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NEWS FROM THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IN DROITWICH SPA

Changing direction

As Sheila prepares to take up the role of Rural Dean, Doug caught up with her for a conversation.

It's been fifteen years since Sheila came to Droitwich as Team Vicar for St Peter's, a long stint for what was her first incumbency after a ministry spent mainly in school chaplaincy. Strange as it might seem, coming to Droitwich was a real relief—for the first time since being made deaconess she wasn't the first woman to do the job in a new place. The parish already had a history of women in ministry, and Sheila was delighted simply to be accepted and able to get on with the job.

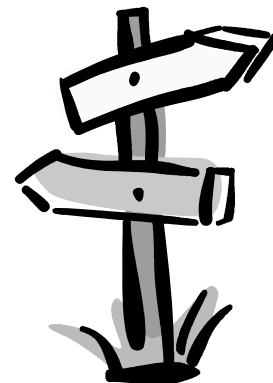
She first became aware of a sense of vocation when coming to the end of her university years, and wondering what she should be doing with her life. That wasn't a time when women's ordination was realistically on the horizon, and so when she first thought, looking at friends going forward for ordination, "I can do that", she kept it mainly to herself, and was surprised when someone she respected suggested the possibility of ministry to her, saying: 'When the bishop lays hands on your head ...'.

From such beginnings, Sheila moved into the

ministry of deaconess – a confused and confusing staging post to women's ordination where some in the church could treat you as if ordained, and others as a lay person. Her "curacy" – although it wasn't technically called that, in the episcopal area of Kensington, was on the whole welcoming and helpful, if occasionally frustrating in the things she wasn't allowed to do.

It was a very happy moment when the church agreed women could be ordained priests, yet, incredibly (as it now seems), women were only ordained priests for the first time in 1994, one year before Sheila came to this parish. It both was and was not a significant change: "I'd largely been exercising a priestly role, albeit without some of the functions, it was almost as if the church had simply caught up with those of us in that situation. I don't mean that arrogantly, but it was like being given a beautiful garment or maybe a pair of shoes that fitted perfectly. I certainly know that the ordination service was powerful and moving beyond anything I'd anticipated."

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Election fever—who'll get your vote?

Who will you vote for in the General Election? Now there are online resources designed to help Christians prepare for it. Eleven churches and church agencies have worked together to create an electronic booklet and website at www.churcheselection.org.uk. It includes information on how to arrange a hustings meeting at local churches as well as a information on the important questions of this election campaign. The election materials do not support a particular church view or political party line, but aim to help people engage with a range of issues facing the country, however they may decide to vote.

The Revd Dr Malcolm Brown, Director of the Church of England's Mission and Public Affairs Division, says: "I really hope these resources will be used by churches across the country to help them get ready for the General Election. They provide a rich range of material from which Christians and others can explore policy areas and form questions for their parliamentary candidates. The material points to the breadth of the impact that Westminster politics can have on the life of the nation, and I hope it will stimulate searching questions that will in turn help people make an informed judgment about how they use their vote."



Here comes the bride

The Church of England has always liked weddings. Every year 54,000 couples choose a church wedding, and nine out of ten of those rate their experience as good, very good or excellent. Evidence has shown that marriage is good for you and increases your chances of health and happiness. In Droitwich we are enthusiastic about marriage and want to offer a welcome to all those who enquire about a wedding in church.

But why is this particularly newsworthy just now? One obvious answer is that we are at the start of the “wedding season” and will be opening the church doors to those whose weddings are in this year’s diary. The wider answer is that we are taking part in the Church of England’s national project that is appropriately called *The Weddings Project*.

The Weddings Project has discovered that many people would like a church wedding but don’t feel able to ask for one, mostly because they believe that they have no real connection with the church. At the same time, it has also

found that those who have been supported by the church both before and after their wedding have really appreciated the experience – no other organisation offers this.

Archbishop John Sentamu is very much involved with *The Weddings Project*. He says that as the local church, we are guests rather than hosts when people come to us asking for services such as weddings or baptisms. Christ is the host, and as guests we bring gifts of our building, our faith and our truth. Archbishop Sentamu challenges us to be more accessible and more enthusiastic in our welcome. “We need to say clearly to England that Christian marriage is wonderful, and I hope that we will convince more and more couples, in love and committed to each other, to bring their love before God in a church wedding”.

Do you know someone who is thinking of getting married? Encourage them to look at the website www.yourchurchwedding.org and more importantly get in touch with “the Vicar”. And be ready to be welcoming and accommodating as they plan their celebration.

David Owen

Strolling Supper

After the previous week’s ice and snow, we were watching the weather forecast with foreboding, but on the night of 6th February all was calm and dry so we wrapped up warm and set out on our journey. We met some fellow strollers on the steep path up to Nina and David’s house – we thought their guardian angels must have been working overtime to keep them safe in the recent slippery weather! – but the lights shone out and inside was a tempting array of fruit juices, fruit, soups and friendly faces. We settled for comforting soup and then set off in a friendly group to our next destination. Thanks to the strong men who lifted Ann’s scooter off the pavement!

As we entered St Nicholas’ we all had to pick a number to allocate us to a table, a clever idea that meant we met some new friends. More comfort food, chilli or vegetarian option, just right for a winter evening, and more good conversation. Then on to a new location for us; we have walked so many times past the Salvation Army and never gone in to this lovely airy space where we had another warm welcome, this time with apple pie and cream. After helping put the chairs ready for Sunday morning, we set out on the last leg of our journey.

Somehow we missed the rest of the party, but the walk through the quiet streets to the parish centre was peaceful and calm. Over coffee and chocolates, the raffle was drawn and Sue entertained us with the cautionary tale of the *Mouse and the Cheese* by Victorian poet Eliza Cook, Susan told us of the hilarious visit of the Yorkshireman to

Messiah, Peter led us in singing the old favourite *Floral Dance* and Nina took on the mantle of Joyce Grenfell and told us of the visit of the Archdeacon to Droitwich Nursery School – we seemed to recognise some of the children...

Thank you to everybody who made this such a friendly, happy evening – cooks, washers up, entertainers, fellow strollers and our kind hosts. It was a wonderful evening of good fellowship.

Ann and Esther Meredith

Petit Prix comes to Droitwich

On Saturday 6th March there was the ‘Petit Prix’ with loads of bends and deadly corners. It was scary to watch. Everyone there took it in turns to drive the coloured Ferrari round the track. I only won one race because my car kept stopping and going. There was a buzz of electricity and excited spectators all around the course. It was the best Scalextric track in the whole of the town! We were able to have a drink and very tasty cakes to help our concentration.

A big THANK YOU goes to David and Mark and all those involved in organising and running such an exciting afternoon for all of us.

David Rean





Au revoir, Sue

By the time you read this we shall have said a sad goodbye to the Revd Sue Barrett. Sue's final service in the parish was on 7th March when we said our thank yous, farewells and God-speeds. We are very sorry to see her from the staff of the parish, but delighted for her that at the end of her curacy she has a new and exciting role to move into.

Sue joined us as a deacon in March 2007 to continue her training in parish ministry. After a period of settling in it was a great privilege for us to host a service in St Andrew's on Advent Sunday that year when Bishop David came to ordain her as a priest. Since then Sue has thrown herself into all aspects of parish life and, as a self-supporting and part-time priest, she has given of her gifts and time with enormous generosity; we have greatly valued her ministry and her friendship.

During 2009 Sue was 'seconded' to work with the Rural Dean, Canon Peter Kerr, in the Four Square parishes of the deanery—Elmbridge, Elmley Lovett, Hampton Lovett and Rushock. This was partly to assist Peter as he took on

responsibility for these parishes in addition to Ombersley, Doverdale and Hartlebury as part of the deanery plan; but it was also to offer Sue a different kind of opportunity in ministry as she continued her training. This connection has worked so well that it was agreed that Sue will continue in this role as Associate Priest in the deanery working with Peter Kerr in the

parishes where he is Priest in Charge, including of course the Four Square parishes. We wish Sue well for the future and we offer her our warmest congratulations and our appreciation for all that she has given us in this parish.

Parish Directory

At last the Parish Directory has appeared! Yes, it took rather longer than expected as dealing with the paperwork turned out to be a marathon task, but we hope that you will be pleased with the result. Copies have been sent by email to everyone who supplied an email address, and paper copies are available in the churches for those who didn't get one via this route—please just put a donation in the plate to cover the costs of production.

If you didn't receive an emailed copy for some reason or would now like to add your email address to the Directory, please contact DroitwichParishDirectory@Gmail.com

If you want your name to go into the next edition please collect a form from church or download one from www.tinyurl.com/dpforms



Pastoral friends

Do keep in touch! How often do we say that to one another, conscious of the busyness and diversity of people's lives, but knowing how much we appreciate it when someone asks after us if we've not been well, or calls to say hello, or drops in a card just to say they are thinking of us?

The church community is one which strives to be not only welcoming when we first meet, but one which wants to keep in touch too; it's part of what we mean by pastoral care. It's a way of showing concern and love for one another and of being able to share each other's troubles and joys. But we can only do this if we know about them!

Across our parish congregations there are many opportunities to make friends and get to know one another better. Out of these relationships comes a natural thoughtfulness which leads people to 'look out for' one another, to see if all is well when they haven't met for a while, or to offer help in difficult times, and to celebrate some good news with them.

We should both value and encourage these networks of pastoral care, but we also know that not everyone in our congregations has a connection to them, so what can we do? Individually we can all do our bit to keep in touch with those already on our 'network' - when they haven't been in church for a while, or when we know they've been poorly—just to ask if all is well; we can also try and meet new people and include them in our network. You'd be amazed at the number who have worshipped side by side with others, sometimes for years, but have no idea who they are or anything about their circumstances. Make yourself a resolution to meet one new person each month, to be able to greet them by name and show an interest in their lives.

But as a church community we also want to help in a more formal way and so a number of people have agreed to become 'Pastoral Friends' to each congregation. These are people who are well-placed for knowing, or getting to know, all who worship at that time. They offer another line of pastoral care alongside all those invaluable informal networks. They might ask us if we know how someone is, or if we could deliver a card, or they might be able to tell the clergy someone is very poorly and needs a visit. And if you are concerned about someone you could talk to them yourself. They'll be glad to hear from you. We hope to expand this team to all the congregations, and increase the membership too, but here are our first Pastoral Friends. Please pray for them and for all who offer this ministry quietly in the parish :

Sundays: 8am—Barbara Stephens;
9.30am—Aileen Nuttall, Janet Bryan;
10.30am—Annette & David Turner, Heather Ward;
Wednesday 11am—Margaret Steward

Sheila Banyard



Playing our part in the community

You may remember filling in a questionnaire last summer about how you are involved in community life in Droitwich. Sixty six of you filled in the questionnaire – about a quarter of the people on our parish Electoral Roll. If you replied your answers are helping us to build up a picture of our parish congregations and to think more about how the church can relate to the wider Droitwich community now and in the future. Note that the majority of respondents were aged over 60 years with only twelve people aged 60 or under. Questionnaires were completed by people from all four 'congregations' with just over a third from each of the 9.30am and 10.30am Sunday services.

Here are some of the findings from the questionnaires:

About half of those answering the questionnaire have lived in Droitwich for more than 25 years, with at least eight having lived here all their lives. About two thirds do not have any other family living in Droitwich.

We are local shoppers!

All the respondents shopped in a local supermarket and 95% had shopped in the High Street in the three months leading up to the questionnaire and 93% had shopped elsewhere in Droitwich.

We use local facilities!

About two-thirds used the local library and a similar number had eaten out in Droitwich recently. A quarter used the Leisure centre whilst about a third had visited the Norbury Theatre.

And support local events!

Over half had been to Salt Day and a similar number had been to the St Richard's Day celebrations. The civic Remembrance Service was attended by almost half of respondents whilst a similar number went to the switching on of the Christmas lights.

We are members of local groups and organisations (apart from church)

Almost two-thirds of the respondents are members of a local group or organisation. We take part in a wide range of activities including: *gym membership, bowls, snooker, cricket, swimming, pilates, Norbury Theatre, Concert Club, dancing, singing, flower arranging, sewing, Civic Society, Wildlife Trust, Probus, Trefoil Guild, Area Forum for Older People, Healthy Living Project Support*

Some are in organising and decision-making roles within community groups and organisations including:

school governors, Scout/Guiding Associations, Droitwich Area Forum for Older People, Norbury Theatre, Challengers, Flower Club, Worcester and District Historic Churches...

A quarter supported St Richard's Hospice financially.

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Droitwich Spa's Youth Zone opened on 2nd May last year, after many years of effort to bring something for young people to the town centre. Despite some early concerns it has proved to be a success, and has now been granted permanent planning permission to provide a facility for young people in the heart of our town.

Young people helped decorate and prepare the venue for its opening at last year's St Richard's Festival by Charlie Green. They also work as volunteers at the Youth Zone, and serve on a committee that helps feed in ideas and provides a voice for young people in the running of the centre.

Rob Mace, the Youth Zone manager, said: "It's always been about catering for the needs of young people in Droitwich. We want to create opportunities for them to become even more involved at the centre and have a real voice in the planning of activities and events."



Future plans include opening up a new café area serving healthy hot and cold refreshments. *Connexions* are moving in to offer advice on careers and employment, and *Time for You* are offering a sexual health advisory service. St Basil's (for whom our churchwarden Michael Norris used to work) are offering a once a month drop-in for those at risk of being homeless.

Because the Youth Zone is strictly alcohol free, it became apparent that there was a need for a spin-off service especially to deal with young people who were abusing alcohol in particular. As a result, after consultations with the police and others, including the church, the Parish Centre was identified as the best place to run a Safe Zone as a pilot project.

On Friday nights trained youth workers are now running a safe drop-in for young people under the influence of alcohol in the Parish Centre. "Be Alcohol Safe" is a new project aimed at addressing the problem of alcohol consumption among young people. The main objectives of the project are to provide a satellite facility for young people under the influence of alcohol to be

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Children and the Eucharist

Our parish has been authorised (along with some others) to try out some new Eucharistic prayers. Many of our current *Common Worship* services received a similar period of field-testing before they were authorised for general use, and were improved by the comments and feedback the Liturgical Commission received. The idea is that we will be able to offer similar feedback this time.

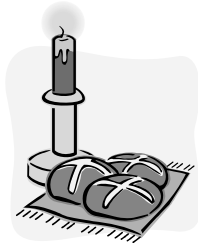
There are two new prayers, intended to be used when a good number of the congregation are children, whether in church, or in those schools which have school Eucharists. In part this is a response to those parishes, like Droitwich, which admit children to Holy Communion from the age of about seven.

The prayers share one feature in common: the language is less abstract, and intended to be clearer, simpler and more specific. The first prayer is based on

Easter hot cross buns

As you indulge in your hot cross buns this year, pause to consider that really, a hot cross bun is a symbol of the resurrection which refuses to go stale. A hot cross bun is a sermon in itself.

The shape of the bun reminds us of the stone that rolled away early on that first Easter morning – not to let a living Lord out, but to allow his disciples to discover an empty tomb. And the special spices used in the baking process bring to mind the gifts of love brought by faithful women to anoint their Master's body. The fruits of the Spirit of Jesus in the lives of his followers are represented by the sultanas and currents that make the bun so delicious, and the cross is the triumphant emblem of Christ's work completed on earth.



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supervised in a safe environment, to raise awareness of the dangers of alcohol, and to provide diversionary activities and training for 11-12 year olds.

Ann Nicholls, Detached Youth Team Manager for South Worcestershire, said "Some people might be surprised at how young this needs to start, but we need to be doing prevention early, and involving parents as much as possible to prevent alcohol problems starting in the first place. The first few weeks have shown us how much need there is for the safe zone. I would really like to see some volunteers come along to help make teas and coffees on a Friday night. This would give the qualified youth workers more time to actually talk to the young people and help them."

Doug Chaplin

short responses (either "Holy, holy, holy" or "Amen. Amen. Amen.") being used throughout the prayer, breaking up what the president says into short paragraphs.

The second prayer draws on a feature of the Jewish Passover. In the Passover Haggadah, the youngest child in the family asks "What makes this night different from all other nights?" In this Eucharistic prayer, there are three questions for a child to ask what we are doing at the Eucharist and why, and three responses for a parent or other adult to give. The prayer is organised around those three questions and answers.

We will be using these prayers at a number of services, mainly at St Peter's, during the next few months, and asking for your comments on how well they work in the summer. We'll need a bit of experience of using them before we can see how helpful they are.

Doug Chaplin

Say one for me bishop!

Did you miss this great story during Lent? Maybe it's food for thought for next year. A new web-based service from the Church of England lets people across the country share their hopes and concerns anonymously in the form of a prayer. These thoughts are then offered to God by one of a number of Anglican bishops.

The dedicated website, www.SayOneForMe.org will be available until Easter Sunday, 4th April. The site is a web version of the public prayer boards popular at many cathedrals and churches. Prayers received are displayed on the site and shared with a number of bishops, who have agreed to remember the submissions in their own prayers over the season. The website invites visitors to type in their prayers - and then click 'Amen' to post them.

The Rt Revd David Walker, Bishop of Dudley, says: "Priests are well used to having people shout at us 'say one for me'. Whatever the initial intention of that yell in the street, underlying it is the fact that people feel a need to pray - especially during difficult times. This website is a simple way for us to harness that desire and engage with people where they are.

"Of course, nobody needs a dog collar to be heard by God, but for many people, knowing that someone else is praying for us gives us the confidence to make our own prayers, and prayer is often the gateway to hope. The website allows people to share their prayers anonymously via their own home computer or even on the move through a mobile device."

Surveys conducted in recent years indicate that around two-thirds of UK adults pray, leading the Church of England's Head of Research and Statistics, the Revd Lynda Barley, to describe prayer as "one of the best kept secrets in modern Britain".



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Before getting to that point, however, Sheila had worked both at Christ's Hospital and Malvern Girls' College as a chaplain. In the former establishment she was one of a rather dysfunctional team, juggling a teaching timetable, pastoral work and leading worship – possibly from which she became so good at keeping the plates of modern parish ministry spinning without too many breakages. It was not an easy experience, and emotionally the first year proved very difficult, yet there, as she says, "I discovered an ability to act as an intermediary to help other people sometimes get on more easily with others, which of course made it easier for me too, and I also discovered how to be my own person rather than the person others perhaps expected me to be. All that has been very helpful in a parish setting."

The teaching work brought its own challenges and rewards as she oversaw the introduction of GCSE Religious Studies in the school, learnt enough 19th and 20th century church history to teach it to A level, and thinks she may have set some kind of record for ineptitude in teaching netball, a sport she can't play, far less teach.

Malvern offered a similar teaching role, but as Sheila was the sole chaplain it offered much greater opportunities and responsibilities for pastoral and spiritual care, which included paying attention to the well-being of pupils from other faiths whose families were the other side of the world. As chaplain, standing in but a little apart from the staff room, she learnt what she sees as an important insight she has taken with her into parish ministry: "I hope I've been able to bring that sense of being genuinely involved with the life of the community yet remaining objective in a way that means you can hold on to the big picture for yourself and others. It's a delicate and sometimes difficult balancing act that tries to hold together with integrity being part of the people of God with the priestly call to a ministry which is never truly settled, and where you are in a sense always arriving and leaving, always on the edge of things as well as at the heart of them – but absolutely not the centre around which everything has to revolve."

Her time in Droitwich has been one of evolving ministry, with some very significant opportunities for learning and leading. Her school background meant that she'd never taken a wedding until she came here, and comparatively few baptisms and funerals. As vicar at St Peter's, she quickly found herself doing more baptisms and weddings than the rest of her colleagues, making up for lost time in the church which had more of those than any of the others in the parish. While in her view the steep learning curve means her early time was probably littered with mistakes, she is quite clear that "one of my most important impressions is of how welcoming people were, and how gracious and appreciative they continued to be. The other impression is the close-up detail which is the extraordinary privilege of being trusted with people's lives, their celebrations and tragedies, the relationships formed and then seeing stories unfold. I know lots of clergy say this, but it's because it's moving, humbling and absolutely true."

More recently, having taken up the role of Team Rector, she has overseen an ongoing development of the whole parish in new patterns that couldn't have been foreseen when she arrived: "I think one of the reasons for being invited to become Rector was to offer a sense of continuity and stability after a period of considerable upheaval. I apologize now to anyone who thought that might mean nothing else would change!" In all that change "it was a key moment for me when I realized I felt as at home in all the church buildings and with all the congregations as I had once felt at home only at St Peter's. I could wish that for everyone."

There is much more that could be said about looking back. While working here, Sheila has also been heavily involved in supporting the ministry of Readers in the diocese, first as Area Warden and then as Warden. It is an experience of developing vocations and lay ministries that she takes with her into the new role, seeking to encourage others to try out their vocations across the deanery.

She's also been studying for a Doctor of Ministry degree over the last few years – "It's partly about developing my own understanding of God, the world and the church, and therefore my own discipleship, but I also see it as one of my responsibilities as a priest so that I can help others, whether individually or in community, do the same." That commitment to her own learning helps her encourage other people's learning, not least those of us who have worked closely with her as colleagues over recent years.

In her new role she will miss a great deal about being part of the parish: "I shall miss all the people I've come to know, aware of enormous personal kindness and generosity shown to me and to Andy; I shall miss feeling I belong to a community, no matter how hard we have sometimes found it to express ourselves as such a body; I shall miss gifted, trusted, loyal and supportive colleagues, lay and ordained; and I shall miss the great fun it's often been – I won't say I've never cried in Droitwich, but I know I've laughed a lot more." Nonetheless she is also looking forward to what the new role brings: a chance to share some of the things she has learnt from experience through her time here and elsewhere about sharing together, developing people's gifts, and encouraging one another that none of us, lay or ordained, are in this alone. She is excited by the possibility that Droitwich Deanery, trying out a new way of doing things, might discover things worth sharing with the wider Church of England.

As she leaves us she looks back on her time positively: "There is a much greater sense of openness and trust than 15 years ago, and – dare I say it – a greater willingness to listen to each other and try to arrive together at decisions that further God's vision, even if that's sometimes uncomfortable for some of us to live with." We need to continue to work at and build on that legacy, and we wish her Godspeed on her new journey, delighted that we shall still have the benefit of her wisdom as our new Rural Dean.



From the Parish Registers

Please remember

Those baptised on:

- January 3 Eleanor Beatrice Nichol
- January 17 Sophie Jayne and Adam Joseph Parkinson
- February 14 William Charles Franklin, Ava Leila Groves



Those whose funerals took place on:

- January 6 Daisy Dyson
Alfred Darby
- January 7 Edna Holland
- January 8 Joyce Westwood
- January 11 Phillip Sydney Male
- January 13 Margaret Jane Reeves
Joan Louise Thomas
- January 14 George Edward Bell
- January 15 Gordon David Ellis
Muriel Nora Evans
Eva Lawson
- January 18 Ethel Spriggs
- January 20 William 'Monty' Bateman

- January 21 Brenda Patricia Crisp
- January 29 Irene Lake
- February 1 Paul Collett
- February 3 Mary Joynes
- February 5 Alan John Mann
- February 8 Jack Coxon
Evelyn Kate Bourne
- February 9 Sidney (Sam) Brazier
- February 10 Jennifer Whitehouse
- February 12 Elinor Showell
- February 16 Peter Jordan
- February 22 George Gumley
- February 23 Roger Martin Charlwood
- February 26 Richard Lloyd

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

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Only five people with children replied to the questionnaire. Their children attended various Droitwich schools and most were participants in sports activities.

We volunteer!

Just over a quarter volunteer regularly with local organisations including: *St Richard's Hospice, British Waterways, Acorns, Cancer Research and Blue Cross Charity Shops, Hanbury Hall, Community Transport, Droitwich Tourist Information* 42% are involved in 'informal' care of friends, family and neighbours with almost half of these caring for children – mostly within the family, and a similar number visiting and providing care to family and friends in their own homes. A third provided transport and other activities included gardening, housework and shopping.

How should the Church be involved in the Droitwich community in the future?

About half of those responding contributed their own ideas in relation to the use of our various church buildings and their willingness to contribute their own time, skills and prayers. These will be kept in mind as we continue to discuss, reflect on and pray about the future of our church (as a body of people) and our church buildings within our Droitwich community.

Liz Ross



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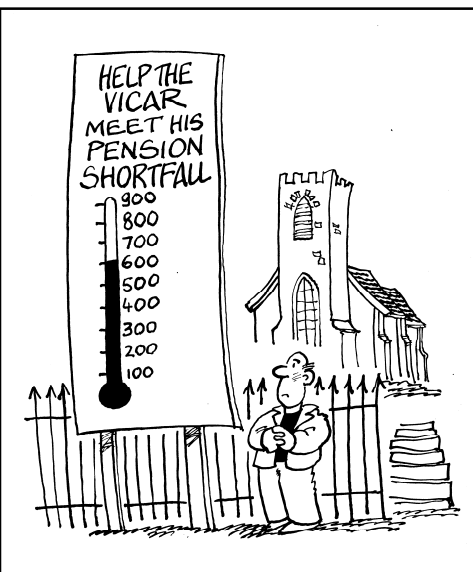
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PARISH AND DEANERY DIARY

March

21	Sun	3.3pm	Sue Barrett's & Peter Kerr's licensing service	Elmley Lovett church
		4pm	Olivet to Calvary	Droitwich Methodist church
23	Tue	8pm	Baptism Enquirers	Parish Centre
24	Weds	12noon 7.30pm 7.30pm	Lent course and lunch Reading Circle Godly Play meeting	St Andrew's church Parish Centre St Nicholas' church
27	Sat	9.30am	Open Day	St Augustine's church

For Holy Week and Easter services please see the weekly newsletter and Lent leaflets available in the churches and Parish Centre, and the posters on church noticeboards.

April

6	Tue	7.45pm	Standing Committee	St Augustine's church
7	Weds	7.45pm	Mature Young Wives	Parish Centre
14	Weds	7.45pm	Parish Fellowship	Parish Centre
17	Sat	10am	Toast and Toddlers	St Nicholas' church
18	Sun	10am	United Service and Annual Parish Meeting	St Andrew's church
24	Sat	2.30pm	Moving Prayer	St Nicholas' church
27	Tue	8pm	Baptism Enquirers	Parish Centre
28	Weds	7.30pm	Reading Circle	Parish Centre

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1	Sat	10am	Open Day	St Augustine's church
4	Tue	7.45pm	Standing Committee	St Augustine's church
5	Weds	7.45pm	Mature Young Wives	Parish Centre
11	Tue	8pm	Baptism Enquirers	Parish Centre
12	Weds	7.45pm	Parish Fellowship	Parish Centre
15	Sat	10am	Toast and Toddlers	St Nicholas' church

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

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