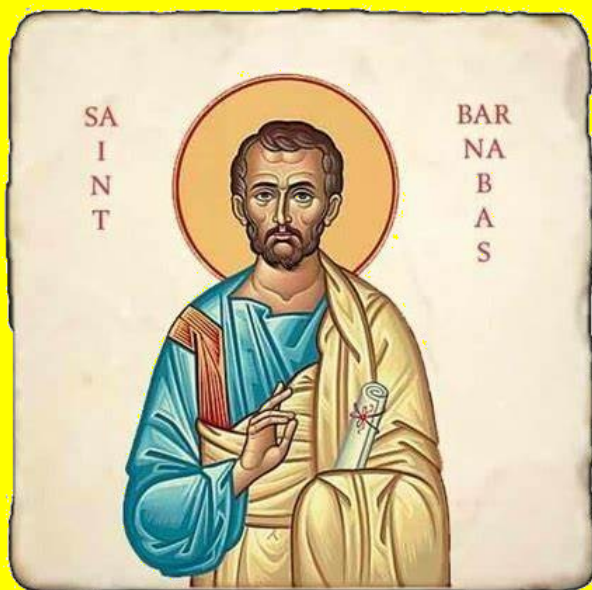


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SOMETHING'S POPPING AT ST BARNABAS!

Music, mission, and the beginnings of something new.



This June, St Barnabas School will be working with the iSingPOP team to put together a concert full of music, movement, and message. For three days — from Monday 16 to Wednesday 18 June — the whole school will learn a series of values-based songs that explore big themes like forgiveness, kindness, friendship, peace, and courage. These aren't hymns in the traditional sense, but they carry a spiritual heartbeat — full of joy, hope, and meaning, written to stick in heads and stir hearts.

Then, on Thursday 26 June, all that learning comes to life in a concert at St Barnabas Church. Families, friends, and community members will be invited in to experience the energy and heart of what the children have been working on. If you've never been to an iSingPOP concert before, it's hard to describe. It's loud. It's proud. It's full of sparkly actions and earworm choruses. But it's also serious work — planting something deep in the lives of children and in the life of a community.

This is not just a show — it's a

starting point.

In churches across the Diocese — and particularly in our local area —

iSingPOP has become the catalyst for new relationships and new expressions of church. You may have read about the worshipping community that's growing out of Perry Wood Primary School in Ronkswood. That project is being shaped by Holy Trinity and St Matthew Church, in partnership with our own Debra, the shared children's worker across our churches. Together, they've been laying the groundwork for something rooted in the school community — something honest, hopeful, and hospitable. Their model isn't about big band worship or elaborate programmes. It's about people of all ages coming together around food, story, music, and faith.

It's prompted us to ask the obvious question: could we do something similar here?

We're starting small. We're not locking ourselves into anything. But we are taking some deliberate next steps.

We've planned two Sunday afternoon sessions at St

Barnabas Church — on 6 July and 3 August. These will be relaxed, fun, and rooted in the same joyful spirit as iSingPOP, with space for families to be together, try something new, and explore faith in a way that feels natural — no expectations, no pressure, just a chance to see what fits.

We're also exploring the idea of some holiday club mornings in the final week of the summer holidays, followed by a special Sunday service on 31 August. If the energy is right, if people come, if God shows up (as God tends to do when children start singing about love)... then we may build on it in the autumn.

Our hope is that these gatherings will eventually lead to the birth of a new monthly intergenerational congregation, based at Christ Church in the Tolly Hub. We're not rushing. Right now, we're in the listening stage. The experimenting stage. The "what if?" stage.

This project is being shaped by a strong team. Kirsty, our iSingPOP leader, brings a brilliant blend of musical energy, values-based vision, and experience of growing worshipping communities across the country. Alongside her, Debra, who works with both Perry Wood and St Barnabas, is drawing on

local relationships and a sharp understanding of what makes family ministry work here in Worcester.

If you're part of our church family — or just part of the wider community — here's how you can be involved:

- Pray. For Kirsty, Debra, the staff and children at St Barnabas School, and for all the families who might be touched by this.
- Come. The concert on 26 June is open to all. It would be wonderful to have members of the congregation there to welcome families and enjoy the event.
- Encourage. If you know someone with children who might enjoy a Sunday afternoon gathering, mention it to them. Ask questions. Show interest.
- Wonder. What might God be up to in all this? And what part might you have to play?

This isn't a new programme. It's not a relaunch or a relabel. It's something gentler and more spacious than that.

It's a way of creating room — for families, for music, for play, for faith — and seeing what might grow.

Let's see what pops.
Rev'd Sarah

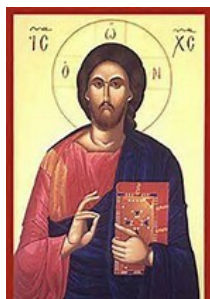


ASCENSION DAY

Thursday 29th May

The Deanery Ascension Service is at 7.00 pm at St Phillip and St James Church Hallow.

If you are going, and would like to stop off for a bite en route, you are welcome to 214A Henwick Road at 5.45pm. *Please let Sue know by Sunday 25th May.*



ST BARNABAS DAY

St Barnabas Day is on Wednesday 11th June. We will celebrate it following the 10am Wednesday Eucharist on that day. *Everyone welcome to come along to share in coffee & cake!*

ST BARNABAS DAY

Because this falls between Pentecost Sunday and Trinity Sunday, celebrations will also take place on Sunday 22nd June with (weather permitting) an outside service

This year marks 140 years since the church was built in 1885!



CLUSTER SERVICE

There will be a Fruit of the Spirit Open Air Cluster Service at St Nicholas on Sunday 29th June at 10.30 instead of a service at St Barnabas. *All welcome!*

FEAST DAYS IN JUNE

In June there are several feast days including:

1st June Ascension Sunday
8th June Pentecost Sunday
15th June Trinity Sunday

We also celebrate our Patronal Festival which falls mid-week (see opposite).



ART & CRAFT



The feel of a physical book. Textures and patterns, the colouring of illustrations, paper cover edges frayed with use. On the spines, dislocated words, to fit the small horizontal space. How were these books made? I wondered...



The two sisters decided to take the country paths and tracks to the big house at Killerton, with its parkland and gardens. The sun shone, petals scented the still air and the trees shaded. Traffic noise diminished, the songs of birds amplified.

The ladies walked in to the big hall and in to a 1920's welcome, as it seemed they'd been 'invited' to a weekend house party. The paraphernalia of cocktails laid out, the large dining room table 'set' for breakfast. A rolled up carpet in an adjoining room exposing a wooden dance floor.

The library was bathed in the most beautifully reflected polished wood light. It glowed with invitation and welcome: a baize green table with dominoes and cards, permission given to take down any book and sit in a chair.

Our visit to Killerton prompted me to look out our mother's writing about my great grandfather Frederick. He spent his working life as a printer and bookbinder and he and his wife Amelia lived in the same house as my mother. She wrote:

'What I remember is this: Fred was employed at the Salvation Army Printing works. He could sew, bind, book or magazine sections into the "raw book".

Stipple decorate the three outer edges of the pages in various, mixed colours. Glue, and cover in end papers, cardboard, and leather the outer cover of the book. Tool the leather cover in patterns (line across corners) and letter the title, author, or magazine name and dates of sections on finished item. Amelia could stitch sections on to the wide linen strips in a book press -

very swiftly (I have seen this). Books were repaired (re covered?) for local libraries as well.'

'In the 60's a daughter, who rather despised her working class father saw a tv programme about bookbinding. She wept to realise that, after all, her father had been a craftsman.'

Margaret Gandon



MISSION FUND NEWS

The DEC brings together 15 leading charities at times of crisis overseas and Christian Aid is one of those members.

On March 28th this year, two devastating earthquakes happened within an hour of each other, which tore Myanmar apart with widespread destruction on a colossal scale. Over 3,000 lives have been lost and many more are missing or injured. The full extent of the disaster is still uncertain.

Christian Aid and other DEC partners are working tirelessly to identify the communities whose lives are now at most risk and in need of immediate help. They are providing emergency humanitarian aid, including shelter, food, clean water, medical care and psychological support to some of the hundreds of

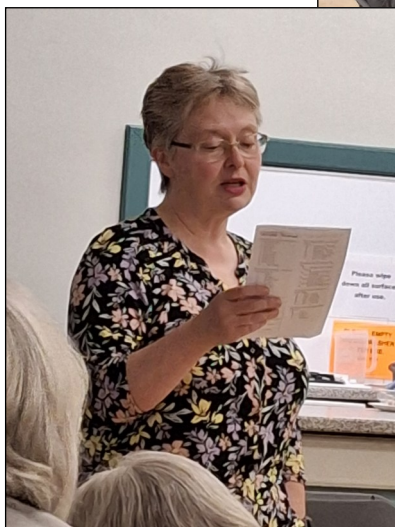
thousands of families impacted by the disaster. Soaring temperatures and monsoon rains are making this catastrophic situation even worse. Medical centres are overwhelmed and the threat of diseases such as cholera is increasing daily.

We thank everyone for continuing to support the Mission Fund.

Ann Bryant



Volunteers look for survivors near a damaged building in Naypyitaw, Myanmar



Revd Sarah was the Quizmaster at the recent Quiz Night in aid of Christian Aid!



Top right: Chris Walker took the recent Family Service during which the children were asked to find animals hidden around the church. We then managed to name an animal for each letter of the alphabet.

VE Day in St Barnabas: Everyone was invited to the service during which Bishop Perowne choir treated us to some wonderful music!



FIVE THEMES:

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

Let's meet Tina Peach, an eco-warrior?

Q&A with Tina's tips for recycling

Tina was brought up going to church and then during her adult life she started to attend Christ Church in 1990, and St Barnabas in 2000.

Can you recall anytime that church has had the environment at it's heart?

One vicar, can't remember their name, said, 'the environment is God's work' and looking after the planet should be part of what we do, and God doesn't want us to mess it up.

And then there was Jeni, Dr Rev Jeni Parsons, who always regarded the environment as an important part of church life, especially animals including hens, hedgehogs, foxes, and dogs.

I also like to watch Songs of Praise as they often have hands on environmental things, ie

community gardens.

It is good to think how small churches and bigger churches, with grave yards, can impact the environment.

What do you do to help the environment?

I don't help the economy but I do help the environment. I am not a big consumer; I wear everything I've got!

I 'make do and mend,' I follow my mum in that respect.

Have you got any examples?
(Here are Tina's tips!)

- Good shoes go to charity shops.
- I give things to Marion (from Church) to take to New Hope, charity shop.
- Cans, cardboard, hard plastic, paper, glass bottles go in the green bin
- Soft plastic ie. the plastic on top of meals etc goes to Asda or the Co-op
- Foil to the Pack It In shop in town
- I refill toilet cleaner, washing up liquid at the Pack It In Shop

- I use bars of soap and not liquid soap in plastic bottles
- Clean textiles go to Dunelm Mill, there's a bin by the front door
- Clothes to charity shops
- Old make up is taken to Boots or Super Drug
- Blister packs, after collecting them at St Barnabas I take to Boots or Super Drug for recycling
- Old, unusable clothes-I make into rags
- Used pens- I used to take to Rymans pen recycling box, but they have stopped at the moment
- Plant pots I take to the garden centre, but only if I am going there already though
- Ceramic pots-to the tip in the rubble container (used for hardcore)
- Scrap metal-to the tip or leave out for the scrap man
- Wood to the tip
- Mobile phones- to the tip to be recycled for metals, I hardly ever change my phone though
- Food waste-I buy sensibly, so don't over buy, and use left overs in soups, casseroles, bubble and squeak, fruit gets made into crumbles or I feed the wildlife if appropriate
- Nappies-try to get family members to use reusable ones
- Out of date medicines, I take to the pharmacy, and not down the toilet as it gets into

the water system

- Chemical waste, like bleach-I use with respect
- Spectacles- recycled at Boots
- Used batteries-take to the supermarket, they all have a used battery container
- Books to the Charity shop and I only buy from there or borrow from the library
- Videos, CDs, DVDs-Charity shop
- Used stamps- I save and give to the Donkey Sanctuary
- I use my compost bin for veg, fruit, tea bags
- My heating isn't on a timer, and I go to bed with a hot water bottle.

So your black rubbish bin can't be very full?

It only has one carrier bag of rubbish in it every two weeks.

How do you shop?

I don't drive, so I shop bit by bit, or if I have a larger shop I use the bus, or an Iceland delivery

And finally?

I do really do 'household management!'

Thank you Tina, you really do live a life of caring for the planet
Sue Martyr

If anyone else would like to be interviewed for eco church please contact me:
martyrboots@yahoo.co.uk

AFTERNOON RETREAT



*'Finding God
in nature' an
afternoon
retreat at Tall
Trees
Retreat*

Space, Cleeve Prior, Evesham
Might you need to rest, to pause,
to reconnect with your maker?

If so, you are welcome you to
Tall Trees Retreat for an
afternoon on Sunday 13th July
from 1:30-6pm (ish)

We will begin with a nature
connection exercise, and then
you will be invited to join in a
playful, reflective 'Out of the box'
story, or a mindful walk to the
river, or simply stay and 'be' in
the garden of beauty, with a
cuppa and God!! There will be
plenty of time for yourself and
God.

I wonder what you will hear, what
will you feel, what will touch your
heart?

"The voice of the Lord is over the
waters, the God of glory
thunders, the Lord over the
mighty waters. The voice of the
Lord is powerful, the voice of the

Lord is
majestic"
Psalm 29: v3
& 4

A picnic tea
will be provided and resources
for reflection will be available.

Come for an hour or stay longer.

To book your place/or for more
information contact Sue Martyr
Martyrboots@yahoo.co.uk. If you
plan to come please let me know
by 10th July so we can plan food
and send you details of how to
find Tall Trees Retreat Space.

Donations for the afternoon are
welcome.

The retreat will be led by:

- * Mandy English is a Spiritual
Director and owner of Tall
Trees Retreat, Cleeve Prior
- * Sue Martyr is a Spiritual
Director, a chaplain and
jewellery maker/repairer
based in Worcester

<https://www.talltreesretreat.co.uk/>
Fb
<https://outoftheboxstories.org/>
Sue Martyr



Refugee Week

Refugee Week - Worcester, 2025

Events Programme

 **Exhibition of Quilts and Textiles.** 9th - 28th June
● **The Hive, The Butts, Worcester, WR1 3PD.**

Featuring quilts created by women seeking asylum in Wychavon with Quilts4You, alongside textiles by Worcester Craftivists.

For further details: 01905 822866 or <https://thehiveworcester.org/plan-your-visit.html>

Spoken Word & Poetry Evening. Wed 18th June ⌚ 7:00 PM
● **Script Haven Bookshop, 104 High Street, Worcester, WR1 2HW.**

Hosted by Ade Couper, former Worcestershire Poet Laureate.

Featuring powerful voices and poetic reflections on belonging and sanctuary.

For further details: Ade Couper 07726 327583; ade.couper@gmx.co.uk or scripthavenltd@gmail.com

 **Woven Stories - Storytelling & Collaborative Art Workshop.**
Saturday 21st June ⌚ 12:00 – 4:00 PM

● **Worcester Arts Collective, 4 Edgar Street, Worcester WR1 2LR.**

A creative space to explore why people need to leave their homes to make a new life, through stories and making art together.

For further details: Worcester Arts Collective hello@worcesterartscollective.org,

Jo Cox/Great Get Together Walk. Sunday 22 June ⌚ 11:00 AM

Organised by, Amnesty International, Worcester.

● **Meet at British Camp Car Park, Malvern Hills. WR13 6DW**

For further details: Chris Gooch 07792 394151, worcesteramnesty@hotmail.com

 **Bring-and-Share Tea Party.** Sunday 22 June ⌚ 3:00 – 5:00 PM

An opportunity to meet others interested and involved in making Worcester a City of Welcome and Sanctuary. Everyone is welcome - bring cake and enjoy good company.

● **Friends Meeting House, Sansome Walk, Worcester, WR1 1UG**

For further details: Ade Couper 07726 327583; ade.couper@gmx.co.uk

★ Worcester - Refugee Week 2025 is organised by: Worcester City Welcomes Refugees CIO.

chrisrussell696@outlook.com Facebook: Refugee Week - Worcester

National Refugee Week programme: <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/> Facebook: Refugee Week

EVENTS AT THE CATHEDRAL

There's lots going on at the Cathedral this month! Among the highlights are:



Friday 6 June 7pm
Candlelight Concert
PINK LIVE Starring
Vicky Jackson. This
breath-taking and
energetic prod-
uction recreates performances
from Pink's live concert tours,
featuring all of her greatest hits

Sat 7 June 7.45pm
Gordon Hendricks
as ELVIS Candle-
light Concert.
Gordon has crafted
an impressive
career as an Elvis Presley tribute
artist, deeply inspired from a
young age by the rock and roll
legend.



Friday 13 June
7.30pm
The Golden Age
of Hollywood Concert.
The Fulltone
Orchestra will take



you on a musical journey back to
Holly-wood's most iconic era with
their new concert which features
the unforgettable music from
some of the most beloved films
in cinema history, promising a
night full of nostalgia and great
musical hits from an era that
shaped the film world of the 20's
to 60's.

Saturday 14 June 7.30pm
Organ Spectacular Concert 2025
Discover the power and beauty
of Worcester Cathedral's organs,
as our popular Organ
Spectacular returns. From the
quietest shimmer to the loudest
roar, the colours and contrasts of
the organ will be demonstrated
through much-loved organ
repertoire, alongside music that
you would not hear at Evensong!

Thursday 19 June 9.30am - 1pm
Free Legal Surgery in the
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continue our partnership with
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delivering a free legal surgery to
everyone in the community. Our
surgeries offer one free initial 30
minute consultation with
Florence Goodwin of SME
Solicitors, Worcester Wills and
Probate Department.

Friday 20 June
7.30pm

West End Musicals
by Candlelight. Get
ready to experience
an unforgettable
night of musical theatre as live
orchestra London Concertante
are joined by some of West
End's greatest singers for a show-
-stopping musical concert



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