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FOR ALL THE SAINTS



I'm writing this article on St. Matthew's Day (21 September) and yesterday the congregations of the churches in my last parish in Stoke gathered together in the church dedicated to Matthew to celebrate their patronal festival.

You might kindly pray for them as they face an uncertain future in a tough place to be a church.

And over the coming month or so, at St. Barnabas we are going to be thinking about saints. Four different ones, one on each Sunday in October and then All Saints/All Souls on the first Sunday of November.

St. Matthew, just to remind you, was the tax collector called by Jesus to become a disciple and is also considered the writer of the gospel that bears his name. As a disciple, he was called to walk and work alongside Jesus, learning as he went, watching and imitating. He listened to Jesus' teaching, watched what he did and learnt to do likewise.

The four saints we will hear about on the Sundays in October – Francis of Assisi, Edith Cavell, St. Luke and Theresa of Avila – did likewise in their own times.

They couldn't have been physically present with Jesus, but they took the teachings and example of Jesus deeply into their own lives, to live out their own calling to follow him in the way that they lived. I shall look forward to finding out

more about these saintly followers of Jesus in the coming weeks, especially as I have to preach about two of them!

We may think of saints as 'saintly' complete with halos, and they will have been exceptional or else they wouldn't be commemorated, but we also remember that they were people with faults and failings – just think of the disciples in the gospels (or the early Christians in Acts) who often struggled to 'get it' and who tried Jesus' patience at times!

We may think that with our weaknesses and failings that we couldn't be saints, but we need instead to focus on the example of the saints in learning from the teaching and example of Jesus. As with the saints before us, it is a lifetime's task, strengthened and inspired by God's Holy Spirit.

In doing that we might continue to focus on our care for God's creation that we have been thinking about in September and on Harvest, which we will celebrate on the Sunday this magazine comes out.

With the heatwaves of this summer and the threatened heavy rainfall in the coming winter, we can be in little doubt about climate change and global heating. We may feel this is one of those things that is too big for any individual, but there may be choices we can make about what kind of energy we use and how we use it in our houses and cars, if we have one, and maybe try to walk, cycle or use public transport more.

We can think about the kind of things we eat, and try to recycle more and cut down on packaging and waste in the things we buy (or maybe don't buy).

These are practical things, but we might also think about our opinions and motivations and how they affect others, especially those who are less able to cope with the effects of climate change. Those in poorer countries like Nepal where the floods were caused by melting glaciers, but who have contributed least to global warming. Farmers in our own country and elsewhere who find that crops that they have long grown are failing and animals are

struggling with the heat and lack of fodder. How do we respond and how do we get our leaders to act?

Many people care about our environment, but we care and do these things because we believe it is God's creation and because we see God's love in Jesus. In his life and teaching, but also of course, in his death on the cross and in his resurrection. And because God has loved us so much and Jesus showed us what that meant in human form, we like the saints try to follow in that way. We too love God, but we love our neighbour as well, whether that is in caring about the environment (like Francis of Assisi) and the effects of our misuse of the earth as humans, or in other ways after the example of the saints we shall hear about in the coming weeks who cared for others, irrespective of who they were, friend or foe (Edith Cavell, Luke).

We are all followers of Jesus seeking to learn from his teaching and his example as we live out our lives whether in the time of Jesus on the earth, at other times in history, or as we can in our lives today.

Phillip Jones



PLASTIC PUDDING BOWLS

If you have any to spare, Marian would like some to make Christmas puddings to sell in church. *Thankyou!*

BYE FOR NOW!

This will be the last issue of the magazine for a while. The programme used to produce it is being discontinued. Jackie Campbell, who has edited the magazine for more than 20 years is also retiring so if you are interested in having a go please speak to Jackie or Mary James.

See centre pages for photos from the Archives!!

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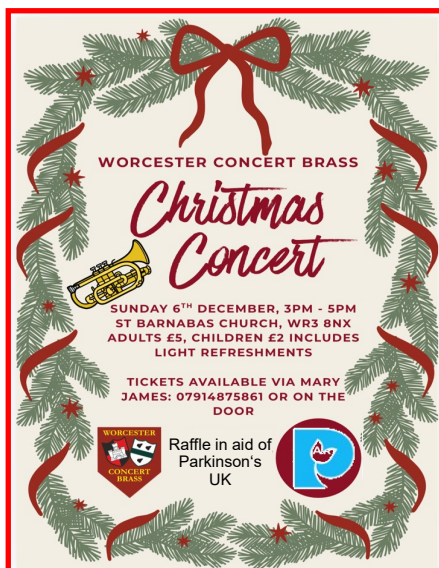
REMEMBRANCE SUNDAY

This year it will fall on Sunday 8th November when we will be joined by the youth uniformed organisations for an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial followed by refreshments.

BRASS BAND CONCERT

We will be holding another Brass Band concert in church on Sunday 6 December at 3pm. Tickets cost £5/£2 and include mulled wine and nibbles. A raffle will be held in aid of the Parkinsons Society UK.

Why not come along for a great afternoon of music and to support the charity.



BEETLE DRIVE

Join us in the Church Hall for another evening of fun and fellowship at the Beetle Drive on Saturday 17 October at 6.30pm—see poster on page 8.



Everyone welcome to come along and join in the fun!!

MAKE DO AND USE



It seems we're reclaiming the benefits of 'Make do and mend'. It's much more acceptable these days to do what we can, creatively, to make clothes and other items last longer and give them a personal touch.

Men Sheds are springing up: a place to share practical skills, as well as conversation. Items can be made or repaired for use in the local community and there's a camaraderie that comes from standing alongside at a workbench. These groups are instrumental for well-being, especially in retirement or bereavement.

So let's mend things. There's even a Repair Shop on radio 4's 'The Archers' now.

My mother had very few belongings in later life but I did inherit some interesting sewing items. When I wanted to darn a

favourite cardigan the other day I found some very old cotton thread for mending, which was perfect for the task.

I looked up the Bolton cotton mills where Chadwick's began, back in the 1820's. In 1896 the company merged with Coates, and production finally stopped in 1972. Three out of the four Mills have become residential blocks; another bit of recycling.

The darning egg has a lovely feel to it, and I think it might be beechwood. How old is it I wonder? Whatever, it is still perfect for darning socks and it was my Mum who showed me how.

Pinking shears still get used too, and these ones are beautiful to handle. And the Bakelite pin box belonged to an Uncle.

*Margaret Gandon,
September 2026*



Cutlery recycling at Spetchley Park Gardens



For those not there please find details of what can be placed in the green bin:

<https://www.worcester.gov.uk/recycling-waste/household-recycling>

Lots of discussion was had during and after the service, and I think that we all agree there is not always a simple answer. Perfection is not easily obtained, or expected of us, but let's keep loving and caring for creation as God does for us.



What fills your cup this Autumn time? (Mushrooms found in Astwood Cemetery). *Sue Martyr*



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



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**Please bring filled boxes to St. Barnabas church by Sunday 13th December
& any extra items before that so we can make up boxes**

Blessing of boxes on Wednesday 16th December at 11am

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE

EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL



Friday 9 October 7pm

Scouting for Girls

Scouting For Girls will be performing their greatest hits at a very special concert in the most breathtaking setting. Throughout Scouting For Girls immensely successful career they've sold over 2 million albums, 2 million singles, had 4 Brit Award nominations, an Ivor Novello nomination, had 4 top 10 singles, sold out Wembley Arena, The Royal Albert Hall as well as 2 nights at The London Palladium. This is a seated concert. Wheelchair accessible.



Fri 16 October/ Thurs 5 November

Enough? Installation

Enough? is an installation inspired by the tragic loss of life in Gaza, although it is equally applicable to Ukraine, Iran and indeed any other war where innocent civilians are killed and injured. In this sense it is universal.

The question Enough? asks how many people must be killed before a route to peace is sought. It is very difficult indeed for anyone to imagine

loss of life on such a huge scale, particularly since the advent of constant mass media which almost inures us to the reality of war. The installation endeavours to address this difficulty and to help the viewer to a realisation of what killing on this scale actually looks like.

The viewer is invited to imagine that each of the 260 figures represents 250 people thus adding up to 65,000, the estimated figure given for the number of people killed in the conflict in Gaza to date. The estimated number of civilian casualties (including injuries) in Ukraine is 56,000 but taking into account military deaths on both sides the number approaches 2 million.

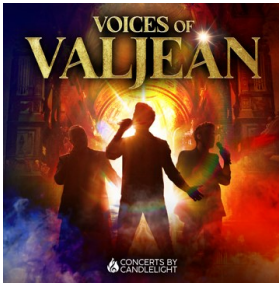
Enough? Enough? was first exhibited in St. Michael and All Angels Church, Oxford, in April 2026.



Saturday 10 October

Tunde Baiyewu Live in Worcester Cathedral

Pop-Soul Singer Tunde Baiyewu will perform live with a full band. Tickets for this very special show are on sale now. This is a seated concert. The venue is wheelchair accessible. Tunde will be performing a 75 minute set with support act (TBA). 7.00pm - 10.00pm (performance starts at 7.45pm). Minimum age 12+



Thursday 22 October

Voices of Valjean

Starring: John Owen-Jones - Record-breaking West End and Broadway star, *Voices Of Valjean* is an unforgettable evening of powerhouse vocals and iconic musical theatre. This spellbinding show brings together three extraordinary West End stars, each having conquered one of the most legendary roles in musical theatre history - Jean Valjean in *Les Misérables*.

Backed by a full live band, this spectacular concert celebrates the music that has defined their careers, featuring beloved songs from *Les Misérables* alongside showstopping numbers from some of the greatest musicals of all time, including *Miss Saigon*, *Chess*, *The Phantom of the Opera*, *West Side Story*, *Jesus Christ Superstar*, and many more!

Friday 23 October

Carrie Hope Fletcher: The Cathedral Tour

Carrie Hope Fletcher (*Heathers*, *Cinderella*, *Calamity Jane*), one of the UK's most beloved musical theatre stars, is set to light up cathedrals across the UK in her breathtaking new *Ghost Light*

concert tour. This autumn, audiences will experience Carrie as never before, with her unmistakable voice and spellbinding storytelling bringing these extraordinary spaces to life.

Throughout the evening, Carrie will uncover the histories, folklore and legends woven into some of the UK's most iconic theatrical spaces; stories of extraordinary experiences that have happened to the people who have passed through their doors, shared and passed down through generations to become part of the enduring legacy of these places.



At the heart of *Ghost Light* is the enduring hope of theatre: a single light left burning on an empty stage. A symbol of the stories carried from one generation to the next, it honours those who came before and those still to take their place in the light. Against the majestic backdrop, Carrie will perform songs from her expansive repertoire alongside brand-new renditions, celebrating the people, stories and enduring magic of theatre.

*See Worcester Cathedral
webside for further details of all
these concerts.*



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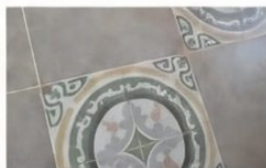
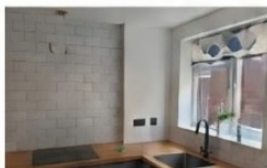
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