

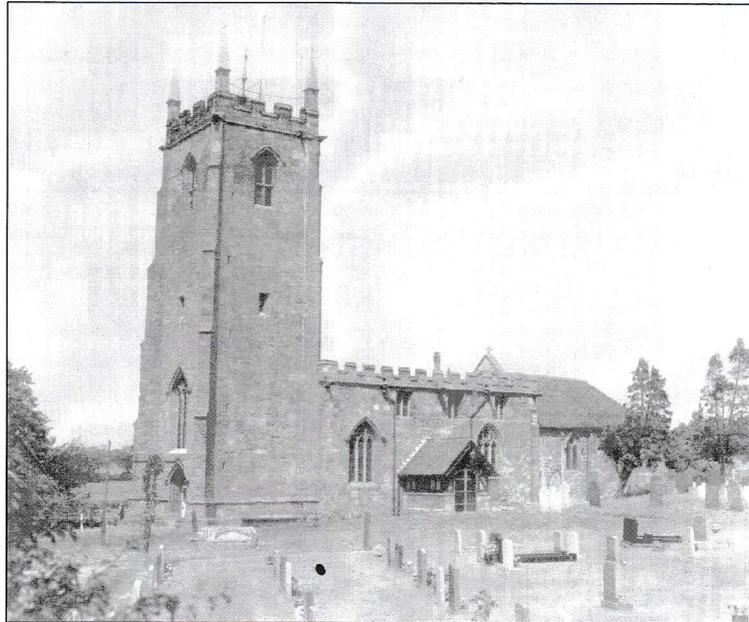
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June editorial

I have written about so many things in these articles over the years but it seems a long time that I have written about what lies at the heart of our church life - our worship of God.

I know that we sing "Seven whole days not one in seven I will praise you" and that true worship is far more than the hour we spend together on Sunday. It is offering ourselves as a living sacrifice to God, dedicated to his service and pleasing to him (see Romans 12:1-3). For some the fact that our whole lives are worship to God undermines the importance of worship together. For me the exact opposite applies. Nothing is more refreshing, nothing more inspiring of a quality life reflecting God's glory than worship together that honours God, praises Jesus and is enlivened by the Holy Spirit. It is absolutely vital to get it right.

From the time I arrived until relatively recently we rarely looked at our worship at St. Laurence's and did not reflect upon how it could better revive us in God's service and glorify God. Over the past year we have begun to change that. We decided that the Evening Services were meeting a felt need and for the time being should not change. We also left for later consideration the Holy Communion service on the fourth Sunday of the month.

We felt, however, that the All-Age Worship services on the first and third Sundays of the month which worked well when they were introduced nearly fifteen years ago were no longer fit for purpose. Two comments stood out: First that the form of service was too short and needed enhancing with additional readings and hymns, second that the services needed to reflect the seasons of the year. A group of us have produced five different services one for Advent, one for Christmas to Candlemas (February 2nd), one for Lent, one for Easter to Pentecost and one for Ordinary time. (Ordinary Time incidentally is when there are no special celebrations or times of reflection and occurs from Candlemas to Ash Wednesday and during Sundays after Trinity.) A further order of service for November, the Kingdom season, is in preparation. The services for the special seasons will be used on the first and third Sundays whilst in Ordinary Time there will be All-Age Worship on the first Sunday and Morning Prayer on the third Sunday. We shall sometimes use a screen to present both the hymns and the order of service, but if you prefer using a service sheet please ask and this will be provided. In addition we have discovered some quite beautiful services for Mothering Sunday, Rogation Sunday, Pentecost and Father's Day which we would like to start using again.

We also felt that there was a real opportunity to use the variety of our varied musical gifts to enrich the music of the Holy Communion service on the second Sunday of the month. A small choir has been established to learn new chants and hymns and is already beginning to provide a more beautiful sound and a more enriched quality to our worship.

We are on a journey. We won't always get it right first time and we appreciate your understanding, patience and your comments. In the end we shall, I believe, find something that is richer and more inspiring and I would like to thank all of you who are giving of their time and talents in this most wonderful of tasks. Thank you.

Enjoy the summer.

Your friend and Vicar,

Peter

June St. Laurence's Church Services

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 1	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		6.30 p.m.	BCP Holy Communion
Sunday 9 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 16 th	Fathers' Day	10.30 a.m.	Morning Prayer
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 rd	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Holy communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 30 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong

St John's Church Hall Ansley Common Services

Sunday 2 nd	Trinity 1	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 9 th	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 th	Fathers' Day	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 23 rd	Trinity 4	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 th	Trinity 5	10.30 a.m.	Songs of Praise

Discussion Groups

Prayers in the Bible - No meeting at 10 Nuthurst Crescent this month.

Fellowship Group - Tuesday, 4th June, 7 p.m. in St John's Church Hall.

From the Registers

On Sunday April 28 at St. Laurence's Church we celebrated the baptism of Tommy Baginskis. On this joyful occasion for all the family of all ages we acted out Jesus' story of the labourers in the vineyard. We remembered how Jesus calls people of every age and that it is never too late to respond to him.

On Sunday May 12 we celebrated the baptism of Evelyn Kate White. In our joy together, but living in a world where we face so many pressures, we focussed on our priorities - the joy, privilege and responsibility of children and how important it is to follow Jesus.

Archdeacon's Visitation

This year the Church Wardens will take their oath of office at Holy Trinity Attleborough Nuneaton on Tuesday 4th June at 7.30 p.m. Our two wardens will this year be accompanied by one of our new deputy wardens. It is at this service that the wardens are given their charge for the coming year and the service is open to everyone. One of the reasons for this Visitation is because the wardens are answerable to the Bishop. If you would like to attend please do contact one of the wardens so that the necessary arrangements can be made.

Father's Day Art Exhibition

To coincide with Father's Day the Ansley Village Art Group will be holding their second Art exhibition and sale of their work in St Laurence Church on Saturday, 15th June. The

exhibition will be open from 10.00am to 4.00pm and light refreshments will be available in the Annexe. Entry is free. If anyone would like to help with the stewarding or with the refreshments on that day please have a word with Diana Kealey, 024 7639 5089. If the standard of the paintings and drawings last year are anything to go by it will be a wonderful display and well worth a visit just to come and see.

St John's Bingo

The next of the successful Prize Bingo sessions will be on 17th June. Do come to this if you enjoy a game, it is always great fun. The prizes are always interesting and there is a cuppa and a biscuit after the first 4 games. "Eyes down" is at 7 p.m.

Marie's Coffee Morning

As for many years Marie and Dave Cove will be opening their home to anyone who would like to come to their annual coffee morning. This year it is to be on 19th June commencing at 10 a.m. there will be a "bring and buy" stall, raffle and plenty of cakes. There will be as many cups of tea and coffee as you want. You can be sure of a warm welcome and usually the weather is warm and sunny and everyone has the joy of sitting in their lovely garden. If however it does rain space will be found for everyone in the house. Proceeds will, as in previous years, be given to the work of Child Line.

Open Farm Sunday

This year Manor Farm (Goadby's) are having their farm open to enable the public especially families to come and see where much of their food comes from. It is on Sunday 9th June from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

If it is possible it is hoped the church can be open from 11.30 (after the morning service) at the same time, for people to come in and have a time in the surroundings of our lovely church. Whether it is just to have a look, would like someone to talk to, or to spend some time in prayer everyone is welcome. If you can spare an hour to be in the church do please have a word.

Nursery Hill School Summer Fayre

The School have invited everyone to come to their Summer Fayre on 6th July from 1 p.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held in the school grounds. There will be the usual array of stalls and games for all ages. The church will be represented by a game where a ping pong ball will be blown with a straw along a course. There will be a prize for the fastest to complete the course.

Plant Sale

Report next month.

St John's Diamond Coronation Buffet

Report next month

New Services

Following from the vicar's article:-

The feedback to date from many of those who have attended has been positive to both the new format of service and the use of the screen. It is important that people who wish to have a say do so, on these important changes to the services. If you have any comments please pass them on to a member of the PCC so that your views are made known. If you have not been to a service to see this new format you would be most welcome, and your comments are important to us.

Fabric

For some time now the PCC with the architect and other organisations have been considering how the boundary wall near the main road can be repaired following two traffic accidents that have left it unstable. However, because of its proximity very close to the road and the difference in the levels of the land on the two sides, as well as the costs, it is proving a difficult situation to resolve. At this moment in time it is not known how this will be resolved, but the PCC will keep you informed.

It is hoped to commence re-pointing work on the wall along the lane. This is planned general maintenance to a wall that has been there since 1920. This work is being paid for with the money that was saved when the car park repair work was done free of charge last August and it is hoped it will be completed this summer. The PCC are very grateful for all work that is generously given.

Small Change

The total raised from the small change donations for the first 4 months of 2013 has amounted to £28. This may seem a small amount, but over the year it all adds up. If you would like to give your small change to the fabric fund it will always be gratefully received.

Annexe

From time to time the Arc School use the Annexe as an extra room, especially at exam time. It is good to see the annexe used in this way, and it is also good to have people in and around the churchyard. All that is asked is that any noise near to the building is kept to a minimum when the exam signs are in the windows.

Prayer Requests

If you would like someone or a particular situation remembered in prayer at our Sunday Services both at St. Laurence and St. John's please hand the slip below to a member of the church congregation or contact the Vicar on 024 7639 9070. Please remember the vicar would be pleased to visit anyone who is sick, but he does need to know, again please ring.

Please pray forwho is

June , 2013

It would seem that the emergence of Spring didn't last very long, as the weather soon turned colder and the sun was in very short supply. What I did notice , however, was that the Wasps soon arrived and we see Wasps now all through Spring and Summer, but many years ago they were only seen at apple picking time or jam making and my mother would never swat a wasp as she said if you did they sent out a signal for others to come and help. What she did was put a little jam in a jar, cover the lid with paper and make a hole just big enough to lure the wasps in. By the end of the jam making session we had a jam jar full of wasps. I don't know what my mother did with them, however.

I was sitting in the car park waiting for my husband to come out of the doctor's and it struck me how 'posh' these surgeries are. I have seen the change dramatically from our doctor's surgery which was the front room of his house, with an open coal fire in the winter, no receptionist and if you needed a doctor, it was nearer go to the house than telephone, as nobody had a telephone in the house. When you got to the doctor's house it was his wife who answered the door. Now there are 'state of the art' buildings , but when I was a child you turned up with no appointment and there were never more than 4 or 5 in the waiting room. Also the doctor treated minor injuries such as stitching wounds , so we never went near a hospital. It was very basic but cosy and homely and the doctor knew every child by their first name and adults by Mr./ Mrs. and surname.

When Queen Beatrix of the Netherlands abdicated she passed on the crown to her eldest son , Willem Alexander. The Netherlands has had a Queen for 100 years, but now at last they have a King, but only for now as he has 3 daughters, the eldest of which will succeed him.

The Breakfast Programme was asking people what really annoyed them in the Office. One thing was 'singing' , and it made me realise I must have been really annoying as from my first day in the Typing Pool to when I retired as Office Manager, I sang all the time. I can even remember the first song I took down in shorthand - ' Massachusetts by the Bee Gees.' Many years later I had an ally in my boss as he used to sing along with me to 'Give me one moment in time by Whitney Houston '. I still sing, especially when I am ironing to the annoyance of my better half, but it has gone on so many years he has given up complaining.

How intricate the world of nature is from ferocious storms to balmy nights of bliss. One day so cold we shiver and despair, then out comes the sun bringing joy everywhere. The sun is the harbinger of many good things. The lonely take heart, the poor have wings. The sun brings new life, new hope, new joy . Gifts both young and old can enjoy.

Marie Cove.