

St Michael's and All Angels, Ledbury and St John's, Eastnor Parish Magazine October 2017

THE CIVIC SERVICE SUNDAY 1 OCTOBER 2017 - 3.00 PM

A message from The Mayor of Ledbury: Councillor Elaine Fieldhouse

“The theme for this year’s Civic Service is thankfulness. I feel that Ledbury is a wonderful town in which to live and work, with a marvellous sense of community. I am sure that we are all very thankful to live in such a lovely place.

I am very pleased to be having my Civic Service at St Michael and All Angels Parish Church, to enable residents of Ledbury and representatives of our local voluntary and community groups to gather together. It is important for us to celebrate all that is around us, our families, friendships and all things positive.

I look forward to meeting you.”

The Civic service is the one annual occasion at which we welcome the Mayor, the Town Council and officials officially to our church. We therefore invite all Ledbury people, members of whatever faith or denomination or non-believers, to come and join with us in showing our backing for our council. The town is at a critical period in its history with big decisions which will affect its future for decades to come. We are aware of the problems that exist among the Council and we will be praying for unity and cooperation in working together for the good of the town

Please come and greet our guests and show our support for them as they work for our benefit.

Dean's Delight – the report back

On the whole Deans get a bad press. In Hereford we are very fortunate in that Michael Tavinor breaks the mould. He is a man of many parts and one of his rich talents is as an entertainer. When he agreed to come to Ledbury to host an evening to raise funds for the 'Friends', we knew we were in for a treat and we were not disappointed. His material ranged from 18th century church music to pop and from wartime songs to Flanders and Swann. He played the organ and the piano, he sang and he told stories, all in his self-deprecating style and with much humour. I don't think he danced. It was a great evening which we will not easily forget.

We have to thank the Friends for organising this occasion. Many people were involved, the stewards, the cushion wardens (Jenny take a bow), those who sold tickets and those who provided and served the half time drinks. Their efforts all combined to enhance the enjoyment of this occasion. The object was to raise money and we did raise £940.00 but somehow this was unimportant. What really mattered was that we all had a really enjoyable evening.

FRIENDS OF LEDBURY PARISH CHURCH

NOTICE OF ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

**to be held at
St Michael's Parish Church**

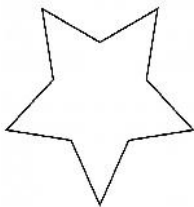
WEDNESDAY, 11 OCTOBER 2017 AT 2.30 P.M.

**After the Annual general meeting there will be a
talk/demonstration by Tim Keyes**

**'RINGING THE CHANGES:
THE LOUDEST SECRET OF ST. MICHAEL'S'**

Following which tea and cakes will be served in the Chapter House

ALL WELCOME



THE COFFEE STOP

**is hosted by Margaret Neal from 10am to 12noon on the first Friday
of each month in The Chapter House.**

It is a chance to meet and chat to others and make new friends.

**Persons who cannot get there by themselves may request a FREE lift
by telephoning Ruth Wragg on Ledbury 670196.**

Services in Church - October

Sunday 1st October Sixteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
10.30am Morning Worship
3.00pm Civic Service
6.30pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 8th October Harvest Thanksgiving

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion

Sunday 15th October Luketide

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer for Healing
6.30pm BCP Evensong

Sunday 22nd October Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
11.15am Eastnor Parish Communion
4.00pm The 4 o'clock Worship Service

Sunday 29th October Bible Sunday

8.00am BCP Holy Communion
9.30am Parish Communion with Prayer Ministry
6.30pm BCP Evensong

Sine nomine International touring choir

In concert
Saturday, 14th October at 7.30 pm
£10 (concessions £7)

Tickets available from Ledbury Books and Maps
or on the door

The Rector's Letter

We're hearing a lot about 'mindfulness' at the moment. I've discovered that mindfulness aims to help people be resilient in life. Resilience is the ability to deal with stress, not to be crushed by it, to bounce back and even be stronger after.

As people have looked into things which help us be resilient, they've discovered:

- ✓ that hope and optimism about the future actively help us to cope with current events.
- ✓ that reframing experiences in a positive light helps increase our resilience.
- ✓ That a spiritual/religious life tends to make people more resilient.

You may be surprised to learn that Thankfulness is emerging as potentially the greatest quality in developing resilience.

Researchers have seen that an attitude of gratitude can benefit a whole range of areas including helping to reduce anxiety and phobias – and that finishing the day, remembering things that you can be thankful for even improves sleep!

This is encouraging and for Christians particularly.

Godliness is of value in every way!

We're reminded that 'All things work to the good of those who love the Lord Jesus'. We're told that we have a great hope: the Hope within us – Jesus and His promises to us for our future. We're encouraged to 'count your blessings' and to thank God. (See Philippians 4 verse 6)

This doesn't prevent life's knocks and challenges, but helps us become more resilient before, during and after.

Thinking and acting as God has told us turns out to be good for us and is healthy/healthier for us! Who'd have thought?!

There's something to thank God for there for starters.

Why not put this into action this month and see?

Revd. Keith Hilton-Turvey

The Day Job

When people ask me what I do in my paid job, my short answer is: “I work for a small computer company in Malvern”. That’s true, but here’s my slightly longer answer...

I work for a company that offers consultancy on the verification of *safety-* and *security-critical* computer systems. The former are systems where, should they go wrong, there is high risk of serious injury or death to persons, e.g. aircraft, car or rail systems. The latter are where high security is required, e.g. banking or sensitive government systems. Our customers and partners include government departments, some of the biggest players in the engineering industry, and top universities. Our type of customer cannot afford for their systems to go wrong (it could bring down the company), and are they are prepared to invest heavily to do all they can to ensure that they do not.

Crucially, our consultancy is based on the use of verification tools we ourselves are developing. Here, by ‘verification’, I mean check *exhaustively* that the systems do what they are supposed to do; this is opposed to ‘testing’ and ‘simulation’ techniques, both of which involve only *partial* analysis of systems.

I work on the top-level *systems designs* and *user requirements* – the starting point of the development of any system. Our tool takes a set of requirements written in a form of structured English plus a system design and translates both automatically to mathematical *models* (representations). The system model is then automatically checked by computer to either prove that it meets all the requirements... or else to discover how it could potentially fail to do so, no matter how unlikely the failure. The model checker does this by examining every possible *behavior* of the system from start to finish defined by the set of *transitions* (changes) between discrete *states* the system can be in. Recently we ran a check (concerning unmanned drones) using a number of very powerful computers running *in parallel* that explored about a billion states in ten minutes, at one point exploring states at the rate of some 15 mega (million) states a second.

Our long-term goal is to develop a suite of tools for verifying systems from the initial top-level system design right down to the low-level machine code that runs on the computers. If we can achieve that, it will be quite a legacy.

William Simmonds
August 2017

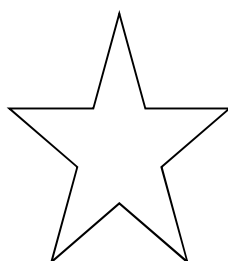
Two functions Raising money for the Flower Festival in 2018

Firstly : Sponsored Dog Walk

Perry Street (English Setter) invites his dog friends to join him
on a walk starting at the Market House

2.0 pm Sunday 8th October

Please contact Judy Street on 01531 635404 or email
nigel.j.street@gmail.com for more details and a sponsor form.

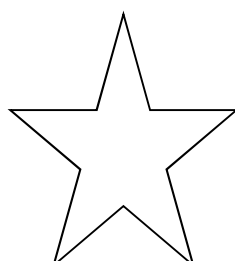


Secondly : A fun Quiz Night

Come along on Friday, 13th October at 7.0 pm
in the Burgage Hall

Bangers and Mash Supper (bring your own wine if you wish)

Tables of 4. Tickets at £10 each from Maggie Mackenzie



St. Francis of Assisi

The life of St Francis of Assisi is celebrated each year on the 4th October.

- 1182 Born in Assisi to a wealthy merchant Pietro Bernadone and Madonna Pica
- 1205 Conversion after a rather indulgent and riotous youth
- 1206 Disinherited by his Father
- 1210 Approval of the Franciscan Order by Pope Honorius III
- 1219 Preaches peace and goodness in Egypt among crusaders and moslems
- 1223 Institutes crib at Greccio (Rieti)
- 1224 Receives stigmata on Mount La Verna (Arezzo)
- 1225 Writes the Canticle of Brother Sun (*see below*)
- 1226 Dies at Santa Maria degli Angeli (Assisi)
- 1228 Canonized in Assisi
- 1228 First stone laid of new Sepulchre-Church
- 1230 Transalation of body and definite burial in the new Basilica
- 1978 Recognition of relics and visit of Pope John II
- 1997 Basilica seriously damaged by two earthquakes

The Canticle of Brother Sun

Brother Francis was in the nuns garden at San Damiano. He was weighed down with illness with many sorrows. Suddenly he broke into a song of praise, a song of all creatures praising their creator, a song for all men to hear with joy.

Most high omnipotent good Lord,
Thine are praise, glory and honour and all benediction,
To the, alone, Most High, do they belong:
And no man is there, worthy thee to name.

Praise be to the, my Lord, with all thy creatures,
Chiefest of all, Sir Brother Sun,
Who is our day, through whom thou givest light:
Beautiful is he; radiant, with great splendour:
Of the, most high, he is a true revealer

Praise be to the, my Lord, the Sister Moon and for the stars;
In heaven hast thou formed them, bright, precious and fair.

Praise be to the, my Lord, for Brother Wind, and for the air
and for the cloud, for clear sky and all weathers,
By which thou give this to nourishment to all thy creatures.

Who's Who and What is What
*(in memory of the late Jim Barnes, CB
who produced brilliant directories)*

Rector: The Reverend Keith Hilton-Turvey

Associate Priests: The Reverend William Simmonds
The Reverend Tony Hodder,

Honorary Assistant Priests: The Very Revd. Nicholas Bury;
The Revd. Michael Gallagher; The Revd. Bill MacKenzie; The Revd. David Price;
The Revd Canon Ryc Smith; The Revd James Stewart; The Revd Joan Wakeling; The
Revd David Wood-Robinson.

Readers: Mr. Brian Bowers, Mrs. Mary-Ann Keyes,

Churchwarden Emeritus: Bob Hale

Church Wardens: Mrs Lois Pratt, Dr Christine Bainton

Assistant Wardens: Alan Pratt, Sue Simpson,
Peter Tattersall, Malcolm Thomas.

The PCC: Revd. K Hilton-Turvey, Rev W Simmonds,
Dr Christine Bainton, Mrs Lois Pratt,
Mr Alan Pratt (Secretary), Mr Bruce Wragg (Treasurer), Mrs Ann Davies,
Mrs Heather Lucas, Mr Ian James, Mr David Kirkham, Miss Christabel Panter,
Mr Malcolm Thomas, Mr Richard Thursby, Mrs Sue Simpson, Mr Peter Tattersall,
Mrs Ann Tombs, Mrs Diana Veasey, Mr Peter Veasey,

Standing Committee: Rev Keith Hilton Turvey, Lois Pratt, Christine Bainton,
Alan Pratt, Sue Simpson, Peter Tattersall, Malcom Thomas and Bruce Wragg

Stewardship Committee: The Very Revd Nick Bury (Chairman)
Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey, Robert Waddington, Martin Colman, Mary Anne Keyes,
Lesley Goodall (Secretary) Lois Pratt, Christine Bainton, Tony Goodall and Jill Jupp

Local Ministry Development Group:

Tony Goodall, The Rector, The Revd Tony Hodder, Tim Keyes, Heather Lucas,
Maggie MacKenzie, Chris Noel, Christabel Panter; The Revd William Simmonds,
Peter Veasey, Philip Weaver.

The Worship Review & Development Group:

Andy Hill, Keith Hilton-Turvey, William Hopkinson, Mary Anne Keyes,
Maggie MacKenzie, Chris Noel, William Simmons, Julia Warren,

Buildings and Fabric Group: Ian Stainburn (coordinator)

Ian Beer, Brian Bowers, Margaret Chapman, John Lindeck Ann Tombs, Peter Veasey,
Revd Joan Wakeling.

Church Social & Catering Group: Sue Simpson (coordinator)

Electoral Roll Officer: Sarah Entwistle
Safeguarding Officer: Jennifer Bury
Deanery Synod Reps: Christabel Panter, Richard Thursby, Peter Veasey
Coordinator of Music: Philip Holland
Young Church: Jill Jupp
Guild of Altar Servers: The Rev William Simmons
Coordinator: Sue Entwistle

Verger for Weddings and Funerals : Margaret Riley & Peter Tattersall

Mothers' Union: Lois Pratt and Janet Gallagher

Flower Guild:
Chairman: Margaret Chapman
Flower Guild Secretary: Judy Street
Wedding Flowers: Mrs. Chris Lynch

Routine cleaning Co-ordinator: Brian Bowers

Tower Keeper: Neil Toussaint
Tower Captain: Andrew Kett

Deanery Link with Mtwara: Elaine Toyer

Friends of St. Michaels:
President: Ian Beer, CBE
Chairman: The Revd Canon Ryc Smith
Margaret Chapman, Ann Davis, Tim Keyes, John Lindeck (Treasurer), Chris Noel,
Vanessa Skelton (Secretary, Ian Stainburn, Anne Tattersall.

St. Katherine's Hall Committee:
Keith Hilton-Turvey, Christine Bainton, Lois Pratt,
Ian James, Ann Tombs
Secretary and Bookings: Sarah Williams Caretaker: Earl Robinson

Ledbury Ecumenical Worker: The Rev Tony Hodder
Baptist Church: Elders: Martyn Kyle & Geoff Rutherford
Church of England: Revd Keith Hilton-Turvey
Elim Church: Peter Williamson
Methodist Church: Revd Philip Warrey
Roman Catholic Church: Fr Adrian Wiltshire

Deanery Synod Chairwoman: Sheila Mullaney

(any corrections or additions to Ian Beer, please, ankerdine1@btinternet)

The Gospel in Action – Noah’s Camp

10th August 2017

I am sitting overlooking a field in Brooms Green, which has for five days inherited the title Noah’s Camp! A flight of Swallows are skimming inches from the ground in an aerial display unmatched even by the Red Arrows!

The sun is out now and a brisk easterly breeze has dried out the sodden grass following earlier rains – how appropriately named is the field - but the rain was no match for the spirit of the campers. Everywhere I look I see children, parents and grandparents enjoying the wonderful space and beautiful scenery. Outside one tent little children are trying to keep a football bouncing on a parachute. As I write Brother Gabriel walks across the field and looks a very natural sight, sporting his grey monk’s habit and a long beard with a guitar case under his arm (He is from St Pio Friary, Bradford and you may have seen a recent BBC documentary, ‘From Bronx to Bradford: Friars on a mission’).

This wonderful Christian Camp is the vision of Simon and Mary Cameron with two years extensive planning. The organisation is exceptional, Mary and Simon have thought of everything. Main Marquee, children’s and young people’s tents, café tent, prayer tent... the list goes on including all the facilities needed for campers. There is even St Michael’s Angels Security! Their role is to keep everyone safe, keep the field spotless, all the time covering the event with prayer! They are led by Rick, a police officer who has recruited friends and family to serve Christian Camps all over the country (8 this year).

I have been greatly blessed by coming to this Catholic Camp, meeting there members and leaders of nearly all the Ledbury churches and not least for the wonderful teaching and ministry of Christy Wimber from the Vineyard Church in America.

I was touched by a comment she made referring to her late father-in-law, John Wimber, who would say, “I want to grow up before I grow old.” That says everything about the vision and purpose of this camp – *Thy Kingdom Come*.

Christy began very much at the basics of *Thy Kingdom Come* leading us through the way of Christian growth with stunning wisdom and teaching. It was a very gentle process but you knew your journey from beginnings to maturity would be an invaluable part of growing up before growing old.

I cannot recommend highly enough her teaching. I am proposing to get copies of her talks – available on www.agapeministries.co.uk – and use them as a House Group Resource.

The downside of this week is that we could have done with many more people! Simon and Mary did everything they could to send out invitations. My hope is that they will have the energy and resources to do it again next year. I for one will invite my children and their families that we come together and be blessed by all that will be laid on for us.

If it does indeed happen again next year, come... for an evening, for a day or even for the week. Disappointment is not on the agenda, blessing is!

Bill Mackenzie

PS Brother Gabriel is now a wonderful sight fielding on a rounder’s match outfield.

PPS (A few minutes later) he is now keeping wicket – no doubt stopping the ball with his habit!

Younger Voices from our congregation.....

(I asked six of the young members of our congregation what growing up in our church meant to them and I am delighted that five of them met the deadline for printing and their contribution follows, for which we are most grateful – Ian Beer)

Sarah Entwistle *(now earning her living)*

I started Sunday School at around the age of 4 or 5 (almost 25 years ago!). My Mum was in charge of the group for a lot of the time I attended so I remember getting roped into doing a lot of performing, reading and dressing up, which I thoroughly enjoyed. I even got to play Mary for one Nativity with a very little Alex Jupp as my Joseph. In later years the Sunday School would take over the Family Services by doing the intercessions, the reading and assisting with the serving duties. This led me to move on from going to Sunday School, once I'd been confirmed, and become an official Server at 12 years old. During my time as a Server I was trained up as Sacristan by Mary Marriott so that I could cover whenever she was away. I then carried on doing this job regularly when she stepped down.

At the age of 16 I was asked by Colin Beevers if I would like to become a Communion Assistant. I was very honoured to be asked at such a young age, so jumped at the chance.

Now, you might think that being a Server, Sacristan and Communion Assistant is enough to keep a young person busy during services, but my Uncle, Rob Hale, who was Churchwarden at the time, asked if I could help out as a Sidesman one Sunday a month, which I was very happy to do. Rob also suggested I stand for a position on the PCC as it was felt that there needed to be a representative from the younger generation within the Church.

Once elected onto the PCC I was very quickly given a couple of jobs to do to keep me occupied. These jobs were, taking over as the Electoral Roll Officer and being part of a small group that set up the new Church website.

I am very lucky to have had the opportunity to be involved in so many activities within this church, and I am grateful for all the encouragement and kindness I have been given by everyone I have come to know through St. Michaels.

Unfortunately, due to my work commitments, I've had to step down from many of the roles I've mentioned above, but I try to attend services as often as I am able. I hold this beautiful Church and all the people I have met over the years close to my heart. St. Michael's Church has been a big part of my life for so long and I hope that it will continue to be so.

Alexander Jupp (*aged 25*), *University graduate*)

Growing up in St. Michael & All Angels Church, Ledbury

It is difficult to pinpoint my earliest memory of St. Michael's, as I feel that it has been a constant in my life while growing up. However, it could well be the *Christingle* Service, which takes place on Christmas Eve. Standing in a wide circle inside the

Church, with the darkness of the Nave alleviated only by the hundreds of small flames atop *Christingle Oranges*, singing carols, you can feel the nervous anticipation of Christmas celebrations just round the corner. This was one of the most eye-catching events of the year that could engage old and young alike, firing their imaginations and creating a sense of wonder about the occasion. The service also serves as a great leveller for all the ages to experience the magic of the Christmas and for me is one of the best examples of how St. Michaels can welcome and include young people.

I have many different memories of my time growing up in St Michael's: attending *Sunday School* as a toddler; through to acting as a Server and helping to run the Sunday morning service; and then participating in *Young Church* as a young adult. Introduced to the Church by my Mum, it became a regular piece of my life, from Sunday mornings, to the many festivities surrounding Christmas. I believe that it was the people and families I met that made St. Michael's into a strong community and subsequently such a fixture of my childhood. I made friends there among my own age group but also, as a young person, I always felt that the Church was open to me and there were other churchgoers there who valued the place of young people in the Church.

It is a welcoming place and one that tries to connect with and involve the younger generation and while not always successfully, I never felt forgotten as a child there. One of my main memories of my childhood at St. Michaels was the valuable opportunities I had to develop my public speaking abilities. A keen student of Drama and Public Speaking while at school, I had the chance to improve many aspects of my speaking skills at St. Michaels, performing readings from the Gospels or taking part in amateur dramatic productions to mark events in the Church's calendar. I always received praise from older attendees for my efforts and indeed felt that some appreciated the change made by having a younger reader tackle these pieces.

Over my time at St. Michaels, I also had the chance to meet many children my own age, some of whom I have been able to maintain contact with into my adult years. I do not recall feeling pressured to treat my time at Church as anything other than an extra-curricular activity with other children – we were able to socialise and play, while the time spent learning about Christianity never had a “school feel” to it.

Ledbury has been lucky to host various clergy members over the years, who have been supportive to the younger generation and myself in particular. Regardless of how you chose to express your beliefs St. Michael's always seemed to be a place where you could approach religion in your own way, without pressure from older generations or more long-serving churchgoers. My views changed a great deal as I grew up and I never felt that this precluded me from joining in with the community and its events. Ledbury was my permanent home up until the age of 18, when I left the town to attend University in 2010. At this point I stopped attending Church regularly and would usually only return Christmas Eve to St. Michael's alongside my Mum and wider family at Christmas time. However, I never truly felt like a visitor or outsider when I returned.

Perhaps this was due to my close connection to the community maintained through my family: my Mum was and continues to be very active in the Church and in the surrounding Ledbury community. Whenever I return to Ledbury, and subsequently St. Michael's, I still feel welcomed in the Church community. I do not see this changing in the near future: I will continue to support my Mum at the Church and her work with the children growing up in St. Michaels and hope to perpetuate the atmosphere of welcome to the younger generation.

Gemma Herrington (*Cardiff University, reading for a MSc in Chemistry*)

I began my journey with Mr. and Mrs. Beer and Mrs Toyer, at my local primary schools' bible group, called Little Fishes. This was an enjoyable After School club – 'Little Fishes' that allowed me to explore my faith through drama and tailored games, which revealed the moral of the particular teaching we were learning that week.

On Sundays I would be bursting with excitement to wake up and head to Sunday school, run by a team of the congregation and lead by Mrs Jill Jupp. Sunday school taught me about the church calendar and how events such as Christmas and Easter are depicted within the Bible. I also learnt how the Bible is written for us to interpret and where each story within the Bible fits along an historic timeline. Dramatisations, creative artwork and songs were a key aspect to Sunday school. I developed social skills as I made a diverse group of friends and practised vocal skills such as projecting my voice when presenting dramatised Christmas stories to the main congregation.

As I moved to High School Vicar Paul Dunthorne ran a fortnightly Friday club called Fish Tank. This club was designed for the 'older' young people of the congregation to explore the bible in depth and ask questions about the teachings within the bible. Paul used comical dramatisations and games to delve into the true meaning of our faith and what it means to be a Christian.

I was confirmed by Bishop Anthony in 2012, so it was extra special that five years later, my sister was also confirmed by Bishop Anthony. This was such a joyful experience for each of us.

For 6 years I was a server and experienced how the church prepares for each service and how the communion bread and wine is prepared ready to be blessed before communion. Under the watchful eye of Mr Michael Stubbings I was able to gain skills of precision and organisation, which were vital skills in allowing each church service to run smoothly and effectively so that everyone can enjoy the word of the Lord.

Now I have reached the age of 20 I am still strong with my faith and continue to be enlightened by God's word through the written word of the bible and my local Cardiff University bible.

Lauren Hill (*just going up in October to read music at Oriel College, Oxford.*)

St Michael's has been a very important part of my life so far. I was baptised there at the age of 18 months and confirmed at the age of 13. Attending Sunday School throughout my childhood and the youth group Fish Tank from the age of 11 to 15 has been a central part of my growing up. In addition to this, I have enjoyed contributing musically through ESM. This summer, with the youth of Hereford Baptist Church, I had the opportunity to go to the Christian festival Soul Survivor; I found the seminars there to be deeply meaningful and I also enjoyed the vibrant style of worship. This was an affirming experience and one which I think many young people would benefit from.

I hope the Church will continue to attempt to reach out to more young people by creating a youth group and encouraging them to come to church. Essentially, I see the church as a family and at St Michael's there is a definite sense of strong friendship and community; especially during my Grandmother's illness and recent passing, my family and I were overwhelmed by the support of the church and the power of prayer to give peace. As I prepare to start University this October I am grateful for the role which the church has played in strengthening my faith and setting a solid foundation for life which will guide me in the future.

Ellie Harvey. (*Hereford Sixth Form College studying to enter University to read Marine Biology*)

Sunday School has been a large part of my church life. While I was growing up Sunday school was so much fun, a lot of my friends from school also went and I enjoyed the activities that were done in the sessions. They were fun and were tailored perfectly for children growing up.

As I got older I moved into John's teen-group for a year or so before it was stopped. I felt that although this part of Sunday school was a lot more 'grown up' it was still fun and we learned about God and Jesus in a fun interactive environment, but we also talked about more serious stuff too. I was sorry when these sessions stopped as we'd probably have gone on to talk about what's involved in being confirmed - which would have been good while we were all still together.

The Friday night youth group sessions which used to be run by Paul Dunthorne at the vicarage were OK but, looking back, I would have liked to have had some projects to do or to get involved in wider church or local activities as part of our learning rather than just going to Paul's house. I enjoyed visiting the lively church in Cheltenham with Tony Hodder when we did that a couple of times.

Sunday school and Young Church has been an important part of my learning, and I believe it is and will be incredibly important to other children growing up in the church. However, as a teenager I am now struggling a bit to connect with church. I feel a bit isolated since so many of my friendship group have stopped attending and my studies and Duke of Edinburgh commitments prevent me from serving and stuff.

PRISONS WEEK 8th - 14th October 2017

For over 40 years the ecumenical organisation, Prisons Week, has promoted this annual week of prayer for our prison communities – both prisoners, their families, and those who serve in our prisons, and the victims of crime and all involved in the criminal justice system. It is a sad but readily observable truth that prisons are rarely, if ever, mentioned in the prayers of intercession in Sunday services in our parish churches and cathedrals.

To encourage prayer and raise our consciousness about these very particular and sometimes very troubled communities, where men and women are imprisoned in our name, Prisons Week produces a prayer leaflet each year. Copies of the 2017 edition, which takes its theme ‘Press On’ from St. Paul’s words in the epistle set for Sunday 8th.October, will be distributed at our services that day. Please do take the leaflet home with you and use it in your prayers though the week and then keep it by you as a reminder through the months ahead.

James Stewart

St. John the Baptist Church, Eastnor

Our Village Fête was very successful in the summer. It was a joint effort between Eastnor Church and Eastnor Cricket Club and we enjoyed the company of many locals and visitors. The proceeds were shared and the Church received £557. A huge thank you to everyone who helped on the day, but especially Caroline Layton who organised it and Eastnor Castle who hosted the event.

It has been lovely to welcome Eastnor Primary School back. Their autumn term is now well under way and Rev. Joan Wakeling and the Open the Book Team maintain a strong bridge between the School and our Church. At the end of last term, Joan gave all the school leavers gifts of leather bound bibles. She leads the school assembly every Monday afternoon in the church and over the weeks she is taking the children through the books of the bible, laying the foundations of understanding and faith in the Christian life. Thursday morning is ‘Open the Book’ when the team, led by Heather Lucas, bring alive the stories and messages of the bible for the children. ‘Open the Book’ is a small team who often struggle for numbers so if you are interested in joining them, please give me a call.

Our Harvest Festival has been scheduled for Sunday 8th October at 11:15am, followed by light refreshments. As always, our warm welcome remains open to you all should you wish to visit us one Sunday. Our services are every 2nd & 4th Sunday at 11:15am. We look forward to seeing you.

Beverly Jones
01531 636378

Church Officers

Clergy:	Rector:	Revd. Keith Hilton-Turvey
	Others:	Revd. Tony Hodder Revd. William Simmonds
Lay Reader:		Brian Bowers Mary-Anne Keyes
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