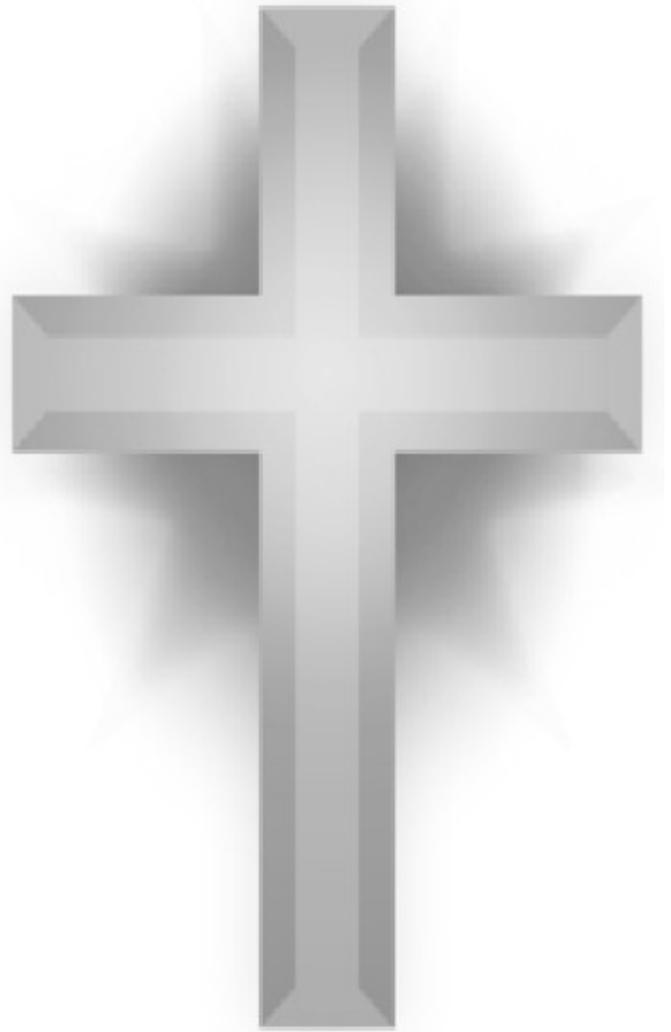
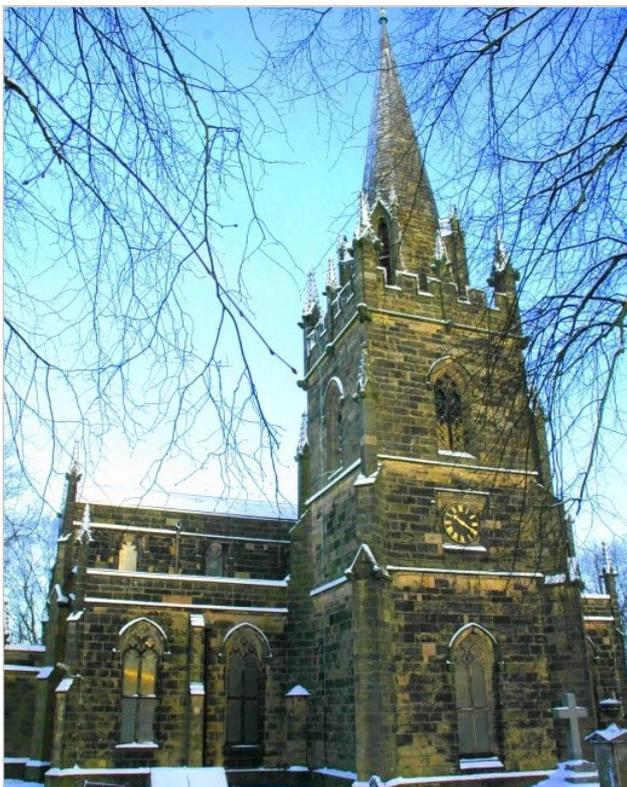


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SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

4th September—Trinity 15

All Saints' 8am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Canon Andrew Wickens

St Andrew's 9.30am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Canon Judith Oliver

All Saints' 10.30am - Morning Prayer - Suzanne Bradley

St Peter's 10.30am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Canon Judith Oliver

All Saints' 6.30pm - Evensong - Alan Howe

11th September - Trinity 16

All Saints' 8am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Peter Kerr

St Andrew's 9.30am - Morning Prayer - Jan Humphries

All Saints' 10.30am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Peter Kerr

St Peter's 10.30am - Baptism - The Rev'd James Makepeace

All Saints' 6.30pm - Evensong - Jan Humphries

18th September - Trinity 17

All Saints' 8am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Peter Kerr

St Andrew's 9.30am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Mel Smith

All Saints' 10.30am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Peter Kerr

St Peter's 10.30am - Morning Prayer - Suzanne Bradley

All Saints' 6.30pm - Evensong - Jan Humphries

25th September - Trinity 18

All Saints' 8am - Holy Communion - The Rev'd Canon Andrew Wickens

St Andrew's 9.30am - NO Service - Team Service at St Peter's

All Saints' 10.30am - NO Service - Team Service at St Peter's

St Peter's 10.30am - The Venerable Nikki Groarke - Team Service

All Saints' 6.30pm - Compline - Jan Humphries

LETTER FROM THE EDITOR

I hope you enjoy this edition. It is the first produced under my editorship and I have taken the opportunity to introduce some changes.

First of all the guidance issued by Action for Blind People - "Making it Clear" has been adopted as far as possible. The most noticeable is the adoption of a san serif font and the use of left justified text

I have retained the A5 format for the general magazine but an alternative large font version is available on request. Please ask the person who delivers your magazine, or alternatively let Keith Tomlinson, know if you would like one.

As ever we are always short of magazine content so if you would like to contribute an article please send it to Gail in the editorial office.

Alan

Anniversary of the Order of Reader

This year is the 150th Anniversary of Reader (licensed lay Ministry). Many services have been held to celebrate and give thanks for this valued ministry. There is to be a big service in Worcester Cathedral on Saturday 17th September which will be led by Bishop John.

The role has developed and expanded over the past 150 years but it is still a vital link between community and priest I have been privileged to serve in the Gornal and Sedgley team for the past 10 years. I had God calling me to ministry for a very long time and was not sure of the direction God wanted me to follow until Christmas morning 2004, during the service I heard Gods voice loud and clear, telling me exactly how he wanted me to serve him.

I had been Nursing for about 13 years with the elderly & the dying and funeral ministry was an area I felt truly called to. After doing my Bishops certificate I went to an interview panel which I found quite gruelling.

Thankfully I was selected and did two years training in Droitwich to get my beloved Blue scarf.

I will never forget the day I received it and was licensed in the Cathedral and the tremendous support I received from the whole team. I gave my life to God and to his service.

Jan Humphries - Licensed Lay Minister

Editors Note:

On Ascension Day 1866 the Order of Readers was re-inaugurated. The order of Readers is to extend the effectiveness of the traditional parochial system to new pioneering work on the boundaries between church and world.



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CHURCH OPENING



**Friday mornings from
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Just Thoughts.

I've learnt so much from my mistakes I'm thinking of making a few more.

Sometimes silence is the only thing that explains what's going on inside you.

Being a Christian doesn't mean you won't fall... it means when you do Jesus will catch you.

A smart person knows what to say. A wise person knows whether or not to say it.

We learn something from everyone who passes through our lives. Some lessons are painful. Some lessons are painless, and some lessons are Priceless.

When you become friends with solitude, you will never feel lonely again.

Remember, no matter how open, peaceful, and loving you attempt to be, some people can only meet you as deeply as they have met themselves.

Obstacles can't stop you,. Problems can't stop you. Most important of all other people can't stop you. Only you can stop you.

Happiness is always a choice. You can sit around waiting for things to get better. Or you can create your way of life just how you want. Look for reasons to be happy every single day.

Learn the art of saying. NO Don't lie. Don't make excuses. Don't over explain yourself. Just simply decline. Say NO.

Find your passion and you'll find your purpose.

Decide what you want. Believe you can have it. Believe you deserve it and believe it is possible for you.

It takes a whole lot of truth to gain trust. But just one lie to lose it all.

If you keep walking the same path don't expect to arrive at a different location.

Timing is everything. If it's meant to happen, it will, at the right time for the right reasons.

One of the deep secrets of life is that all that is really worth doing is what we do for others.

An apology means nothing if a person doesn't stop doing what they are apologising for. Believe action not merely words.

Compiled by David Melhuish.



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Ladies Society

“Where there’s a Will”

Anne Clark

Anne’s talk was about Wills and the information which they may hold. This information sometimes gives the reader a big surprise! In earlier times property owners would leave property to their heirs rather than money.

Anne’s Great Grandfather owned some cottages called “Hill View” which is now well over 100 years old and some still have members of her family living in them!

The aristocracy often made a will which would leave the estate and money to the eldest son, other siblings had to find work! Women were not allowed to handle money when a girl married, she had to give any money that may have had to her husband.

Nowadays, if you wish to find a will of an ancestor there are various sources to help you, the main one today of course is the “Internet”, other resources could be Newspaper Archives, The Phone Book, The Electoral Roll, and Census Records.

Thank you Anne for the interesting talk which sparked off a great deal of discussion between members about who has or has not, and maybe things discovered in wills which no-one even knew about!

Well ladies I hope that you have all enjoyed the summer and our next meeting when we meet again will be on September 5th for our AGM. I hope to see you all there.

Molly Taft.

MOTHERS' UNION

The Cream Tea in July was a great success enjoyed by all. We raised £369, which was split between All Saints', St. Andrew's, and Mothers' Union. Thank you to all who helped and all who came.

Kath Apperley shared with us how, for her, art and faith were interlinked, in her talk entitled 'Art and Faith – a personal reflection', at our evening meeting in July. 'Moonrise by the Sea', by Caspar David Friedrich is a romantic seascape, showing three people sitting on a rock. Kath would like to be sat on that rock, in that peaceful setting, reflecting on Jesus 'her rock'. She spent some time as a guide at Harvington Hall, noted for its 'priest holes', constructed by Nicholas Owen. During the reign of Queen Elizabeth I there was conflict between Protestants and Catholics resulting in persecution of Catholics and sadly people around the world are still being persecuted for their faith. 'The Descent from the Cross' by Rogier van der Weyden, in the Museo del Prado in Madrid, evokes a powerful response from Kath, so much so that she has been to see it in Madrid. We saw the detail in the painting – the hands and the tears of those at the cross. 'The Magdalen Reading', also by Weyden, is part of a larger painting showing Mary Magdalen reading, with a jar of ointment in the foreground. Kath showed us the other figures that built up the complete picture which was fascinating. The evening finished with a painting by Hogarth, 'Gin Lane', depicting the poor in Victorian society, which she saw on a recent visit to the Foundling Museum in London and a very modern concept of art in a photographic image of brain cells which look like beautiful trees. We had a very interesting evening that was enjoyed by all.

Our summer outing was to Worcester, where we had coffee in the Chapter House followed by a guided tour of the Cathedral. Our very knowledgeable guides revealed many interesting facts and features of the cathedral, that one misses going around on one's own. After lunch we went on a river trip, down to Diglis and back upriver, with magnificent views of the Cathedral. Our order for sunshine was once again fulfilled!

The Coffee Morning to raise funds for AFIA was held in August. Despite a small turnout, £65 was raised and our cakes were enjoyed.

We were made most welcome at the Mary Sumner Day service at Holy Trinity, Amblecote. The service was led by Revd Alan Williams, Vicar of Amblecote and was followed by a buffet lunch.

Our Deanery Festival is on Tuesday 27th September, 7.30pm at St. Mary's, Kingswinford. They will be celebrating 140 years of the Mothers' Union. I hope as many of you as possible will attend the festival and if you need a lift please let me know.

Dates :

6th Sept 2.15pm Communion followed by 'Bits and Pieces' - Gwen Hadley

27th Sept 7.30pm Deanery Festival, St. Mary's, Kingswinford

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Saturday 8th October 2016

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For many years our Fayre has been successful due to the loyal support of people from all of the churches served by the Committee. We would obviously love to see you again this year for coffee, lunch or just for a browse and chat.

This year eight separate churches will have stalls and All Saints' will run the tombola. So we need additional gifts, as many as you can give us. Ivy Slater and Anne Hart have raffle tickets for sale soon and we shall also have Christmas Cards available at the Fayre.

Anne

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Dates for Diary

- 5th September - Ladies Society AGM - 7pm
1st September - Townswomen's Guild - 10am
19th September - Men's Society - Made In The Black Country - Chris Smith - 7pm
6th September - Mothers' Union - Communion - Bits and Pieces - Gwen Hadley 2.15pm
20th September - DCC - 7pm
27th September - Mothers' Union - Deanery Festival - St Mary's, Kingswinford - 7.30pm

Baptisms

- 17th July - Edith Lilian Buttery
24th July - Ashton James Evans & Spencer Joseph Evans
24th July - Leo Thomas Barker & Lauren Ivy Ann Barker
14th August - Layla Rose Pitt
28th August - Cara Jade Olivia Violet Burton

Weddings

- 8th July Thomas Capewell to Laura Smith

Funerals

- 27th July - Donald Edward Thorpe - Crem
28th July - John Edward Lloyd - All Saints'
15th August - Alfred Thomas Green - Crem
22nd August - Geoffrey Brian Perry - Crem
26th August - Paul Babiak - St Andrews



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August

- 9th HMS 'Falmouth' & 'Nottingham' sunk by submarine.
- 27th Rumania declares war on Austria-Hungary.
- 28th Germany declares war on Rumania. Italy declares war on Germany.
- 30th Turkey declares war on Rumania.
- 31st Battle of Verdun ends (French date: Germany gives 9th September)

Battles were also taking place in Gorizo (Isonzo), German East Africa, Armenia and Macedonia.

September

- 1st Bulgaria declares war on Rumania Compulsory Military Service Bill in New Zealand comes into force.
- 2nd German raid by 14 airships (greatest number to attack simultaneously) on London and other parts of England. German ships in Piraeus harbour seized by Allies.
- 3rd **Battle of Guillemont** (Somme) begins: ends 6th Sept. **Battles of Delville Wood and Pozieres** (Somme) end.
- 9th **Battle of Ginchy** (Somme).
- 15th **Battle of Flers-Courcelette** (Somme) begins - ends 22nd. Tanks in action for the first time. Aeroplane co-operation with tanks instituted.
- 23rd Airship raid on England (East coast & London) involving serious casualties - 170, mostly civilian. Sub. 'L-32' destroyed by aeroplane at Bille-ricay, 'L-33' brought down by gunfire in Essex.
- 24th Krupp works at Essen bombed by French aeroplane.
- 25th **Battle of Morval** (Somme) begins - ends 28th.
- 26th **Battle of Thiepval Ridge** (Somme) begins - ends 28th.

Battle of Flers-Courcelette - first use of tanks in battle. The maximum speed of a Mark I tank was 3.7 mph. It weighed 28 tons. Inside its claustrophobic interior, the 8 man crew endured high temperatures and toxic fumes. Although slow and cumbersome, they were a useful addition during the battle - if the conditions were right!

20 million tickets were estimated to have been sold for the hour-long film called 'The Battle of the Somme' over the first two months of its run, shot while fighting was still taking place. It showed scenes of the actual battle and several staged sequences.

Rosemary Moss

Around the Parish - September 2016

The nights are drawing in so I have sorted out a quiz to keep the little grey cells active. I'm sure Hercule Poirot would have the answers in no time at all!

To be serious we send get well wishes to so many parishioners; I hope I have remembered them all.....

John Looker and Elaine Melliush both recovering from hip operations.

Alice Bradley recovering from a water infection; she has gone to stay with her daughter.

Mary Cleaver is improving and is in Netherton Green Care Home.

Joyce Withers recovering from an eye operation.

Denise Chappel has broken her leg but has decided to risk her holiday.

Pauline Turner is still receiving treatment. We hope all is well; she is busy making cards for special occasions, all individual designs to suit.

Maureen Wassell is now back to good health.

Abigail, Maureen's granddaughter also improving.

Iris Byfield also improving and doing as the doctor ordered.

We also remember David Hunt.

Finally a happy holiday to those going away.

Dorothy Inett

Quiz - Old Money!

All the answers are terms for (old) money. For example: Policeman = Copper = 1 penny

- Pig
- Singer
- Bike
- Stone
- Kings Headgear
- Leather Worker
- Sun, Moon, Stars
- Two Ponies
- Hair Fashion
- Quid
- Half a Knicker
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On September 9th the present All Saints church at Sedgley will celebrate its 190th anniversary of the laying of its foundation stone. Here is an account of the laying ceremony adapted from “The Story of the Ancient Manor of Sedgley” - E A Underhill.

On Saturday, September 9th, 1826, the first stone of the new Church at Sedgley was laid by the Right Hon. John William, Viscount Dudley.

At three o'clock in the afternoon his Lordship was met by the Committee, responsible for taking down and rebuilding the church, at the door of the school room that had been used for divine service during rebuilding work, where the afternoon service was read by the Rev. C. Girdlestone, Vicar; after which a procession was formed to the site of the new Church. The Committee led the way, followed by the Architect, the Churchwardens, the Vicar and the other Clergy.

On arriving at the site, the procession was received by the Sunday School children and the first four verses of the 104th Psalm were sung. A glass vase, containing all the coins of the reign, was then deposited in a cavity cut in the stone to receive it and a metal plate, with the following inscription, placed upon it :-

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By John William, Viscount Dudley and Ward,
Who began this work
9 September 1826.
The then Vicar being C. Girdlestone.
The Churchwardens, J. T. Fereday and J. White.
The Architect, T. Lee.

The stone was gradually lowered and laid by his Lordship. The Vicar offered up an appropriate prayer, after which the whole congregation sang the hundredth Psalm and the Vicar pronounced the Benediction. The congregation dispersed and his Lordship, on leaving the churchyard, was greeted with a hearty cheer by the assembled crowd.

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Birmingham Daily Post 16th September 1916

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