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SUNDAY SERVICES

8.00.am Holy Communion

9.30.am Family Service

*with Holy Communion on the 1st Sunday
and Baptisms on the 4th Sunday*

11.00.am Parish Eucharist

6.00.pm Evensong

At Rowney Green Shared Church

9.30.am Methodist/Anglican Service

with Holy Communion on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of the month

DAILY SERVICE

9.00.am Monday to Friday

In St Laurence Church

ORGANISATIONS

Sunday Club	Sundays at 9.30.am in the Church and Ark (445 1854)
Choir	Thursdays at 7.45.pm in Church (445 3569)
Bellringers	Sundays at 10.30.am and 5.30.pm Tuesday Practice at 7.30.pm (01527 64077)
Women's Fellowship	4th Wednesday of the month at 2.00.pm in Tanyard Lane Community Centre (445 2125)
Mum's the Word	Thursdays at 9.30.am in The Ark (07773509390) Tiny Tots Service 10.15.am 1st Thursday of the month
Ark Café	Thursdays during term time at 12.15.pm (447 7017)
Home Group	Thursdays, 7.30.pm at the Coach House (445 2547)

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Richard Bubbers Writes...150th Anniversary of the Salvation Army

This year marks the 150th anniversary of The Salvation Army. The movement was started by pioneers William and Catherine Booth in the East End of London in 1865. Ahead of their time, the Booths took an innovative approach by demonstrating their faith in offering practical support to people in need on the streets of London and beyond. As social justice reformers, a large part of their focus was on caring for people in a practical way, and reaching out to *"the poor and destitute."*

The Booths abandoned the conventional concept of a church and a pulpit, instead taking their message to the people. Their fervour led to disagreement with church leaders in London, who preferred traditional methods. As a result, they withdrew from the church and travelled throughout London, conducting evangelistic meetings. Catherine and William Booth walked the streets of London to preach the gospel of Jesus Christ to the poor, the homeless, the hungry, and the destitute.

In 1865, William Booth was invited to hold a series of evangelistic meetings in the East End of London. He set up a tent in a Quaker graveyard on July 2, and his services received a response which was instant and overwhelming. This marked the official start of The Salvation Army.

Booth challenged the new converts to share their new-found faith with others like themselves. Soon they too were preaching, and singing in the streets. William Booth believed that charity could demean an individual, and so people were offered a "hand up" and not a "hand out" to help them get back on their feet. At a time when a woman's place was mostly seen to be in the home, Catherine Booth was a strong proponent of equality for women and fought for women to be able to preach in church meetings: she persuaded William Booth to change his own views, and this became an early and significant feature of The Salvation Army.

In 1884 The Salvation Army opened a women's rescue home in Whitechapel for those fleeing

domestic violence and prostitution. Against a backdrop of poor and often dangerous working conditions, in 1891 The Salvation Army opened its own match factory in Old Ford, East London. Using only harmless red phosphorus, the workers were soon producing 6 million boxes a year. A competitor paid its workers just two pennies per gross, while The Salvation Army paid their employees twice that amount.

The Army served at the front lines in the First and Second World Wars, offering comfort and pastoral support to members of the Armed Forces. It was in World War 1 that the famous Salvation Army *"doughnut girls"* served their first doughnuts. During major engagements, the girls worked at the field hospitals and set up rest centres for soldiers to write home to loved ones. They went to daily burial services of those they served, and they also prayed over enemy graves.

In the Second World War Salvation Army volunteers worked in mobile canteens to support troops in the battle zones across Europe. Salvationists worked in hospitals and also held services for allied prisoners in interment camps in Europe and the Far East. On the home front families affected by the Blitz and other bombings were supported with clothing, blankets and food.

The Salvation Army, which is now active in 126 countries, still carries on this work for many of the most vulnerable and marginalised in society.

God has used The Salvation Army to help transform many lives. William Booth was inspired and convicted by the example of his Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ, who through his life on earth, his death and his resurrection showed his great love for the world by caring for every aspect of a person's well-being – mind, body and spirit.

May we too learn from – and even be transformed by – this powerful mixture of spiritual concern resulting in practical care.

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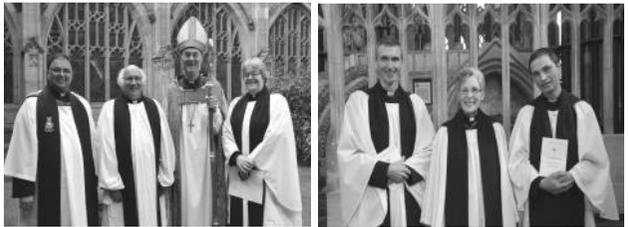
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New Honorary Canons

Honorary canons form a bridge between the diocese and the cathedral and meet to reflect and advise on the life of the cathedral. There are a limited number of posts – Lay Canons and clergy outside the diocese hold the position for a five-year period, while clergy from the diocese remain Canons while they serve in the diocese.

Those appointed Honorary Canons: John Barr, Vicar of Great Malvern / Rose Lawley, Rector of Kidderminster Ismere and Faith at Work in Worcestershire Chaplain / Garth Nathaniel, Rector of Ipsley and Rural Dean of Bromsgrove.



Susan Renshaw, Vicar of Eckington and Defford cum Besford, Associate Priest of Overbury with Teddington, Alstone and Little Washbourne with Beckford and Ashton-under-Hill and Rural Dean of Pershore / David Sherwin, Rector in the Worcestershire West Team Ministry and Rural Dean of Martley & Worcester West / Andrew Wickens, Vicar in the Dudley Team, Dudley Education Chaplain and Chair of the Dudley Borough Interfaith Network.

Bishop John commented: *"It is a great delight to be able to appoint these six people who have given and continue to give outstanding service to the church in the Diocese of Worcester. They will be great ambassadors for the cathedral in the diocese and vice versa."*

Three more Honorary Canons are due to be appointed in September: Hugh Burton, Rural Dean of Kidderminster & Rector in Kidderminster East / Biddi Kings, NSM of Berrow w Pendock, Eldersfield, Hollybush & Birtsmorton / Dominic Melville, Rural Dean of Dudley, & Vicar in the Halas Team.

Honorary Canons are distinct from Residentiary Canons who are on the staff of the cathedral.

Concert in aid of the Stained Glass Window Appeal



Chris Leslie, member of Fairport Convention has been booked to play a solo concert in the church on the evening of Friday 9th October. Fairport Convention are an acclaimed folk band who also host their own annual convention in August of each year. Chris is a singer and multi-talented musician with both wind and string instruments. Apart from his regular tours with Fairport, Chris also plays with Feast of Fiddles. Every December he and three colleagues tour the country with their band St Agnes Fountain to play their unique versions of carols and Christmas songs.

Tickets cost £12.50 each and are currently available by emailing stlaurenceconcerts@btinternet.com or leaving a message on 0121 445 2445.

For more details about Chris and Fairport you can check out their respective websites at www.Chrisleslie.org.uk and www.fairportconvention.com.

Alvechurch WI

Pam Horsfield writes...

This month President Denise Cashmore welcomed members and visitors to our July meeting and wished several people a Happy Birthday. Jean Collins gave a very good report of her visit as delegate to the AGM at the Albert Hall and Pam Horsfield said that the Droitwich Walk led by a tour guide had been extremely good, especially as they all went and enjoyed a lunch at Chris Gray's afterwards! That tour could be recommended to other groups.

Our speaker, Ray Sturdy, then kept us all involved with his quiz of pictures of events from the 1960s, while raising money for Cancer Research UK.

Next month will be our Natter Night at Alvechurch Cricket Club, a very relaxed evening. Many of us will also be going to see 'Annie' by the Woodies at The Swan Theatre, Worcester, a youth group which always excels. The Bowls group are still meeting, the WI Village Garden by the memorial is looking good and many members are involved with helping other community groups.

If you'd like to join us at any time, please contact Denise on 445 3246 or Pam on 445 4631.

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What's on at Alvechurch Library

Summer Reading Challenge

Alvechurch Library will be hosting a series of events as part of the annual Summer Reading Challenge. We are challenging 4-12 years old to read 6 books from now until September. To sign up simply pop into the library. You'll receive lots of goodies and incentives to keep you reading throughout the summer. If you read 4 books by Wednesday 26th August you'll be eligible to collect your invite to visit Croome in Worcestershire for a fun packed day including celebrity author John Dougherty.

Who wants to be a Millionaire Quiz

See who in your family knows all the answers to the Record Breakers themed quiz, just like the TV show, with phone a friend and 50:50. On Thursday 6th August from 2.30-4pm. £2 per family.

Spanish for Beginners

Starting Friday 18th September at 10.30am and running for five weeks, Beginners Spanish. Ten hours tuition for £47.50. If there is the demand to carry on learning we have the opportunity to continue the course for another five weeks.

Watercolour Painting

Watercolour painting continues after the Summer school holidays with our marvellous tutor, Andrew. There are a couple of spaces available in his Tuesday afternoon class. £52.85 for five weeks, ten hours tuition.

Paediatric First Aid

Wendy our First Aid tutor returns to Alvechurch Library on two consecutive Fridays in November. Friday November 6th and Friday November 13th, 9-30am – 4-30pm. This is an accredited two day course and the cost is approximately £60.

Alvechurch Village Society

Ray Yarnell writes...

The September walk will be a family and dog friendly walk around Alvechurch, led by Grace Hampson (0121 445 1683) meeting at 2.30pm on Sunday 6th September at the Tanyard Lane car park Alvechurch.

The September evening event will be a presentation by The Alvechurch Allotment Group, at 7.45pm on Wednesday 23rd September in Alvechurch Village Hall. Anyone considering taking up one of the vacant plots is welcome, but you can also just come along and pick up lots of tips on growing your own fruit and veg.

The Ark Café



During August on each Thursday, we will have available on our lunch menu a variety of salads and sandwiches to include salmon and ham and a dessert.

We look forward to your support in August during the summer period.

We will then be closed on 3rd and 10th September and reopen on Thursday, 17th September with our usual hot meals and cooked desserts for the autumn session.

Where Next Association presents

Lad's Night!

Lad's Night is designed to encourage friendships among men with learning disabilities within the Redditch area and provide them with an activity to do.

Where Next Association's Lad's Night will meet on the 1st Tuesday of each month, it will cost £5 per session plus the activity cost if it is something that attracts a cost, such as a meal or cinema trip.

1st Lad's Night

Steak Night at Wetherspoon's

4th August 6.30pm-8.30pm

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July 4th Model Railway Exhibition

David Richmond writes...

Many, many thanks to all the people who assembled, helped during, and dismantled the exhibition, especially my family, and also Veronica's team who fed everyone excellently all day.

Over 200 adults came, along with countless children. I think all of us enjoyed seeing the children's faces as much as the children enjoyed the trains, especially Thomas. This was not a record attendance, but was heading that way until tennis on TV beckoned!

We raised £933.00 (out of which £156.00 goes to the windows appeal). Thank you for coming. We could do nothing without your support. There may be another next year at some time yet to be decided.

St Laurence Women's Fellowship

Jill Woolley writes...

My thanks to Dorothy and Germaine for taking the Fun Quiz afternoon while I was away. Cheryl Godfrey who was to have been our speaker is still unwell and we send our good wishes for a return to better health soon.

On Tuesday August 18th we are holding our annual Charity Tea in The Ark at 2.30pm. This year it will be in aid of the Stained Glass Window appeal. Please come and join us - there will be endless cups of tea, a good selection of Tray Bakes and an opportunity to talk to friends as you browse at the Bring and Buy stall and there will be a Raffle. All this for an entrance of £3.50. We look forward to welcoming you.

We start our Autumn programme on September 23rd at the Tanyard Centre at 2pm when our speaker will be Molly Murray her talk entitled Little Black Dress. Do something new this Autumn and come and join us.

Rowney Green Horticultural Society

Rowney Green Horticultural Society's 73rd Annual Flower & Produce Show takes place in The Peace Hall on Saturday, 5th September 2015. Members and Non-Members are all welcome - admission is free to the Hall.

The success of the Annual Flower & Produce Show depends on the entries submitted. We need your help to make this as interesting and successful as possible. As usual there is a wide range of classes for all ages inc. flowers, fruit, vegetables, domestic section and floral art. There is also a section for Children under 16. Entries from you would be most welcome - 20p per entry. Show Schedules and Entry Forms are available in Roney Green from The Goat & Trousers, Corner Hollow; in Alvechurch from the Post Office and Library. They are also available from Oasis, the florist in Barnt Green. Registration takes place at The Peace Hall on Thursday, 3rd September between 7.30pm and 8.30pm or for an earlier entry please contact Lindsay Smith on 01527 592874.

The Show will be open to the public from 3.00pm on Saturday, 5th September so please do come along and see what a great Flower & Produce Show this is.

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The church will host an evening of fine dining, super entertainment and gracious hospitality.

Pot-luck supper Sunday at 5:00 PM - prayer and medication to follow.

The ladies of the Church have cast off clothing of every kind. They may be seen in the basement on Friday afternoon.

This evening at 7pm there will be a hymn singing in the park across from the Church. Bring a blanket and come prepared to sin.

The pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the Congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday.

Low Self Esteem Support Group will meet Thursday at 7pm . Please use the back door.

The eighth-graders will be presenting Shakespeare's Hamlet in the Church basement Friday at 7 pm . The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.

Weight Watchers will meet at 7pm at the First Presbyterian Church. Please use large double door at the side entrance.

And this one just about sums them all up
The Associate Minister unveiled the church's new campaign slogan last Sunday:

'I Upped My Pledge - Up Yours.'



Seaside Word Merge

Can you find two full words in each of the following jumbles? The letters are in the right order, and you must use all the letters up.

We have done one to show you how.

C S R A H E L B L
= Crab and Shell

Now try these:

1. B T O O W O K E L

(Two things you may have in your beach bag)

2. S B U P A C D K E E T

(Two things you play with on the beach)

3. S S H U A N D E

(Sometimes you sit in the ____, sometimes the _____)

4. D I R C E I C R N E K A M S

(You can usually buy these near the beach)

Ron Barnett's War at Sea

By Robert Barnett (Choir Master at Tardebigge Church) This article first appeared in Tardebigge & Bentley's Parish Magazine) **Part 3 of 4**

When the German battleship Bismarck was sunk there were, as you can imagine, big sighs of relief among the crews of merchant ships. Bismarck's fate had been sealed by a torpedo hit on her stern, delivered by antiquated Swordfish bi-planes from the aircraft carrier Ark Royal, which jammed her rudder, causing her to steam towards our ships, rather than "legging it" for Brest. Rather amazing that a then modern battleship should be brought down to size by aircraft made of wood, wire and canvas, with a top speed of around one hundred miles per hour, especially as the German guns failed to shoot a single one down! Their guns were calibrated for planes with speeds in excess of twice that of the "Stringbags", as the swordfish were affectionately called, so they were exploding too soon. However, from the merchant seaman's point of view, their relief was decided by a brand new battleship of our own, so new, in fact, that there were still civilian workmen on board when she sailed from Scapa Flow, trying to sort out last minute glitches to some of her machinery. One fourteen inch shell from H.M.S Prince of Wales, during the first encounter with the Bismarck a few days earlier, hit close to one of Bismarck's fuel tanks and caused a leak. This made it necessary for her to head for the French port of Brest and her doom.

When Dad was not on Radio watch, his action station was as one of the loaders for one of the guns. He had a metal tray on his right forearm upon which would be placed a shell and a bag of cordite (which was to propel the shell out of the gun barrel). This tray he would offer up to the breach of the gun for another loader to ram the shell and cordite into the gun for firing. In the heat of one action, he suddenly realised that he had two shells on the tray. Quick as a flash, he rolled the second one off with the words "I don't want that b---- thing", and it fell

straight onto a plimsolled foot of one of crew. As Dad said, the sight of a fellow hopping around on one foot, cursing and swearing, during an air attack certainly had its funny side. After each action, the shells that had been fired were replaced by fresh ones which were brought up from below deck. These had their fuses "set" before being placed in what is known as "ready, use" lockers, a sort of large box. Dad told me that during another air attack by German bombers, one of the lockers was getting rather empty, and while reaching down to pick up another shell, one chap's feet slipped and all you could see was two legs kicking about wildly in the air! Doubtless accompanied by more raucous laughter from his shipmates!

One of the down sides of life during the war was the fact that ladies could no longer get stockings, as all silk was used for parachutes. So young ladies resorted to drawing lines down their legs to look like seams. Now when sailors sailed over the "pond" to the States, if they got shore leave, they had the chance to buy stockings, amongst other things. Trouble was, the customs "gestapo" on this side would confiscate them, (probably for their own wives/girlfriends!). However, next door to Dad's cabin was a bathroom. So his trick was, as soon as he spotted the customs launch heading for his ship, he would nip into the bathroom, run a bath and strip off. Sooner or later there would be a knock on the door and there stood said custom officer. "This your cabin?". "Yeh". "Mind if we take a look?" "Oh, go ahead". They never found the stockings as they were sewn inside his vest, which by then was hanging on the back of the bathroom door! Mind you, you could get stockings into Britain legally.....if you were a female crew member! That's right, not all crew in the Merchant Service were men, there was the odd young lady and boys too!

Ron and Margaret Barnett (his parents) spent the first year or so of their marriage lodging with a Win Allwood, wife of the then local butcher, Len, (who was in the army) until they bought their first house in Snake Lane, where Robert spent the first 2 ½ years of his life.

Letter from the Archdeacon of Dudley



I have been to many conferences where a flustered staff member from the venue interrupts the proceedings to give the necessary (but predictably boring!) housekeeping announcements about fire exits etc. A moment to be endured. So when I was doing some training in Sheffield a couple of years ago (just after the announcement of my appointment as Archdeacon), I was pleasantly surprised when that moment came. Instead of one of the housekeeping team who had drawn the short straw apologetically knocking on the door, the Chief Executive of the organisation whose premises we were using breezed in. And rather than telling us the things we could all work out from the printed info in our rooms, he shared the vision of the Church Army, their values and aspirations, and inspired us all for mission; In five minutes!

This was my first encounter with Mark Russell, who later introduced himself to me as a Canon of Worcester, and congratulated me on my appointment. He knew who I was from Twitter, even though he interacts with thousands of people on social media. I realised straight away that Mark is an exceptionally gifted communicator, who can enthuse and inspire from a platform speaking to a massive audience, yet relates individually with care and

attention to everyone he meets.

We are very blessed to have Mark as our main speaker at All Together on 10 October.

All Together is a day to inspire, encourage and resource parishes in our Kingdom People journey. The aim is to model different ways of being Kingdom People with practical ideas that can be used back in your own parish.

There will be the opportunity to hear about and try out ways of engaging with your local area, including creative prayer ministry, fresh expressions, welcome courses, discipleship and bible study. There will be 'have-a-go' hands on sessions, creative opportunities, talks, a place of continuous prayer, and special areas full of activity for children and young people.

Mark will be the keynote speaker, and will help us think about mission, with manageable, yet utterly transformative, ideas on how to encourage our friends, neighbours and colleagues to explore faith and engage with the kingdom of God. Every time I have heard Mark speak, to whatever size of group, in whatever context, I have come away challenged and encouraged to do something new, and have seen others similarly affected.

Don't miss this opportunity! Book in now, and encourage as many folk as possible from your churches to come. I am really looking forward to the day, and hope to see you there.

"Have you heard?.."

"You haven't missed anything... yet"

"Just put the date on your calendar"

"Sunday 27th September in the Ark and the Church"

"There's going to be an exhibition of all the church textiles – everything the ladies have worked on. And there will be a chance to have a vintage tea – real cups and saucers!"

"I thought I just did – Sunday 27th September in the Ark and the Church - there will be a display of the church textiles and an opportunity to have a vintage tea"

More details in next month's Grapevine

"What have I missed now???"

"What haven't I missed yet?"

"What date?"

"What for"

"Why didn't you just tell me.."

Flowers for AUGUST

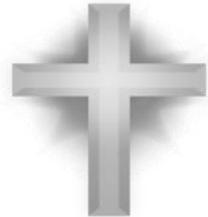
	2 August	9 August	16th August	23rd August	30th August
Sanctuary	Wedding	Jill Woolley			
Lady Chapel	Wedding	Jill Woolley			
In memory of		Wedding Anniversary			

Thank you to the ladies who helped me out last month with providing flowers in our lovely church. It looks like help will be required again this month.

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Parish Prayers

Prayers will be said at St Laurence Church for the residents of the following roads:



- Sunday 2nd August – Birches Lane
- Sunday 9th August – Birmingham Road, Alvechurch
- Sunday 16th August – Birmingham Road, Bordesley
- Sunday 23rd August – Birmingham Road, Alvechurch
- Sunday 30th August – Bittell Farm Road

From The Registers



Marriages

Those whom God has joined together

July 18 Mark Lambert and Amy Morrison

Who's who

Rector	Revd Richard Bubbers, The Rectory, School Lane, 445 1087 stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk
Licensed Lay Ministers	Mr Dick Russell, 2 Gothic Cottages, Radford Rd, 445 3083 Ms Sue Phillips, Withybed Green, 445 3620
Authorised Lay Ministers	Mrs Helena Allen, 117 Birmingham Road, 445 5605 Mr Phil Burgess, Highlands, School Lane, 447 7468 Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Ms Gloria Wilson, 11 Bear Hill Drive, 445 1854 Mrs Philippa Brakes, 56 Callow Hill Road, 445 3983 Mrs Lynne Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mrs Jayne Burgess, Highlands, School Lane, 447 7468 Mrs Annette Thomas, 8 Snake Lane, 445 5180
Churchwardens	Mr Graham Clark, The Coach House, School Lane, 445 2547 Mr Mick Fletcher, 13 Red Lion Street, 447 8451
Deputy Wardens	Mr Colin Bennett, 122 Redditch Road, 01527 64077 Mr Andy Humphries, Sunnymead, Station Road, 445 5955 Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569 Mrs Alison Smith, 12 Hollington Road, 447 7293 Mr Andy Notley, 38 The Buckleys, B48 7NF
PCC Secretary	Mrs Enid Brumsen, 32 Callow Hill Road, 445 0663
PCC Treasurer	Mrs Susan Seeley, 40 Bear Hill, B48 7JX
Organist & Choirmaster	Mr David Richmond, The Ferns, Chapel Lane, 445 3569
Electoral Roll Officer	Mrs Janet Wright, 28 Callow Hill Road, 445 4335
Tower Captain	Mr Colin Bennett, 122 Redditch Road, 01527 64077
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Women's Fellowship	Mrs Jill Woolley, 111 Birmingham Road, 445 2125
Ark Booking Secretary) & Grapevine advertising) Grapevine Editor)	Mr Ian Price, The Ark, School Lane, 447 7955 thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk

PCC Special Responsibilities

Finance and Standing Committee

Graham Clark	Mick Fletcher
Alison Smith	Bob Dale
Janet Wright	Susan Seeley

Children and Youth Committee

Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
Thomas Birchall	Lynne Clark

Buildings, Fabric and Churchyard Committee

Mick Fletcher	Colin Bennett
David Richmond	Jill Woolley
Janet Wright	Lynne Clark

Task Committee

Mick Fletcher	Dick Russell
Graham Clark	Sue Phillips

Peru and Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips	Dick Russell
Gordon Parsons	Margaret Haste

Calendar for AUGUST



Tuesday 4	6.30pm	Where Next Lad's Night!: Steak Night at Wetherspoon's: Drop off/pick up: Where Next Hub, Millsborough Rd, B98 7AL
Thursday 6	12.15pm	Ark Café: Summer menu
	2.30pm	Who wants to be a Millionaire Quiz: Alvechurch Library
Monday 10	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
Thursday 13	12.15pm	Ark Café: Summer menu
Sunday 16		SEPTEMBER GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS <i>articles to thearkalvechurch@yahoo.co.uk</i>
Wednesday 18	2.30pm	St Laurence Women's Fellowship: Charity Tea: The Ark
Thursday 20	12.15pm	Ark Café: Summer menu
Monday 24	1.45pm	Forget-Me-Nots: The Ark
Thursday 27	12.15pm	Ark Café: Summer menu

There will be no Thursday "Mums The Word" sessions in The Ark during August.

IMPORTANT ADVANCED NOTICE - CHANGE OF GRAPEVINE DEADLINE DATE FOR OCTOBER EDITION

***The deadline for our October edition has been changed to the 9th
September 2015 (NOT 16th).***