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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DROITWICH SPA

We do weddings!

The Weddings Project is a major new initiative by the Church of England to encourage couples to look more seriously at the possibility of getting married in church whilst helping clergy and lay people think more imaginatively about ways of supporting those who want a church wedding.

Many couples think that getting married in church will cost much more than they can afford, but closer investigation shows that, depending on what they choose, church weddings can be very budget conscious. Many also fear that they may not be welcome unless they are regular churchgoers, but there is a warm welcome for all couples who want to explore the possibility of marrying in church. Some think the rules about church weddings are too difficult, but to help both couples and clergy, and in response to changes in social mobility, last October the law was changed making it easier for couples to marry in any church where they have personal or family connection.

Several dioceses, including Worcester, are taking part in pilot projects to explore more fully the best way to help both wedding couples and churches and a dedicated website has been set up at www.yourchurchwedding.org which

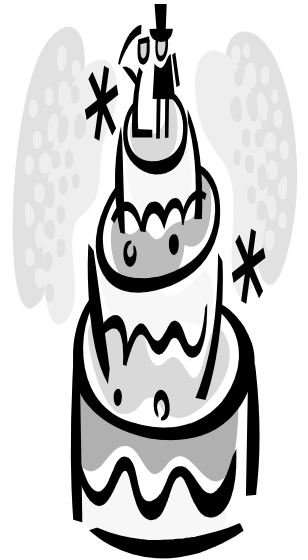
includes a wedding planner, answers to questions and guidelines for clergy on liturgical, pastoral and legal matters.

As well as helping them with their wedding day, the project aims to extend continuing care and support for couples in their marriage. It also wants to build a growing sense that the Church of England is an enthusiastic believer in marriage, and offers everyone some food for thought. For example, did you know that the Church of England marries 54,000 couples a year and that half the population say they go to a church or a chapel for a wedding in any

year? Has it occurred to you that the church is the only wedding venue offering couples the opportunity to think before the big day about what it will mean to make their vows, or that will support them afterwards too?

The church also recognises that one in five couples already has a child when they come to discuss a wedding and so wants to welcome the whole family in celebrating a new chapter for everyone.

Droitwich is one of the parishes which has been invited to participate in the Weddings Project. If you'd like to know more please visit the website or speak to our Pastoral Missioner, the Revd David Owen.



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Terrific talented turnout

In the last few weeks amazing contributions towards our 2009 'Talents' fundraising project have been arriving at the Parish Office. To date, the encouraging sum of over £3500 has been raised. Do you recall how it all began? Back in the early summer we were invited to sign up to receive £10 from the parish which we could then use in any way we liked

(providing it was legal, decent and honest!) to increase the value of that £10, and we took the parable of the talents as our inspiration.

When we sent in our profits we were invited to say, if we wanted to, how we had raised the money. Here are just a few examples from those who gave permission for their names to be used:

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A good read

Why read the Bible this year? After all, few of us are short of things to do. For many of us reading the Bible is one of those 'oughts', or what my parents used to call things 'for the long winter nights' – a mythical time which never quite arrived when garages would be tidied, classic books read and photographs put in albums. Generally though when there is something we say we would like to do, but never get round to it, there is a reason. Often people don't read the Bible because they think it will be too hard to understand, or because they think an old book won't give straight answers to the issues of their life, and aren't sure they would like it if it did!

All of that is to misunderstand the Bible. God has not given us a cryptic book of instructions, which if only we could decode would then give us an answer for every situation we face. The Bible's purpose is to allow us to meet God – the stories, the poetry, the letters, the prophecies are there not so much to give us instructions but to help us understand God better – to renew our minds so we think God's way.

Think about someone you admire and respect. Do you avoid listening to them because you think they will be too hard to understand or because they won't give straight answers to issues in your life? No. You listen knowing that you will only get to know them gradually, maybe some things will always elude us, but over time we get to know them better. And of course they don't tell us what to do, but gradually we are able to 'think like them' in the situations we face.

That is what reading the Bible achieves for us. As we read it in all its glory, its confusing bits, the pieces we like and those we don't, we gradually understand God more, and our thinking becomes more attuned to his. Then as we make the thousands of small decisions which we all face day in day out, we can have confidence that we are walking God's way. As the long winter nights are here, give it a go. Don't worry about what you don't understand or finding answers - knowing God better is the point.

Canon Dr Jeremy Duff

Director of Lifelong Learning in the Diocese of Liverpool

A warm welcome for 82,000 people across the UK

The annual 'Back to Church Sunday' initiative for getting people back into the habit of church-going is gaining pace. The Church of England churches welcomed back 53,000 people on Back to Church Sunday 2009, which was an astonishing 71 per cent increase on 2008. All in all, in churches across the UK, more than 80,000 people 'came back' to church on that Sunday in September last year.

Giving for Life

There has been a very encouraging response to our parish Christian Giving initiative, and we warmly thank everyone who has responded so far to show support for our ministry and mission in this way. We hope to be able to publish some information about the effect of these responses in the near future.

But meanwhile, what's happening to giving across the church nationally? According to the latest statistics from the Church of England, the average Anglican is giving £9 a week to their local church. To be specific, parishioners' tax-efficient (ie Gift-Aided) planned giving averaged more than £9 a week for the first time in 2007. In fact, the total income of parishes increased by £70 million to £898 million, well above inflation. Total voluntary income rose to £485 million or £8.02 per electoral roll member per week. At the same time, total parish expenditure rose to £838 million, with £50 million of this donated by parishes to external charities.

"Data for 2007 shows that giving to parishes by individuals continues to increase year on year, with the landmark figure of £500 million being reached for the first time. We have more than 630,000 people giving in a regular way, with nearly 90 per cent given through Gift Aid enabling parishes to reclaim £78 million from HMRC," said Dr John Preston, the Church's National Stewardship and Resources Officer.

"In a time of significant economic pressure, the Church is grateful for the committed support given by so many to their local church. Our givers on average donate more than three per cent of their incomes to the Church, and we estimate that a similar proportion is given away to other causes and charities. However, this remains short of the five per cent of disposable income recommended again by the General Synod in the summer of this year."

Our future clergy... at least, in the Church of England

Ever wondered how many clergy there are out there, and what the future may hold? Some recent figures can give us an idea: In 2008, another 490 candidates were accepted to train in the C of E. That meant there were then 1411 in training, in all. Also in 2008, 574 new clergy were ordained into the Anglican church. Of those, 321 were entering full-time paid ministry. But the number of retirements also remained high. This meant overall a loss of 112 full-time paid clergy. All in all, by the end of 2008, there were some 28,000 licensed and authorised ministers, ordained and lay, active in the Church of England. Since 2000, the proportion of those under 30 years of age recommended for training has increased slightly - to 17 per cent. The C of E wants to further encourage young vocations to the priesthood—any offers out there?



Retreat in daily life

During Advent some members of the parish congregations took part in a Retreat in Daily Life arranged by the Sacred Heart church. In Lent Churches Together in Droitwich will be offering another opportunity to participate in this kind of retreat—there are more details on page 5. Here, three people reflect on their experience. Perhaps their thoughts will encourage you to explore this possibility for yourself in Lent.

In the busyness of life how easy it is to neglect our relationship with God, and how important it is to renew it. That is why I knew at once that the Retreat in Daily Life was for me.

The tone of the month was set at the first meeting – a candle for each of us, flowers in bud and the reading about Martha and Mary. Yes, that was it, we were being asked to stop being Marthas and become Marys for a set time each day and twice a week with our prayer partners. We were given various suggestions on how to relax and ‘centre down’ so that we could make the best use of our stillness and be attentive to God’s voice. We were encouraged to listen with our hearts as well as our minds, and to keep a note of anything that ‘came up’.

My prayer partner encouraged me to use my imagination and creative skills to explore the bible passages more deeply and he was very good at hearing what I was saying beyond my words. In this way I was gently led on to new themes and encouraged to explore new ideas. He left me with a number of suggestions for further reading and a list of other creative activities to enhance my prayer life.

At our final meeting the candles were still alight and the flowers opening. There was a lovely atmosphere as everyone knew they had grown and received so much from the retreat.

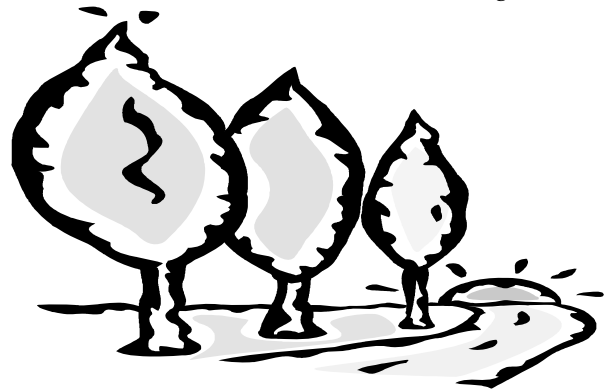
Hazel Rose

The Ignatian approach to prayer seeks to usher participants into the reality of what John Wesley called ‘experiential religion’. There’s often a big gap between ‘knowing about’ someone and really knowing them. It’s like the difference between seeing and hearing someone on TV, and meeting and getting to know that person in real life. You thought you knew them, but you didn’t. Many church people have that kind of ‘second-hand’ knowledge of God, and are therefore wary of getting too close!

I have participated in an Ignatian retreat before, but this one was very different from the first. November was a month in which I was facing many personal challenges, and what I found through the discipline of listening and receiving from God was that his love did not change or fluctuate with my moods and circumstances like an

earthly father’s can. The daily morning meditation, and the evening reflection on the day brought me back consistently to the foundation of his loving presence. I have been aware of that sensation of his presence before, (by what John calls ‘the witness of the Spirit’) but have not really listened to what God was saying through it. The patient listening and gentle, wise responses of my prayer companion also served to underline the reality of God’s nature. She was a great encouragement to me. I look forward to the next retreat in Lent and commend it to all who want to deepen their relationship with their heavenly Father.

Margaret Trethewey



The reason I wanted to go on the retreat was that I found most of my prayers were intercessions. There’s nothing wrong in that, but I felt I wanted to learn to pray with greater depth and my previous efforts had been rather desultory. Half an hour a day for four weeks has made a great deal of difference and I enjoyed it. It was not a burden.

We used various material. I meditated on the bible passages (sometimes becoming one of the characters), read poems, listened to music, even drew a picture and wrote a short dialogue. There was no rush. If a passage seemed particularly relevant to my life I could spend several sessions on it. Joy, my prayer companion, was gentle and non-judgemental and I could be really honest. Some of the teaching I had received before we moved to Droitwich had been rather severe. It might be summed up as ‘God loves us ... BUT!’ and I often felt inadequate. Joy helped me to understand some of the problems that surfaced and how prayer would help. At the end of the course Margaret Silf’s books *Landmarks* was recommended and I’m slowly working my way through it.

We were all helped in an individual way and could start at any level. At the opening session some people were unsure about taking part, but at the final meeting the reaction was very enthusiastic. I’m glad I went and if the opportunity arises I would like to take part in that course again, or in something similar.

Jill Batts.



Sharing good news

For many of us, our first interaction with the world each morning is to tune into the news, whether by radio, TV or on-line. Sadly, some mornings it is so dreary or even appalling that our first reaction can be to want to go back to bed and cancel the rest of the day. As 2010 begins, much of the news coming in from around the world is bad. The war drags on in Afghanistan; politicians continue to argue, an election is looming, the economy is struggling. There doesn't seem to be a lot of good news about!

Perhaps, though, there is a different way of thinking about good news. Nowhere in the bible did Jesus say that we should be looking to political leaders and our society for good news. Instead, he put the responsibility for bringing hope to people firmly on us, in the living of our everyday lives: *For I was hungry, and you fed me. I was thirsty, and you gave me a drink. I was a stranger, and you invited me into your*

home. I was naked, and you gave me clothing. I was sick, and you cared for me. I was in prison, and you visited me. (Matthew 25:35-36)

What a challenge! Jesus put the responsibility on us to BE good news to other people, and to show his compassion in the ordinary actions and relationships of life. Sure, he expects some of us to be involved in impacting the 'big issues' of society and government. But for most of us, our challenge is more straightforward, more immediate..

So today, ask yourself: 'The world may be a mess, but who can I be good news for today? Who will have cause to be thankful today, whose life will be a bit brighter, who will be given fresh hope because of something I've done in the name of Jesus?' Bringing good news to someone today.... that is the responsibility of each one of us.

Adapted from an article by Stephen Cave

Terrific talented turnout

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Lyn sold hand-made greetings cards produced from her own watercolour paintings, as did Beryl; Marge also sold sketches and paintings, whilst Malcolm made Christmas cards from his photos; Peter ran a class on genealogy and a talk on coins; David and Nina tempted us all with puddings and the food theme was continued by Liz who held supper parties, whilst Sue held a poetry afternoon; Bob and Janet ran a quiz, and a whole group - Margaret and Brian, Margaret and Michael, Anne and Nick, and Bob and Pat, pooled resources to organize a cake and produce stall; yummy produce also featured in Pauline and Gordon's contribution, and in Bill and Agnes', as did cake-baking in Sheila's and in Joan's. Knitting was the talent employed by Pat, Pam and Barbara, and Jean made toys as well as baking cakes. Other handicraft efforts included embroidery by Ann which was then raffled, and selling jam and craftwork by another Ann. Slightly more energetic talents used included Rachel's sponsored half marathon and Hazel's circle dance afternoon; Pat, Eileen, Eileen and Susan produced calendars, Mike and Margaret sold items at car boot sales and on Ebay, and Elizabeth produced and sold *I've got talent!* pencils.

We know that many more people and talents were involved and to everyone who took part, whether in thinking up ideas, helping with events or contributing by making, buying or selling, we say an enormous thank you. A great feature of this project has been the way in which people from across the parish have come to know each other better, and the way also in which a wider circle of people have been brought into contact with the church. Congratulations and thanks to everyone.

St Mary's Chapel

For some time now St Mary's chapel of ease, tucked away in its green oasis behind The Castle pub in Worcester Road, has been in a poor state of repair and the Parochial Church Council (PCC) has been discussing its future.

In medieval times St Mary de Witton was a parish in its own right but from the 14th century it was in such a state of decay that finally in 1662 it was united with the parish of St Andrew. The medieval chapel has long since disappeared and the present building, on a different site, dates only from the mid-nineteenth century.

The PCC's considerations include a public meeting to encourage a wide range of views about the future of the chapel to be heard. This meeting was helpfully publicised during December with stories in the local press, including a front page spread in the Droitwich Spa Advertiser.

The chapel has not been used for public worship for more than a quarter of a century and is currently roped off to prevent public access because of concern about falling tiles. There are no facilities such as gas, electricity or water to the building and the PCC is asking the question of whether it is right to expend large sums on repairing and renovating it, or whether an alternative use could be found. This emphasis is on the future of the chapel itself as the use of the burial ground around it would not be affected.

In publicising the public meeting the Archdeacon of Dudley, the Ven Fred Trethewey, as Chair said "The fabric of St Mary's Chapel has now reached the point where decisions have to be made about its future and I hope that many local people will come to the meeting to make their views known."



Lent 2010

How will you be keeping Lent this year? Here are some opportunities to help you plan and prepare. We are delighted that David Walker, the Bishop of Dudley, will be with us in the parish for all of Holy Week and Easter. Look out for more details of events and services for Lent, Holy Week and Easter in the newsletter.

Ash Wednesday

Lent begins on Wednesday 17th February and there are three particular opportunities to join in worship:

9am Morning Prayer

11am Holy Communion (Book of Common Prayer)

7.30pm Holy Eucharist with the Imposition of Ashes

All these services are at St Andrew's church.

Retreat in Daily Life

This is the ideal retreat for those who can't go away on retreat. It's a chance to find some help with praying and to deepen your relationship with God, but within the routines of everyday life. After an opening meeting for everyone taking part, you agree to spend a period of time each day in personal prayer and then meet with your prayer guide every week. He or she will help you plan your prayer time and reflect on it afterwards. It's all absolutely confidential and you can share as much or as little as you wish with your guide. Still not sure? Read the experiences of other on page 3.

Dates:

Taster session—Sunday 14th February at 4pm

Opening meeting—Sunday 21st February at 4pm

Closing meeting—28th March at 4pm.

Meetings with prayer guides will be on Mondays 22nd February and 1st, 8th, 15th and 22nd March at times to be arranged.

Watch the weekly newsletter for details of how to book.

Lunch and discussion group

It is planned to offer a weekday opportunity to meet in the Parish Centre, to share a simple lunch in keeping with the spirit of Lent and then to reflect together in a guided study session.

Sunday evening worship

At the 5pm services at St Nicholas' church we shall be exploring some Lenten themes in the context of our regular worship. We hope they will provide a series which will give us a sense of journeying through Lent together.

Heart song

Lynne Chandler of the Bible Reading Fellowship explores the idea of keeping a diary of your prayer life...

Life without time for prayer and reflection can easily spin out of control. With so many pressures and demands pushing in from all directions these days, the need to step back and find ways to commune with the Divine is essential.

Using a diary to pray is not just a resource for writers. There is no wrong way to do it. In this age of technology, it may be a much welcomed luxury to engage in writing several longhand pages each day you can carve out the time. Whether your words take the form of your own stream-of-consciousness, or a letter to God or to yourself, listen. Pay attention. Be honest. Pray.

Diaries are windows. They allow you to see a glimpse within the deepest part of you, and to let light shine into the darkest corners of your soul. These pages (and God) can handle anything you write in them. Try trauma, drama and self-pity. Then listen to the soothing echo of release. This is prayer. Try tantrums, confusion and anger. Then listen and let go. This is prayer. Try questions, hopes and dreams. Then listen and let your soul rest. This is prayer. Try gratitude, praise and wonder. Then listen and let yourself celebrate. This is prayer.

When you take time for inner reflection and waiting, quieting your inner self before God, you will see and hear the things of God. Turning your attention away from outer concerns, you will enter into light and discover God's kingdom within. Once things are visible and committed to the realm of conscious thought, then light can shine on its pages and offer a respite. All witnesses will be present – your heart, your thoughts, your spirit, your mind, your emotions, and God. The words in these pages prove you are human, alive, for better or for worse. They create honesty with yourself and intimacy with God.

Prayer is a song of the heart and inside these words will be woven melodies of thought and explorations of discord, creating harmony and a wholeness of spirit, true freedom. A diary is a meeting place, a tool for prayer, where God can fill your memories with reminders of his faithful presence, enlighten understanding with healing, and centre your heart with a steady peace.

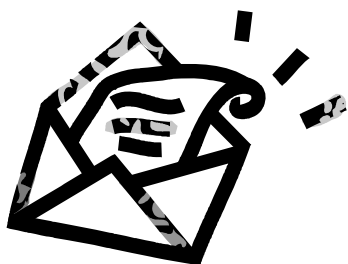




From Peru

Last October we agreed once again to send our special harvest collection, which amounted to £320, to our sister diocese of Peru, to help support development and relief work there. Bishop William Godfrey had specially called for help during 2009 following severe weather conditions which had affected the very young and very elderly in particular.

In December we received the letter below from Patrick Mackie who is one of the UK representatives for the diocese of Peru and who handles donations made in this country on their behalf. Patrick writes a personal, handwritten thank you every time he receives a donation for the church, which in itself is a labour of love:



'What a wonderful Christmas present—thank you all so much for such a handsome cheque which I will earmark to be used 'at the Bishop's discretion' - ie where at the moment of receipt the need is greatest—though I suspect

that by the time it reaches his account in Lima Bishop Bill will be in this country for a hard-earned and well-deserved rest. No matter, we are so grateful to you all for this generous gift, a visible example of your invisible prayers for the work of the gospel in Peru. This hasn't been an easy year—our receipts are down substantially. But it makes us all the more grateful for the gifts we do receive, understanding that it marks a considerable degree of sacrifice on the part of the donors at a time of financial stringency. Thank you all again—our gratitude to all the church family—their support is a tremendous encouragement to us all.'

If you have not done so, or not done so recently do visit the diocese's website www.peru.anglican.org There are some wonderful pictures and stories about the life of the church there and you can also download a copy of their newsletter. Amongst their topics for prayer are:

THANKSGIVING FOR...

The support from our friends and churches;
The new Diocesan Centre and its amazing impact on our work;
The Seminary and the training of future leaders
For our wonderful clergy and lay ministers

PRAY FOR...

Finances and the means to live through the financial crisis without damaging the advance in mission.

Please continue to remember in your prayers our brothers and sisters in Peru, and particularly Bishop Bill with his heavy responsibility for leadership and pastoral care.

Reading group

After a fun-filled evening mulling over the wine and the books, the following were chosen to be read in 2010. If you enjoy reading, come along and join us at 7.30 pm on the fourth Wednesday of every month at the Parish Centre. Here is the selection of books for 2010

January 27	<i>Sixth Lamentation</i> , William Broderick
February 24	<i>Brideshead Revisited</i> , Evelyn Waugh
March 24	<i>The Cellist of Sarajevo</i> , Steven Galloway
April 28	<i>Talking Heads</i> , Alan Bennett
May 26	<i>The Prime of Miss Jean Brodie</i> , Muriel Spark
June 23	<i>A Change in Altitude</i> , Anita Shreve
July 28	<i>Homestead</i> , Rosini Lippi
August 25	<i>The thing around your neck</i> , Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie
September 22	<i>Girl in a blue dress</i> , Gaynor Arnold
October 27	<i>Notes from an Exhibition</i> , Patrick Gale
November 24	Choosing books for 2011
December 22	No meeting

Rita Holden



Breakfast bonanza

Once again the quarterly breakfast get-together after the 8am Sunday Holy Communion service at St Augustine's found itself in excess funds after people had made a contribution for their coffee and croissants and after expenses had been paid. The congregation decided to buy an number of gifts from World Vision to help people in need around the world.

For the sum of £135 we were able to purchase mosquito nets, blankets, emergency shelters, pots and pans, and a meal for each of 70 children. We appreciate being able to meet and talk on these social occasions after worship, and we are glad to be able to make some small contribution for those in need as we do so.



From the Parish Registers

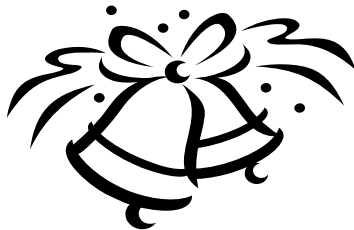
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Those baptised on:

November 8	Eddy William Pheasant Felicity Summer Jenna Jordan Hannah Emma Louise Jordan
November 15	Esme Rose Hooper
November 29	James Eliot Ford Eliot James Ford
December 6	Caitlin Valle
December 13	Alexander James Burrell

Those married on:

October 10	Paul Franklin & Gemma Szytybel
November 21	Davyd Parry & Tracy Ashby



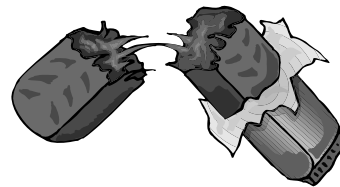
Those whose funerals were held on:

November 4	Vera Joyce Cox Jackie Morris
November 9	Stewart Alan Sinton
November 20	Martin Robert Clive
November 23	Norman Arthur Croucher
November 27	Keith Kemp Margaret May Bell
November 30	Anna Gertrude Gwilliam Gwendoline Smith
December 7	Richard Allbutt
December 9	Basil James Owen
December 15	Stephen Hale
December 16	John Lafferty McAulay
December 17	Ronald Gordon Hinton David Marshall McGarvie
December 18	Elizabeth Green
December 21	Mae Ruth Egan
December 22	Jean Shipway Bowden
December 30	Raymond Brown

Regular Services

Sunday	8.00 am St Augustine's Holy Eucharist (traditional language 4th Sundays)
	9.30am St Peter's Morning Worship 1st and 3rd Sundays—Worship around God's Word, with separate Sunday Club activities for children 2nd, 4th and 5th Sundays— Holy Communion for all ages together
	10.30am St Andrew's Sung Eucharist
	5.00pm St Nicholas' Evening Worship 1st Sunday— Holy Eucharist with prayer for healing 2nd Sunday— Prayer and Praise—informal worship 3rd Sunday— Holy Eucharist with music from Taizé 4th Sunday—Café Church—refreshments, discussion, reflection 5th Sunday—as advertised
Monday	9.00 am St Andrew's Morning Prayer
Tuesday	9.30am St Nicholas' Holy Eucharist
Weds	9.00 am St Andrew's Morning Prayer 11.00 am St Andrew's Holy Eucharist (traditional language alternate Weds)
Thursday	9.30 am St Augustine's Holy Eucharist
Friday	9.00 am St Andrew's Morning Prayer

Archbishop welcomes Fairtrade Kit Kat (and looks forward to the Yorkie version!)



The Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, has praised the recent launch of the Fairtrade Kit Kat at Nestle's factory in York.

Dr Sentamu said: "I can remember two years ago saying that Nestle should make their chocolate Fairtrade, and many people in York stood up to support the campaign for Fairtrade justice. So when I heard that Nestle was making Kit Kat Fairtrade, I simply said 'Wow!' It goes to show that people can make a difference." I have visited the workers at the co-operative in the Ivory Coast who will benefit from Kit Kat four-finger bar becoming Fairtrade, and I know that this is a real step forward in giving them the justice, recognition and pay they deserve.

"The next step is to make all other produce Fairtrade where possible – in particular my own favourite, the Yorkie!...In the Ivory Coast, Nestle has invested heavily in a research centre for delivering millions of high quality cocoa trees, which also has the potential to develop millet, sorghum, cassava and coffee. This is breath-taking for all concerned. Fairtrade Yorkie – here we come!"



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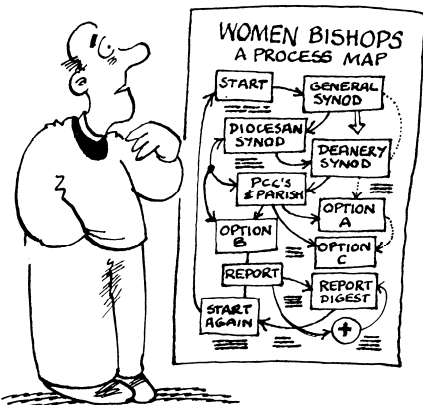
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PARISH AND DEANERY DIARY

January

13	Wed	7.30pm	St Mary's public meeting	Community Hall
		7.45pm	Parish Fellowship	Parish Centre
16	Sat	10am	Toast and Toddlers	St Nicholas'
		2pm	Moving Prayer	St Nicholas'
19	Tue	7.45pm	Clergy and ALMs meeting	Parish Centre
20	Wed	7.30pm	PCC meeting	St Nicholas'
24	Sun	4pm	Unity Week service	St Nicholas'
26	Tue	8pm	Baptism Enquirers meeting	Parish Centre
27	Wed	7.30pm	Reading Group	Parish Centre

February

2	Tue	7.45pm	Standing Committee meeting	St Augustine's
3	Wed	7.45pm	Mature Young Wives	Parish Centre
8	Mon	7.45pm	St Augustine's DCC	St Augustine's
9	Tue	7.30pm	Deanery Synod meeting	Parish Centre
10	Wed	7.45pm	Parish Fellowship	Parish Centre
15	Mon	7.45pm	St Peter's DCC	12 Langley Road
17	Wed	7.30pm	Ash Wednesday Eucharist	St Andrew's
20	Sat	10am	Toast and Toddlers	St Nicholas'
23	Tue	7.30pm	St Nicholas' DCC	St Nicholas'
		8pm	Baptism Enquirers meeting	Parish Centre
24	Wed	7.30pm	Reading Group	Parish Centre

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2	Tue	7.45pm	Standing Committee meeting	St Augustine's
3	Wed	7.45pm	Mature Young Wives	Parish Centre
6	Sat	All day	Petit Prix Race Day	St Nicholas'
10	Wed	7.45pm	Parish Fellowship	Parish Centre

WEEKLY EVENTS

Mondays	9.30am-11.30am	St Nicholas	Toddler Group *
	11.00am	St Richard's Room	Prayer Group
	6.30pm	Parish Centre	Children's Choir Club *
	7.30pm	Parish Centre	Choir practice
Tuesdays	7.30pm	St Peter's	Bell ringing practice
Fridays	9.30am-11.30am	St Nicholas'	Toddler Group *
	9.45am	St Andrew's	Prayer Group

* These activities are held in term-time only

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