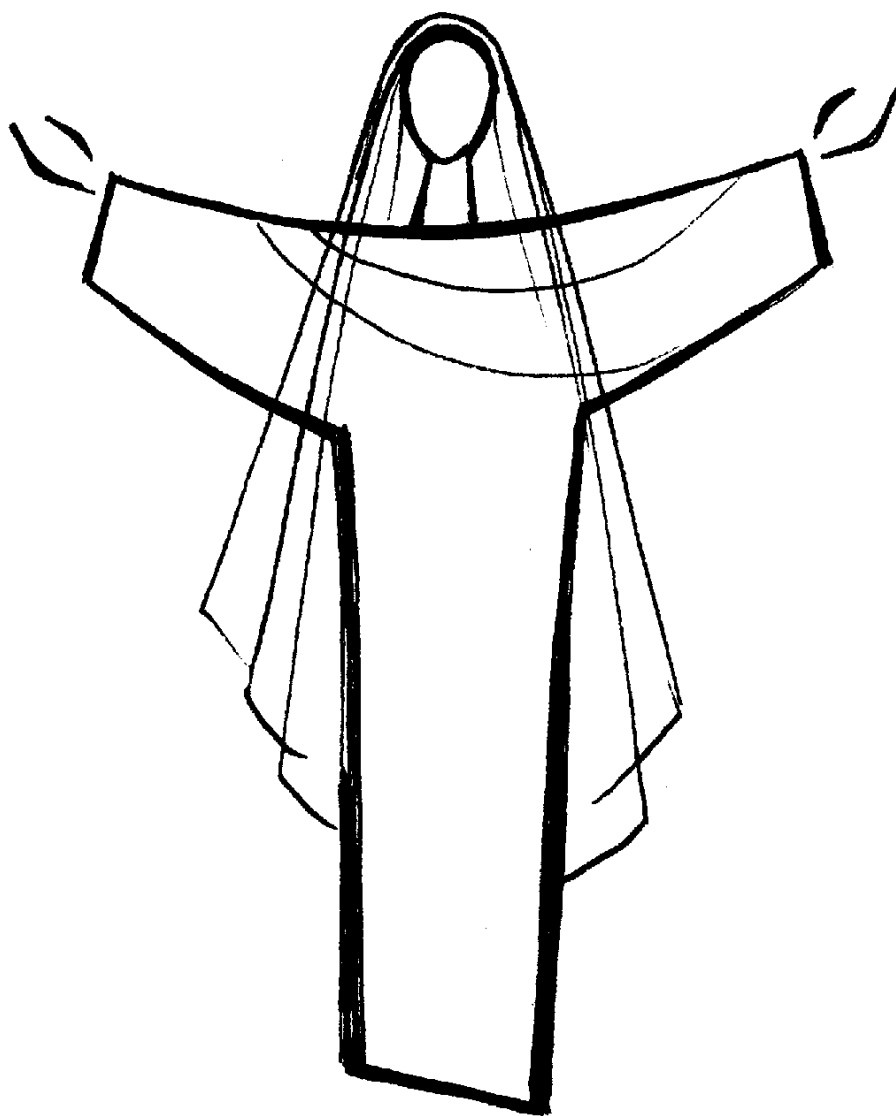


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# Reflection.....

## August....

Endings and beginnings.... I have always liked August, just as I like the New Year, because it has been a time of closure of the old and the start of something new. I suppose that this has been particularly true for me growing up, as we all do, in the rhythm of the school terms which for me was continued with university terms and then as a teacher.... The end of the summer term brings exams and the celebration of the end of the school year. These days it may even involve a Ball for the older students with amazing dresses and suits no doubt procured at great cost for the occasion! A celebration of completion and preparation for a new beginning ... in a new form, a new step into the unknown, in leaving home or starting a new job.

We have experienced an ending and a new beginning in our churches as well in the last year ... the ending of Simon's ministry among us and the beginning of Abbie's as she has become our new Rector.

August then is a time to celebrate and to take stock of the past, to take the time and space for looking towards the future. We do not know what the future holds for us, as individuals or for our churches. These words come to mind.....

*Be still, and know that I am God...* \* we can leave our future in the hand of God. We do not know what the future weeks and months may hold. Our world is sometimes a very frightening place in which to live. We have experienced the effect of Covid in these past years, and this year, the impact of the war in Ukraine.

We may have experienced personal grief and hard times as individuals and as families. Yet sometimes we can see God working in unexpected ways even in times of trouble. Let us take time this summer to be still,

to put our hands *'into the hand of God. That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way.'*\*\*

Let us pray for Abbie, our Churchwardens, and all those in positions of authority in our churches as we move forward into the future with all its possibilities that we may see the hand of God working in our lives and in our church.

*Christine J Higgs*

*St. John's, Wall*

\*Psalm 46. V.10

\*\* From the poem, 'God Knows'  
which is also know as The Gate of the Year.

**LARGE COPIES** of the magazine are available on request

## **Deadlines!**

For **September** Magazine: Deadline is

**SUNDAY 14th August**

Contact David Shiel

[shielfamily@gmail.com](mailto:shielfamily@gmail.com)

**Pew Sheet:**

every Thursday 7:30am

Contact Parish Office

## 'God Knows'

And I said to the man who stood at the gate of the year:

"Give me a light that I may tread safely into the unknown".

And he replied:

"Go out into the darkness and put your hand into the Hand of God.

That shall be to you better than light and safer than a known way".

So I went forth, and finding the Hand of God, trod gladly into the night.

And He led me towards the hills and the breaking of day in the lone East.

*So heart be still:*

*What need our little life*

*Our human life to know,*

*If God hath comprehension?*

*In all the dizzy strife*

*Of things both high and low,*

*God hideth His intention.*

*God knows. His will*

*Is best. The stretch of years*

*Which wind ahead, so dim*

*To our imperfect vision,*

*Are clear to God. Our fears*

*Are premature; In Him,*

*All time hath full provision.*

*Then rest: until*

*God moves to lift the veil*

*From our impatient eyes,*

*When, as the sweeter features*

*Of Life's stern face we hail,*

*Fair beyond all surmise*

*God's thought around His creatures*

*Our mind shall fill.*

Minnie Louise Haskins. 1875 – 1957

# The Blessed Virgin Mary—The Assumption

Roman Catholics believe the doctrine of the Assumption, which teaches that at the end of her life, Mary, the mother of Christ, was taken body and soul to heaven, to live with her son for ever.

This is an ancient teaching, first found in the 4th or 5th century, but it remains controversial to Protestants because it is not explicitly referred to in the Bible.

A report in 2005 by Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians found common ground (but not common authority) for belief in the Assumption:

“...we can affirm together the teaching that God has taken the Blessed Virgin Mary in the fullness of her person into his glory as consonant with Scripture and that it can, indeed, only be understood in the light of Scripture. Roman Catholics can recognize that this teaching about Mary is contained in the dogma.”

*2005 report by Anglican and Roman Catholic theologians*

The doctrine of the Assumption was proclaimed as infallible by Pope Pius XII on All Saints Day 1950 in the bull (formal proclamation) *Munificentissimus Deus*.

“We pronounce, declare, and define it to be a divinely revealed dogma: that the Immaculate Mother of God, the ever Virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.”



# CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

## Family Praise

**Sunday 7th August**

**10am St Michael's**



## First Steps



**Monday 8th August**

**10am St Michael's**

Come and join us at our ...

## MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



**SUNDAY 11th September**

**4.30 – 5.45pm**

**in St Michael's Church**

**Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome**



Clare Whitney will be the new Lay Ministerial and Learning Development Officer in the diocese, joining colleagues in the Vocations and Training Team from 1 September .

She will have oversight of Reader training and other forms of current training for lay ministry, including the Pathways and Living Discipleship course, as well as reviewing and expanding the provision of lay training in the diocese. Clare joins the team with a strong background of and many years' experience in education, including adult learning. She is a Licensed Lay Reader in the Central Wolverhampton Parish, serves on the Diocesan Reader Council and also has experience of hospital chaplaincy.

Clare said: "I am delighted and excited to be joining the Vocations and Training Team. I believe passionately in each person discovering their unique call to God's service, unlocking and developing their individual skills and gifts. I see discipleship as a journey of lifelong learning of curiosity, discovery and growth as we seek to follow Christ. It's a great privilege to journey alongside people from all walks of life, encouraging and helping them to flourish in their Christian faith."

Director of Ministry Jeanette Hartwell said: "I am delighted that Clare has been appointed to this role following a rigorous appointment process in which there were some very strong candidates. The team is passionate about supporting discipleship, vocation and evangelism in the diocese through our training programmes and the resources that we provide to support parishes. Clare is a passionate advocate for lay ministry in all its forms and for ensuring training is available and accessible for all. Her appointment to this role will further strengthen the team and enable us to better serve ministry and mission in the diocese."



# Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice

## Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

8:00am Holy Communion  
10:00am Holy Communion

### 1st Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

## Regular Services at St John's Sundays

10am Holy Communion

### Baptism @ 11.30am

Last Sunday of the month

## Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

*1st Monday 10.00am*

First Steps

*2nd Sunday 4:30pm*

Messy Church

*3rd Sunday 6:00pm*

Choral Evensong

*Last Sunday 12:30pm*

Holy Baptism

## Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

### Wednesdays

6.30pm Choir Rehearsal

### Friday before 1st Sunday

7:30pm Music Group & Choir  
Rehearsal

## Baptism Preparation

First Saturday 10:30am  
at St Michael's

## Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's



# UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP

## Fauld Crater Walk from Hanbury

**Date:** Sat 13th August

**Meeting Point:** The Cock Inn at Hanbury, Staffordshire in the further carpark before 10.30am.

**Start Time:** 10.30 a.m.

### Walk Details:

This walk from the Cock Inn at Hanbury to the church and the Fauld Crater is about 2 miles. I have arranged for Mark Rowe to join us and explain how this Crater was created



on 27th November 1944. The walk will be across fields with at least one style. If it is wet, please bear in mind this is the part of the country where many villages are described as 'in the clay'. Hanbury is no different. August is probably the best month for the walk, but the brambles and stinging nettles are energetic. Please wear trousers and be prepared to cover your arms. I came back from my preparatory walk with a bloody nose as a bramble caught it.

The walking group will meet at the Cock Inn at Hanbury, Staffordshire in the further carpark before 10.30am. We shall ramble down Church Lane to the end. Meet Mark Rowe at the church and he will show us the memorial and the church, which is being opened specially for us.

We shall then head to the Crater under Mark's guidance, finally returning to the Cock Inn for lunch. We are not booking in advance as a group. The Manager knows we are in the village and some of us will partake of their hospitality after the walk. Do not expect toilets open at the Cock Inn at 10.30am but there is a toilet in the church. The Cock Inn had to be rebuilt after the explosion and so it has stories to tell. I have asked Mark to bring some of his books with him, so if you are interested, please bring some cash. This crater is the outcome of one of man's accidents that nature is attempting to hide. Let us hope we have a spell of dry weather before the walk. There are some good photo opportunities.

Please book by **Thursday 11th August**

**<https://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk/walking-group-booking-page.html>**

*Brian Homewood*

[beneficewalkinggroup@gmail.com](mailto:beneficewalkinggroup@gmail.com)



## BOOK REVIEW

### Transforming The Church Interior in Renaissance Florence

Joanne Allen, Cambridge University Press, 2022, 348p [with 180 illustrations] £90-00. ISBN 978-1-108-83359-2.

Joanne Allen is a British scholar, lecturing at the American University in Washington DC, with extensive expertise in the study of Italian art and architecture, based on years of intensive research in Italy.

In the course of her research, using evidence derived from Renaissance-era paintings, from art gallery and museum exhibitions of items originating from churches and from archival investigation, she has been able to offer us a perspective of how churches in Florence, and Italy more widely, were organized structurally at the high point of the Renaissance at the end of the fifteenth century and how that had changed by the time of the deliberations of the time of the Counter-Reformation's Council of Trent between 1545 and 1563.

In her lavishly illustrated *Transforming The Church Interior in Renaissance Florence* she reveals how the very substantial churches of Florence had been arranged, with a very substantial stone screen separating the nave where the congregation were to be found from the chancel where the clergy, of various types, conducted the 'mysteries' of their shared faith. This pattern is revealed in such a work as Fra Carnevale's *Presentation of the Virgin in the Temple* [c1467]. Only structural clues; aesthetic fragments of screens in art galleries

and museums; and archival material are all that now remain, however, because, after the high point of the Renaissance, generally churches were opened up so that the congregation could now witness the rites and rituals of worship in the chancel.

This is an extraordinary piece of research by a distinguished art historian, built on investigations conducted over a decade. This is strongly recommended, both for its careful and coherent presentation and also for the clear visual evidence offered, which will delight all interested in Florentine life and culture.

*Trevor James*



**Ognissanti, Florence: Interior view facing north east [Photo by Joanne Allen]**

# Environmentally Friendly Stuff and so much more



I know I'm probably teaching 'Granny to suck eggs' but it seems to me that it's time to return to some of the tricks, tips and old fashioned know how that Granny taught us.

For example

## ***Make your own general purpose cleaner***

For use on tiles, bathroom panels, mirrors, windows and hard bathroom and kitchen surfaces.

### **Ingredients**

- 1/2 cup vinegar
- 1/4 cup bicarbonate of soda
- 2 litres water
- Empty spray bottle (well washed out to get rid of old chemicals)

### **Method**

Mix together all ingredients. Decant into a spray bottle. Store the rest in any empty container that is clean and use this to top up your spray bottle.

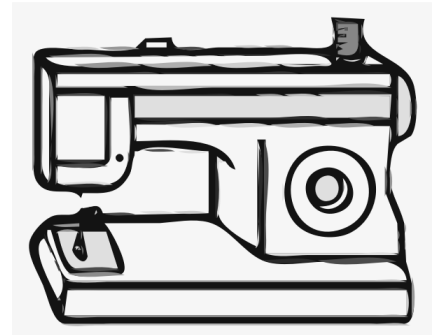
If you have any handy hints, eco tips or any other ideas about how we can all reduce, reuse and recycle more stuff please do let me know.

*Angie King*

# St Michael's Action for Africa – Development Projects

Over many years the St Michael's Church congregation have been supporting the Christian charity **Tools for Self-Reliance**. This charity, through partnerships in various parts of Africa, provides refurbished hand tools and sewing machines to co-operative groups who are being trained in the skills needed to work their own way out of poverty.

This collection of hand tools and sewing machines is continuing and is making a genuine difference in Africa.



We also collect garden tools which are sold in monthly sales at Barton Methodist Church, with the funds raised being used to finance the training programmes in Africa.

Separately St Michael's has also provided teaching and learning materials to schools in especially disadvantaged parts of Malawi and to an orphanage in Abuja in Nigeria.

We also continue to send our redundant spectacles via Rotary and Lichfield Lions for distribution in Africa.

Anyone who wishes to donate an item or take part in fund-raising is invited to speak with Trevor James on 01543-258434.

At the end of June most of the group enjoyed an afternoon visit to the National Memorial Arboretum. How the site has developed since its beginnings when the first memorials were erected, local groups dedicated trees and schoolchildren planted bulbs. Now you would need a long day and very strong legs to see everything under your own steam. The majority of our group took the land train which enabled them to see almost everything while listening to a commentary. A few hardy members went exploring a new area on the outskirts of the site then all met up for afternoon tea which Elizabeth had arranged for us to have in a private room.

At our "end of term" meeting June led a short service which concentrated on the women of the Democratic Republic of Congo. We learned how Mother's Union has encouraged them to become more independent and confident by developing skills in literacy, agriculture, money management and business. In this way they can earn money for themselves and their children.

We were joined by Abbie who submitted herself to a Q&A session about her upbringing and training, first as a G.P. then entering the Ministry.

The meeting ended with a strawberry tea arranged by our hostesses Angela and Marjorie. We will take a break from meetings until September 4th. Let us hope that we all stay free from Covid and any other nasties.

Betty



# A BALEARIC ISLAND REFUGE

*Deborah Chapman shares the passion and vision behind the new MU branch in Palma de Mallorca*

Towards the end of 2021, I was contacted by Helen Innes, our diocesan Bishop Robert's wife, and asked if I would consider a trip to Palma, to meet Caroline Gusha, the new chaplain's wife. Caroline was eager to start up a Mothers' Union branch. I was elated!

Despite being geographically the largest diocese in the Church of England covering 40 countries, there were only around 200 members in the Diocese of Europe in 2021. This year, hopefully that number will rise to 212 with the new branch in Palma de Mallorca, based at the chaplaincy of St Philip and St James.

I spent a few days with Caroline, her husband Rev Canon Ishanesu Gusha and their three boys, all of whom had moved from Harare, Zimbabwe where Ishanesu had been Dean of the Anglican Cathedral. We wasted no time, despite the pandemic, 'zooming' with Tonie Chandler, the Diocesan President, then with the church wardens and one of the ministry team, the Rev Vivien Larkin, who also makes banners. Subsequently, the Chaplaincy Council unanimously agreed that a branch should open in Palma. Viv agreed to make Mothers' Union banners for both St George's and St Philip and St James. Just after Christmas, the Gusha family came to visit us in Barcelona and to enable Caroline to meet a few of our members here. We agreed that we would sponsor the Palma branch by providing copies of *United in Prayer and Worship* and MU badges. Bev Jullien sent them out with her son Stephen, who is in ordination training and spent January 2022

with us in Barcelona to work on a research project. Stephen also brought out some bits of MU material which had been unearthed, to help with making the banners. This was a great help, since Brexit means that packages are often heavily taxed at our end.

We need to be grateful to our African Anglican sisters who have moved to Europe for many and varied reasons. They are used to being active members of the Mothers' Union in their own countries and miss the fellowship and outreach when they move to Europe. They are highly motivated and are a wonderful example of unstinting care for those who need it – in the church and beyond. (In Barcelona, Nkechi Nwachukwu, a Nigerian member of our own chaplaincy here at St George's, Barcelona, did not let up asking for a MU branch until we opened with over six nationalities represented, in 2018).

'I was very fortunate to join the Mothers' Union in Zimbabwe in 2013 and it has been great for me learning new things every day,' says Caroline, as she reflects on her journey as an MU member. MU in Zimbabwe has been involved in many projects, as well as lifting many people through prayer. 'Mother's Union has also helped those who are in need, as one of our purposes says it all - *to help those whose family life has met with adversity* – and has also helped restore broken families. I learnt to be a hard worker and so many women have been empowered. Now that I am in Palma de Mallorca, my prayer is for us as ladies to unite, pray together, work together and help the needy where there is need.'

God is enabling many encouraging links to hold us all together as a worldwide MU fellowship, newly represented on the Balearic island of Mallorca!

## COMING TOGETHER IN KUWAIT

A Mothers' Union branch in Kuwait, launched in May 2019, is composed of expats from different parts of the world. 'Our members are so delighted to be part of the worldwide Mothers' Union family and to hear about the great works by other members across the globe,' says Christine Mbonga.

Christine is the former president of Mothers' Union in the Diocese of Manicaland, Zimbabwe. Her family then moved to Kuwait, where her husband Michael is Chaplain and Rector of St Paul's Anglican church in the Diocese of Cyprus and the Gulf. Owing to the pandemic some members have moved back to their countries due to unemployment and other challenges. 'At the moment we are not doing much, since most of the activities need physical contact,' says Christine.

Activities, where possible, include participating in prison ministry and a deportation centre, distributing dry food and used clothing for the less privileged, conducting bible studies in person and online, sharing fellowship and holding meetings for lessons on different life skills. Once they are less restricted by the pandemic, they look forward to establishing a children's play centre. They also hope to initiate a communion bread (wafer) making project. 'Our activities have the potential to grow despite the challenges of the pandemic'.

# *St. Michael's Children's Film Club*



## **1. Hidden Figures**

*(127min. Biography/Drama/ History 2017)*

The story of a team of female African-American mathematicians who served a vital role in NASA during the early years of the U.S. space program.

**Mon 8th August 1.30pm start**

**St. Michael's Church  
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at the interval**

**All welcome.**

**Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211**

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## **2. Mary Poppins Returns**

*(125 min. Cert U. 2018.)*

In Depression-era London, a now-grown Jane and Michael Banks, along with Michael's three children, are visited by the enigmatic Mary Poppins. Stars Emily Blunt, Julie Walters, Colin Firth.

**Monday 5th September**

**1.30pm start**

# A Summer Concert at St Michael's

On Saturday 15<sup>th</sup> June St Michael's Choir and Music group were joined by the incredibly talented St. Michael's School choir.

Caroline Dingle and Richard Greenaway conducted three engaging pieces starting with 'Si Si Si' a traditional song from the Congo, a 'Gospel Medley' from America and 'There's a power in the music' by the UK composer Lin Marsh. The children sang beautifully with real projection and charm and delighted everyone.

The robed choir were superb, singing music by Goodall, Bruckner and Rutter's 'A Gaelic Blessing' with 'And the Glory of the Lord' and the 'Hallelujah chorus' from Handel's Messiah.



The Music group led by its director Richard Brooks played 'Let us build a house where love can grow' and 'King of Kings and Lords of Lords'. The congregation and choir joined in with the driving pace of the band as the pieces were played brilliantly by the entire music group.

The evening was filled with stunning solos from members of the choir. Sheila sang 'Come unto him' and the Aria 'How Beautiful are the Feet', Harriet 'He was Despised' and Joe 'Comfort ye my People' all from Handel's Messiah. Sophie enchanted us with 'Homeward bound' by Marta Keen and Thomas sang beautifully 'Per la Gloria d'adorarvi' by Bononcini.

It was super to welcome back Hannah with her amazing performance of the first movement of the 'Elgar Cello Concerto'. It was played with passion and sensitivity, and we are so grateful for the chance to hear this superb piece of music played live and so well at St. Michael's.

The evening was attended by over 200 people who were then treated to wine, squash and nibbles from Ted the choir secretary who keeps us all organised and happy.

My thanks go to Joe for conducting and to all the members of the congregation, family and friends who supported the evening. You are amazing!

*Dudley*

## **St. Michael's Churchyard Working Party**

### **Improving the Environment in the Churchyard**

Over the past 4 years we have obtained new crab apple trees to be planted in the Crab Apple Avenue, a well-loved feature of the Churchyard. I was pleased to see that earlier in the year most of these trees had flowered. I can now report that the trees are bearing fruit and a small number of crab apples are growing on them. Hopefully there will be more to come in future years. These trees replaced much older trees that had died and we hope to be able to plant more next year. The Nursery that provides these trees for us is grafting 3 new ones but they will not be ready to plant until the Autumn of 2023. In the meantime do look out for this year's crab apple crop when you are walking in the Churchyard.

Please join us if you can at our **Churchyard Working Party** on **Saturday August 20th, from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Our main task will be the cutting down of the meadow, ready for the dispersal of the wild flower seeds both in the meadow area itself and in other parts of the Churchyard. We shall also be doing other late Summer work such as pruning, dead heading of flowers and weeding, as well as clearing plants and small trees that are growing in some of the graves. **Tea/Coffee and Cake** will be provided during our **Mid-Morning Break**.

Meanwhile I do hope you enjoy walking through the Churchyard this month. Here are 2 views of The Churchyard in August, 2020, taken by Maureen Brand. Many thanks to Maureen for her excellent photographs. To see photos of the Churchyard taken by her in every month of the year please visit St. Michael's

Website: [www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk](http://www.stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk) Click on Archives, followed by Photo Archive; and finally Maureen's Photos.

Best Wishes To You All,  
Ray Allen





*The Tower Bed, fully planted and flowering well.*

*A large puffball. They grow in Churchyard grass and they have barely visible stems.*



## **A perfect place for a family picnic??**

Elford Hall Gardens, Elford Village [B79 9DA] a hidden gem for you to discover

Are you looking for somewhere to spend a pleasant summer's afternoon for a picnic with family and friends, somewhere a little different and not too far away from Lichfield? Why not take a trip to Elford village, just a short distance from Lichfield through Whittington and Fisherwick? A journey Lyn and I, and our friends, have made many times in recent years.

The Elford Estate was "gifted" to Birmingham in 1936 by Howard Paget, the last Squire of Elford, to be held in trust for the benefit of the people of Elford and Birmingham.

*[The old Hall housed Birmingham's Museum exhibits during WW2 ]*

It was a substantial gift which included a Georgian Hall, 600 acres of prime farmland and numerous other properties including a woodyard, stables, a blacksmith's forge, and several cottages. The Estate extended from Whittington to Elford with farms and cottages on both sides of the river. The Hall fell into disrepair and was declared unsafe and was demolished in 1964. Over the ensuing years Estate property was sold off and now little of the original remains.

In 2009, an action group was formed in Elford and gained permission from Birmingham City Council to allow it to try to rescue the decaying walled garden and to turn it into an amenity to be enjoyed by everyone. And so.... The restoration work began.... With a small army of volunteers getting to work in 2009. Generous funding from a variety of national and local organisations, plus donations of money and materials from numerous sources made the transformation we see today a reality. The action group had many visionary ideas: -

To restore the site and retain as much of its original character as possible.

To make the site free and accessible to all with things to interest people of all ages and abilities

To create a wheelchair accessible Community Garden for all to enjoy.

Throughout the seasons the borders and orchards are alive with the colour of blossom and the sound of happy bees where peace and tranquillity bring delight to the many visitors.

Refreshments are very much a D-I-Y affair (you are encouraged to make your own tea and coffee in the gardens' well-stocked Bothy – for a suitable donation in the “honesty box”)

A walk along the River Tame provides a variety of visual attractions for children (suitably supervised of course)

For more information visit the website at [www.elfordhallgarden.org](http://www.elfordhallgarden.org)

or email [info@elfordhallgarden.org](mailto:info@elfordhallgarden.org)

***Editor***



# WALL NEWS

## Hymns and Pimms,

Sunday 17th July saw the return of Hymns and Pimms after the pandemic. It was very well attended with 44 people in the congregation, some even travelling from West Bromwich to join us.

Revd Abbie led the service which included some very familiar hymns as well as teaching us all a new one, 'How shall I sing that majesty'. She told us lots of interesting information about the hymns and conducted our singing, especially for 'Be Still for the Presence of the Lord'.

I must admit that I threw myself rather enthusiastically into the reading of psalm 150 (and I didn't even have a glass of Pimms until I got home afterwards because I was driving!!)



### Reading: Psalm 150

- <sup>1</sup> Praise the Lord!  
Praise God in his sanctuary;  
praise him in his mighty firmament!
  - <sup>2</sup> Praise him for his mighty deeds;  
praise him according to his surpassing greatness!
  - <sup>3</sup> Praise him with trumpet sound;  
praise him with lute and harp!
  - <sup>4</sup> Praise him with tambourine and dance;  
praise him with strings and pipe!
  - <sup>5</sup> Praise him with clanging cymbals;  
praise him with loud clashing cymbals!
  - <sup>6</sup> Let everything that breathes praise the Lord!
- Praise the Lord!

Thanks must go to St Michael's Choir. It was wonderful to hear the descent being sung to Townend's setting of 'The Lord's My Shepherd'

The Pimms flowed freely and everyone had a wonderful evening.

Thank you everyone who contributed in making it such a special occasion. It was lovely to see so many people that I haven't seen for so long.

We look forward to welcoming you all to St John's again next year.

*Angie King*



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## Bat Walk

Led by Heather Lomas  
in conjunction with SE Staffs Bat Group

**Saturday 27 August at 7:45 p.m.**

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**Meet in the car park.**

**Under-18s must be accompanied by a responsible adult.**

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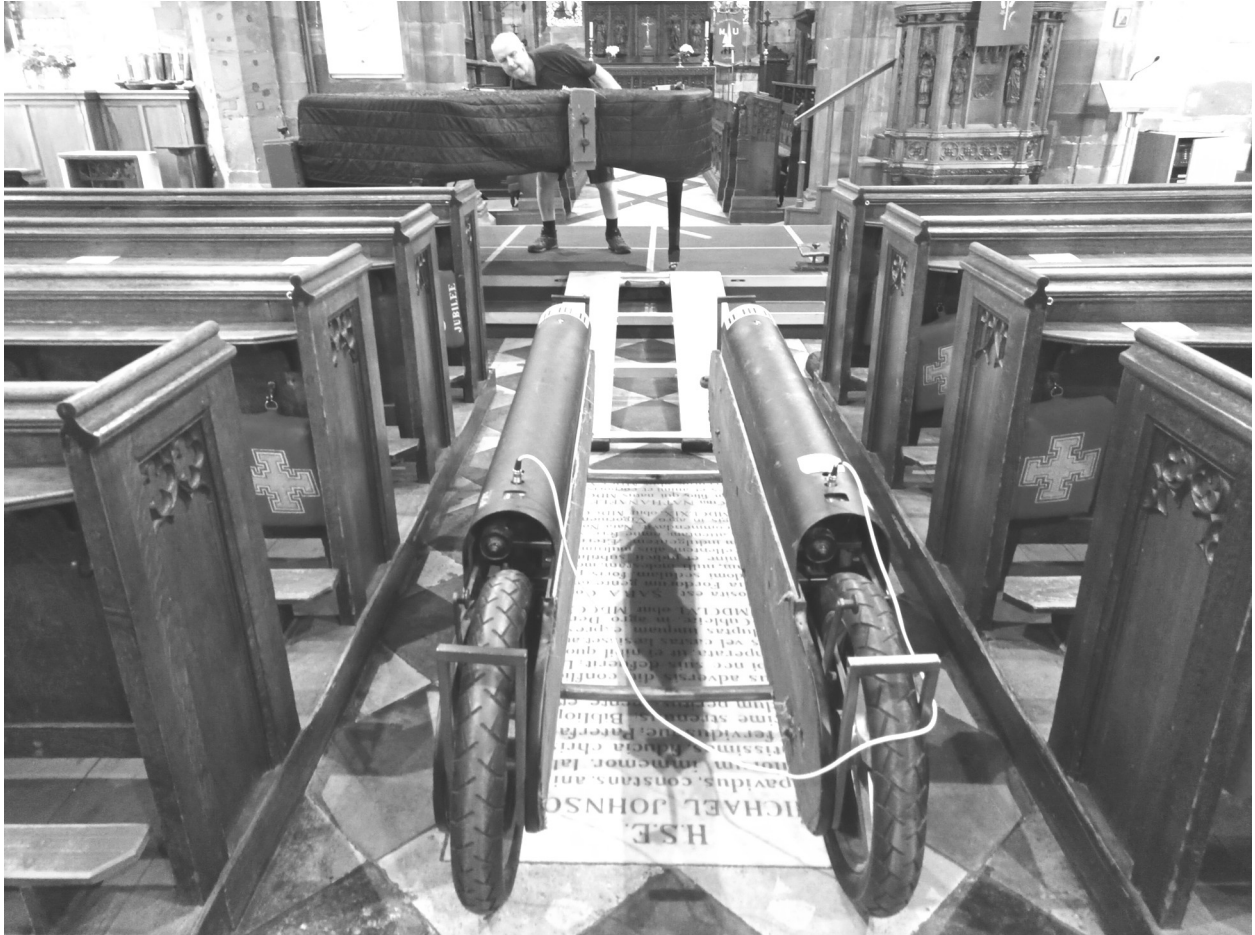


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## QUESTION:

How does one man move a grand piano all by himself?



## ANSWER:

By using this very special piece of electronically controlled machinery.

## News from the Hawksworth Family in China

No news this month as the Hawksworth are away at the moment.

## PROVERBS PRAYERS

### 14.29

A patient person is very smart.

A quick-tempered person makes stupid mistakes.

patience

### 15. 18

A quick temper causes fights, but patience brings peace and calm.

### 16.32

It is better to be patient than to be a strong soldier.

It is better to control your anger than to capture a city.

*ERV (Easy to read version)*

*Loving Father, thank you for being patient with me. I know that you will always be there for me, waiting for me with kindness and love.*

*Jesus help me to be patient with all the people that I meet and in all the various situations that I find myself in, especially when things aren't going well, when I'm running late, I'm feeling overwhelmed or tired. Show me how to be patient in every single moment of my life. Help me to learn how to let go and let God work in me to keep me calm and be at peace.*

*Patience is one of the fruits of the Spirit. I pray to the Spirit for help when having patience is hard. Guide me in my weaker moments and help me to remember that being patient is not the ability to wait but the ability to keep a good attitude while waiting.*

*I ask this, in Jesus name.*

*Angie King*

"Patience is the  
companion of wisdom."  
*Augustine*

## MEMORIAL BOOK

Having the name of a loved one written in our Memorial Book is another way of remembering their life. The Book is kept in the case in the Prayer Corner and the pages are turned twice a week, so that names are visible through the glass on the date of their death. It costs £10 to insert a name.

Please complete this form and return it to

✉ Parish Office, St Michael's Church, Church Street, Lichfield, WS13 6ED

✉ office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk

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# *From the Registers*

<b>Baptisms</b>		
St Michael's	26th June	Sienna Jane Furneaux
St Michael's	16th July	Amelia Victoria Bourne

<b>Weddings</b>		
St John's	14th July 2022	Shaun Anthony Andrew Bellingham & Nicola Jane Alsop

<b>Funerals</b>		
St Michael's	6th July	Gordon Parry Cracknell (interment of ashes)
St Michael's	14th July	Arthur Douglas Palin (interment of ashes)
St John's	19th July	Susan Ann Goodwin (interment of ashes)
St Michael's	19th July	Patricia Margaret Nixon (interment of ashes)

# Bible Readings

**Sunday 7th August**

**Transfiguration of Our Lord**

**[White]**

2 Peter 1.16-19

Luke 9.28-36

**Sunday 14th August**

**The Blessed Virgin Mary**

**[White]**

Revelation 11.19—12.6,10

Luke 12.49-56

**Sunday 21st August**

**Trinity 10**

**[Green]**

Hebrews 12.18-end

Luke 13.10-17

**Sunday 21st August**

**SAID EVENING SERVICE**

**Trinity 10**

**[Green]**

Isaiah 30.8-21

2 Corinthians 9

**Sunday 28th August**

**Trinity 11**

**[Green]**

Hebrews 13.1-8,15-16

Luke 14.1,7-14

**Sunday 4th September**

**Trinity 12**

**[Green]**

Philemon 1-21

Luke 14.25-33

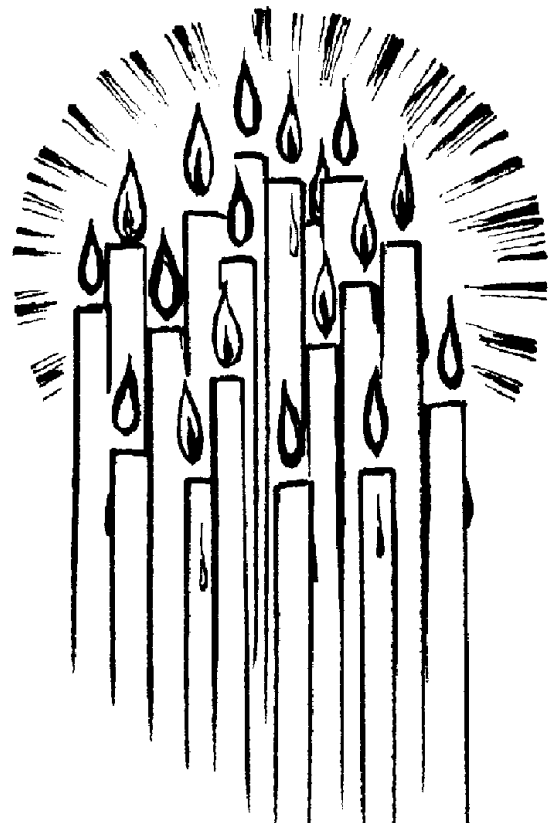
**Sunday 11th September**

**Trinity 13**

**[Green]**

Exodus 32.7-14

Luke 15.1-10



# St Michael's Rota – August 2022

<b>Sunday 08.00 am</b>	<b>7 August</b>	<b>14 August</b>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>28 August</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b>	David Bull	Brian Smith	Brian Smith	Sandy Baker

<b>Sunday 10.00 am</b>	<b>7 August</b>	<b>14 August</b>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>28 August</b>
	<b>Family Praise</b>			
<b>Sidespersons</b>	Enid Barry Brenda Liptrot	Viv and Stephen Oliver	Judy and Mike Godfrey	Pat Toplis Elizabeth Allen
<b>Reader</b>		Maureen Brand	Mike Godfrey	David Easton
<b>Servers</b>		N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Communion Assistant</b>		N/A	N/A	N/A
<b>Intercessor</b>		Alan Toplis	Stephen Barton	Alan Toplis
<b>Coffee</b>	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones	June Frayn Judy Godfrey	Brenda Liptrot Shirley Trelfa	Betty Lyne Veronica Morris
<b>Healing</b>				TBA

<b>Sunday 12.30</b>	<b>28 August</b>
	<b>Baptism</b>
<b>Reader</b>	TBA
<b>Intercessor</b>	TBA

<b>Sunday 6.00 pm</b>	<b>7 August</b>	<b>14 August</b>	<b>21 August</b>	<b>28 August</b>
	<b>No service</b>	<b>No service</b>	<b>Said Evening Service</b>	<b>No service</b>
<b>Sidesperson</b>			Margaret Frean	
<b>Reader</b>			Margaret Frean	
<b>Communion Assistant</b>				

## ..... and Finally

### Lichfield “City of Sanctuary”

Established here in Lichfield in 2019 by a small group of Lichfield residents committed to working towards the recognition of Lichfield as a **“City of Sanctuary”**.

### **Sanctuary - a place of safety, security, and rest**

**“City of Sanctuary”** is a national movement established in Sheffield some 15 years ago and now with over 100 cities, towns and villages working to nurture a culture of welcome and hospitality, celebrating the contribution of people seeking sanctuary in the UK and to make the UK a welcoming and safe place for all who suffer discrimination and exclusion due to displacement immigration, poverty, abuse, sexuality, disability, and violence.

**“City of Sanctuary”** works alongside individuals and organisations to support people in Lichfield, especially newcomers, who face any/ or all, of the above to co-ordinate welcome and support for those who need it and challenges visions of Lichfield that exclude any individual or group that live and work here by holding events, exhibitions, campaigns, and meetings to engage and inform about issues that are of concern to all.

**“City of Sanctuary”** believes that Lichfield is an open-hearted City where all are welcome and treated with respect and understanding and works to make Lichfield a supportive place that provides sanctuary and support to those who need it especially. the most vulnerable in our society.

For further information see City of Sanctuary’s website at <http://Lichfield.cityofsanctuary.org> or by e-mailing [nigelgann@lichfield.cityofsanctuary.org](mailto:nigelgann@lichfield.cityofsanctuary.org).

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