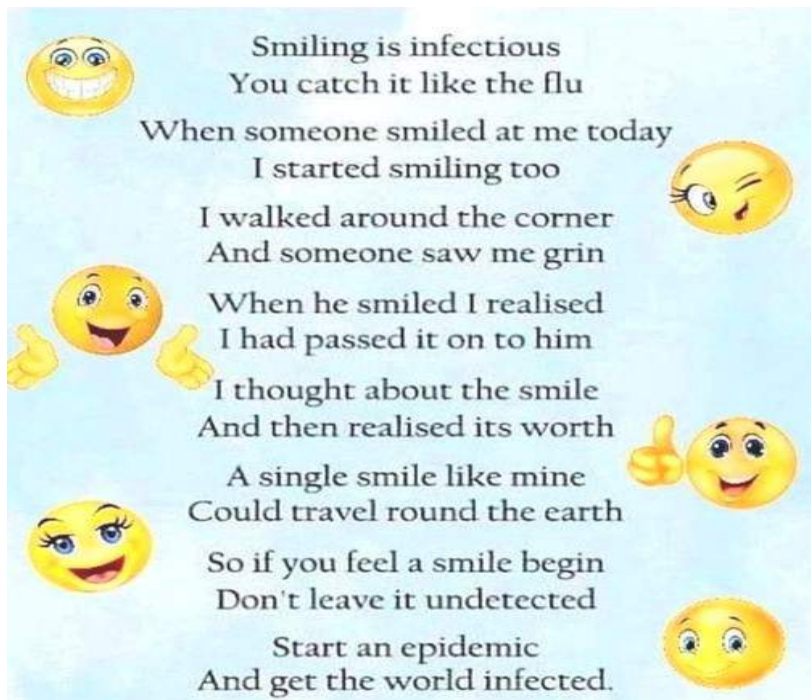
Several parishioners have visited, Dodoma, including the vicar. The church there has grown a lot and is strong spiritually, but poor financially.

They are now building a second health centre at Nduli, so that more people can reach it.

One simple item that they are appealing for is reading glasses, so if you have any you want to get rid of, please let me have them, to put them to good use. Someone will take them over to Tanzania. Please leave them at church with my name on them.

Thank you. *Jenny Gregg*

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!" His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means? The son replied, "I do know!" "Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?" "That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'



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