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**Rev John's Jottings** – How good are you at waiting?

Are you signed up to Amazon Prime to get your order next day? Do you order things from Argos because you know you can get them later in the day you ordered them? More and more people want things, responses and attention instantly. We can't wait. We must have it NOW. Speed is of the essence. Instant satisfaction.

However, in our quest for instant desires to be fulfilled, we are actually missing out on much that matters most in life. We are failing to grasp the meaning of waiting and the benefits that can bring. Waiting teaches us patience – ever met a patient speeding car driver? Waiting teaches us dependence on others and God; Waiting teaches us to grow strong and resilient, to prepare for the unexpected, to plan the way forward, to be still, to pray, to learn peace and contentment and much more.

We have been at a time in the church's calendar from Ascension, when Jesus ascended to heaven, to Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit came and the church was born. The disciples were told to wait in Jerusalem until they would receive power from the arrival of the Holy Spirit. It must have been a really testing time, but it was to give them a discipline that they could not learn any other way.

In the Bible we read from the prophet Isaiah:

'They that wait on the Lord shall renew their strength. They will mount up like wings on eagles, they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not faint'.

Wishing you all the gifts that waiting can bring.

Rev John



## June St Laurence's Church, Ansley Services

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter 7	10.30 a.m.	Ordinary Time Screen
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost	10.30 a.m.	Morning Worship
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Easter Screen
		6.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 1	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Evensong
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 2	10.30 p.m.	Holy Communion
		6.30 p.m.	Songs of Praise

## St John's Church Hall, Ansley Common Services

Sunday 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Easter 7	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 9 <sup>th</sup>	Pentecost	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 16 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity	10.30 a.m.	Family Service
Sunday 23 <sup>rd</sup>	Trinity 1	10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion
Sunday 30 <sup>th</sup>	Trinity 2	10.30 a.m.	Family Service

### From the Registers

#### Baptism

The baptism took place on Sunday 28th April of Cleo Elizabeth Green, daughter of Wesley and Alex. Family and friends welcomed Cloe to church.

#### Confirmation

Very early on Easter morning Martin Griffiths was confirmed in the Cathedral, with his family and friends supporting him. He felt it was a beautiful service and he with the others stood in wonder as the light of the rising sun came through the beautiful baptistery window. They also saw the sunshine glittering on the Knife Angel.

#### Wedding.

The wedding of Timothy Ward and Jessica Smith took place on May 4<sup>th</sup> supported by many family and friends. We wish them every happiness in their married life together.

### One Year On

It is now one year since our Vicar joined us officially Curate in Charge. It is now time for a full review so that things can move forward. As part of this process it is necessary for an evaluation on the first year to be undertaken.

To this end, from the 19<sup>th</sup> May a short questionnaire was handed to those present at the Sunday services. There was also space for comments. These anonymous answers needed to be returned by 2<sup>nd</sup> June and put in a sealed box, one at St. John's and another at St. Laurence. These questionnaires are now being assessed by John and the Archdeacon, The Venerable Sue Field.

On 10<sup>th</sup> June members of the congregations in the whole Benefice are invited to meet with the Archdeacon and John to discuss ideas and plans for the future. You do not have to be a member of the PCC to come, this meeting it is open to all those who attend church. The venue of this very special meeting has yet to be arranged, but will be announced as soon as possible.

#### Marie's Coffee Morning

This year Marie will be holding her annual coffee morning on Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> June commencing at 10 a.m. As in previous years there will be plenty of lovely cakes and savoury things to eat. There will also be plenty of tea and coffee available. It will take its usual format with a bring and buy and a raffle. Hopefully the weather will, as most years, be kind and let us sit in the garden with the abundance of flowers around. If you need transport to 28 Nuthurst Crescent from Ansley Common please do let it be known and it will be arranged. As usual the proceeds will be for Childline.

#### Prayer meeting at the Annexe,

The next prayer meeting will be at 2.00 p.m. on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup>. Apologies for putting the wrong date in the May magazine which should have been the 28<sup>th</sup> (but the day was right).

#### St. John's Bingo

The next bingo session in St. John's Church Hall is on Monday 17<sup>th</sup> commencing as usual at 7 p.m. We are always grateful to those who organise this, buying the prizes and setting things up as well as clearing away afterwards. Everyone is most welcome.

#### Visitation

Each year the Church wardens and deputies attend a special important service for all wardens. It is at this service on Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> that they will be given their charge from the Archdeacon and declare that they will undertake their duties to the best of their ability for the coming year. This is the official day when they take office for the year. This year the wardens will be going to St Christopher's Allesley Park and Whoberley which is the vicar's former church and he hopes to attend to support the wardens and hopefully meet up with old friends. This service is open to anyone, but do please let a warden know so that a place can be arranged. Do please remember the wardens in your prayers as they take on their responsibilities for the coming year.

#### Eagles After School Club at St John's Hall

The next meeting will be on 20<sup>th</sup> June at 3.45 p.m. This date is a week earlier than the normal pattern because the following week is the school holiday. Children are invited to come along to have fun and join in a range of activities.

#### Open Church

St Laurence church will be open on Sundays from 12.00 noon to 6.00 p.m. throughout the summer. Do please feel free to go in at any time for prayer, quiet time or just to look.



## Dog Mess

**Dog Mess**  
It has been noticed that recently there has been dog mess in the churchyard. We have put up notices and we hope that this will now cease. However we do ask that dogs are kept under control and owners clear up after them especially in the churchyard.  
It is not nice to find this at the best of times, but on the grave of a loved one is most upsetting.

## Churchyard Fund

**Churchyard Fund**  
It has to be reported that the Churchyard Fund has not been receiving the usual amount of income, partly fewer donations and also reduced income from fees. To enable us to maintain the churchyard as tidily as we can the finance is required. It costs over £4,000 a year just to cut the grass. To this has to be added the other maintenance costs that are incurred. If you feel you can help with the ongoing costs to keep the churchyard as a place of tranquillity and remembrance for all, please do so. You could, if you wish, sponsor a cut for a particular month. If you wish to contribute please contact one of the PCC members or someone via one of the numbers on the front cover or the website.

## Cycle ride

**Cycle ride**  
On Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May as it was not possible to have the morning service in St Laurence because of the many road closures for the Velo Birmingham cycle ride with 17,000 participants. Those members of the congregation who were able to get out of their homes were warmly welcomed to St. John's and were able to join in with their worship.

## Magazines

**Magazines**  
Did you know that in church and at the Public Record Office in Priory Park, Cape Road, Warwick is a copy of most of our magazines from when it was first printed in 1893 up until now?

now? However there are missing the centre pages of the following

October 1983

All months of 1992

Also there is no copy of the February 1985 issue.

Also there is no copy of the February 1985 issue.  
If you have any of these we would be grateful if we could borrow them so that they can be  
copied and then returned.

It will be good to have a complete record of all the magazines.

## Prayer Requests

**Prayer Requests**  
If you would like someone or a particular situation remembered in prayer at our Sunday Services, both at St. Laurence's and at St. John's, please hand the slip below to a member of the church congregation or contact a warden. Phone numbers are on the front cover of this magazine. Please remember that a visit can be arranged to anyone who is sick, but the wardens do need to know, so again please ring.

Please pray for ..... who is.....

June, 2019

We are always hearing of endangered species but now the humble one pence and two pence coins are endangered. However, they have been given a reprieve for now. There were indications that they were to be scrapped but now the Chancellor has promised they will be here for years to come. This brought to mind how money is worth less now when I asked my son what the going rate for a tooth left under the pillow was and he said it was one pound.

Having lived through children, grandchildren and great grandchildren, I am surprised how their tastes in food have changed. My children loved home made chips, crisps, biscuits and in fact one of my sons worked for many years at Walkers crisps and one of my friend's sons was really envious and wished his dad worked there because he was mad on crisps. The grandchildren love Pizza, Garlic bread and French Fries whereas the great grandchildren love Cucumber, raw Carrot and Sausages and one of them loves Broccoli. How times change.

In 1850 a young man, Joseph Dobson, brought his young bride to Elland Yorkshire, where he believed an inheritance awaited him, but the dishonest solicitor had stolen all the money. It was a bitter blow but the young couple had a brainwave; they would make cakes, biscuits and sweets and offer them for sale. They sold them from their home, then opened a shop. Soon they had to build a factory and Joseph Dobson's later became a household name. Today many of Dobson's sweets are still made to old family recipes.

After writing the following poem, I decided to press flowers from each season to capture some of their beauty:

This is June with colours divine. Flowers too numerous to define. If only this scene we could hold and store. But these flowers will soon make room for even more

Marie Cove.