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NOVEMBER 2025

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THE PATH IN NOVEMBER



November is the last month of the church calendar.

We've had a time of harvest when fruits have been gathered, and we crunch on the many fallen acorns beneath our feet. We are then treated to the tree's spectacular leaf colour show, of which are eventually helped to depart from their year best friend by the way of the wind. Paths of goldenness, fit for royalty, are laid. Rain turns the paths into mustiness, and mulch into the ground to help produce fertile earth for the following year. Nothing is wasted.

In the growing dark evenings you may want to ponder what you have gathered over the year, what has been harvested? What

can you give thanks for?

As the tree gracefully sheds it's leaves I wonder if there is anything you can let go of, anything that no longer serves your Christian life? Allow yourself to dare to make space for the new, remembering nothing is wasted.

As the end of the month gets darker, and the trees turn to skeletons we celebrate in church Christ The King, a reminder of hope in the darkness; for us and for the world.

Sue Martyr



QUIZ NIGHT

Our recent Quiz night raised £125 for the Food Bank. These were donations from those who attended. Many thanks to Sarah and Chris for such an enjoyable evening.



RAFFLE PRIZES WELCOMED!

We are having a raffle at the Brass band concert in aid of Sensory Matters, Worcestershire. Any raffle prizes would be welcome especially luxury food and drink items for the hampers.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

On Sunday 7th December Worcester Concert Brass Band will be performing again in church at 3pm. Tickets £5 adults/£2 children are available now from Mary (07914 875861)

The band is busy preparing—it should be a very enjoyable afternoon!

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

The Remembrance Sunday service with parade will be held in church on 9th November at 10am.



SENSORY MATTERS WORCESTERSHIRE

In October 2023 Sight Concern Worcestershire launched its Sensory Matters service, providing information, advice and guidance to anyone in the county who is blind, vision impaired, Deaf, hard of hearing, have dual sensory loss or is deafblind. Advisors can also signpost or make referrals to specialists and other services that can offer additional support, to enable clients to maintain independent and fulfilling lives.

Proceeds from the Brass Band concert on Sunday 7th December will go Sensory Matters (see page 9)

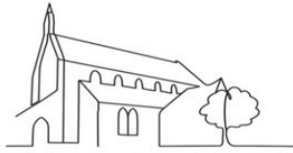
CHRIST CHURCH PATRONAL

Christ Church Patronal service will be held at Christ Church on Sunday 23rd November at 10.30. It will be followed by a Bring & Share lunch. *Everybody welcome!*



BOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

We are making up boxes for the homeless in Worcester again this year. Any donations/filled boxes much appreciated. Please bring to church by Sunday 14th December. See page 8 for more details.



St Barnabas Church

November 2025

SUNDAY 2ND NOVEMBER

10am All Saints & All Soul Communion

4pm iSingSUNDAYS — informal fun for everyone

WED 5TH NOVEMBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 9TH NOVEMBER

10am Parade Service for Remembrance Sunday

7pm Evening Communion @ Christ Church

MON 10TH NOVEMBER — 7PM FESTIVAL OF REMEMBRANCE

with music and readings led by Bishop Perowne students

WED 12TH NOVEMBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 16TH NOVEMBER

10am Something Else Sunday with Noah's Baptism

WED 19TH NOVEMBER — 10AM MIDWEEK PRAYER



Christ Church

SUNDAY 23RD NOVEMBER

10.30 Christ Church Celebration

with bring and share lunch

WED 26TH NOVEMBER — 10AM MIDWEEK COMMUNION

SUNDAY 30TH NOVEMBER

10am Together for Advent

All-Age Communion Service to launch our countdown to Christmas

REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

Remembrance Sunday and Armistice Day stand as solemn reminders of the end of World War I and honour the sacrifices of those who served and continue to serve in armed conflicts worldwide.

It is a time of reflection, gratitude, and remembrance, acknowledging the profound impact of war on individuals, families, and nations.

We pause to honour the courage and selflessness of the men and women who have bravely served their countries in times of war and conflict. We remember those who made the ultimate sacrifice, laying down their lives for the cause of peace and freedom. Their valour and dedication serve as a timeless testament to the resilience of the human spirit and the enduring quest for peace.

As we reflect, let us also pray for peace in our troubled world. May the memory of past sacrifices inspire us to work tirelessly for reconciliation, justice, and

healing. May we strive to build bridges of understanding and empathy, reaching across divides to create a more harmonious and compassionate society.

Heavenly Father, we lift up to you all those who have served and sacrificed for the cause of peace.

Grant them your comfort, strength, and healing.

Inspire us to be instruments of your peace in the world.



FIVE THEMES:

*Worship & teaching,
Buildings, Land, Community
& Global engagement,
Lifestyle*



Found on a canal wall in Stoke on Trent, with a figure rather like Jesus.

The words say 'Don't let plastic become part of our nature'
Sue Martyr



MARGARET'S KENYAN CAMEL TREK

I have just been on a trek in semi arid northern Kenya with my husband.... and 29 other males, 16 of which were camels! One friend, a leader and assistant, and ten in the team looking after the camels (who carried everything), cooking, setting up

tents and toilet facility (of sorts), digging for water etc at each new campsite. We walked 100k in 6 days in stunning scenery.

Margaret Gandon

More of Margaret's adventures on page 7.





Top left: Recent ISingPop Sunday
Top right: Revd Sarah had help on Harvest Sunday
Middle row: Matilda Rose & her mum Megan were both baptised recently
Bottom row: Winnie Lloyd was baptised on her 6th birthday

KENYA TUJISAIDIE COMMUNITY SCHOOL CELEBRATION

At the end of our trip we returned to the school we visited two years ago, in downtown Nairobi, celebrating the addition of an upper storey, with extra classrooms.



The now retired Bishop of Mt Kenya South (and others) spoke at the gathering of local people, schoolchildren, and invited guests. He blessed the school building and a Community Library, and there was food, a



very large cake and much singing and rejoicing.

The community members were given small plots of land in the area 35 years ago after their previous homes and livelihoods were suddenly and brutally

destroyed by government bulldozers. There was nothing to start with - no sanitation or any



facilities. They have constructed houses and made the place home, by their own sweat and toil, and have become a close, loving and caring community. St Barnabas' church members were thanked for their contribution to the school, in funding whiteboards for the classrooms.

Retired Bishop of Mt Kenya South presiding at Celebration and Blessing of new classrooms at Tujisaidie Community School, Kayole, Nairobi. .
Margaret Gandon



OLD HYMN, NEW WORDS!

Marian Bailey writes:

My friend Gill was looking through some of her late Mother's paperwork and found this hymn *Jesus loves me* altered for old age people. The hymn brings back many happy memories for me of Sunday School.

*Jesus loves me, this I know,
Though my hair is white as snow;
Though my sight is growing dim,
Still He bids me trust in Him.*

*Yes, Jesus loves me.
Yes Jesus loves me.
Yes, Jesus loves me,
The Bible tells me so.*



*Though my steps are, oh so slow
With my hand in His I'll go
On through life; let come what may,
He'll be there to lead the way.*

*When the nights are dark and long,
In my heart He puts a song,
Telling me in words so clear,
"Have no fear for I am near"*

*When my work on earth is done
And life's victories 'been won
He will take me home above
To the fullness of His love*

SUGGESTED ITEMS FOR BOXES:

FOR ST. PAUL'S: Shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, moisturiser (male & female), toothpaste & brush, socks, underwear, pens, notebooks, diaries to keep appointments, chocolates/sweets (lots!), torch & batteries.

FOR MAGGS; as above plus thermal gloves, hats scarves (not hand knitted), vouchers for Greggs/coffee. Also earmuffs, perfume, nail varnish

The Blessing of boxes will be on Wednesday 17th December at 11am

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE!

CHRISTMAS BOXES FOR HOMELESS PEOPLE IN WORCESTER

PLEASE GIVE A LITTLE CHEER TO PEOPLE IN
ST. PAUL'S HOSTEL & MAGGS DAY CENTRE

Suggested contents for covered shoe box:

FOR ST. PAUL'S: Shower gel, deodorant, shampoo, moisturiser (male & female), toothpaste & brush, socks, underwear, pens, notebooks, diaries to keep appointments, chocolates/sweets (lots!), torch & batteries.

FOR MAGGS; as above plus thermal gloves, hats scarves (not hand knitted), vouchers for Greggs/coffee.

In addition, for women, earmuffs, perfume, nail varnish



Elastic band round the box & label with 'man' or 'woman' & whether for St. Paul's or Maggs

Please bring filled boxes to St. Barnabas church by Sunday 14th December & any extra items before that so we can make up boxes

Blessing of boxes on Wednesday 17th December at 11am

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE



Worcester Concert Brass

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3pm - 5pm

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Raffle tickets are also available for
purchase. All proceeds will go to
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NEW ARCHBISHOP OF CANTERBURY

His Majesty The King has approved the nomination of the Bishop of London, the Rt Revd and Rt Hon Dame Sarah Mullally, as the next Archbishop of Canterbury, Downing Street has announced.

The 106th Archbishop of Canterbury since Saint Augustine arrived in Kent from Rome in 597, Bishop Sarah will be the first woman to hold the office.

She will be installed in a service at Canterbury Cathedral in March 2026. Sarah Mullally has been the Bishop of London since 2018, the first woman appointed to that role, and before that was Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. Prior to her ordination in 2001, she was the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England – the youngest person ever to be appointed to that role at the age of 37 – having previously specialised as a cancer nurse. Bishop Sarah has described nursing as "an opportunity to reflect the love of God".

The Crown Nominations Commission (CNC) for Canterbury nominated Bishop Sarah following a process of public consultation and prayerful discernment that began in February this year. The Canterbury CNC was made up of

representatives from across the Church of England, global Anglican Communion and the Diocese of Canterbury.

The most senior bishop in the Church of England, the Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry combines many roles including serving as the Diocesan Bishop of the Diocese of Canterbury, Primate of All England and Metropolitan, as well as primus inter pares – or first among equals – of the Primates of the global Anglican Communion, which consists of around 85 million people, across 165 countries. In the House of Lords, the Archbishop of Canterbury is one of 26 bishops who comprise the Lords Spiritual. Bishop Sarah said: "As I respond to the call of Christ to this new ministry, I do so in the same spirit of service to God and to others that has motivated me since I first came to faith as a teenager.

"At every stage of that journey, through my nursing career and Christian ministry, I have learned to listen deeply – to people and to God's gentle prompting – to seek to bring people together to find hope and healing.

"I want, very simply, to encourage the Church to continue to grow in confidence in the Gospel, to speak of the love that we find in Jesus Christ and



for it to shape our actions.

“And I look forward to sharing this journey of faith with the millions of people serving God and their communities in parishes all over the country and across the global Anglican Communion.

“I know this is a huge responsibility but I approach it with a sense of peace and trust in God to carry me as He always has.”

Bishop Martin commented on the appointment saying: “I am delighted to welcome Bishop Sarah as the next Archbishop of Canterbury. She is a proven leader, with a passionate commitment to Jesus Christ, who longs to see her church and country grow in faith, hope, love and joy. She can be assured of our prayers and support in Dudley and Worcestershire as she prepares to begin her

demanding new role.”

Biography:

Born in Woking in 1962, Bishop Sarah became a Christian at the age of 16. Before being ordained, Bishop Sarah worked as a nurse in the National Health Service, which she has described as “an opportunity to reflect the love of God”.

She specialised as a cancer nurse and, at the age of 37, became the Government's Chief Nursing Officer for England, the youngest person ever to be appointed to the post. Bishop Sarah was made a Dame Commander of the Order of the British Empire in recognition of her outstanding contribution to nursing. She was ordained in 2001 and served her curacy in the Diocese of Southwark, initially as a self-supporting minister, before leaving her government post in 2004.

In 2012, she was installed as Canon Treasurer at Salisbury Cathedral and three years later took the role as Suffragan Bishop of Crediton in the Diocese of Exeter. On 12 May 2018, Bishop Sarah was installed as the 133rd Bishop of London at St Paul's Cathedral, the first woman to hold the role. Bishop Sarah is married to Eamonn and they have two grown-up children, Liam and Grace.

Appointment process – key dates:

Following the announcement, the next stage of the appointment process is the Election by the College of Canons of Canterbury

Cathedral, which will take place before Christmas.

On 28 January 2026, there will be a Confirmation of Election at St Paul's Cathedral in London, at which Bishop Sarah will legally become the Archbishop of Canterbury.

In March there will be an Installation (sometimes referred to as an 'enthronement') at Canterbury Cathedral, which denotes and marks the start of the new Archbishop of Canterbury's ministry.

Taken from the Diocesan website

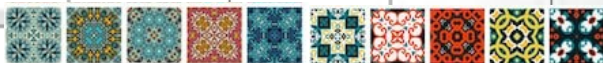


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