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September always feels like a turning of the year, new beginnings, socialised as we are to have the new academic year signalling new horizons; even if it is the trace memory of a new classroom, new form teacher.

Sometimes, though, it is good to remember where we have come from in order to step confidently forward in the right direction. During my August annual leave I have been revisiting the parishes where I served my curacy, almost 30 years ago, and my first incumbency, both in Worcester diocese. It has been wonderful to catch up with friends, some now in their 80s rather than 50s, still full of heart and generous spirits, reminding me of my formation and the roots of my vocation.

Where, and who, is it that reminds us of the path we have trod hitherto? What lessons, encouragement, signposting, can we take from their love, examples and guidance into the coming season of fresh application and new learning?

Revd Louise Grace

SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT ST. LUKE'S

6th September	10am	Eucharist
13th September	10am 3pm	Eucharist Forest Church
20th September	Joint Service at St Margaret's	
27th September	10am	Morning Worship



SEPTEMBER READINGS AT **ST. LUKE'S**



6th September	Psalm 119. 33 - 40 Romans 13. 8 - 14 Matthew 18. 15 - 20
13th September	Psalm 103. 1 - 13 Romans 14. 1 - 12 Matthew 18. 21 - 35
20th September	Joint Service at St Margaret's
27th September	Psalm 25. 1 - 8 Philippians 2. 1 - 13 Matthew 21. 23 - 32



ST LUKE'S **ALTAR FLOWERS**



SEPTEMBER

6th September Janet Milford

13th September Sandra Greedy

20th September St Margaret's

27th September Caryll Ingerslev

OCTOBER

4th October Caryll Ingerslev

11th October Rowena Burrow

18th October Rowena Burrow

25th October Sandra Greedy



SEPTEMBER SERVICES AT **ST. MARGARET'S**

6th September

10am

Eucharist

13th September

10am

Eucharist

6.30pm

Evensong

20th September

8am

BCP Holy Communion

10am

Mission Community

Joint Service

27th September

10am Family Friendly Holy Communion

6.30pm

Evensong



MISSION COMMUNITY MID-WEEK SERVICES AND EVENTS

Mondays:

2.30pm Contemplative Prayer (St Margaret's) (7th Sept.)
7pm Compline (via Zoom)

Wednesdays:

10am Morning Worship (via Zoom)
2.30 – 3.30pm Coffee/tea and cake (St. Margaret's)

Fridays

9am Morning Prayer (St. Margaret's)

Saturday

8am Prayer Breakfast (St. Margaret's) (5th September)



FROM ST LUKE'S REGISTERS

Baptism 5th July Luca Lando Blatchford
Baptism 23rd August Maisie Grace Holwell

Thank You for the Flowers



I want to say a big Thank You to the congregation at St Luke's for the beautiful flowers and generous M&S voucher that you gave me as I retired from my role as church treasurer. I'm keeping an eye on M&S to see when the winter clothes come in to spend my voucher on something I really like.

Being church treasurer was an interesting experience for me. I got to look 'behind the scenes' at how our church is run, especially where the money comes from and where it goes. That was quite an eye-opener! I felt I was 'in the know' about what was happening in the church, having some insight into the direction it was taking and some of the difficulties in achieving its aims.

Personally, it was useful for me in giving me a task that was often routine but sometimes tricky. It was reassuring to wake up on Monday morning and know what I had to do – count the church cash and enter transactions into the books. Sometimes the cash wouldn't come to the correct total, or I had not received all the information I needed to enter amounts under the correct headings. Or had I lost the email or filed it somewhere silly? Taking the cash and cheques into the bank on a Tuesday morning was the next job, annoying if the queues were long.

I learned a lot through this role. I had had no formal training in book-keeping and had to rely on my experience of keeping the books for our Jamaican coffee farm a few decades ago. As you can imagine, there were many differences. On a coffee farm the money comes in all at once after the crop is sold – and meanwhile the expenses are met by loans. In the church, money continually comes in, little by little, and generally manages to keep the bank balance in the black, much to my surprise.

Over the fifteen years I was treasurer I experienced a transformation in how accounts are kept. To begin with, under the tutelage of Pete Whatton, everything was recorded on paper; little scraps of paper being supplied for this purpose. The church files grew fat and took up space on my bookshelf. The figures were entered into a fairly simple computer programme. But then the modern world arrived in the form of Josie Walledge and a sophisticated programme called Data Development. Josie kindly spent several hours tutoring me in how to use this until I had mastered it well enough to cope with most of the transactions we needed.

The bank account was accessed online; money was paid and received electronically. This meant I had to have an electronic filing system and my files of paper gradually got thinner and thinner. I found it confusing to have to look for records on the computer instead of leafing through the paper files, which were helpfully in different colours.

Our cheque books were being used less and less, until they are practically museum pieces!

Being treasurer kept me mentally alert and socially involved – all of which are good for us in old age! However, now I feel I need an easier life, so I've handed over to the next generation in the person of Michael Burrow, who is already doing a sterling job. His father, John Burrow, was treasurer before us so it's good to see that the role is being handed down through their family.

Again, I want to express my appreciation for your gift and say that I value being part of the St Luke's church family.

Jill Allen

A September Morn
(They Fishes)

Stillness hung on a September morn
She sat in that stillness feeling reborn
Accepting a kiss from the warm gentle breeze
She let her thoughts roam lightly, and with ease.

Content to enjoy the golden day
Resting by the river where the lapping waters played
Her thoughts pondered on the glory of the scene
Of God, and all that her life had been.

She looked down the river where it joined the sea
The countryside blending in colours supreme
She looked and she knew it was God's gift of life
And thought of the world – why was there such strife?

On a bench further down sat a round, sea-scaped man
Was he thinking of God's spiritual plan?
Did he have the answers to why there was strife?
Did he ponder and wonder about his way of life?

What was going on in his mind?
Was he looking back on his daily grind?
Was he admiring the sparkle of a day reborn?
Or watching the birds fly on this Autumn morn?

He stirred and looked round with a twinkling eye
“Yer” he said, “they took they benches away from I”
I looked and saw some spaces there
Between two benches, me here, he there.

“They fishes must have been mighty strong
To take they benches up the road a furlong
To the like of us they ‘me as precious as glass
But wot do ee expect from they people that grasp.

“Wy ‘me ye laughing? Tis true, tis true
They ‘me up in that garden – painted blue
They be mighty strong fishes that come out at night
They wriggle and squirm and do know ow to bite”

“I’d really give they a bashing – I would
I’d string they up with a girt big ‘ook
I’d leave they ‘angling till they were mazed
It would keep me ‘appy for days and days”

So, there it was, such answers were deep
If you stop and wonder at what harvests to reap
Those benches, one – two – and three
A fisherman – life and the trinity.

Elisabeth Narramore

Do you need a jigsaw puzzle occasionally?

During these hot summer days when sleep and work is difficult, I have really enjoyed puzzles on sleepless nights.

I’ve discovered that Exeter has a jigsaw Library. I am now regularly visiting and taking out puzzles for myself, and I just wondered if anybody else would like me to collect one for them.

There’s no charge for loan or jigsaws from the Devon and Exeter Jigsaw Library at three Palace Gate, Exeter. Telephone 07392 509171 on a Monday to Friday 10 am to 12 noon. They can deliver. You could ring James on 07778 691163, or I can bring them to Church for anyone.

Peter Ingerslev

A Christmas Present

We were given a 'Red Letter Day' voucher for Christmas which we used a few weeks ago.

The voucher gave us a visit to Bickleigh Castle and cream tea for two. We arrived at the castle on a very hot day. Our cream tea was brought to us outside, where we were sat under a tree in the shade. There were several other couples enjoying the cream tea and they were sat under sun umbrellas. We were told that when we had finished our tea, we could explore the garden and grounds around the castle until our guide arrived to escort us around the castle.

Thanks to the guide who led us around, it was an experience to hear a rich and fascinating history of the Castle. Built in the early Norman period, it is filled with history. We heard various interesting stories from the past and saw Charles 1's suit of armour and discover its links to the monarchy. The impressive castle is full of intriguing stories with a range of artefacts and 17th Century portraits.

One of the stories the guide told us ends up in Princesshay! During the English Civil War, Charles 1's Queen Henrietta Maria stayed in the castle, as a guest of Sir Henry and Lady Dorothy Carew in 1644, on her way to Exeter. Shortly after her visit she gave birth to Princess Henrietta Anne. There is a plaque commemorating the birth of the princess in the Princesshay Shopping Centre. I must go and find the plaque.

There was a long lineage of ownership dating back to the Norman period including, de Redvers, Courtenay and Carew families. The Carew's held the estate until 1924, then it became privately owned. The estate now comprises a group of buildings from various periods. It is now owned by Robbie and Sarah Hay, who have weddings and events at the castle.

The last building we visited was the Chapel, dating from the Saxon times. It was originally the Parish Church, both before and after the land was



taken over by the de Redvers family. When a village, across the valley, with a new Parish Church was built in 1330, the chapel became a Private Chapel, dedicated to the Blessed Virgin Mary. When we walked inside, we were amazed with the two small but beautiful stained-glass windows. There

were carved bosses of Tudor roses and a fleur-de-lys, which was in Lady Margaret's coat of arms, on the curved timber above the Sanctuary. There was an organ, or as we were told more correctly, a Harmonium up in the Gallery. The Gallery was replaced in 1929 during restoration work. When we went outside, Ken was concerned with the one bell on the building. He thought it should be repaired, as we had to have done at St. Luke's.

It is well worth a visit to the Castle, but you do need to book.

Sandra Greedy

Cream Tea



On Friday 24th July, Sandra and Ken Greedy once more served cream teas in their garden. It was a lovely sunny day; tables and chairs were set out with lots of shade provided. About 40 people attended and were served with lovely scones, cream and jam, lemon drizzle and fruit cake. Of course, lots of tea to drink was provided and very welcome.

A very pleasant afternoon was had by all.

Thank you, Sandra, and Ken for all your hard work. Not forgetting Peter Ingerslev, who made a good waiter and cup filler.

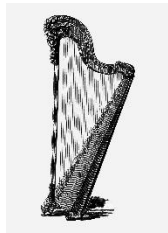
Sheila Pacey

A date for your Diaries.

Red Earth Opera are returning to St Lukes Church on Sunday October 18th to give us another night of enjoyable Opera. The concert begins at 7.00pm and is envisaged to finish around 9.00pm so not a late night for those who have to be at work the next morning. Tickets will be out soon and can be bought through Ticket Source or through us as physical tickets.

There will be a raffle, and we will be providing wine and canapes. We are the only place where we include the wine and refreshments, and we are very thankful for any donations on the evening. Proceeds will go to paying off the final pew cushions and the Fabric Fund.

Please spread the word and we will be delighted to see all those who can attend as it has always been a much-appreciated enjoyable evening.



For the first time they are excited to be playing our organ and the harp to play the famous Easter hymn so that should be special. There are 3 professional soloists and a smaller orchestra so plenty to look forward to.

Jo Shaw. Maree Day

MAGAZINE ARTICLES PLEASE

Poems, stories of your holidays, of your gardens, recipes or any articles that the readers of the magazine might find interesting or amusing, would be very much appreciated.

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