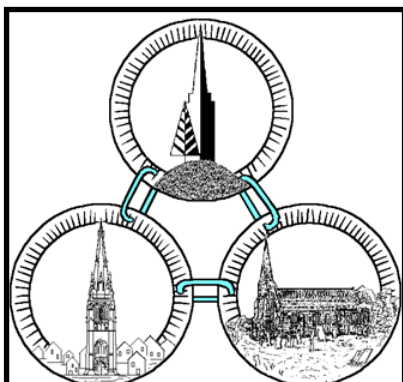


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Reflection January

It's the last day of November as I sit down to write this reflection. Magazine deadlines wait for no man! I have retreated to my workshop, a quiet thinking space, using my old desktop computer which earned me a lot of money at the end of my working life.

Pinned to the wall around me are several photographs which look back to past times. A particular favourite is one of Elizabeth and our spaniel Poppy, two spaniels ago. They are standing on the cliff top, overlooking St Catherine's light house on the Isle of Wight, one of our favourite places. It's warm, the sun's out and the horizon is misty. Happy days, happy memories.

Time passes, and the circle of life moves on. It's the same with the seasons. Our garden is going to sleep now. Most of the leaves are off the flowering cherry, although the apple tree still has some. The perennials are dying down and the first frosts have made me get the dhalias in for winter storage. But, everything is resting, ready for spring. Already some sneaky snowdrops have their green leaves up to herald the start of spring, but mostly the ground rests

In this time of resting, we have the chance to celebrate. To celebrate the arrival on earth of the Son of God, Jesus Christ. It is still the season of Christmas in the Church, and we have celebrated through worship and song, through Gospel stories and Christian tradition.

The celebrations continue into January, with the naming and circumcision of Jesus being noted on January 1st, but it is with the feast of the Epiphany, on January 7th, that the baby Jesus is revealed as king, high priest and son of God.

What's an epiphany? In today's language, a "lightbulb moment", a revealing, when something puzzling becomes clear. *The Epiphany* for us, about who Jesus is, comes from the stories in the Gospels.

The most relevant story to Christmas concerns the Wise Men from the East, who came to Jerusalem looking for "the one who has been born king of the Jews". After many twists and turns and a brush with the local ruler, Herod, they find the baby Jesus in a house in Bethlehem, in Judea. The star they had been following pointed the way to the house, and on entering they found the Child with his mother. The wise men present their gifts, Gold, Frankincense and Myrrh.

Gold for a King.

Frankincense for a High Priest

Myrrh, a spice used in embalming, forshadowing Jesus' death

The second part of the Epiphany is set some thirty years later, at the start of Jesus' ministry, and is the Baptism of Christ. To some Christian churches, this is the main reason for the celebration of Epiphany, but in the Church of England is noted on the day after Epiphany.

John the Baptist is baptising in the Jordan and Jesus comes to be baptised.

And when he came up out of the water, immediately he saw the heavens being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. ¹¹ And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; [a] with you I am well pleased."

So at Epiphany, we see and celebrate Jesus as King, High Priest and Son of God. This is our core belief that sets Christians apart.

As we end January, the season of celebration ends with Candlemas on the 28th. Jesus is taken to the temple so that his parents can follow and comply with the Law of Moses, which required every first male child to be dedicated to God, and for the mother to be purified through a sacrifice to the Lord. While they are there, they meet Simeon, who has been promised that he will not die until he has seen the Christ.

When Simeon sees Jesus, he takes the child in his arms and gives thanks to God and asks for his release from waiting, in the words that we know as the Nunc Dimittis.

By this time in the Christian year, the end of January, we will be in the grip of winter. At the beginning of 2018. What will the year bring for us? There will inevitably be ups and downs, happy times and sad. That picture of Elizabeth and Poppy was taken over fifteen years ago, at a happy time. It's 12 years since Poppy died, then there was Molly and now we have Bertie, still only a teenager in dog terms! As I sit here putting the finishing touches to this reflection, he is next to me, dozing

The cycle of God's creation goes on, guided by His hand, as are we, so as we go forward we wish everyone a Happy New Year and let's not forget to live our lives trusting in our God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit.

Peter Salt

Farewell to Denise

Since 2009 the United Benefice has been blessed with the presence of Revd Denise Youngs, first as Deacon and Curate, and then as Self-Supporting Associate Minister. What a blessing and what a presence this has been!



Denise has natural pastoral gifts and sensibilities, and many have been blessed by these, whether individually or in group settings like Beechfields, Darwin Court, Loughton Court or the Day Centre (the last two now closed or closing). She has headed up St. Michael's Pastoral Visiting Team with great care, and been a real enabler of other people's gifts, gently guiding into perhaps unfamiliar areas of ministry. A woman of many talents, Denise has also operated with great skill at the other end of the age groups, taking on, and building up, the links with Abacus Nursery in their termly visits to church. A founder member of Messy Church and always there!

At St. John's Denise's self-effacing and calm leadership has been a huge gift to the life of the village and the church community. She has always 'gone the extra mile' to deepen the links with the village, and her wonderful 'Wall Village Carols' will linger long in the community memory! 'Tea and Cakes', 'Praise and Play', 'Knit and Natter', 'Cakes and Camera', all began when the Mott Room was completed (and how hard, with others, she worked on that!) some her direct

responsibility and all seeking to raise the profile of church in the village. Here too, her pastoral gifts have been a source of great comfort and help to many. And as for 'Hymns and Pimms' a Tradition! Cake – LEGENDARY!

Her great care, compassion and attention to detail coupled with her deep sense of prayer and spirituality mean that worship, weddings, funerals and baptisms led by Denise invariably enable those present to glimpse afresh something of God.

Perhaps above all, Denise has *always* 'had the back' of the Benefice – she can always be relied upon to lead, support, or help in any situation. In the inter-regnum we would hardly have managed without her untiring efforts, and the Ministry Team will have a big Denise-shaped hole. She is the most amazing volunteer priest.

There is so much more that could be said of the breadth and depth of Denise's service to us – make sure you tell her! Denise now moves on to a new phase of her life and we will miss her hugely. Farewell services with goodies afterwards are **Sunday January 28th 10am at St John's and Sunday Feb 4th 10am at St. Michael's**. She leaves with our great gratitude and heartfelt thanks, and every good wish for a wonderful future. We have been privileged to know her as a person and a priest. Always gracious and generous in every way, her service leaves a lasting imprint on the United Benefice, and especially St. John's. 'The Lord bless you and keep you' Denise – Shalom, and we WILL come and see you!

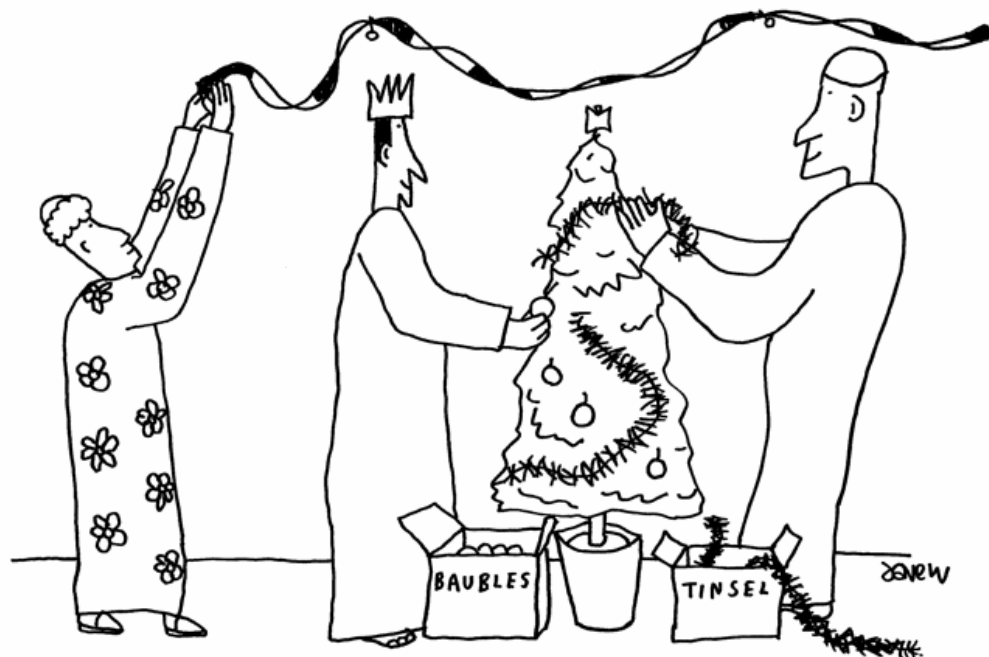
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Saturday 6th Jan *The Epiphany*

Global: O God, who revealed your only Son to the Gentiles by the leading of a star, mercifully grant that we, who know you now by faith, may after this life enjoy the splendour of your gracious Godhead, through Jesus Christ our Lord. **Amen**

Prayer for the Week: God of time and eternity,
alpha and omega, beginning and end,
our future and our hope, bless us now,
in your unconditional love,
that this may be a year of grace,
for us and for all humanity. **Amen.**
(Looking Towards Tomorrow, Dreamers and Stargazers, Chris Thorpe 2017)



EPIPHANY: THE WISE MEN /
TAKING DOWN THE CHRISTMAS DECORATIONS

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

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
Church Hall

4th Sunday 6:00pm Choral Even-song

Tuesday

School Service

Prayer Group, St Michael's

2nd Wednesday of the month

Contact June Frayn (264920)

Brenda Liptrot (251863)



Praise & Play

1st Friday 10.30am

St John's



Bells Practice

Every Thurs 7:30pm, St Michael's

Regular Services at St John's

Sundays @ 10am

1st Sunday - Holy Communion

2nd Sunday - Holy Communion

3rd Sunday - Morning Prayer

4th Sunday - Holy Communion

5th Sunday - Wall Praise

Baptism @ 11.30am

4th Sunday

Music in the Benefice

St Michael's Church

Wednesdays

6.30pm Girls Choir

7.15pm Other parts &
St Michael's Singers

Monday before 2nd Sunday

Baptism

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

Parish Surgery

Every 1st and 3rd Monday by Appointment from 6:30pm at the Parish office in St Michael's Church. Please call

TRAVELLING IN ARMENIA

Recently, we published some of **Charlotte Bull**'s experiences of travelling in Armenia. Here is her second episode.....

Morning broke on day two in Stepanavan; time to set myself up for the day with a hearty breakfast. In 'Laura's B&B', this transpired to be a frying pan full of fried peas. A rogue choice and I can't help but feel one that was caused by my unannounced arrival the day before – I imagine she hadn't had a chance to get anything else in for breakfast. Grateful for the bread and apricot juice that helped me wade through the plentiful peas, I quickly made tracks.

The first excursion for the day was to Lori Berd fortress built in the 11th century. Perched on the edge of a cliff with a good view over the mountains beyond, this was getting dangerously close to conventional, pleasant tourism. There was a guard present, charged with patrolling the site, but who then hopped in his car as I left to crawl alongside me, repeatedly asking if I wanted a lift. After my repeated refusals, he eventually sped off, leaving me alone with the occasional cow as I wandered through the village of Lori.



Lori Berd Fortress

Having made it back to “downtown” Stepanavan, it was time to head to the town's top attraction - the museum dedicated to Stepan Shahumyan, (after whom Stepanavan is named) built around the original house where he and his family spent their time. Entering into

the museum, I was greeted by a booth full of bored women, overjoyed at seeing their first tourist of the day (week? month?). I got my ticket and declined a guide, preferring to pay less and have the chance to take in the exhibition myself. However, the guide had already clearly been summoned and I was told to wait until she arrived.

An older woman with a heavy cold was to be my oracle of museum information. Feeling once again a little guilty for having disturbed her, I tried to be the most attentive of guests. As we shuffled around the museum's exhibits, through blocked sinuses and a bundle of cardigans, the woman filled me in on the post-1917 history of the town. Whilst she focused on local history, it reflected much of Armenia's century as a whole; revolution, Soviet-era industrial boom, a devastating earthquake in 1988, (killing tens of thousands of people in northern Armenia and destroying infrastructure and scores of buildings, some of which have not been rebuilt to this day), lost sons in the Nagorno-Karabakh conflict in the early 1990s, unemployment and population drain bringing us to the present-day.

We then came to what I had thought was the museum's *pièce de résistance* – Shahumyan's house, preserved in its original form. Upon entering however, my guide explained that actually it was unlikely he had spent much time there, pointing out that "he really did spend a lot of time in exile". But, his family certainly spent their holidays there and the conversation about the various trinkets found in the rooms lifted the mood somewhat from our previous topics of conversation – a nice way to round off my visit, or so I thought.

The museum had one more delight up its sleeve, namely an art exhibition of late-Soviet and contemporary art from the creative metropole that is..... Stepanavan. My very considerate guide thought that I would like to have some time alone to fully 'appreciate' the works, meaning she waited 5 yards away from me, closely observing my reaction and waiting for my appraisal. By the time we reached the section displaying small bits of wood painted by local primary school children, I was flagging.



The walk back to the "B&B"

Re-emerging into the drizzle of the late afternoon after what felt like an age, I realised there was only one place to head - back to my dear 'B&B'. Opening the front door, Laura's head suddenly shot out from the bathroom door to greet me before ducking away again to carry on with her shower. Securing her permission to have a shower of my own, I emerged refreshed and ready to catch up on the next instalment of my Armenian-dubbed Indian soap that I loved so much.

Sure enough, the TV was on and dinner was waiting. The table was be-decked again with an abundance of food and I did my best to get through the mass of it. Attempting to declare defeat, Laura pointed out to me the cup of, what I had thought to be sour cream of some sort, that I had yet to tackle. She plonked it in front of me and handed me a spoon. I wasn't done yet! What type of dairy product this actually was remains unclear to this day, too thick for yoghurt, too thin for cheese, nor was it the Armenian yoghurt *matzoon*. Whatever it was, it sure was potent.!

It was also the final test Laura had in store for me and with that, I was allowed to sign her treasured guest book. I thanked her for introducing me to Indian soaps and for my stay – yes, it was unorthodox, not necessarily what I was looking for and I'm not sure I'll be back, but it was fun and gave me a real taste of something although I'm not sure of what.... Farewell Stepanavan!

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This will be collected by January 15th 2018.

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THANK YOU to everyone in our parishes who delivers the magazine and collects the annual subscriptions.

Barbara Homewood

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Contact the United Benefice Office

on 01543 262211



In Memory

The floodlights at St Michael's were lit on
November 30th 2017 in loving memory of
Ben Birchall's son

In Memory

The floodlights at St Michael's were lit on
December 2nd 2017 in loving memory of
Minnie McBrien

In Memory

The floodlights at St Michael's were lit on
December 24th 2017 in loving memory of
3 generations of the

Barnes Family 1884-2013

The floodlights at St Michael's will be lit on
December 31st 2017 in memory of

Alan Mountford

Who died on 31st December 2010



St. Michael's Film Club

1. Hampstead

(Cert 12. 103min. Romantic Comedy. 2017.)

The hilarious, heart-warming story of widow (Diane Keaton) who finds love with a man (Brendan Gleeson) living on Hampstead Heath when they take on the developers who want to destroy his home.

Monday JANUARY 8th. 1.30pm start

Refreshments £2.50 from 1.00pm.

St. Michael's Church Hall
(behind Aldi). All welcome.

Contact: Parish Office 01543 262211

2. Victoria and Abdul

(Cert 12. 107 min. Drama. 2017.)

The unexpected true story of an unusual friendship in the later years of Victoria's reign. Stars Judi Dench, Ali Fazal, Eddie Izzard.

**Monday February 5th.
1.30pm start**

Widowed Emily (Diane Keaton) is adrift and struggling to keep her flat in London's high-toned Hampstead Village when she becomes intrigued by the self-sufficient recluse, Donald (Brendan Gleeson), she discovers living in a shack in a quiet corner of Hampstead Heath. Curiosity leads to friendship and unexpected late-life love.



Diane Keaton's forte, her distinctively nervous, awkward charm, has worn beautifully well and borne her along triumphantly in an astonishingly long reign as a romantic-comedy queen — the Elizabeth II of romcom, if you will. But it's the great Brendan Gleeson who's the biggest surprise here. He's shown us intimations he can be tetchy but loveable — in *The Guard*, at least, he was a character you could conceivably hug, and maybe the *In Bruges* guy — but in this small, pleasant but unremarkable affair he's cute, breezy and bright-eyed even when he's in grumpy mode. He may look like a breaching, gingery whale emerging from a bathe in one of the Hampstead ponds, but this is a man you would happily hang out with on a picnic under Karl Marx's Highgate Cemetery headstone or a stroll through the British Museum.

The story here — written by Robert Festinger (principally known for the powerful Todd Field film *In The Bedroom* — an entirely different kettle of fish) — is said to have been “inspired” by the life of Harry ‘The Hermit’ Hallowes. Interpret that as “very loosely” inspired. Harry was also an Irishman who lived rough on Hampstead Heath for years and successfully challenged property developers by claiming squatters' rights, receiving title to his little shack and patch of land. Harry had brushes with the film world, having done odd jobs for locals including Terry Gilliam, but it's probably safe to assume he was less fragrant than Gleeson's dear Donald and certainly did not find romance in a Diane Keaton shape. Harry's recent death will at least spare him the intrusions of location tourists, who may be inspired by the film's invitingly photogenic use of the Heath and environs to trample about much as determined sightseers still do in Notting Hill, asking in vain for directions to Hugh Grant's bookshop.

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCHYARD MANAGEMENT PLAN

Following the Churchyard Surveys and meetings of The Churchyard Group, the St. Michael's Churchyard Management Plan has been produced by Harriet Carty on behalf of **CARING FOR GOD'S ACRE**, a Charity that gives help to Churches wishing to improve the management of their Churchyard.

The Plan includes a Map which divides the Churchyard into **3 Zones, A, B and C.**

Zone A is the Open, accessible area near to Church. It has specimen trees, receives much management and is mown regularly by Lichfield City Council contractors. It is planned to have a new planted flower area near to Church.

Zone B consists of Open Woodland. There are lots of tree saplings which are to be thinned by volunteers. A new Meadow area is to be created in this zone.

Zone C is the large outer area of the Churchyard. This area has dense bramble and scrub. It is difficult to access. There will be a small amount of management here, mainly to ensure the area is safe and that brambles do not spread into Zone B. However, most of the work will begin after the main 3 year Management Plan period.

A 3 Year Plan of work has been drawn up, indicating work that needs to be done every year and new work in each individual year.

Much of the work will be done by volunteers. **A Churchyard Working Party** has been set up and 2 sessions have already been held. Bramble removal, cutting down saplings, pruning and general tidying in Zone A has been the focus of work so far completed by the Working Party.

The Management Plan gives clear and detailed advice on the future management of the Churchyard, how people can be involved and the educational opportunities provided.

Our first Working Party of 2018 will be held on **Saturday January 13th**, **from 10.00 a.m. to 1.30 p.m.** Tea/coffee and biscuits will be provided. If you would like to come along and help, if only for an hour, please let me know.

The photograph shows the large area towards the bottom of the Church Drive following much clearing and pruning by the Working Party.



Ray Allen 251654



United Benefice Walking Group

We had an excellent visit to The National Memorial Arboretum in January, led by Hilary. One of the memorials we saw was the very moving Evacuees Memorial. Linda Hoskins' granddaughter Eve has been learning about wartime evacuees and Linda composed this poem which I'm sure helped Eve in her learning about them.

Evacuee poem.

I stood on the station
Afraid and alone.
I didn't want to go
I wanted to go home.

Where was I going?
A house or a farm?
Would they be nice people?
Would they do me harm?

The steam train came in
with a hiss and roar
I'd never seen a steam train before.

My worldly possessions
in a brown paper bag
How would I manage?
This was all that I had.

It was crowded and stuffy
With no place to sit.
I stood in the corner and sobbed quite a bit.



How long was the journey?
How long would it take?
My eyes were all puffy
My feet start to ache.

The train pulls into the station
Destination unknown.
Many children alighted, but all felt alone.

I was not the only one
Whose journey had ended but only just begun.

Our first walk of 2018 is a **local walk at King's Bromley**. We meet at **St. Michael's at 10.00 a.m. on Saturday January 20th.**, and then drive to the **Car Park of All Saints Churchyard**.

We shall begin the walk by looking at the Church and Churchyard and then having coffee in Church. **The Rector of All Saints is The Reverend Ty Leyland** who was Curate at St. Michael's when the late Derek Smith was Rector.

After coffee we will order our lunch at **The Royal Oak** pub and then go on our walk, looking at village buildings and going into the pleasant countryside adjoining the village. The walk will end at the pub.

The walk is around **2.5 miles long** and is completely flat with no stiles. It may be a little muddy in places so please wear sturdy boots or shoes. We should be back at **Lichfield at around 2.30 p.m.**

Do join us if you can for this New Year walk close to home, the first of our monthly walks in 2018.

Ray Allen. 251654





St Michael's Mothers' Union
will be holding a

Lent Lunch

**on Saturday 3 March 2018
from 12 noon – 2 pm
in the Church Hall**

***Soup, bread, tea/coffee
Cakes for sale***

Tickets £3.50p or £10 for family of 4

***Available at the 10 am service
at St Michael's
or from Elizabeth Allen
01543 304938***

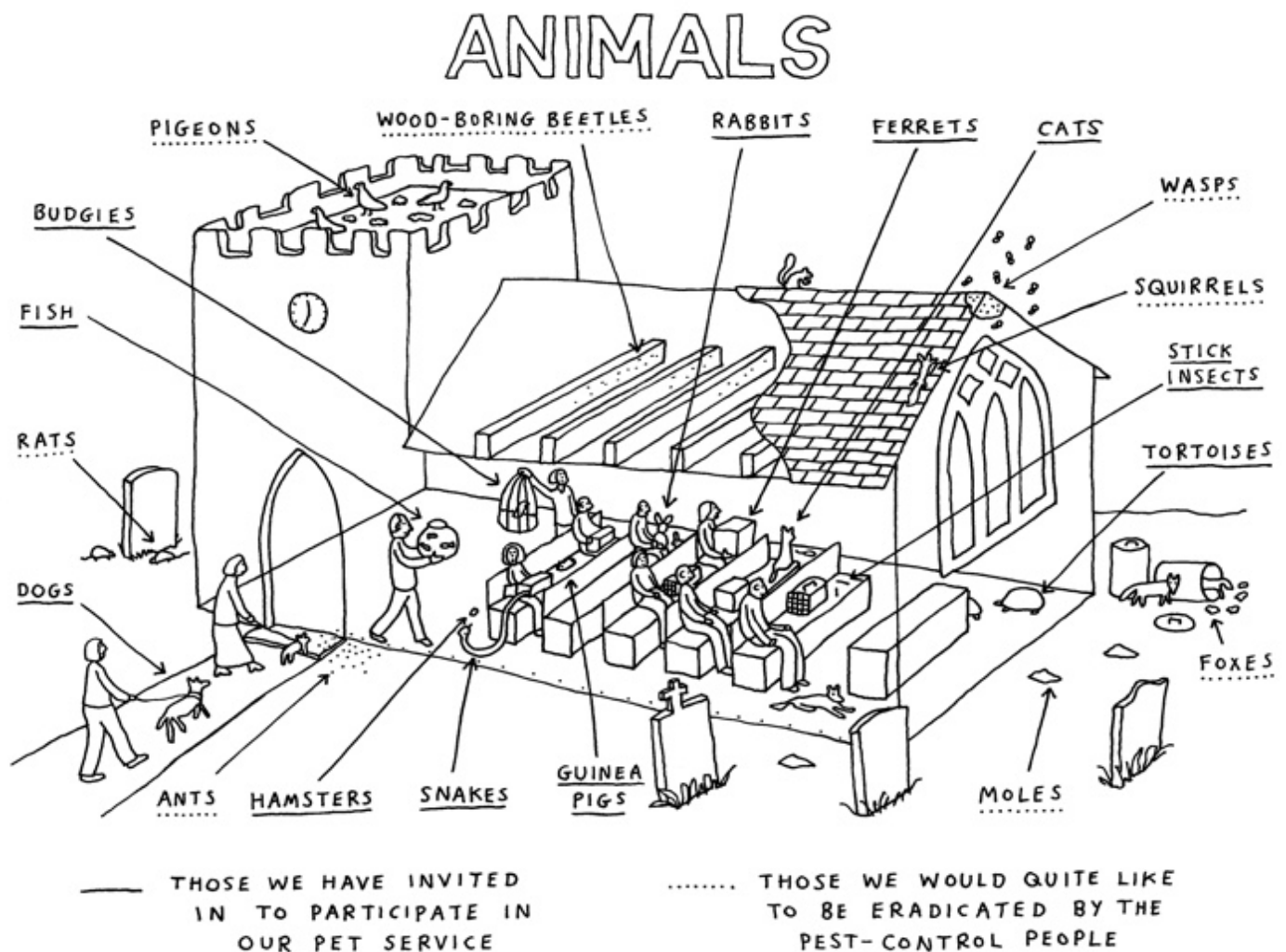
LICHFIELD WILDLIFE GROUP

There will be a bird walk led by Phil Ward
At Chasewater
on Saturday January 6th
at 10:00 am
meet in the main Chasewater car park, WS8 7NL

Many Thanks

Peter Norbury

(Programme Secretary, Lichfield Wildlife Group)



WALL WOMENS INSTITUTE

MINUTES FOR OCTOBER/NOVEMBER

As the speaker for our October meeting was unable to be there, due to unforeseen circumstances, we had the opportunity to discuss our own Annual Show. Members talked freely about their ideas and options open to members for the future and the possibility of new ideas. It was a lively debate and we will have a meeting in January, when it is a little quieter to talk about the Show.

The trip to Tewkesbury and Monmouth was thoroughly enjoyed. Various campaign action packs are available regarding *Ending Plastic Soup*, and *Helping to alleviate Loneliness*.

The Group Meeting at Hammerwich was all about "Signing". It was a jolly night with us all taking part in the language of signing with music.

Markets Day at Stafford Showground was attended by Pat Brennan and Margaret Wilcox and we had the pleasure of being entertained by a beautiful tenor by the name of Adam Smith who sang songs from the shows. He had previously been in the musical *Billy Elliot* and now was involved in productions with the young people near to his native Yorkshire.

The afternoon speaker was John Craven of *Newsround* and *Countryfile* fame. He talked about his T.V. career and various interesting facts, and he also is a Yorkshireman.

It was a lovely day and I would thoroughly recommended it if you get the opportunity to go. Markets Day is organized by the members who regularly make and supply home-made food for the stalls of markets all over the country, and they are on the look-out for new members.

Our November meeting was all about bread. Eugene and Margaret Schellenberg came to visit and talk about their project to install a bakery in Tanzania. They visited Ifakara in the Kilombero District of Tanzania where their son was a doctor and met the Sisters of St. Francis who had a vision to run a bakery.

Eugene had been responsible for exporting British made goods for many years, mainly electrical domestic appliances and food service equipment for Kenwood. His wife Margaret had been a Domestic Science teacher, so with their experience and knowledge they decided to help the people of this region. Their staple food was maize and when their crops failed there was much hunger. Eugene and Margaret decided to go home and raise £30,000 to buy the equipment needed for a bakery. In 2001 they went back to install and commission all the equipment as well as to teach the Sisters the art of making bread, and the safe handling of the machinery

For many this daily bread is a lifeline, and since 2001 the Free Bread Fund has been set up for those who could not afford their daily bread. Many hospitals, schools and leprosy centres are now receiving help; also the funding from those who can buy the bread has enabled a better water supply, education, irrigation and electrification. Bread is the Staff of Life, and with the help of Eugene and Margaret, and their commitment, this food continues to be available to all the people in Ifakara where it is making a substantial difference. It was very humbling to listen to all the work being undertaken by this couple.

Remember:

2018 will be 100 years since some women got the right to vote.

Margaret Wilcox

Bible Readings

Sunday 7th January

Epiphany

[White]

Ephesians 3.1-12

Matthew 2.1-12

Sunday 14th January

2nd Sunday of Epiphany

[White]

Revelation 5.1-10

John 1 43-end

Sunday 21st January

3rd Sunday of Epiphany

[White]

Revelation 19.6-10

John 2.1-11

Sunday 28th January

Candlemas

[White]

Hebrew 2.14-end

Luke 2.22-40

Sunday 28th January

EVENSONG

Candlemas

[White]

Exodus 13.1-16

Romans 12.1-5

Sunday 4th February

2nd Sunday before Lent

[Green]

Colossians 1.15-20

John 1.1-14

Sunday 11th February

Sunday next before Lent

[White]

2 Corinthians 4.3-6

Mark 9.2-9

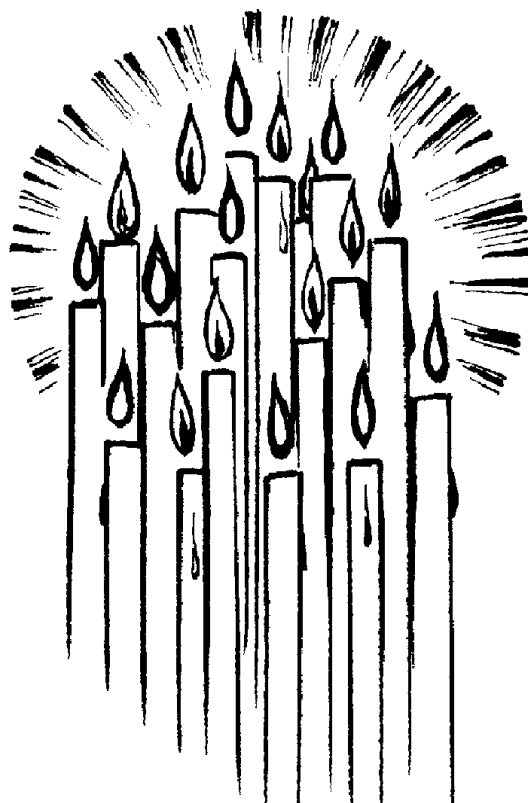
Wednesday 14th February

Ash Wednesday

[Purple]

2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.10

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21



From The Registers



Baptism

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Wedding



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At Rest



St Michael's	21st Nov	Albert William Crombleholme	81
St Michael's	21st Nov	Martina Mary Balant	53
St Michael's	22nd Nov	Suzanne Rosemary Evans	53
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St Michael's	6th Dec	Lucy Mary Jenkins	87
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St Michael's Rota - January 2018

Sunday 8.00 am St Michael's	7 January	14 January	21 January	28 January
Sidesperson	Sandy Baker	Brian Smith	Martin Dewes	David Bull

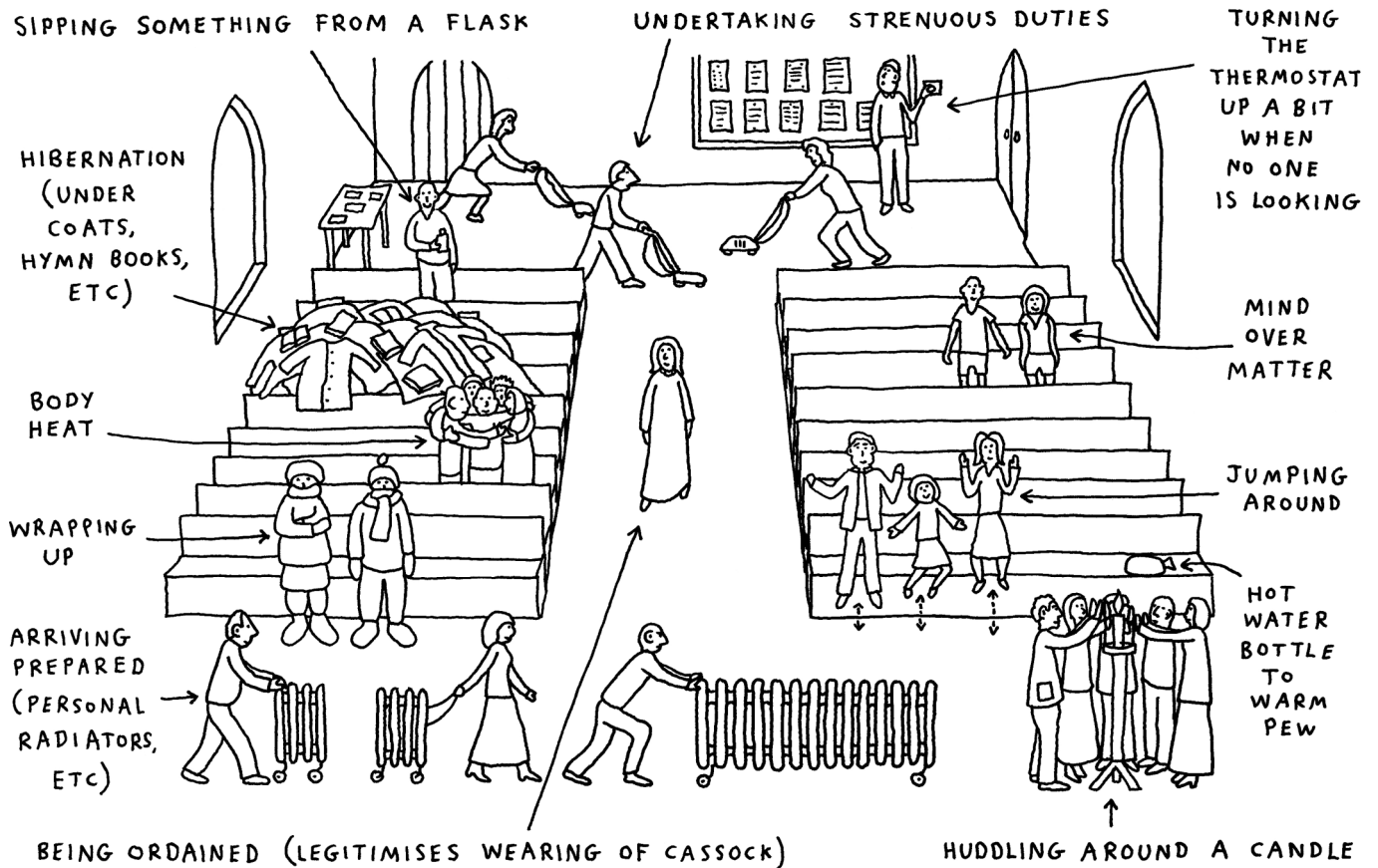
Sunday 10.00 am St Michael's	7 January	14 January Family Praise	21 January	28 January
Welcomers	Mary and Robert McAllester Jones	Brenda Eley	Maureen Brand	Alison Anketell
Sidespersons	Lynn and David Edge	Judy and Mike Godfrey	Caroline and Ted Green	Joan and Ken Sharman
Reader	Angela Burgess		Ted Green	Alison Staines
Servers	Kay Martin Elizabeth Salt		Kay Martin Elizabeth Salt	Maggie Easton Elizabeth Allen
Communion Assistant	Sheila Vaughan		Elizabeth Salt	Elizabeth Allen
Intercessor	Amy Staines		Caroline Green	Stephen Barton
Coffee	June Frayn Betty Lyne	Elizabeth Allen Trish Jones	Angela Burgess Shirley Trelfa	Judy Godfrey Anne Lingwood
Junior praise	TBA		TBA	TBA
Healing				Sheila Vaughan John Polhill
Transport	Betty Bradbury	Elizabeth Allen	Brenda Liptrot	Ray Allen
Flowers	TBA	TBA	TBA	TBA

Baptism 12.30 pm	7 January	Reader	Intercessor	Server
		TBA	TBA	Elizabeth Salt

Sunday 6.00 pm St Michael's	7 January	14 January	21 January	28 January
	No service	Communion	No service	Evensong
Sidesperson		David Rock		Margaret Frean
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