

GRAPEVINE

ST LAURENCE CHURCH, ALVECHURCH

November 2024



Remembrance and a
Commitment to Peace

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Deadline for submission for December Grapevine is 11th November

REVD GAIL WRITES...



Each year, on Remembrance Sunday, we pause to reflect on the sacrifices made by so many in past wars. It is a day when we honour the courage and resilience of those who fought, and we remember the countless lives lost in the pursuit of freedom and peace. Yet, as we gather to remember, it is also a time to consider the conflicts that still rage around the world today—places where war continues to devastate communities, and where peace seems distant.

The significance of Remembrance Sunday goes beyond recalling the past. It is a reminder that the commitment to peace must be an active one. While we honour those who have served, we also recognise the need for reconciliation and healing in a world where violence and division persist. As part of our service, we pledge ourselves to work for peace—both in our communities and in the wider world. But why is this commitment to peace so crucial?

In a world that often feels fractured, with news of conflict and strife never far from our ears, the message of peace is more important than ever. God calls us to be peacemakers, to seek justice and to heal the wounds of a broken world. Where is God in the midst of all this? God is present in the hearts of those who strive for peace, in the hands that reach out to help the wounded, and in the voices that speak out against injustice. God calls us to be instruments of peace, to turn away from hatred and violence, and to build bridges of understanding and compassion.

As we, in Alvechurch gather to remember, we also commit to a future where peace is not just a hope, but a reality we work toward together. I invite you to join us for Alvechurch Remembers, where we will honour those who have gone before us and renew our dedication to peace for the generations to come. Together, as a community, we can be part of God's vision for a more peaceful world.

“Blessed are the peacemakers, for they will be called children of God.”

(Matthew 5:9)

Let us walk this path of peace together.

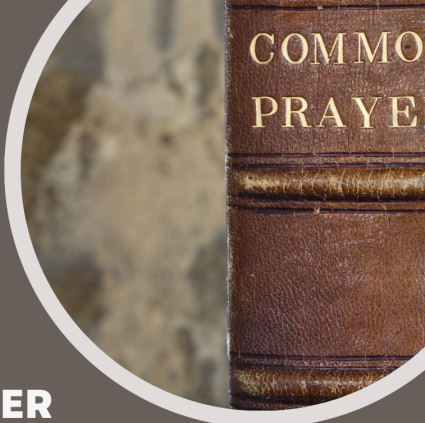
In this edition of Grapevine you will find information about our Commemoration of the Departed Service as we gather to remember those who we love and have died, you will also find information about our community Remembrance Sunday Service. We are also looking towards Christmas with a about all our services including Christingle and our Nativity, ‘The Shiny Bright Sparkling Light’. We have limited tickets left for The Ark Christmas Lunch on 13th December and information about a volunteer meeting for our Christmas Day Community Lunch. There is also lots more articles and information too.

We look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes

Revd. Gail

10AM HOLY COMMUNION FROM THE BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER



**ST LEONARD'S,
BEOLEY**

1ST THURSDAY OF MONTH

November 7th
December 5th

2025

January 2nd
February 6th
March 6th
April 3rd
May 1st
June 5th
July 3rd
August 7th
September 4th
October 2nd
November 6th
December 4th

**ST LAURENCE,
ALVECHURCH**

3RD WEDNESDAY OF MONTH

November 20th
December 18th

2025

January 15th
February 19th
March 19th
April 16th
May 21st
June 18th
July 16th
August 20th
September 17th
October 15th
November 19th
December 17th

PRAYERS AND ANOINTING FOR HEALING AND WHOLENESS

Healing Eucharist

**St Leonard's Church,
Beoley**
Sundays at 11.15am

**St Laurence Church,
Alvechurch**
Sundays at 11.15am

17th November

22nd December

2025

2025

19th January
16th March
18th May
20th July
21st September
16th November

23rd February
27th April
22nd June
24th August
26th October
14th December



St Laurence Church and The Ark, Alvechurch

ARK TOTS AND TODDLERS

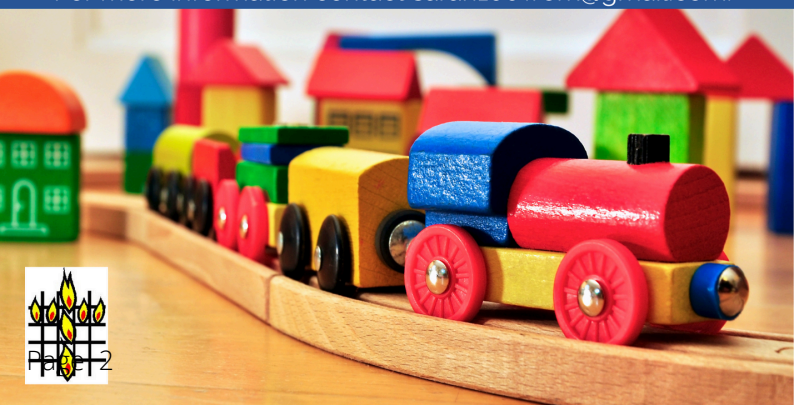
A friendly play environment for babies and little ones under 5, with their parents or carers.

A time to play and chat, with each session ending in singing time.

Thursday 9:30am - 11am - Termtime

£2 per session, per family, with as many drinks and biscuits as you like

For more information contact sarah100work@gmail.com.



CHORAL EVENSONG FOR PEACE

WITH THE 'COME AND SING CHOIR'

LED BY THE VENERABLE PAUL TAYLOR
ORGANISTS: CYRIL TAYLOR

Let us come together to reflect on the peace
Christ calls us to and our hope for a future where
love unites all of humanity

TIMETABLE

CHOIR REHEARSAL 2:45 PM
AFTERNOON TEA 5 PM
SERVICE 6 PM

10th November 2024
St Bartholomew's Church, Tardebigge. B60 1AH



Friday 13th December

Arrive from 12.30pm,
entrance through St Laurence Church

The Ark Christmas Lunch

MENU

Main

Turkey or Nut Roast
Roast Potatoes
Pigs in Blankets
Stuffing Balls
Veg: Sprouts, Carrots
Cauliflower Cheese and Peas
Gravy

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Dessert

A Selection of festive puddings
including Cheese and Biscuits

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Drinks

Wine served with Main
non-alcoholic alternative is available.
Tea and Coffee to finish

Tickets £15 per person

Booking in advance only

For more details contact Charlotte

0121 447 7955 /

admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk

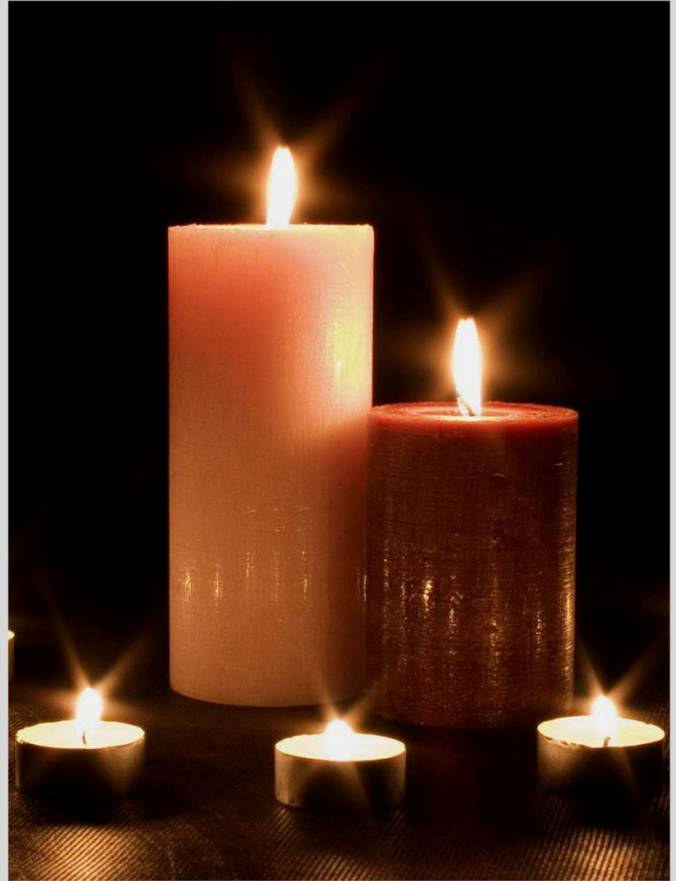
Commemoration of the Departed

St Laurence Church

At this quiet and contemplative service we come together to remember by name those who we love and have died.

We will read out name by name and light a candle for all those whose funeral's a minister from St Laurence Church has taken, whether it took place in church or at the crematorium over the last three years.

If you would like a name added to our list (whether they died recently, or several years ago) please contact Penny in the office.



Sunday 3rd November 2024, 6pm

AS TIME GOES BY

MEMORIALS THAT REFLECT A LIFETIME

Supplier of Headstones & Cremation Tablets

KEVIN PORTER

Tel: 01527 550505

Mobile: 07835 523640

Email: kfporter@blueyonder.co.uk

Web: www.astimegoesby.org.uk



Unit 5, Dunlop Road, Hunt End Industrial Estate, Redditch, Worcestershire B97 5XP

Becoming an Inclusive Church

At St Laurence, we have been reflecting deeply on what it means to be an Inclusive Church. This journey has led us to explore how we can become a place where everyone, regardless of their background or challenges, feels fully welcomed, valued, and loved. Over recent months, we have considered groups who are often overlooked—sometimes intentionally—by society and even within church communities. Among these groups are people with disabilities, those facing mental health challenges, and those who are neurodiverse.

But inclusion is about more than identifying these groups. It requires us to open our eyes, our minds, and our hearts. To truly welcome all people into the life of the church, we need to be prepared to make changes—some of which may make us feel vulnerable, as they ask us to rethink how we do things. This new awareness calls us to examine our own practices and habits, to see where we might unintentionally create barriers that prevent others from fully participating.

One of the challenges we face as a Grade II* listed building is the limitations on what we can physically alter. Yet, while structural changes may be difficult, there are many practical steps we can take to make our space more accessible. Providing large print orders of service is a simple example, but there are other ways awareness can lead to meaningful change. How we welcome someone with anxiety, how we support a person with sensory needs, or how we engage with someone who communicates differently—all of these are opportunities to embody the love and hospitality that God calls us to offer.

This is about more than just ticking boxes. It's about seeing one another as beautifully created and unique, each of us a reflection of the divine. It is about living out the commandment to love our neighbour as God loves us. In this, we come closer to loving God as we are called to do, creating a space where all can belong.

God is present in this journey. When we look at the stories of Scripture, we see a consistent message of inclusion. Jesus reached out to those on the margins, and time and again, we hear the call to welcome the stranger, care for the sick, and love the outcast. Inclusion isn't an optional extra—it's at the very heart of our faith. In making room for everyone, we make room for God to work in and through us.

Though we are only at the beginning of this journey, it has already been a profoundly moving experience. We have been challenged, we have learned, and we have seen how the act of becoming more inclusive asks us to reflect on our own vulnerabilities. But we know this is a journey worth taking, not just because it transforms us, but because it reflects God's boundless love for each person.

Becoming an Inclusive Church

This month, we are also holding a Safeguarding Sunday on 17th November.

Safeguarding is essential for an inclusive community because it ensures that our church is a safe space for everyone. For those who may already feel marginalised, knowing that their safety and well-being are prioritised helps them feel secure and welcomed. By focusing on safeguarding, we are taking an important step in building a community where everyone, regardless of their vulnerabilities, can belong without fear.

Safeguarding is an act of love, reflecting God's care for all people.

As we move into Advent and Christmas, this focus on inclusion continues to be crucial. It's a time of year when many people—some of whom may not regularly attend—come into our church, whether for services, events, or simply to find space in the busyness of the season. Ensuring that our welcome is open and inclusive during this time is part of living out the Christmas message of God's love coming into the world for all people. Everyone who walks through our doors should experience that love, whether they are visiting for the first time or have been a part of our community for many years.

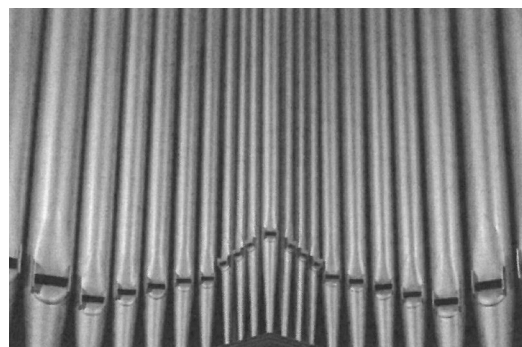
In the New Year, we will continue our journey by focusing on more groups who may feel marginalised or on the boundaries of society and the church. These themes will be explored in greater depth, allowing us to learn together and discover new ways to embody inclusion in all aspects of our community life.

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As we continue this exploration, we invite you to look out for discussion groups in the New Year. These groups will be a space to unpack some of these themes in smaller gatherings, offering a chance to reflect, learn, and share as we journey together toward a more inclusive future.

Let us continue to ask how we can love one another more fully, and in doing so, how we can love God more fully. This is just the beginning of what promises to be a much longer, transformative journey for our church and community.

SPONSOR A PIPE ON OUR ORGAN



As part of our campaign to raise money for essential works and upgrade our organ we are inviting you to, 'Sponsor a pipe!'

We have 1,348 pipes all waiting to be sponsored. Displayed in church we have a Sponsor a Pipe chart waiting to be filled with names. These names will then be remembered as part of the refurbishment and upgrade as part of the history of the organ. Each month we will print in Grapevine names added during the previous month.

You can sponsor a pipe in your own name, in remembrance of a loved one, or why not even gift a pipe to someone, we can even print off a certificate if you wish to give to them.

How to sponsor a pipe

Pop your £10 in an envelope with the name of the person you wish the pipe to be sponsored to and we will do the rest.

**Many Thanks to our sponsors who have sponsored
a pipe in October**

**Jill and John
The Lambert Family
Michael Davenport
Greta Burril**

TOWER RESTORATION

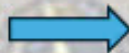
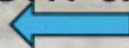
Phase 2 starting Spring 2025

(Phase 1 was completed in 2019)

Repair or replace worn stonework



from this
to this



Replace
temporary
roof



Refurbish
all three
clock faces



This project is made possible with The National Lottery Heritage Fund. Thanks to National Lottery players we have been able to give this project the go ahead



Remembrance Sunday: A Time to Reflect and Unite

This Remembrance Sunday, we will once again come together with Alvechurch Parish Council to honour and remember those who have sacrificed so much. This important and moving event is open to all members of our community, and we invite you to participate in whatever way feels meaningful to you.

The day will begin at St Laurence Church at 10:15 a.m. with a short service, during which a wreath will be laid at the memorial inside the church. Following the service, we will process together to Memorial Green, where the Act of Remembrance will take place at 10:50 a.m. This solemn moment will give us an opportunity to pause, reflect, and remember those who have served and continue to serve.

We warmly welcome you to join us at any point in the service. Various groups and organisations from our wider community will be represented, making this a truly inclusive event that unites us all. Whether you attend the entire service or join later at Memorial Green, your presence will be a valued part of Alvechurch's remembrance.

Let us gather together as a community to reflect, remember, and honour those who have given so much.

ALVECHURCH PARISH REMEMBERS

St Laurence Church and Alvechurch Parish Council are coming together again for Remembrance Sunday. Representatives from our community have been invited to take part as Alvechurch Parish Remembers together.

Please note that Bear Hill will be closed to traffic up to Snake Lane between 10.30am - 12pm

On 11th November there will be no formal Act of Remembrance at Memorial Green, although you may wish to gather for a time of quiet reflection.

Sunday 10th November

**St Laurence Church at 10.15am and at
the Memorial Green from 10.50am.**



Follow the Star

Advent readings with
Carols and Hymns
and switching on of the Advent Star

**This service will include
Alvechurch Middle School Choir**

Hot Chocolate and Mince Pies
will be served in The Ark afterwards.

**Sunday 1st December at 5pm
St Laurence Church, Alvechurch**



Churches Together in Alvechurch and Rowney Green

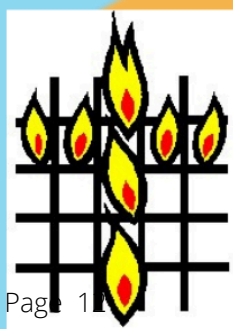
Light Festival

Saturday 30th November, from 4.30pm
at Alvechurch Baptist Church.

Free Hot Chocolate and Mulled Wine
Light Display, Bauble Decorating and Lego
Community Choir

Donations welcome with proceeds supporting
Crisis at Christmas

The Shiny Bright
SPARKLING LIGHT
Nativity Play



Sunday 24th December, 4pm
St Laurence Church



Christmas Day Community Lunch: Volunteer Meeting

How Can You Help?

The success of this event depends on the generous efforts of volunteers like you! Here are a few ways you can get involved:

- **Help with Setup & Decoration:** We'll be transforming The Ark into a festive space, and we could use help setting up and decorating.
- **Preparing Food:** Chopping vegetables, setting tables—there's plenty to do in the kitchen before and during the event.
- **Transport:** Could you offer someone a lift to or from the meal? Many of our guests would really appreciate a friendly face to help with transport.
- **Clearing Up:** After the meal, we'll need help tidying up and restoring the space.

If there's anything else you feel you could contribute to make this day even more special, we'd love to hear your ideas!

We're holding a

Volunteer Meeting on Monday 18th November at 7 pm

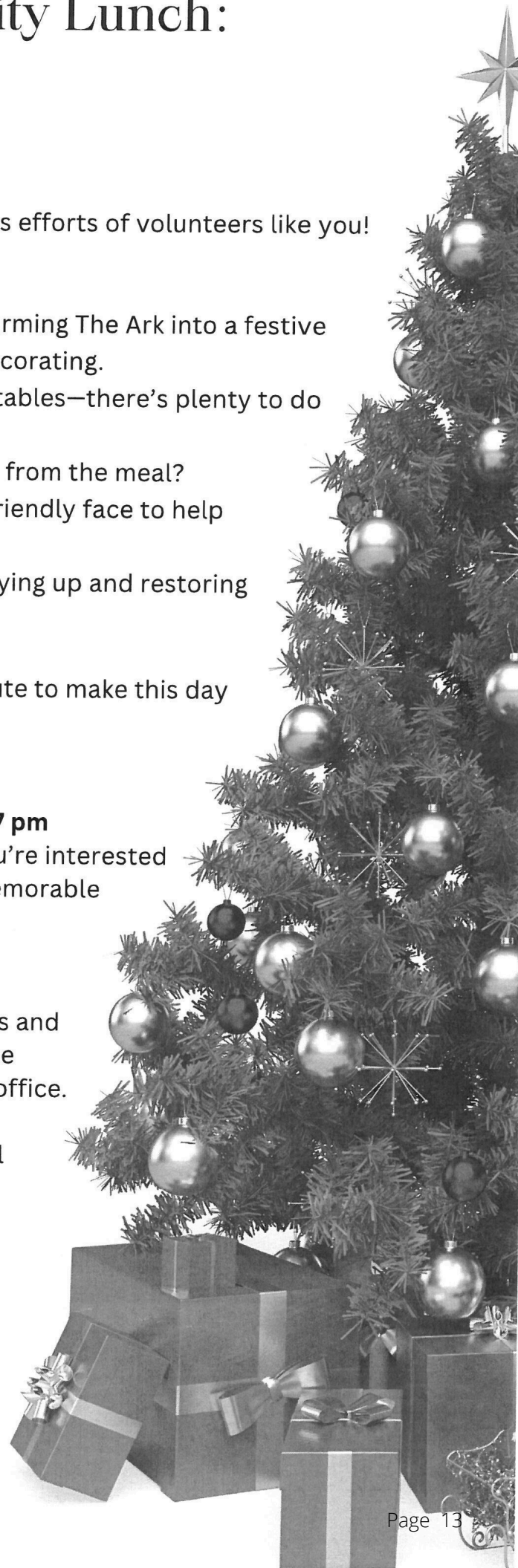
at St Laurence Church (entrance via The Ark). If you're interested in helping, please join us as we plan for another memorable Christmas together.

Immediate Help Needed

Right now, we need volunteers to distribute leaflets and put up posters around the village to help spread the word. If you can help, please contact Penny in the office.

Let's come together to make this Christmas a joyful celebration for all. We can't wait to see you there!

See the Back cover for details of menu and contacts.



ST LAURENCE CHURCH DIARY

NOVEMBER 2024

What's going at St Laurence Church, The Ark and Alvechurch Community

Family Worship with Holy Communion and Ark Time

Sunday 3rd November 9:15am

Morning Worship

Sunday 3rd November, 11.15am

Commemoration of the Departed

Sunday 3rd November 6pm

Open Church

Wednesday 6th November 10.00am -12pm

Places of Welcome

Wednesday 6th November 10.00am - 12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 7th November 9.30am

A BCP Service of Holy Communion

St Leonard's Church, Beoley

Thursday 7th November 10am

Quiz and Chips

Friday 8th November 7.30pm

Remembrance Sunday

10th November 10.15am

followed by 10.50am on The Memorial Green

Open Church

Wednesday 13th November 10.00am -12pm

Places of Welcome

Wednesday 13th November 10.00am - 12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 14th November 9.30am

Café Church, breakfast pastries served from 8:45am

Sunday 17th November 9:15am

Morning Worship

Sunday 17th November, 11.15am

DIARY NOVEMBER CONT...

What's going at St Laurence Church, The Ark and Alvechurch Community

A BCP Service of Holy Communion

St Laurence, Alvechurch

Wednesday 20th November 10am

Open Church

Wednesday 20th November 10.00am -12pm

Places of Welcome

Wednesday 20th November 10.00am - 12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 21st November 9.30am

Family Worship with Ark Time

Sunday 24th November 9.15am

Celebration of Holy Communion

Wednesday 24th November 11.15am

Open Church


Wednesday 27th November 10.00am -12pm


Places of Welcome

Wednesday 27th November 10.00am - 12pm

Ark Tots and Toddlers

Thursday 28th November 9.30am




**Café Church
Christingle**

Christingle is a *joyful celebration* to share the *light* of *Jesus* and spread a message of *hope*.

9.15am on
Sunday 15th December 2023
at The Ark, Alvechurch

Free breakfast pastries and refreshments will be served.

Revd Martin Writes ...

We are in a season of the year when we remember in a variety of ways. We remember the Fair/Mop, setting the clocks back, Halloween and Guy Fawkes night. The church has seasonal things to remember too. The “Lights of Love” reflective space for baby loss awareness, the Commemoration of the departed service in November, the public and church service of Remembrance for uniformed personnel.

Remembering – we do it.

It can connect to a public event (“what were you doing when Lockdown was announced?” “Do you remember Kate and William marrying?”). Other remembering links to personal events. This can be intensely emotional - a birth or marriage, a success in education or getting a job, meeting our life partner. If we are fortunate, we have more good things to remember than bad. Remembering can reconnect us to emotions and thoughts of what we think is important in life.

I vividly remember when my late mother-in-law was invited to a special lunch. This was for people who were in a comparable situation to her – a widow. She was pleased to be asked and enjoyed the company.

I remember a meeting and being humbled that the person chairing was there when a family member had just been released from hospital after a prolonged illness. I know I would not have been able to do that.

In work I have heard about “servant leadership.” This is the idea that leaders do not lead from the front but are there to serve their workforce and put them first. I remember the actions of a boss who did just that.

For people in public office giving up the things that go with that role can be memorable. I remember someone giving up their badges of office, their uniform and taking the long walk out of the building, the doors closing behind them,

How does this connect with remembering?

Well, I am remembering the ways the Bishop of Worcester John Inge has struck me. Inviting my mother-in-law to a lunch for clergy widows and widowers, chairing a meeting of the Diocese when his daughter had come home from hospital, modelling the servant leadership of Jesus by washing my feet before ordination. Finally with retiring laying his staff on the altar, taking off his robes and walking out of Worcester Cathedral. All memorable events and linked to powerful emotions. We remember to pray for him and his family in his retirement.

Events and emotions can be wonderful to remember. They can also be traumatic and upsetting. If there are things where your remembering needs help, we can help you celebrate the good. We can also help you hold and work through the bad. If there are things where your remembering needs help, we remember God loves you even if that is not a memory you share.



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Professional Orchestra
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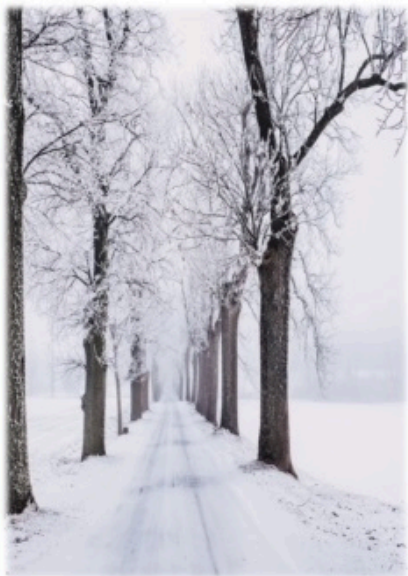
Find us on:



SATURDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2024

7.30PM

'The Ark', St Laurence Church, Alvechurch B48 7SB



A WINTER JOURNEY

...the magic & wonder of the
season through music including...

The Nutcracker (selection)
(Tchaikovsky)

Polar Express (selection)
(Alan Silvestri)

The Snowman - Concert Suite
(Howard Blake)

'Christmas Concerto'
(Giuseppi Torelli)

£16/£3 students & under 16s on the door OR

£14/£3 students & under 16s in advance from...

'Gin & Pickles' or 'The Lounge', Alvechurch &

www.midlandsinfonia.co.uk

ST LEONARD'S CHURCH, BEOLEY

CHRISTMAS

**FESTIVAL
& MARKET**



**SAT 7
DECEMBER
11AM—3PM
@ WILLOW TREES
CHURCH HILL**

Alvechurch Dramatic Society
presents...

Sinbad the Sailor and the Curse of Zard

An Arabian Nights Pantomime
by Chris Davies & Paul Chamberlain



**28th-30th November, 7:30pm
(2:30pm Saturday matinee)
Alvechurch Village Hall**

**Tickets £9; £8 conc. from The Lounge
or phone 07977 140088
email: ads.alvechurch@gmail.com**



**Sunday 24th December, 4pm
St Laurence Church**

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Family Christmas Movie Evening

Come and join us for a fun and festive Christmas movie. To watch the movie is free, we will be selling (for a small charge) popcorn, pop and mulled wine and mince pies to help us get into the Christmas spirit.

Movie of choice will be The Nativity!
Friday 6th December

CHRISTMAS MOVIE NIGHT

ST LAURENCE CHURCH SCHOOL LANE
ALVECHURCH B48 7SB



**JOIN US FOR A FREE FESTIVE CHRISTMAS MOVIE
NIGHT!**

6 DECEMBER, 2024

START AT 7:00PM

Let's create precious memories and enjoy the charm of
this season with a festive film in our very own church

No need to book ... don't miss out on the festive fun!

Christmas at St Laurence,

Follow the Star

Sunday 1st December, 5pm
*Advent readings with Carols and Hymns
and switching on of the Advent Star*

Christmas Movie Night

Friday 6th December, 7pm

Christingle

Sunday 15th December, 9:15am
*Gathering in The Ark for café Church,
breakfast served from 8.45am*

Christmas without the Tinsel

Sunday 15th December, 6pm
A quieter service without the busyness and jollity of Christmas

Nine Lessons and Carol

Saturday 21st December, 6pm
*This year we are gathering at St Leonard's Church, Beoley,
please join us there.*

Christmas Eve Services

Tuesday 24th December

Nativity

4pm

First Communion of Christmas

11.30pm

Christmas Day

Crib and Communion
10am



May this season bring love, peace and joy to all!



BOARD GAMES

We are looking for donations of any of your old board games you do not use anymore... chess , scrabble , monopoly, playing cards etc.

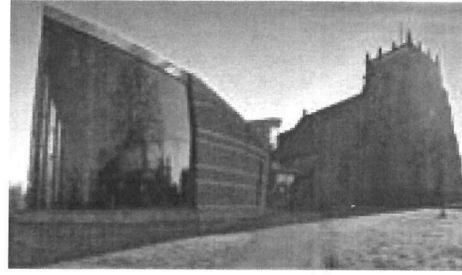
Any donations received would be very much appreciated by all that attend our Places Of
Welcome on Wednesdays up at The Ark.

The Northern Lights



On Thursday the 10th of October if you looked closely we were lucky to get a glimpse of the Northern Lights over the Village. Thank you to Paul Edwins for capturing this beautiful photo of the glowing Northern Lights above St Laurence church.

The Ark



Contacts for class and group regular events

Alvechurch Historical Society - Anne - 0121 445 5955

Karate - Chris 0756 4604613

Adult Irish dancing - donnagriffinacademy.com

Places of Welcome - Charlotte - 0121 447 7955

Wednesday Yoga and mediation - Sally - myyogamind.co.uk

Line Dancing - Bryan - 07975569065

Hillside WI - Pat - 0121 628 4121

Tots & Toddlers - Sarah- sarah100work@gmail.com

Physio Led Pilates - www.elizabethalexanderphysiotherapy.com

Zuu Move 2Bfit - Cliff- CliffHocoxfitness on Facebook

Mini-Athletics - Steph - www.miniathletics.com

The Monday Milonga Club -Andy 07788756174



Wednesday 6th November 2024

We are delighted to share that some pupils from Alvechurch Middle School will be coming to joining Places of Welcome on the 6th of November - please come along to chat and welcome them for the morning.

Places of Welcome is a network of safe
places where people can connect, belong
and contribute.
and contribute.



***For booking your own event , class or party contact
Charlotte - admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk or 0121 447 7995***

SUNDAY FAMILY WORSHIP AND ARK TIME

Our 9.15am Family Services are for all ages, with activity bags available for little ones.

As well as singing and praying in church with their families,

babies, children and Young People are invited through for **Ark Time**.

Led by DBS-cleared adults, in The Ark we listen to Bible stories and join in activities.

Under 8's enjoy Bible stories, songs and craft activities with Jack the Labrador puppet.

Over 8's explore similar Bible story themes, along with craft and drama activities.

So do come along and join us.

3rd November - 9.15am Family communion with Ark Time

10th November

Remembrance Sunday - 10.15am Service at St Laurence followed by The Act of Remembrance on The Memorial Green at 10.50am

17th November - 9.15am Café style service all together in The Ark (free breakfast pastries and fruit served from 8.45am)

24th November - 9.15am Family Service with Ark Time

1st December - 9.15am Family Advent Service with Ark Time



The final day to grab your Quiz and Chips tickets is Tuesday 29th October

Quiz and Chips

Friday 8th November

7-30pm start, doors open at 7pm

The Ark, School Lane, B48 7SB

Teams of up to 6 people max

£12 per person including fish and chip supper.
Veggie option available, please request on booking.

Licensed bar on evening.

Booking in advance and payment of ticket by
Monday 4th November.

For tickets see Graham or Charlotte in the Parish Office



ALVECHURCH VILLAGE SOCIETY – UPCOMING EVENTS

EVENT

Wed. Nov 13th at the Village Hall, 7:30pm
“The History of Halloween”
A talk by Paul Harding

WALKS

Sunday Nov 3rd 2pm
A Walk Around Alvechurch
Meet at Alvechurch Station steps B48 7SD

Sunday Dec 1st 2pm

Around Spernal
Meet at Haydon Way Wood car park, Spernal Lane B80 7EX

For more information and membership see the AVS website: www.alvechurchvs.org

Hillside WI

Our speaker for October was Chris Atkins from Hereford & Worcestershire Fire & Rescue Service. Chris covered many aspects detailing the amazing and diverse work carried out by this service and also covered safety in the home and how we can implement simple checks to help prevent a fire and in the event of one, procedures to go through.

He also advised us that anyone can get in touch with the service and arrange a free safety check. Someone will come to your home and assess any problem areas and if necessary fit smoke alarms and/or carbon monoxide detectors free of charge. They also provide a winter warm pack with thermal blanket, hat socks gloves and snood again free of charge for anyone they may come across who is struggling to keep warm, living with little or no heat. We all learned some extremely valuable lessons and went away with some of the informative leaflets Chris brought along.

During September some of our ladies visited Winterbourne gardens in Edgbaston, travelling by train to the university followed by a brisk walk to Winterbourne to take in the gardens, house and break for lunch. Our next meeting is on Wednesday 6th November and is a craft evening. With the countdown to Christmas one of our ladies Karen, is guiding us through making a Christmas star to hang on the tree. All visitors are welcome as always.

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Teresa of Avila

We remember and give thanks for all we love and have died. For those who sacrificed so much for us. As we remember, help us to hold onto the vision of heaven and an eternal holding in divine love.

We pray for all who live here. As we enter the darker and colder months may we remember to check in on the most vulnerable around us. May we love one another as you love us.

We give thanks for all involved in planning this years Christmas Lights Switch on, may it be a joyful community gathering as we begin our preparations for Christmas.

We pray for all who live and work in Alvechurch, with a focus on all who live in Redditch Road , Buckleys Green and Chapel Lane.

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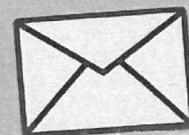
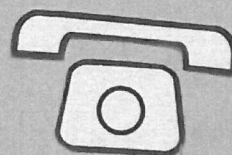
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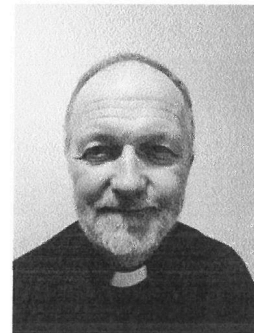
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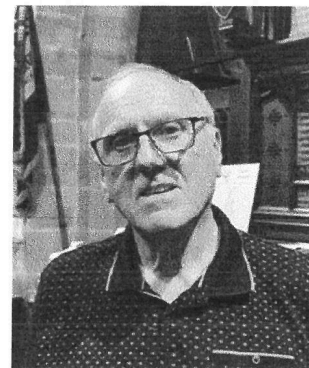
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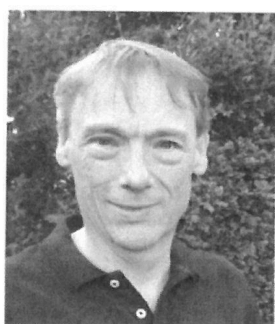


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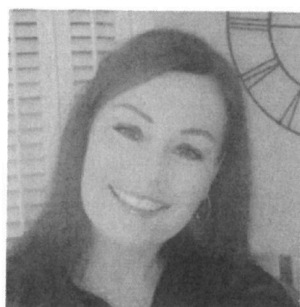
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