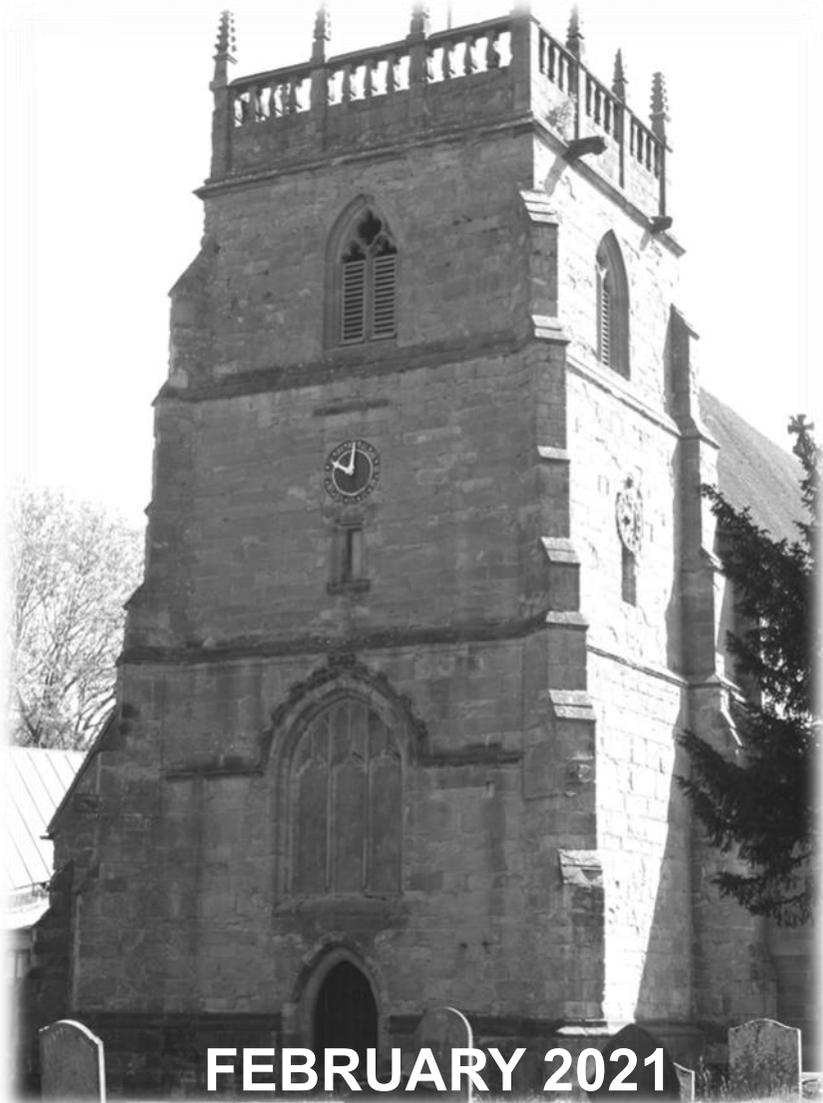


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# **St Laurence Church Alvechurch**

**Our usual services, activities and groups remain suspended because of the pandemic. Please see page 6 for more details.**

**Please consult our website ([www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org)) for any update on the situation.**

**We hope that you can join us for our weekly recorded services online - please see page 6 for more details: the link to our YouTube channel is on the homepage of our website ([www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org)).**

## **GROUPS (suspended as explained above)**

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## Richard Bubbers writes...

*"Black and white thinking – can it be dangerous?"*

In *"Black-And-White Thinking"*, a new book on Audible by Dr Kevin Dutton, the author describes how the brains of early humans developed: to survive dangerous predators, it was necessary to develop quick and clear decision-making – if that noise in the undergrowth was a sabretooth tiger, it was much safer quickly to decide that the predator was there, rather than take the time to consider whether the danger was really there, and run the risk of not surviving.

So we have a human tendency to simplify things into two categories – an *"either/or"* response to what we may encounter in our lives. This fundamental way in which our brains operate has not had sufficient time on an evolutionary timescale to adapt to the wider and more sophisticated range of risks and situations which we now have to deal with in our daily lives. The challenges which we now face require a more varied and nuanced response, but when we feel at risk we can often just revert to the old clarity and security of black-and-white thinking, and react in a way which is inappropriate and at worst dangerous. We can so easily divide everyone up into the good guys and the bad guys. We see people as being either one or the other – either on our side or against us.

This is not to deny that some aspects of reality genuinely are clear-cut: for some things and processes in life, we do need to make these simple choices. But because we are human, we constantly need to handle them with caution.

A pattern of thinking, which emphasises the differences between things at the expense of their similarities, is not wrong or bad in itself – as we have said, it is necessary in many of life's practical situations. But it is completely inadequate for the big questions and dilemmas of life, its paradoxes and its mysteries –

and it can lead us into some very dark places.

That is perhaps why one of the Bible's most surprising refrains is for people to resist such either/or thinking. Consider: the valid place of the *"foreigner"* within Israel, despite the special nature of God's chosen people (Leviticus 19.33 – 34); then there was Jesus' explicit command to *"Love your enemies"* (Luke 6.27) – a most radical challenge to black and white thinking; and Paul insisted on the gospel breaking down the binaries of male/female, slave/free, Jew/Gentile (Galatians 3.28). That is why we are called to treat everyone with equal grace and generosity. The fact that somebody is different to us, can never justify discrimination, let alone atrocity.

Some years ago I was able with my family to spend a day in Johannesburg and went round the Apartheid Museum and the Soweto township. Particularly for those of us who can remember the remarkable changes in South Africa in the early 1990s, it was the inclusive thinking of leaders of the calibre of Nelson Mandela and Archbishop Desmond Tutu, which was key in avoiding the most terrible civil war – their aim was reconciliation, and not revenge: they wanted to draw people together and not push them apart; and this was only possible because they had the wisdom and grace to give up on either/ or thinking, and embrace God's both /and thinking.

This of course is to follow Jesus' example: while here on earth, he was criticised most of all by his own religious leadership for engaging with those who were different, and with those who were on the margins of their society. As you read the Gospels and see how Jesus related to those he met, two most prominent themes of his ministry are forgiveness and inclusion.

This is a message which I believe offers much food for thought for us as individuals and as human society in the situations we face today.

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You will also find a link to resources for personal prayer, reflection and worship on the home page of our website. Please feel free to try whatever you may find helpful.

**Lectio365** ([www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional](http://www.24-7prayer.com/dailydevotional)) this free app is a daily devotional resource that helps you encounter God and shape your life by praying the Bible every day. The readings and the prayers may be read and/or listened to.

**Time to Pray** ([www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray)) - this free app presents everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year.

**Daily Prayer** ([www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer](http://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/daily-prayer)) - this free app helps you follow any of Morning, Evening and Night Prayer (Anglican Common Worship). It presents the three services in full with NRSV Bible readings for each day.

If you are looking for a **free reflection/meditation** any day of the week, try the Franciscan Richard Rohr from the Centre for Action and Contemplation: [www.cac.org/category/daily-meditations/](http://www.cac.org/category/daily-meditations/)

If you are looking for a useful resource for **reshaping your daily pattern of living** in a way that fits with how your life is, try the Rule of life booklet from St Aldates Church in Oxford: <http://www.staldates.org.uk/about/vision>

The Church of England has launched a new programme to help families to talk about faith and pray together. **Faith at Home** will explore themes including courage, patience, generosity, resilience, love and hope. Faith at Home can be accessed at [www.churchofengland.org/faithathome](http://www.churchofengland.org/faithathome)

**Other worship at home ideas for children and families:** ideas and resources to help you share your faith with your family at home – see the Worcester Diocese website at - [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/children-family-worship-at-home)

**Online church services across the Diocese** – see: [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/online-church-services-across-the-diocese.php](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/news/online-church-services-across-the-diocese.php)

**Daily chants from Taize** may be found at - [www.churchtimes.co.uk/coronavirus-resources](http://www.churchtimes.co.uk/coronavirus-resources)

## New resources to connect with Church families

For many churches, our present and ongoing situation with the pandemic has seen a dramatic reduction in connections with our church children, with the challenges of not being able to meet in Sunday schools and church children's clubs.

To help parishes, our Calling Young Disciples team have created some interactive resources for children to use each week during church services, or at home.

The resources can be easily access via the QR code below, which can be reproduced on pews and notice sheets or accessed direct from the diocese website via the website address below. The resources can be accessed using mobile phones, tablets (with internet access) and computers at home, simply point the device's camera at the QR code - it will bring up the link and away you go!

The resources will be updated each week and will relate to one of the readings from the lectionary.

The Bible reading is available to read, with a short explanation to help the children to understand it, and there will also be a short prayer and links to the resources related to the theme that week. The resources are available at different levels: easy, medium or hard.

We hope that these resources will help the children connect with the Bible stories in a new and interactive way!

You can find the Interactive Children's Resources at - [www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources](http://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/interactive-childrens-resources)

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To protect the vulnerable amongst us, please do not leave your home except for essential trips. We are praying for your safe keeping during this difficult time.

You can access various prayer, bible reading, reflection and worship links on our website by visiting -  
<http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org/resources>

We have also set up our own YouTube channel with recordings of some of our services. You can find the channel by either searching on YouTube for "**St Laurence Alvechurch**", or via the direct link -  
[www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQ6tgn7g6qT7vJ1Rh3vxpg](http://www.youtube.com/channel/UCVQ6tgn7g6qT7vJ1Rh3vxpg)

Due to the worsening COVID 19 situation, the Rector, Churchwardens and PCC, have decided after much deliberation, that live worship is not in the best interests of our community.

With much regret, the church will remain CLOSED until the situation improves.

Our online services will, of course, continue and can be viewed on YouTube. Please see the details below.

We continue to pray for the safety of our community.

**The Churchwardens**

# Thoughts in a Covid world

Philippa Brakes writes...



I'm beginning to understand how soldiers must have felt in the autumn of 1918. The end of the Great War was so near and yet they were still fighting and facing death every day. How tempting must it have been to run away and hide; to keep yourself safe for those last few weeks? How ironic to die when all was nearly safe.

I suppose we are in a similar situation with the vaccine slowly doing the rounds. Do we lock ourselves in and wait, or do we carry on with our necessary activities and hope? Personally I'm finding that only my faith can help me make the myriad of daily choices and decisions. Whether helping with grandchildren around the birth of another grandchild or visiting a lonely, elderly aunt whose twin sister has just died, God has helped with every detail including things like timing of need which is something none of us can control. It's been a real lesson in "Letting go and letting God."

I don't know whether others have experienced this, but there seems to be so much that we can't control at the moment – that even politicians and scientists can't control that it is a relief to be able to say "I don't know how this can work Lord, but you do, so I'll just trust." We can't guarantee that God will save us from all trouble and worry or even from the worst that Covid can do, but we can trust that he will be with us through every difficult time, easing, comforting, guiding and loving.

May God bless and protect everyone reading this and those they love, so that sometime in 2021 we can all rush out into the streets and hug strangers and get our families together for all those celebrations that were cancelled in 2020.

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# census 2021

**Census 2021 will  
provide a snapshot of  
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Households across Worcestershire will soon be asked to take part in Census 2021.

The census is a once-in-a-decade survey that gives us the most accurate estimate of all the people and households in England and Wales. It has been carried out every decade since 1801, with the exception of 1941.

It will be the first run predominantly online, with households receiving a letter with a unique access code, allowing them to complete the questionnaire on their computers, phones or tablets.

*"A successful census will ensure everyone from local government to charities can put services and funding in the places where they are most needed,"* Iain Bell, deputy national statistician at the Office for National Statistics, said.

*"This could mean things like doctors' surgeries, schools and new transport routes. That's why it is so important everyone takes part and we have made it easier for people to do so online on any device, with help and paper questionnaires for those that need them."*

Census day will be on March 21, but households across the country will receive letters with online codes allowing them to take part from early March.

The census will include questions about your sex, age, work, health, education, household size and ethnicity. And, for the first time, there will be a question asking people whether they have served in the armed forces, as well as voluntary questions for those aged 16 and over on sexual orientation and gender identity.

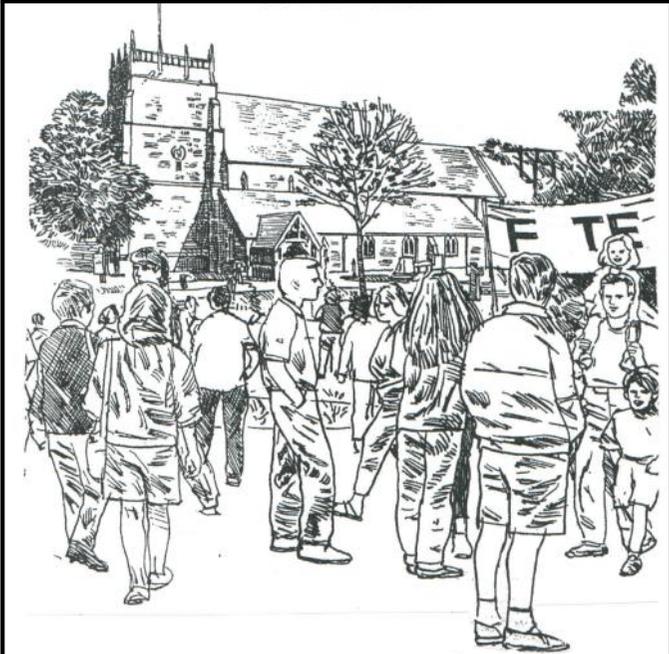
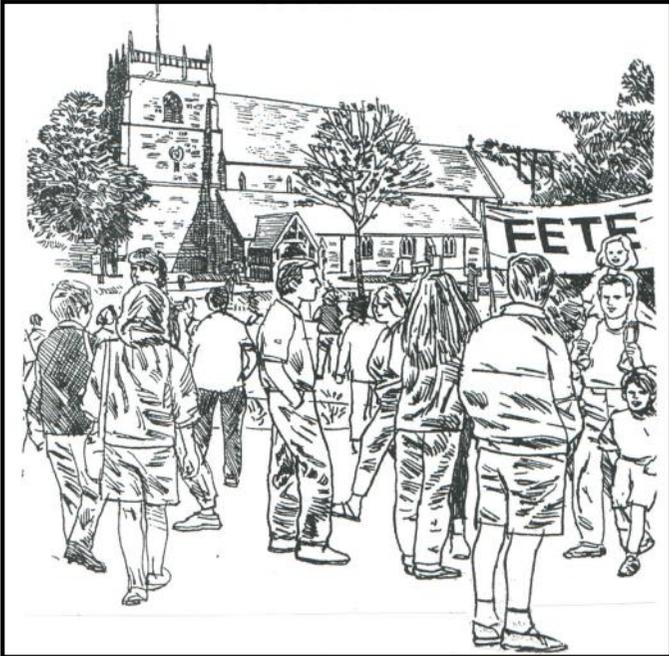
Results will be available within 12 months, although personal records will be locked away for 100 years, kept safe for future generations.

For more information, visit [www.census.gov.uk](http://www.census.gov.uk)

# Kids Corner



Can you SPOT THE DIFFERENCE? There are 5 in total.



# A Local, Community Food Co-Operative Idea

**Incredible Edible Alvechurch** are keen to build on their success and would like to open a Market Garden growing and supplying local organic fruit and vegetables. This idea is at the earliest stage, and we are seeking feedback from the Alvechurch community to see who might be interested in supporting this venture.

The outline ideas are as follows:

- Encourage the revival of local food production in our area.
- Install a Community Composting Bay area.
- Have a Central Store of household and garden equipment that we as the community can borrow as and when.
- Grow and sell good quality, local, organic produce.

Aim at having an educational facility within the market garden for teaching and learning on local food growing, environmental issues etc.

We are excited about this project and hope you are.

How you can help:

Fill in the online form at: <https://freeonlinesurveys.com/s/yrheK1kp#/0>

If you don't have access to the internet, you can fill in the survey in the Grapevine (on the page opposite) and post it through the door at 54 Red Lion Street, Alvechurch.

We are looking for land for this project, if you know of any that would be suitable please email to the address below.

Thank you for your time,

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**Alvechurch Community Food Co-operative Questionnaire**

We have some exciting ideas to bring our community together through the love of food. As our community is at the heart of everything we do, we would greatly appreciate your thoughts on the below topics. For any further information please contact [incredibleediblealvechurch@gmail.com](mailto:incredibleediblealvechurch@gmail.com)

We look forward to seeing you soon in the Village!

- 1.Are you currently a local resident in and around Alvechurch village?
  
- 2.Would the idea of having access to local organic fruit & vegetables in the village appeal to you? Please expand on your answer(s) as much as possible.
  
- 3.Would you like to understand more about the benefits around having locally grown fruit & vegetables in the village?
  
- 4.Would joining a Co-operative and ordering your fruit and vegetables through this community focused model, be something you'd join?
  
- 5.Where do you currently buy your fruit & vegetables from and how often?
  
- 6.What is your email address? (Please note: we will only contact you if you have shown an interest towards our initiative. Our communication with you will be around progress and ways you can support).

You can post a hard copy of this survey through the door at: 54, Red Lion Street, Alvechurch. Thank you.

# I Give, Not I Want

*Julia Handscombe (Office Manager & PA to Headteacher at Crown Meadow First School & Nursery) writes...*

The Christmas emphasis last year for the children of Crown Meadow First School & Nursery in Alvechurch was *"I give, not I want"* so activities such as advent calendars, advocate gifts of kindness such as sharing a smile.

Building on this, on Friday 11th December 2020 the families of Crown Meadow donated to a local food bank. New Starts of Bromsgrove were delighted to receive a wide range of donations from the Crown Meadow community and expressed their gratitude to everyone who donated.

On the same day, children celebrated the Christmas period by wearing their Christmas jumpers and raised £295.00 for St Mary's Hospice in Selly Oak. Also during the run up to Christmas, Year 4 children made Christmas Cards for the residents of BDHT.

The gift of giving will ripple through into the new year with children helping others through their school values.



**Crown Meadow First School Head and Deputy Boys and Girls**

# Scam Alert

Now that the COVID-19 vaccine is being rolled out across the country, criminals are using this as a way to exploit elderly and vulnerable people. The scam consists of text messages asking people to book their vaccine through a link which then asks for personal and financial details.

Phone calls are targeting vulnerable and elderly people, playing a recorded message, telling them they've now qualified for the vaccine. Victims are then being asked to press a number to arrange their booking.

In both instances, victims are then asked for personal information, financial details and payment to receive the vaccine.

We would encourage everyone to be wary and to take five minutes to consider if the communication is legitimate if contacted by anyone asking for payment for the vaccine. The NHS does not charge for the vaccine and any calls, texts or emails such as this, should be treated as a scam.

With the recent approval of multiple vaccine in the UK, these types of scam attempts are likely to continue as fraudsters seek to take advantage of the rollout to so many people.

Cold calls regarding the vaccine are also beginning to take place - we've already had reports of scammers asking people to pay for it over the phone. If you receive one of these called, hang up.

Anyone who has received these emails or texts should forward them directly to the NCSC (The National Cyber Security Centre) at: [report@phishing.gov.uk](mailto:report@phishing.gov.uk)

We are urging everyone who reads this to share with older and vulnerable friends and family.

**Fake Text re - Covid-19 Test**

A dangerous fake NHS text has been circulating, telling people they're eligible to apply for the COVID-19 vaccine. Here's what it looks like.

Wednesday, 30 December 2020

A NHS: We have identified that your are eligible to apply for your vaccine. For more information and to apply, follow here : [uk-application-form.com](http://uk-application-form.com)

*This URL takes you through to an extremely convincing fake NHS website that asks for your personal details*

Source: West Mercia Police

## Lent - an article from Bishop John

It might feel as though we have been in the season of Lent for a very long time. Because of the pandemic we weren't able to celebrate Easter properly last year and the remainder of the year had a distinctly penitential feel to it, as has the first part of 2021.

There has been so much sadness, grief and loss during these past few months and we shall be living with the consequences of COVID-19 for years to come. My hope and my prayer, though, is that not all of those consequences will be bad.

Lent is the time for us to turn our faces towards Jerusalem and prepare to follow our Lord on the way of the cross. We do that knowing that out of crucifixion, God brought resurrection. That is the Christian pattern of things – God's redemption involves bringing good out of bad, joy out of pain, new life out of death.

After the resurrection Peter wanted to go back to fishing. It was what was familiar to him and he felt he could find comfort in that. But God was calling him to something much more exciting.

It would be a sadness for us to try to go back to the way things were before the pandemic, just as it would have been for Peter simply to resume his life as a fisherman. Like Peter, I believe God is calling us to something much more exciting.

This year, at the end of what feels like a very long Lent, it would be good for us to reflect upon and pray about what the '*new normal*' might look like. I hope it will involve more care, more community, more goodness and more Godliness – but God will work things out much more wonderfully than I could ever plan.

## Alvechurch WI

*Pam Horsfield writes...*

This month has been a fairly quiet month for the committee so we were very pleased when a good number of our members joined us for our January meeting. Of course members from other WIs are also welcome to join us any time as it's a good way for us all to keep contact at a stressful time of lockdown.

Our speaker was Chris Davies, who is a local storyteller and of course member/writer/actor of the Alvechurch Drama Society. Chris told us four '*stories*' which have no doubt been passed down by generations of people through different cultures and which were fascinating to listen to. We'd recommend that if you ever get a chance to hear him if he returns eventually to the Lounge or any other situation in the village you should go and enjoy time out. Afterwards Chris and Julie both recommended the Birmingham Storytelling Cafe in Kings Heath which has storytelling, music and other arts events on line and on zoom.

Next month our speaker is Adrian James who visited us a couple of years ago and showed his superb photographs of Bodenheim Arboretum through the seasons. This time we've chosen an entirely different subject of '*Gardens of Paradise*' which should be fascinating. The meeting is on Monday 8th February at 7:30pm, but Julie allows for folks to get on line by letting us join from 7:00pm.

If you want to join this meeting, contact us on [presidentalvechurchwi@gmail.com](mailto:presidentalvechurchwi@gmail.com)

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When you have achieved at least Bronze level in each area, then a Bronze level certificate can be printed off. The same is true for Silver and Gold levels.

Initial feedback about Creation Care has been largely positive. However, some people thought a few questions could be more clearly expressed, and that the actions were not always possible depending on your circumstances. For example, someone with a small garden or yard, may not be able to accommodate many of the features in the Garden section. Another comment was that there was not much space given to being creative and living simply, rather than paying for technical fixes. These issues are being addressed by the creators of Creation Care, but further feedback would help them make it more accessible and relevant to all.

## Share your experiences



Creation Care has been recognised as having a huge potential in helping people to change their individual lifestyle choices, especially if ideas and support are shared within a local church community. If you would like to share your experiences of using Creation Care, and any thoughts or ideas about it, please contact Helen Oldham by 7 February 2021. [helen.oldham@outlook.com](mailto:helen.oldham@outlook.com)



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# Workplace Chaplaincy: putting your faith into action

*Is God calling you to let your Christian faith make a difference in the world of work and commerce? Do you have a 2-3 hours per month to make a difference? If you are retired, does your experience give you the gift of understanding and empathy for businesses and those who work in them?*



Workplace chaplains make regular visits to the same places of work, usually once per month (although this is severely disrupted currently due to the pandemic). These could be shops, offices, or any place of work which welcomes a chaplain. Through regular visits, the chaplain learns about the business and its challenges and gets to know the staff. The chaplain listens, offering whatever support they can, to everyone they meet, regardless of their faith background. They are motivated by their own Christian faith and respond to the love of Jesus by sharing that care for those in the workplace.

## ***Training for New Workplace Chaplains***

For those who wish to become workplace chaplains, maybe after attending the Discover Chaplaincy Taster Event, we will be running the **INTRODUCTION TO WORKPLACE CHAPLAINCY COURSE** which consists of six 90-minute sessions held on Wednesday afternoons from 2.00 – 3.30pm starting on Ash Wednesday, 17 February and concluding on 24 March, just before Palm Sunday. This can be used as a way of exploring a calling to be a workplace chaplain, and again with no obligation on either side. To book a place on the Introduction to Workplace Chaplaincy Course contact Revd Dick Johnson on - [dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk](mailto:dickjohnson@faithatwork.org.uk) or ring 07946 655450.



# Parish Prayers

At this time, we pray for all those who live and work in our community and especially those who live and work in:

**Rockwell Lane – 7 February**

**Rose Avenue – 14 February**

**Rowney Green Lane – 21 February**

**Sandhills Green – 28 February**



## A Prayer for those in isolation

God of compassion,  
be close to those who are ill, afraid or in isolation.  
In their loneliness, be their consolation;  
in their anxiety, be their hope;  
in their darkness, be their light;  
through him who suffered alone on the cross,  
but reigns with you in glory,  
Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## Obituary for Brian Wilde

Brian Wilde of Alvechurch sadly passed away on the 29th November 2020 after a short illness. He was the local Hotpoint engineer as was known as the 'washing machine man', Bamber to his friends. Husband to Pat and Dad to Andrew and Michael.

## From The Registers



### Funerals and Cremations

*May they rest in the peace of Christ*

14 December

Joan Dominick

23 December

Betty Skidmore

7 January

Ronald Guy

18 January

Ronald Kidner

# Who's who

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## PCC Special Responsibilities

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Bob Dale	Colin Bennett
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Martin Allen	Mick Fletcher
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### Missionary Committee

Sue Phillips Wardle	Dick Russell
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# Calendar for FEBRUARY



Please see our church and Ark websites for details of our activities -  
[www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org](http://www.alvechurch-stlaurence.org) and [www.thearkalvechurch.co.uk](http://www.thearkalvechurch.co.uk)

Sunday 14 **MARCH 2021 GRAPEVINE GOES TO PRESS:** *articles to -*  
[admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk](mailto:admin@thearkalvechurch.co.uk) (please note the new email address)

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office address at The Ark, St Laurence Church, School Lane, Alvechurch,  
Birmingham B48 7SB.

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Scheme), this can now be done over the telephone – please leave a brief  
message on our church answerphone (0121 445 1087), or email the church  
email address ([stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:stlaurencealvechurch@yahoo.co.uk)), with your name and  
telephone number, so that our church treasurer may contact you.

With our thanks and prayers.

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