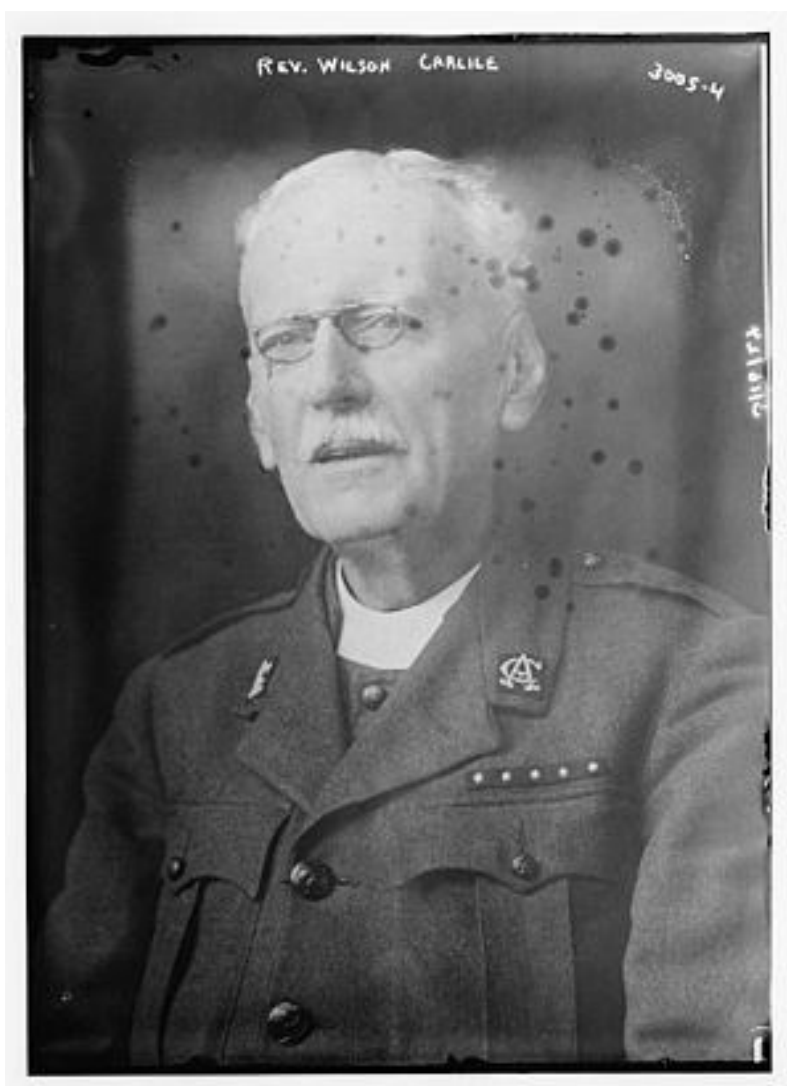


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Reflections for September

As I look at my calendar for September, I see that I have many family and friends' birthdays and anniversaries. There is also our Church birthday at the end of the month with the celebration of St Michael and All Angels on Sunday 29th September. This service will be like the last few years where our morning service will be at 11am followed by a bring and share lunch. Refreshments and Sunday papers will be available from 10am. Chris Baker will be presiding at the service this year as he celebrates 30 years of being ordained priest. A very special occasion.

This special day initiated a look back on what has happened in our Church over the last 12 months and what does the new year bring for us all. At our APCM there were several highlights many of which have seen improvements to our worshiping space whilst also keeping an eye on our finances. The biggest achievement though must be the sale of the Church Hall and the opportunity that brings for the development of our Church.

At the end of June St John's had their special day and I was privileged to share with the congregation thoughts on the naming of John the Baptist. A very familiar story to us all where God always fulfils his promise. God promises that he would send a messenger who would be the forerunner to the Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. That messenger was John. God fulfils his promise at the birth of John, by the naming of John, and through the destiny of John.

Music is very important to me and I spend much of my leisure time listening to music, participating in music or going to see live music. There is nothing that beats a live music performance and all the emotion and memories that it evokes. Driving on long journeys I invariably listen to Classic FM. Recently I heard 3 pieces all played one after the other that sparked thoughts of particular life events of mine.

The first was Nigel Kennedy playing one of my favourite violin concertos. This was the Mendelsohn one. It was my love of violin music that inspired me to start to learn to play the instrument when I was 10 years old at primary school. I have seen Nigel play this concerto live and it will not have escaped your knowledge that he is a keen supporter of my football team Aston Villa and he often is seen playing a violin in the team colours of claret and blue.

After this there was the anthem 'God so loved the world' from Stainer's Crucifixion. This is one of the first pieces of Church music that I sang at St Mark's Church, Salford whilst at university. Not only does this anthem remind me of the important parts of my faith but also of the happy times I had at university as I met my wife on my first day whilst apprehensively waiting to be enrolled on my course in mathematics. Only last week we celebrated 37 years of marriage.

The final piece of music I heard was the shepherd's thanksgiving after the storm from the pastoral symphony by Beethoven. This is the final movement of a truly uplifting symphony. It is my favourite symphony because of the story that is told and the beginning of my journey of faith. Whilst the whole story is too long to share with you now one of the important messages that I receive from this music is that the shepherds are called to faith and to follow a message. The message I receive is one of love.

Whilst away celebrating my wedding anniversary there was a concert in the hotel entitled memories. Another couple were celebrating 65 years of marriage. They were asked by the performer what was the secret of a long and happy marriage. Their answer was never to go to sleep on an argument and to have a relationship with God. I thought to myself how very appropriate.

Messages of love are shared throughout the bible. However, one passage immediately springs to mind that of Paul's first letter to the Corinthians chapter 13. Basically, what the Lord is saying is that without love nothing else matters. He says that it's through our love

for others that we show the world that we know and love God. Loving God and loving others should then be our number one priority.

Love is the greatest of all the qualities that we as Christians are to possess. The Bible also talks about love being more than merely words we speak, it's also communicated through our actions. The Apostle John said, "Dear children, let us not love with words or speech but with actions and in truth." Love isn't something we talk about, it's more than merely a feeling, it's more than just a thought we may have. Love is something we put into action every single day. Love is then more than a lifestyle; love is actually a way of life.

Blessings

Phil

LOVE

Is patient and is kind
Doesn't envy
Doesn't brag
Is not proud
Doesn't behave itself inappropriately
Doesn't seek its own way
Is not provoked
Takes no account of evil
Doesn't rejoice in unrighteousness
Rejoices with the truth
Bears all things
Believes all things
Hopes all things
Endures all things
Never fails

1 CORINTHIANS 13:4-8

Chad Blog The Bishop's Pastoral Letter for August 2019



Bishop Geoff challenges us: are we fit for purpose?

In my last Pastoral Letter in April, I expressed the hope that Brexit would have gone smoothly and everything would be wonderful!

Things have not gone as many hoped and frankly you do not need me to tell you what a mess our Nation seems to be grappling with. Please continue to pray for all our MPs and especially whoever happens to be Prime Minister by the time you read this. Pray too for the healing of divisions within our (far from) United Kingdom, between young and old and between friends and within families (including the Family of the Church). Prayer works where so much else fails.

Someone once wrote that 'Society at its worst needs the Church at its best' and while so much attention is necessarily focused on our relationship with Europe and post Brexit trade, there is a real need for us as the Church to keep reminding those who are elected to govern this country that there are also many pressing domestic issues that need their attention – housing; education; health and well-being; effects of climate change; challenges facing our agricultural sector and rural communities etc etc – I am sure you can add to the list!

I firmly believe that we have to offer a voice to the voice-less and through our daily living out of our faith come alongside those who are struggling in the cities, towns and villages of our Diocese of Lichfield.

Our 'mandate' comes not from the electorate but from Jesus Christ – his own example and his command that we should care for one another expressed so directly in Matthew 25:31ff. We have to ask ourselves if we are a 'sheep' or a 'goat' – we know what we should be doing and we have enough Saints to remind us that through the Grace of God and with the guidance of the Holy Spirit our Lord's will can be

done. But we also have to ask ourselves the hard question: 'Are **we** fit for purpose?'

The Prayer of Intercession in the Book of Common Prayer Communion Service urges us to 'pray for the whole state of Christ's Church militant here in earth'. The 'militant' Church is the visible earthly Church as opposed to the Church 'triumphant' that is invisible in Heaven. On earth the Church is militant in that it daily battles with the powers of darkness – in Heaven it is triumphant because it has overcome those powers of darkness.

We are the Christian Church on earth and we must be prepared to make our concern for all people visible by our militancy. There is no point 'talking the talk' unless we are prepared to 'walk the walk'!

There are so many good examples within our Diocese where this is already happening and through its social concern the Church is militant. But there is so much more that we could be doing to serve our local Communities. I have always thought that the House of Bread in Stafford offers an amazing template for what more of us could be doing. The doors are open to all and the welcome is truly inclusive and hospitable. Refreshments are readily available but more importantly people are there to listen and to talk with one another in a friendly and non-judgemental manner. Prayer and Bible study are offered in an unfussy way alongside practical help with people's immediate needs (usually about finding somewhere to sleep) and there is a willingness to come alongside people and help them in their dealings with the various authorities.

It is no wonder that The House of Bread has been honoured with The Queen's Award for Voluntary Service but itself is honouring God through the ministry that it is offering. If your Church is at present closed for most of the week how about asking what you might be able to do to make it more militant in your own community – and bring your Church and your own faith alive!

Every blessing, +Geoff



The World's Biggest Coffee Morning, in aid of **Macmillan Cancer Support** is happening this month and once again we are joining in

at **St Michael's Church.**

Our coffee morning will be on **Saturday, 28th September**
from 10am to 12noon

Bring a cake along or come and buy a slice and enjoy the company.

Everyone welcome!

St Michael's Patronal Festival 2019

Michaelmas

Each year we celebrate our Patronal Festival around the last weekend of September.

The events for this year are:

Tuesday 24th September

9.30am St Michael's School Michaelmas Communion – in Church

Everyone is invited to come and join with the pupils, staff and parents as we celebrate the links between our church and our school.

Saturday 28th September

10.00am Macmillan Coffee Morning - in Church

See details on opposite page

10.00am St Michael's Walking Group

The group will meet in church for coffee and then head off for their walk at Norton Bog

7.30pm Needwood Singers Concert

Tickets available from the parish office or at St Michael's church services on Sundays

Sunday 29th September

8.00am Holy Communion

11.00am Patronal Festival Holy Communion and Lunch (please note the time!)

Guest preacher: The Revd Roger Baker, Superintendent Minister of the Tamworth and Lichfield Methodist Circuit and minister at Lichfield Methodist Church.


Before the service from 10.00am morning coffee and refreshments will be available.

After the service there will be lunch for everyone from around 12.30pm

Worth taking a few minutes to think about.....

“Imagine yourself as a living house. God comes in to rebuild that house. At first, perhaps, you can understand what He is doing. He is getting the drains right and stopping the leaks in the roof and so on; you knew that those jobs needed doing and so you are not surprised. But presently He starts knocking the house about in a way that hurts abominably and does not seem to make any sense. What on earth is He up to? The explanation is that He is building quite a different house from the one you thought of - throwing out a new wing here, putting on an extra floor there, running up towers, making courtyards. You thought you were being made into a decent little cottage: but He is building a palace. He intends to come and live in it Himself.”

— C.S. Lewis, *Mere Christianity*



**CHILDREN ARE A HERITAGE
FROM THE LORD, OFFSPRING
A REWARD FROM HIM.**



Psalm 127:3

Sunday 8 September

Lord Jesus, you said “Let the little children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of heaven belongs to such as these.” (Matt 19:14). You value children and want them to know that they are loved. Give strength and wisdom to those who go into schools and engage with students that your message of hope will be received by everyone who hears it. Amen.

From the Church Army Prayer Diary <https://churcharmy.org>

Regular Services and Worship in the Benefice

Regular Services at St Michael's Sundays

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

2nd Sunday

10:00am Family Praise

Regular Services at St John's Sundays

10am Holy Communion

Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

Other Services at St Michael's Sundays

1st Sunday 12:30pm

Holy Baptism

2nd Sunday 6:00pm

Holy Communion

3rd Sunday 4:30pm

Messy Church

4th Sunday 6:00pm

Choral Evensong

Tuesday

School Service

Wednesday

9:30am Holy Communion

Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

Wednesdays

6.30pm Girls Choir

7.15pm Other parts &
St Michael's Singers

Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

Prayer Group, St Michael's.

For information contact
June Frayn (264920) or
Brenda Liptrot (251863)



Baptism

Preparation First Tuesday at
8:00pm at St Michael's

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Parish Surgery

For Baptisms, Banns and Weddings, staff are available at the Parish Office in St Michael's Church, Church Street on the **1st and 3rd Saturday mornings** in the month by appointment only.

Please telephone 01543 262211 or email office@stmichaelmaryjohn.org.uk to make an appointment.

Deadlines!

For **OCTOBER** 2019 Magazine:

Deadline is

MONDAY 16TH SEPTEMBER

Contact David Bull

Pew Sheet:

7:30am

every Thursday Morning.

Contact Parish Office

CHILDREN'S SERVICES & ACTIVITIES

First Steps



Monday 9th Sept
10am St Michael's

Family Praise



Sunday 8th Sept
10am St Michael's

Come and join us at our ...

MESSY CHURCH

for craft, story, song and food on



Sunday 15th September

4.30 – 5.45pm

in St Michael's Church
Ages 0-11 yrs. welcome

Wilson Carlile, founder of the Church Army, 1942

Wilson Carlile was born in 1847 in Brixton. He suffered from a spinal weakness all his life, which hampered his education. He entered his grandfather's business at the age of thirteen but soon moved on and learnt fluent French, which he used to good advantage in France trading in silk. He later learned German and Italian to enhance his business, but was ruined in a slump in 1873. After a serious illness, he began to take his religion more seriously and became confirmed in the Church of England. He acted as organist to Ira D Sankey, during the Moody and Sankey missions and in 1881 was ordained priest, serving his curacy at St Mary Abbots in Kensington, together with a dozen other curates. The lack of contact between the Church and the working classes was a cause of real concern to him and he began outdoor preaching. In 1882, he resigned his curacy and founded the Church Army, four years after the foundation of the Salvation Army. He continued to take part in its administration until a few weeks before his death on this day [26 September] in 1942.

[Source: *Report on the Calendar, Lectionary and Collects, 2000*, by The Liturgical Commision of the Church of England, July 1995.]

THE CHURCH ARMY'S HISTORY

Imagine a church that is full of people who are worshipping God together, content with the Sunday services and happy with things as they are. Along comes a young curate on fire with the gospel wanting to spread the Good News to people who wouldn't dream of setting foot inside a church. In 1882 this was the dilemma which Wilson Carlile faced. In response he established Church Army with a vision to train ordinary Christian men and women to reach those most in need with the gospel. As Church Army grew Carlile also focused the charity's work on the slums of Westminster – one of the darkest spots in London.

1880s and 1890s

In 1883 Church Army was officially recognised by the Church of England. Also that year Church Army Training College opened in Oxford, which was shortly followed by a Women's Training College in 1889. Other highlights included the establishment of a series of men's and women's homes, social work in the slums, prison missions, and horse drawn mission caravans which travelled from town to town.



1900s

At the turn of the century the need to support those facing unemployment became a strong focus. In 1905 more than 350,000 men received temporary residential care in Church Army homes and marquees. There were also a number of new initiatives launched including pioneer tent missions, beach missions, the Church Army Printing Press and the making of cinematic films for evangelism and publicity.

World War One

The First World War saw Church Army working both at home and overseas providing much-needed recreation huts for the armed forces. At their peak these huts welcomed more than 200,000 men each day. Alongside this Church Army also operated ambulances, mobile canteens and kitchen cars. Following the end of the war Church Army opened training centres for men who had been left disabled by the fighting and the first of Church Army's Motherless Children's Homes was also opened.

World War Two

The Second World War again saw Church Army active with the forces all over Europe and at home, especially during the blitz. Evangelist, Winifred Dawes, recalls: “During the blitz I was asked to open up a tea car on platform one of Paddington Station for soldiers passing through. We opened at 8.00am and closed at 1.30am... Church Army also cared for local people who sheltered in underground stations.”



1950s to 1980s

As a new age dawned many evangelists were employed to work with children and young people – the future generation. Dedicated youth centres were built and significant relationships developed with Scouting and Guiding. Church Army’s parish work and residential work also continued which included homes for the elderly and hostels for homeless men and women.

Now

Today, Church Army continues to build on the foundations laid by Wilson Carlile. Our vision is for everyone everywhere to encounter God's love, and be empowered to transform their communities through faith shared in words and action. This is at the heart of all Church Army does as it gives hope to those most in need; the homeless, women experiencing prostitution, those battling addictions, young offenders, the elderly and children and young people to name a few.

<https://churcharmy.org/Groups/290554/Church Army/web/Who we are/>

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

This month we have been out and about a bit more than usual. At the beginning of August we had an outing to the Plant Plot garden centre for afternoon tea. (You didn't think I could write a report without mentioning tea or cake or scones, did you?) It was a delightful afternoon so those who wished to indulge in a little retail therapy had every opportunity. It was good to see our less active members after a break. There is always someone to offer lifts.

Two days later several members attended Choral Evensong at the Cathedral which focussed on the life of Mary Sumner, the founder of the Mothers' Union. Some of our members were among the 40-strong choir from various local branches and all banners were paraded.

Family service later that week also featured Mary Sumner. As a vicar's wife in Hampshire she was eager to help her poorer neighbours and their families but she was too shy to speak to them or invite them to meetings. Fortunately her husband coaxed and supported her until she could cope independently. From such unlikely beginnings came this world-wide organisation with a leader who had no doubt of the good which women could do.

As a very neat tie-in to the story of Mary Sumner, Simon told us how he had lived at the vicarage in Alresford when his own father was the incumbent.

Betty Lyne



UNITED BENEFICE WALKING GROUP



We had an enjoyable, yet rather wet walk at Branston Water Park in July, just 2 days after the warmest July day ever recorded in the UK. The weather didn't put us off. We walked along the Canal, and then had coffee at The Hub, although some walkers drank their coffee in the cars! After coffee we walked around the lake and viewed the wildlife, which included a very attractive Summer Meadow. We then made our way to The Blacksmith's Arms for a good lunch.

Join us for our September walk at Norton Bog, led by Angie.

We will meet at St Michaels Church on Saturday 28th September, at 10.00am.

We will begin our walk with coffee at St Michael's, where there is a Coffee Morning in aid of the Macmillan Nurses.

We will then set off for Norton Bog, parking at the The Station Cafeteria,
Chasewater Heaths
Railway Station,
Station Approach,
Chasetown,
Staffordshire,
WS7 3PG



We will be walking around the various habitats that Norton Bog has to offer—open scrub, woodland, bogs and pools. There is plenty of wildlife to see and if we are lucky we may see the deer again. The majority of the paths are well surfaced but some are rough paths, especially the ones through the woods. The distance to walk is 3 miles. Dogs are welcome.

Our walk will end at the Station Café where we will be having our lunch. I will need to know your food order before Thurs 26th Sept. Menus will be at the back of church and Ray will email copies out to regular walkers too.

We should be back in Lichfield by 2pm.

My contact details are ☎ 07785988716 ✉ angieking000@gmail.com

Angie

Ray Allen. 01543 251654



Did you know.... Jesus was a Jew?

It can be easy to forget this as He is often pictured as a European just like us!

Jesus was born into an observant Jewish family and, like all Jewish boys, was circumcised on the eighth day after his birth.¹ This was a physical sign of the covenant between God and Israel.

When he was 12 we find him at the Temple in Jerusalem for the feast of the Passover. If you remember he got lost because he was so busy listening to the Jewish teachers and asking them questions that he got left behind.²

He attended the synagogue regularly and took an active part in the Sabbath services.³

He wore the traditional clothing of a Jew. Do you remember the woman who was healed by touching the 'hem' of his garment? This is the attempt to translate the word *tzitzit* which refers to the tassels or fringes which Jews have worn since antiquity to remind them of the Law, the Torah. These days a modern Orthodox Jew wears these on the four corners of his prayer shawl.

I have a child-sized prayer shawl, pictured on the next page. If you would like to see it, have a word with me.

1. Luke 2. v.21

2. Luke 2. vv.41 - 52

3. Luke 4. vv.14.-16



Jesus kept the Torah, the Law. He stressed that he had not come to alter the Law in any way.⁴ What he did was to apply it more strictly. He maintained that not just the letter of the Law but the spirit of it should be obeyed. He applied the command 'to love your neighbour' to enemies as well as friends. In fact the Law can be summarised quite simply '*Love the Lord your God with all your heart and mind and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind and Love your neighbour as yourself.*'⁵

4. Matthew 5.vv. 17-20

5. Luke 10.vv.27-28

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD

Wednesday July 17th. was Judging Day for Lichfield In Bloom. The weather was dry, sunny and warm, enabling the judges to see the Gardens and other Open Spaces at their best.



The day started at Three Spires Care Home where we were introduced to the 2 judges; and then taken on a Guided Tour of the Outside Areas of the Home. There were lots of excellent, well planted containers, with much vibrant colour. We then left the Judges to go on their journey around Lichfield looking at all the entries which formed the City's Entry.

The Judges arrived at St. Michael's Churchyard at 1.00 p.m. and seemed pleased with the work we have been doing and the progress made. **The results will be announced at a special event at Dunchurch on Thursday September 5th.**



I would like to thank all members of **The Churchyard Working Party**, who did a tremendous amount of work on the Saturday before Judging Day and on the morning of July 17th. itself. Their efforts are very much appreciated.

The photograph shows Michael Toplis speaking to one of the Britain In Bloom Judges about the Churchyard Project.

We re-commence our monthly Working Party sessions this month after a break during August. We will be meeting on **Saturday September 14th., from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m.** Refreshments (Tea/Coffee/Cake) will be served during the Mid-Morning Break. If you would like to start helping at the Churchyard Working Party Sessions, please come along on September 14th. You will be made very welcome.

Our other Autumn Session Dates are Saturdays October 26th., and November 23rd., from 10.00 a.m. to 1.00 p.m. on each occasion.

Ray Allen 01543 251654



LARGE COPIES of the magazine are available on request

St. Michael's Film Club

1. Dumbo

(112min. Cert PG 2019) Adventure, Family, Fantasy

A young elephant, whose oversized ears enable him to fly, helps save a struggling circus, but when the circus plans a new venture, Dumbo and his friends discover dark secrets beneath its shiny veneer.

Monday 2nd September

1.30pm start

Refreshments £3.00 from 1.00pm.

St. Michael's Church

All welcome.

Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211

2. Fisherman's Friends

(112min. Cert 12A 2019) Comedy, Drama, Music

Ten fisherman from Cornwall are signed by Universal Records and achieve a top ten hit with their debut album of Sea Shanties.

Monday 7th October

1.30pm start



A new guest reviewer, Susan Young, has written her comments on the film "Stan and Ollie" shown at the July Film Club. The review of the August Film Club film "All is True" by David Easton follows below this.

Film Review - Stan and Ollie

Not being a great Laurel and Hardy fan I didn't really know what to expect from this film but i am so pleased to have seen it.

It's a gentle, sweet story of two of cinema's most legendary comics. It is a delight, with great performances, a few laughs, and many genuinely touching moments. Focusing mainly on the duo's later career in which they undertook a theatrical tour in the UK, Stan & Ollie focuses on the characters and their love for one another. It includes one crucial sequence from their early days which informs a later issue in their relationship. Something which creates a 'fine mess'

But in essence this film is, full of lovely moments that give an insight into friendship and as such is worth cherishing.

The two leads are excellent; they look and sound just like the real thing and have amazing chemistry together.

I loved the two supporting actresses Henderson and Arianda who were equally superb as the wives; they have their own bickering,

hilarious, touching relationship outside of their relationship with their husbands.

Oscar-nominated screenwriter Jeff Pope (Philomena) is behind this affectionate film. Its only real downside is that younger kids who don't (yet) know Laurel & Hardy's work may find it difficult to fully appreciate their swan song. But the funny parts are funny enough to appeal to just about anyone.

“All is True”

It is a truth universally acknowledged that a film about Shakespeare must be in need of a plum role for Judi Dench. As “All is True” is set at the end of his life, Queen Elizabeth is dead so our national treasure plays Anne, née Hathaway. In the role of his wife, she still speaks some of the well loved lines from the plays and sonnets, as quotations are worked into the script. Add Kenneth Branagh (the Bard himself, who doesn't really remind you of David Mitchell in TV's “Upstart Crow”) and Ian McKellen (time worn glamour boy Earl of Southampton) giving us Shakespeare's words – what's not to like?

The film plays tricks on us all the time, as the snippets we know of the poet's life are woven into a narrative which explains the fascinating gaps. Beware – as one character says, “Nothing is true”! Scholarly detective work feeds an ingenious and plausible plot line, so it's as you like it.

This is a beautiful film to look at, evoking a vanished rural Warwickshire, the Forest of Arden. The excitement of the London stage is memory, the heroes and villains are dead, and the Globe Theatre itself is only shown as the flames of its destruction. The superstar Shakespeare has retired to cultivate his garden, to come to terms with the early death of his only son and be reconciled with his neglected wife and daughters. Whatever is true, the words survive down the centuries.

WALL NEWS

Ramblings September 2019

Earlier in the year I was given some fascinating information about the role of Churchwardens. I refrained from writing about this then as I thought such an article could deter anyone from wanting to take on the role today. Now we safely have churchwardens appointed, this is what they are missing.....!

Churchwardens in the 16th century were officers of the Bishop who, as today, were required to keep the fabric of the church maintained in good condition. From 1538 they also had to keep the registers of all baptisms, marriages and deaths in the parish. Not very different from today then... However there were other duties... In those days the Churchwardens had to levy the local rate for the maintenance of the church and to manage any livestock or lands which had been bequeathed to the parish so that there was a decent income from the rents.

They were also in charge of supervising church attendance. This required monitoring behaviour during services, noticing absentees and spotting any irregularities in the liturgical conduct of the clergy. In the 16th century they also had the task of policing and reporting any moral misdemeanours of their neighbours to the ecclesiastical courts. I wonder how popular that made them?!

In the 16th century the Churchwardens were not among the wealthiest residents of the parish but they were comfortably and solidly placed on the local social ladder. In 1559 a Parliamentary Act of Uniformity was passed which ordered that non-attenders at weekly worship should

pay a fine of 12 pence for each offence (that must have been very expensive in those days!) This law was not repealed until the 19th century!

Times have changed....

Don't worry, as one of your churchwardens, I am not looking to increase funds by fining absentees! And I am not aware of any livestock belonging to the church unless you include rabbits.....

WALL WOMENS' INSTITUTE REPORT FOR JULY 2019

SWEET MEMORIES!

Don't we all love a taste of something Sweet. Our speaker this month was Kath Reynolds who delighted us with all the childish delicacy memories of yesteryear and, of course, what we also consume today. Apparently during the war a carrot on a stick was had because of the sweet ration, but that ended in 1949, and things didn't get better until around 1953, when 12 oz a month was available.

Would you believe smarties began in 1882, and jelly babies in 1885, of which we still eat in their thousands today. One of my favourites was spangles, but no more, perhaps we may see them again in the not too distant future. From fruit gums to liquorice allsorts, sherbert fountains, it was a trip to savour. Chocolate too, Hot chocolate began in 1824 by Cadbury, and the first Easter egg was in 1875. The memories of the chocolate adverts over the years, from the a finger of fudge, the Yorkie truck driver, to the Milk Tray superhero who defied death to reach his love with a box!

From sweets to strawberries, our refreshments tonight and tinned peaches, the peaches were a favourite for Sunday teatime with

carnation cream in my childhood.

A few reminders on the agenda a Craft Club at County Office on 17th August, and in September crochet for beginners. Walking netball has restarted at Stafford.

We listened to the Report on the A.G.M. results and discussions regarding the Resolutions regarding the Decline in local bus services and Don't fear the Smear.

All Resolutions were passed.

The coach visit to Bradwell Derbyshire is Saturday 10th August to visit the Open garden.

The August meeting will be in the style of a Social evening.

As it is the main holiday season for families and friends, I wish you all a sunny and relaxing August.

Margaret Wilcox

Vice President

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Camas Family Praise

Please join the Camas Group 2019 at Camas Family Praise at St Michael's on **Sunday 8 September at 10 am**. The theme of the service will evolve from the experiences of the group at Camas on 18-24 August. As I write, that may be Rain! You can be sure that the young people will take a full part and that it will be fun for all. Gabriel Hawksworth will also be christened at the service, which will be a special link between the Choir and Music Group, many of whose members will be on Mull this year, and the ongoing Camas project. *Ted Green*

Samuel Johnson Celebration

The Samuel Johnson Celebration will take place in Lichfield Market Square at noon on **Saturday 14 September**. St Michael's Combined Choir will be singing at the event, as has become usual over the past few years. Please come along to support them.

And Finally...

...the best prayer is to rest in the goodness of God, knowing that goodness can reach down to our lowest depth of need.

Mother Julian (1342-1416)

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St Michael's Rota – September 2019

Sunday 8.00 am	1 September	8 September	15 Sept	22 Sept	29 Sept
Sidesperson	Sandy Baker	Martin Dewes	Sandy Baker	Brian Smith	Martin Dewes

Sunday 10.00 am	1 Sept	8 Sept Family Praise	15 Sept	22 Sept	29 Sept 11.00 am Michaelmas
Welcomers	Maureen Brand	Brenda Eley	Pat Toplis	Alison Anketell	Angela Burgess
Sidespersons	Judy and Mike Godfrey	Viv and Stephen Oliver	Lynn and David Edge	Barbara Homewood Pat Toplis	Mike Jones Ray Allen
Reader	Mike Godfrey		Kay Martin	David Easton	Elizabeth Salt
Servers	Kay Martin David Shiel		Phil Clayton Kay Martin	Maggie Easton Elizabeth Allen	Maggie Easton Kay Martin
Communion Assistant	Ray Allen		Sheila Vaughan	Elizabeth Allen	Maggie Easton
Intercessor	Ted Green		Phil Clayton	Stephen Barton	Trevor James
Coffee	June Frayn Betty Lyne	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones	Judy Godfrey Anne Lingwood	Brenda Liptrot Shirley Trelfa	
Healing				Lesley Allen David Easton	
Transport	Elizabeth Allen	Brenda Liptrot	Ron Plimmer	Ray Allen	Ron Plimmer
Flowers	Brenda Liptrot	Brenda Liptrot	TBA	TBA	Diana Baker and Team

Sunday 12.30 pm	1 September Baptism		Sunday 6.00 pm	8 September Communion	22 Sept Evensong
Reader	Kay Martin		Sidesperson	Margaret Frean	David Shiel
Intercessor	Lynn Edge		Reader	Margaret Frean	Lyn Shiel
Server	Kay Martin		Communion Assistant	Ray Allen	

Bible Readings

Sunday 1st September
11th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

Hebrews 13.1-8, 15-16
Luke 14.1, 7-14

Sunday 8th September
12th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

Philemon 1-21
Luke 14.25-33

Sunday 15th September
13th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

1 Timothy 1.12-17
Luke 15.1-10

Sunday 22nd September
14th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

1 Timothy 2.1-7
Luke 16.1-13

Sunday 22nd September
EVENSONG

12th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

Ezra 1
John 7.14-36

Sunday 29th September
Michael & All Angels
[White]

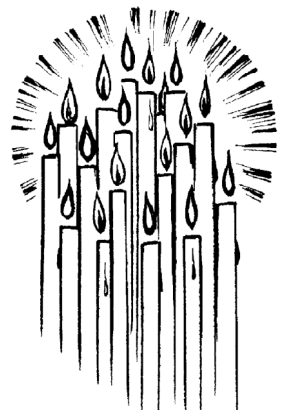
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Sunday 6th October
16th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

2 Timothy 1.1-14
Luke 17.5-10

Sunday 13th October
17th Sunday after Trinity
[Green]

2 Timothy 2.8-15
Luke 17.11-19



From the Registers



Baptism

St John	28th July	Erin Penelope Caddy	3 mths
St Michael	4th August	Kaylee Jayde Harvey	9 yrs
St Michael	4th August	Lauryn Millie Ashleigh Harvey	5yrs
St Michael	4th August	Lucas Riley Bryan Harvey	6 mths
St Michael	4th August	Michael Ryan Harvey	11 yrs
St Michael	4th August	Lucy Mary-Jane Allen	5 mths



Wedding

St Michael	3rd August	John William Myatt & Eleanor Kate Elcock	
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At Rest

St Michael	16th July	Anne Edwina Betty Jones	69
St Michael	18th July	Joan Patricia McGowan	92

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