

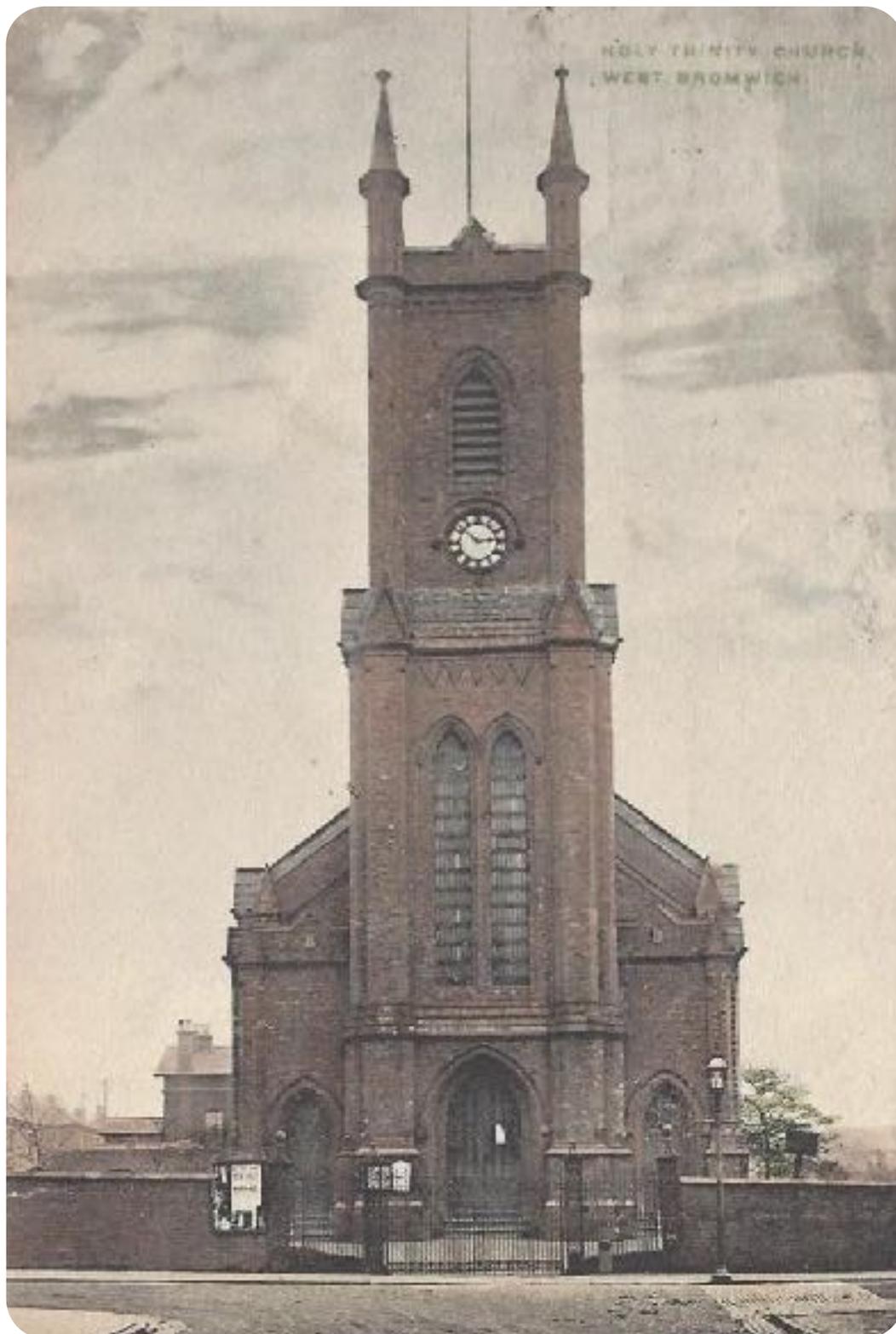
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A PRAYER FOR BACK TO SCHOOL

Dear Lord, Thank you for the gift of children. Please watch over our young people as they go back to school this year. Keep them safe every day. Help them to remember that you are right there with them in the halls and classrooms. Help them soak up good knowledge and to dismiss any negative or worldly messages they may hear. Help them treat others with kindness and respect, and to guard their hearts with the armour of Your Word. Give them joy and peace as they put their trust in you. **Amen**

Joyce Meyer

Prayer of thanks for teachers

Dear Father,

Thank you for teachers. Thank you for their gifts of knowledge and communication. Please give them patience and understanding in their work and most of all the wisdom to listen to you and to be directed by your Kingdom values. Thank you for Jesus – the best teacher of all. Help us all to learn from Him that greatest of all lessons, that you are the living God, His Father and ours, and that you love us and want us to know you.

Father, as we pray and trust in the name of Jesus, our teacher and Lord, may that close knowledge of you become our reality. **Amen.**

By Daphne Kitching

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From the Vicarage

In the absence of Neil Helen Morrow writes this months From the Vicarage



At the end of each school year the Church gives copies of 'It's Your Move' (published by Scripture Union) to each of the year 6 pupils at Holy Trinity School. I go into the classroom and find out what they're looking forward to and what they may be worried about. They discover that what some are looking forward to others are worrying about! And then we read Psalm 139, which is printed in the book. It reminds us that God knows us better than we know ourselves and that there is nowhere we can go to be beyond God's knowledge, reach or care. But there is a danger that this could remain 'theory', added to a collection of nice thoughts rather than the outworking of a personal, trusting relationship with the God of the universe.

Week by week throughout the school year we (myself, Neil & Ministry Trainee's) lead Monday morning whole school assemblies, where we teach from the Bible. As such through their schooling they learn lots about what is in the Bible. Those who attend Kids Club and those who belong to Christian families know even more. But the danger remains, without the Holy Spirit at work these stories remain just stories and they learn what God is like without actually encountering Him for themselves.

This month I will be meeting with Mrs Corbett, the Headteacher of Holy Trinity School to see how else (other than assemblies) I can support RE learning in school. Praise God for such an opportunity, but please also join with me in praying for more than just opportunities to teach about God, Jesus and the Bible; but also that the Holy Spirit will be at work, translating that knowledge into personal eternal relationship with Him – and this not only for the children but for all the staff also.

At the beginning of the school holidays I went with 12 of our young people (and a helper for the kitchen) to Edgehill CPAS 11-14's camp. These young people are from our wider church community. They attend our Wednesday youth work, TNG, even if some only do so sporadically! It was a great week, with lots of fun, new friendships made, old friendships renewed.

The Bible was taught and a great team of committed Christian leaders disciplined them, getting alongside them, asking and answering questions, listening, counselling with wise advice and praying for them – and the prayers continue! And yet the danger lurks here too, just as much – that there is a knowledge about God and Christian things, but not the personal encounter with the Living God.

With the new academic year ahead, how will we avert this danger? How will we see this generation and The Next Generation rescued from the power of sin and hell? How will we see our community transformed?

It should come as no surprise! It begins with us, personally.

As Jesus said, “Let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven.” (Matthew 5:16)

Over the summer I've been catching up on some reading, and one of the books I read was the student edition of Jerry Bridges *Respectable Sins* (NAVPRESS 2013). It is really challenging! He looks at those areas of our character that we're often very comfortable with, excuse and easily accept as 'well, that's just life', like, anxiety, frustration, un-thankfulness, independence of spirit, lack of self control in areas like eating, drinking, temper, finance, and irritability. The danger of this is? “Think of it this way: If everyone you interact with in the course of an ordinary day knows that you trust in Christ as Saviour and Lord and represent Him in the world, would they get a good impression of Him by interacting with you? Or would you perhaps be like the father whose son said, 'If God is like my father, I want nothing to do with God.'” (p.58)

Sobering isn't it! How easily we obscure the light of Christ. Our knowledge of God becomes theoretical (about him) rather than practical outworking of relationship with Him.

So what is the remedy? How will we reach others with the gospel, if we're not living in the light of it ourselves? How will we see that life change in others that we so desperately want to see without seeing it in ourselves!

We need to keep digging in deep with God. Asking Him to make us teachable and teach us. We have to take our own spiritual growth and walk with Christ seriously. Are we in the Word daily? Are we praying, and not just those 'shopping list' prayers, but pressing in to God, praising Him, listening to Him? We have to make the time to do this because if we are not experiencing that life changing relationship with Jesus, how can we hope to see anyone else do so?

The other thing this requires is involvement, relationships and interaction. This will be costly. Which is why we need to be growing in ever greater dependence on Christ!

We want to see Jesus lifted high don't we?

Don't we want His kingdom come here on earth as it is in heaven?

Wonderfully with God fresh starts don't just come at the turn of a year, but they can happen everyday. Let's pray for fresh starts for ourselves and for others. Let's be open to the Holy Spirit, and to fresh opportunities. Let's not settle for knowledge about God, but let's seek living personal relationship with Him. Let's pray, individually, corporately. Let's not wait for the church to organise something, let's call each other and pray over the phone, let's meet up and pray in each other's homes. Let's not rely on our memories of when we learnt such and such or did whatever – what are we learning today? How are we growing today? Until the Lord takes us to be home with Him, He's not done with us yet!

Psalm 139

- 1 You have searched me, Lord,**
and you know me.
- 2 You know when I sit and when I rise;**
you perceive my thoughts from afar.
- 3 You discern my going out and my lying down;**
you are familiar with all my ways.
- 4 Before a word is on my tongue**
you, Lord, know it completely.
- 5 You hem me in behind and before,**
and you lay your hand upon me.
- 6 Such knowledge is too wonderful for me,**
too lofty for me to attain.
- 7 Where can I go from your Spirit?**
Where can I flee from your presence?

- 8** If I go up to the heavens, you are there;
if I make my bed in the depths, you are there.
- 9** If I rise on the wings of the dawn,
if I settle on the far side of the sea,
- 10** even there your hand will guide me,
your right hand will hold me fast.
- 11** If I say, “Surely the darkness will hide me
and the light become night around me,”
- 12** even the darkness will not be dark to you;
the night will shine like the day,
for darkness is as light to you.
- 13** For you created my inmost being;
you knit me together in my mother’s womb.
- 14** I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully
made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.
- 15** My frame was not hidden from you
when I was made in the secret place,
when I was woven together in the depths of the earth.
- 16** Your eyes saw my unformed body;
all the days ordained for me were written in your book
before one of them came to be.
- 17** How precious to me are your thoughts,[a] God!
How vast is the sum of them!
- 18** Were I to count them,
they would outnumber the grains of sand—
when I awake, I am still with you.
- 19** If only you, God, would slay the wicked!
Away from me, you who are bloodthirsty!
- 20** They speak of you with evil intent;
your adversaries misuse your name.
- 21** Do I not hate those who hate you, Lord,
and abhor those who are in rebellion against you?
- 22** I have nothing but hatred for them;
I count them my enemies.
- 23** Search me, God, and know my heart;
test me and know my anxious thoughts.
- 24** See if there is any offensive way in me,
and lead me in the way everlasting.

Prayer Focus



September is a month a bit like January in that it is a month of new beginnings.

There is a lot happening this September, even more than usual it seems, so let's pray for "September Things" and you will probably have some of your own to add to this list.

In our Church and Community

Pray for Neil as he picks up the reins of ministry again in the middle of the month, that the transition will not be difficult and that he can think through exactly what the Lord has been showing him, for his own Christian journey and for Holy Trinity.

Pray also for the Robbie family as they settle back after a long trip full of new experiences.

Pray for all our regular ministries as they start again, for the Leaders and for enough helpers to run things well. Pray that as they plan activities and programmes, the Lord will make his will clear, especially where there need to be changes. May we all be accepting of changes in our pattern of church life if they are necessary to make Jesus known more effectively in our community.

Pray for those making fresh starts and following new paths, that they may stay faithful and be blessed.

Pray for Holy Trinity School as they return for a new school year. Please pray for strength, courage, enthusiasm, initiative and wisdom for all Staff and Governors as this could be a difficult year. Pray that all outcomes will be the best for the children and families and that Jesus continues to be known in the school and in the lives of staff and pupils.

Children and young people will be starting in new classes with new teachers, some in new schools and colleges. Please pray for them as they make these transitions.

Pray for our church weekend away at the end of the month, for the McMillan Coffee Morning on Sept 24th and for Churches Together celebrating 80 years, also on Sept 24th.

In the Diocese

We have a new Bishop, the Right Reverend Dr Michael Ipgrave will be installed as Bishop of Lichfield on Sept 24th. Please pray for him and his wife, Julia, as they settle into our Diocese and Bishop Michael looks ahead to God's will for his time here.

In our Nation

Pray for the Government and all the civil servants as they begin to get to grips with organizing our exit from the European Union. There will be so much to consider, so much legality to unravel and some expectations will be impossible to meet. Pray that our leaders would seek the Lord's will and take time to discern the way forward well.

“Let us fix our eyes on Jesus, the author and perfecter of our faith, who for the joy set before him endured the cross, scorning its shame and sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. Consider him who endured such opposition from sinful men, so that you will not grow weary and lose heart. Hebrews 12; 2-3.



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The Right
Reverend Dr.
Michael Ipgrave

1066 and All That - 950 years on

950 years ago this month, on 27th September, a fleet of ships full of Norman soldiers set sail for Kent. Led by the Norman duke William, their aim was to defeat the Anglo-Saxon army of King Harold and seize power in England. Just over a fortnight later they achieved their purpose at the battle of Hastings. King Harold was killed, reportedly hit in the eye by an arrow, and the English army defeated.

1066 is a date everyone knows. It's one of great significance, because Anglo-Saxon England was to be radically changed, culturally, linguistically and racially. Yet again immigrants (definitely illegal in this case!) would bring a whole new world with them. Probably more than in any other way, it was our language that changed.

Over the next 200 years the guttural sounds from northern Europe and Scandinavia mixed with the softer tones of the Mediterranean to produce what we would recognise as English, probably the most versatile and expressive language in the world – the language of Shakespeare, Milton, Charlotte Bronte and T.S.Eliot.

We take it for granted. Just consider, however, this line of Shakespeare's (from Macbeth): 'the multitudinous seas incarnadine, making the green one red'. The two longest words are the playwright's concoctions from across the Channel. The short words are from our more northerly intruders centuries earlier. Together they make a memorable, brilliant and unique verbal picture, possible only in our strange but wonderful language. Thank you, William!

Church Notices that didn't quite make it...

A talk on drugs will be given at the next Mothers' Union meeting. This will be followed by a Bring and Buy Sale.

A sudden gust of wind took all who were at the ceremony by surprise. Hats were blown off and copies of the vicar's speech and other rubbish were scattered over the site.

The Rector is on holiday this month. Local clergy will be celebrating with us all the Sundays that he is away.

Don't allow anxiety to kill you. Let the church help.

Don't miss the Young Wives' Victorian evening next month. It will be a fun night and some of the women will wear clothes.

The Rev Paul Hardingham looks back on that terrible morning 15 years ago this month...

15th Anniversary of 9/11

Fifteen years ago, on 11th Sept 2001, terrorist attacks demolished the Twin Towers in New York. They killed 2,996 people and injured more than 6,000. Events like 9/11 raise the inevitable question: Why does God allow such suffering to take place?

There are no easy answers to this question! We cannot fully understand why such things happen, although we live in a fallen world, where people make real choices. Yet the Bible affirms that God identifies with our suffering, supremely when Jesus experienced suffering and death.

It is on the Cross that God knows what it is to lose a loved one in an unjust attack. 'I could never myself believe in God if it were not for the Cross. In the real world of pain, how could one worship a God who was immune to it?' (John Stott). What does this mean? We cannot know why God allows evil and suffering to continue, but we do know that He does love and care for us: *'For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.'* (John 3:16). God loved us enough to fully engage with the mess of the world.

We also can view such events in the light of resurrection. Jesus said: *'I am the Resurrection and the Life. The one who believes in Me will live'* (John 11:25). Resurrection points to the restoration for us of the life we lost. New heavens and new earth point to a world and relationships restored and perfected! In *The Lord of the Rings*, Sam Gamgee exclaims: *'Gandalf! I thought you were dead! But then I thought I was dead! Is everything sad going to come untrue?'* The answer of the Bible is Yes!

ARE YOU GOOD ENOUGH?

One of the films that has made the greatest impression on me is Schindler's List. This 1993 Steven Spielberg film based on Thomas Keneally's book tells the story of Oskar Schindler during the second world war and, in particular, his saving of around 1,000 Jews from death in the Nazi concentration camps.

On the face of it, Schindler is obviously both a hero and a good man and it would be easy to view him in this simplistic way. It is said he saved more Jews in the war than any other person and was recognised for his actions in several ways by various Jewish organisations, not least the donations that sustained him after the war when he struggled financially both in Argentina and West Germany. Perhaps the real accolade came when he died and was buried on Mount Zion, the only Nazi ever to receive this honour.

However, the impression made on me was not because Schindler was a hero or even a good man. He was no altruist and was keen to establish himself as an industrialist in Poland after the Germans had invaded in 1939. His enamelware factory employed around 1,000 Jews and, as a Nazi, he had some useful links to this organisation which enabled him to continue operating despite the employment of Jews. He also had a few extra-marital affairs and one gets the impression of someone who is self-centred and out for what he can get. Perhaps amoral would be a good word to describe him.

And yet...

Despite all these characteristics, he seemed compelled to save the Jews in his factory from the horrors of the Nazi camps. It was as if some inner sense of humanity drove him on. He eventually spent a fortune in bribes to keep his Jewish workers safe and he escaped from Poland at the end of the war virtually penniless.

The wonder to me is that this flawed complex person should be so inclined to help people in the way he did. And yet it shouldn't really be a surprise at all. Throughout history, there are plenty of examples of people who do wonderful things but have sides to their character that are less than perfect. And in the bible we also read of such characters.

King David springs to mind in the Old Testament, a fantastic writer of many of the psalms we read or sing each week. But he had his dark side – read the story of Bathsheba in 2 Samuel 11 – and careful readings of the psalms show that David understood this dichotomy within himself.

Paul, who was once Saul and persecuted the early Christians, was persuaded of the errors of his ways but, even as a follower of Jesus, he recognised that he was not a good person as he wrote in Romans 7.19: *“I want to do what is good, but I don't. I don't want to do what is wrong, but I do it anyway.”*

But goodness is not a requirement for a Christian. I talk to lots of people who think it is, either to suggest that their own goodness makes them a Christian or to use it as a stick to beat what they regard as Christian hypocrisy within others.

But God accepts us as we are, warts and all, and uses us as we are, warts and all, which is actually quite a relief. No longer is it necessary to live by a set of rules, like the ten commandments. We have been shown a higher standard: love God and your neighbour as yourself.

In the messiness of life this is our yardstick. Just as the Good Samaritan responded in love to the immediate need of a fellow human being we are called to do likewise, irrespective of race, colour or creed, not to mention gender, sexuality or age. Love God, see the need, love your neighbour.

Alan Wright (Lillington Parish Magazine)

Preb Richard Bewes considers one of Jesus' most poignant stories...

'I didn't know I was lost!'

"Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep" (Luke 15:6)

Some readers may remember the media report one August, of a young secretary who went missing for some days, through a con-trick perpetrated by a deceiving businessman.

Eventually she was found, in a somewhat confused state, at Basingstoke railway station. Evidently she had been completely unaware of the TV news – and of the public concern. In her own words, at the resulting press conference, she confessed, "I didn't know I was lost until I was found!"

In this famous fifteenth chapter of Luke, Jesus' parable of the lost sheep, the lost coin and the lost prodigal son, was basically making a single point – the steadfast determination of the eternal Father to do everything possible to find and recover every stray individual – even if they were taken by surprise at His seeking love.

Years ago I was leading a hospital ward service one Sunday morning, with a little team around me. It was still politically okay to do so in those days! All I could see of one patient was a newspaper, firmly held up – and a thin spiral of cigarette smoke that drifted up from behind the paper. Yes, back then it was still permitted to smoke in a hospital ward!

Two days later I went visiting in the same ward, bed to bed. And there was the patient – a woman in her early thirties.

"So *you're* the one who was speaking on Sunday morning!" she exclaimed. "I never looked in your direction once; I was determined to hide behind my paper and my cigarette. But I was listening all the time. And every word you said was for *me*. I want now to follow what you were talking about. How do I get started?"

This is the wonder of God's ways with us. Jesus Christ is the Shepherd; out on the hills looking, working, seeking for that one sheep that is missing from the safety of God's fold. And when, by the message of His sacrificial love, that single 'lost' one is reclaimed, the angels are aglow with joy. *Jesus said so.*

Operation Christmas Child 2016

– time to pack those shoeboxes!

Earlier this year, thousands of children in Liberia were delighted to receive Operation Christmas Child shoebox gifts, especially following that country's widespread trauma over the Ebola crisis. Now a new film showing the OCC delivery to the children of Liberia is available, as another season of packing shoeboxes gets underway.

The Operation Christmas Child yearly campaign is all about providing some joy to deprived children in the developing world. "A simple Christmas shoebox gift is a 'treasure chest' for a child who has never received such a gift before. It is a powerful symbol of hope that someone, somewhere, cared enough to pack a gift meant just for them."

In 2015, generous people across the UK packed 900,008 shoeboxes for children. These were sent to 14 different countries – their only Christmas gifts that year. Worldwide, 11 million children were given shoeboxes, "experiencing God's unconditional love through a simple gift."

This year, OCC will be again supported by individuals, families, churches, schools, workplaces and community groups across the UK.



Holy Trinity 1922 Church Magazine Annual

During our 175th anniversary exhibition several hard backed books dating from 1921-1941 were displayed. These books not only contained adverts, household tips and stories but what we now call "From the Vicarage" but what was then called "Motto Text " for the whole of the year. Well worth a look at and read.

Over the next few weeks I'm going to include some items from these books and Barry Page independently is also going to transcribe different articles again for inclusion in the magazine. Hopefully you will enjoy reading items from our old magazines.

The first one I found fascinating is actually from December 15th 1921, which is the first book 1922 entry. It concerns the PCC of the time voting to transfer the West Bromwich Deanery from Lichfield diocese to Birmingham. The following is a part of Rev. Wilson W Baker's letter to the parish.

My Dear Friends and Parishioners, December 15th 1921.

A few weeks ago we were all surprised to hear from the Bishop of the Diocese, that the "New Sees" Committee of the National Church Assembly, had suggested the transference of West Bromwich Rural Deanery, from the Diocese of Lichfield to that of Birmingham. The matter had to be brought before the various Parochial Church Councils, then before the Rural Deconal and Diocesan Conferences. At the last named a Committee was appointed to consider the matter. This met on Thursday, December 8th, when the proposal was defeated by 12 votes to six. Our own PCC, while yielding to none in their warm regard for Lichfield, quite unanimously supported the change, and our representatives on the other bodies advocated it. Though the idea will most probably be dropped, and we shall go on very happily and contentedly in Lichfield Diocese, I feel it is due to you, to know why we favoured the suggestion. We had three main reasons:

(1) As our town has a population equal to that of Stafford, Lichfield, Newcastle-under-Lyme, Stone and Tamworth - combined - its transference to Birmingham would greatly relieve the unwieldy Diocese of Lichfield.

(2) Our Diocesan centre, or centres, are so far removed from us, that we cannot participate in the corporate life of the Diocese. Few of us can attend Diocesan Festivals, Conventions, and other great central gatherings, seeing they are held in Lichfield, Stafford, Shrewsbury, etc. Birmingham is so near and accessible, that we could often get the inspiration and spiritual uplift which are the result of large unit would involve assemblies of Christian people.

(3) The change would be in keeping with the democratic spirit of the age. Some of our congregations cannot have direct representation on the Diocesan Conference and Committees, because attendance at a meeting would involve the loss of day's wages, railway fares and other expenses. Personally, I am no believer in the theory that Vox Populi (popular opinion) is necessarily Vox Dei (voice of God), but I am enough of a democrat to feel sorry that the wage-earners of West Bromwich Rural Deanery, are practically debarred from any voice in the councils of their Church, beyond the Ruri-Deconal Conference.

As far as I could gather, the arguments, the arguments against joining Birmingham, were as follows:

- (a) That the Diocese already has a larger town element than country. This, of course, has its advantages for the clergy.*
- (b) There is little community of interest between West Bromwich and Birmingham. This is to some extent true, but the state of our tram lines shows that there must be a lot of intercommunication between the two Boroughs.*
- (c) There is considerable apathy on the part of West Bromwich people towards Birmingham. This is a sad admission. Little wonder the Rural Deanery has been backward in the support of Foreign Missions, for if we nurse antipathy toward our near neighbours, we are scarcely likely to feel any loving interest in the people of China, Japan, India, etc.*
- (d) Ecclesiastical union with our big neighbour, might lead to more people addressing our letters "West Bromwich, near Birmingham." Our reply to this is, that Holy Trinity people have great pride in West Bromwich, and they cannot bring themselves to believe that its greatness depends upon such slender foundations.*

We firmly believe that neither civic pride nor personal sentiment should stand in the way of spiritual efficiency. We have had the courage of our convictions, and done what we believe to be our duty. We are quite content to let the matter rest there.

Your sincere friend and Vicar, Wilson W Baker.

Salter, The Story of a Family Firm

During the 175th church anniversary celebrations Sheila Goodson, Ian's wife, loaned us a book - Salter, The Story of a Family Firm. Many of you will know or even worked at Salters, and the book is a fascinating history of the firm. Over the next few weeks I will include extracts from the book which I hope you will enjoy.

In 1882 came the great event in the family history - the three day match between Salter's cricket of 22, and the famous Dr. W. G. Grace's All England XI, which was played on the Salter's ground at Springfields, on August Bank Holiday. Both George and Tom Salter were enthusiastic cricketers, and encouraged by their father, they had started a work's side. The year before they had won the Birmingham and District Cup for local Clubs, with the title of Champion Club: and George Salter himself, playing for Birmingham and District against Leicester, had made 74 runs, and was considered to be a very good all-round player.

All the same, the team was somewhat overawed by this special occasion. They played twenty-two men, drawing on local clubs to support them: the team consisted of - George Salter (Captain), Tom Salter, Tom (Hagley) Smith, C. A. Benbow, W. Harrold, G. , Payton, William Bache, E. Silvester, S. Jackson, John Horton, Jimmy Reeves, W. Williams, and Fred Airey, all of West Bromwich: and R. Docker, F. T. Cox (Smethwick), Millward (Wednesbury), Greenway, Ford, and Page (Cheltenham), Newman (Walsall), Webster (Edgbaston), and Murphy (Dudley).

A grandstand was built for the occasion, and according to one report the attendance over the three days was 20,000. Dr. Grace's XI consisted of himself as Captain, his brother, E. M. Grace, W. R. Gilbert, L. M. Day, W.W. Pullin, W. Midwinter, R. Riddell, Kennedy, Butler-Parr, Robinson, and E. Hurst.

Salter's went in first, and being very nervous made only a poor showing. Dr. Grace was a very wily underarm bowler, and expert in the slow lob, while his brother was very good in the field, all of which helped to undermine their confidence and they scored only 22 in the first innings. Then the All-England XI took the field and the day finished with W.G. Grace still in, which no doubt accounted for the large gate on the second day.

But to the disappointment of the crowd, who had relished seeing the Doctor knock the bowling about, Salter's star bowler Jimmy Reeves got him out after he had added only two more runs to his score, running down the pitch to catch the ball from the Doctor's bat. The crowd expressed their annoyance in no uncertain fashion, pointing out reasonably enough that they had come to see the Doctor bat, they could see Reeves bowl anyday.

However, Grace had made a score of a 67, which included five fours, two threes, and ten two's: and Reeves disposed of the remaining wickets for 14 runs only.

Salter's did a little better in the second innings when they made 118 runs: but they were beaten by Grace's XI who needed only 5 runs to win.



George Salter



Dr. W. G. Grace

We continue our column that looks at memorable dates in the month (this time, September) down the years. Here is a range from which to pick and choose, as your space allows.

All in the month of SEPTEMBER

125 years ago: on 14th Sept 1891 that the first penalty kick in the English Football League was taken by Wolverhampton Wanderers in their match against Accrington.

100 years ago: on 3rd Sept 1916 that the first German airship was shot down over Britain, near St Albans.

Also 100 years ago: on 13th Sept 1916 that Roald Dahl, British novelist, short story writer and screenwriter was born. (Charlie and the Chocolate Factory, James and the Giant Peach, The BFG, and more.)

80 years ago: on 6th Sept 1936 that British aviation pioneer Beryl Markham became the first person to fly non-stop from Britain to North America, and the first woman to fly solo from east to west across the Atlantic Ocean.

75 years ago: on 1st Sept 1941 that Nazi Germany issued a decree ordering all Jews in Germany and occupied territories to wear a yellow Star of David badge.

65 years ago: on 11th Sept 1951 that Florence Chadwick of the USA became the first woman to swim the English Channel in both directions.

50 years ago: on 8th Sept 1966 that the Severn Bridge was officially opened. It links England and Wales, spanning the River Severn and River Wye.

Also 40 years ago: on 16th Sept 1976 that the Episcopalian Church in the USA approved the ordination of women as priests and bishops.

30 years ago: on 7th Sept 1986 that Desmond Tutu became Archbishop of Cape Town – the first black person to lead the Anglican Church in South Africa.

25 years ago: on 6th Sept 1991 that the Russian city of Leningrad was renamed Saint Petersburg, restoring its original name.

20 years ago: on 27th Sept 1996 that the Taliban seized control of Kabul, Afghanistan, ousted President Burhanuddin Rabbani and executed former President Mohammad Najibullah.

15 years ago: on 11th Sept 2001 that the September 11th terrorist attacks on the USA took place (also known as 9/11). 2,973 people were killed.

People and News

Birthday Celebrations - September 2016

6th Ruth



*Happy Birthday to you
Happy Birthday to you
May God Bless you and keep you
Happy Birthday to you.*

6th Fay Forrest

14th Amanda



*Happy Birthday to you
To Jesus be true
May the Lord bless you richly
In all that you do*

14th Kelly Hardcastle

Remembrance - September 2016

4th Powell - In loving memory of my dear father George Powell lost at sea June 13th 1944.

11th Mrs H Reeves - Treasured memories of my dear husband Sgt. W. Reeves who died June 6th 1947.

18th Smith - Treasured memories of our dear friend Nellie Smith.

25th Tranter - In loving memory of my dear parents Margaret Ann Lole who died July 1949. Benjamin Lole who died Jan. 1951.
Also my dear brother, Fred Lole who died December 1957.
"Re-united."

Grant unto them eternal rest, O Lord, and let perpetual light shine upon them . May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Almighty God, our heavenly Father, you promised through your son Jesus Christ, to hear us when we pray in faith. Help us to pray simply and sincerely, unselfishly and gratefully, remembering the needs of others as well as our own, and giving thanks always for all things in the name of Christ our Lord. Grant that all who come in to our church may be enabled to renew their relationship with you and may find your peace, your strength, your grace and above all your presence.

Lord in your mercy, Hear our prayer

Regular Prayer Times

Sunday Morning Prayer - Every morning at 10.00 am. prior to the morning service for quiet prayer.

Tuesday Morning Prayer - Prayer and Bible Study at 9.30am.

Tuesday Evening Prayer - A time time for open intercession or quiet prayer run by Kevin at 8.00pm

Midweek Morning Prayer - Every Monday and Wednesday mornings at 8.00am there is a time for quiet prayer.

Please pray for Holy Trinity Ministries

TNG - youth work
Messy Church
Kids Club
Trinity Tots
Soup & Roll Lunch Club
Social Afternoon
Coffee Morning

Please pray for our Church Leaders

Vicar Neil and his family
Wardens
PCC
Lay Reader
Readers and all who help in any way in our church
Helpers and supporters

Regular Donations

Books and Magazines - for the League of Friends at Sandwell Hospital.

West Bromwich Food Bank - * Milk (UHT or powdered) * Sugar (500g) * Fruit juice (carton) * Soup * Pasta sauces * Sponge pudding (tinned) * Tomatoes (tinned) *Cereals * Rice pudding (tinned) * Tea Bags/instant coffee * Instant mash potato * Rice/pasta * Tinned meat/fish * Tinned fruit * Jam * Biscuits or snack bars * Or cash donation

Holy Trinity's Big Weekend Away

I don't know about you, but often there just isn't enough time of a Sunday, or during the week, to really chat, have fun and get to know each other better. The advantage of spending more time together is the deepening of friendships and greater ability to encourage and pray for one another. We'll have a chance to do exactly that at our Holy Trinity Big Weekend Away.

7pm Friday 30th September to 1pm Sunday 2nd October

Last year we took our youth group (TNG) to Quinta Christian Centre in Shropshire the first weekend of October and this year, we're opening the invitation to people of all ages youth, children and adults (young and old!) – and it's not too late! You can still come!

It'll be a weekend of church family fun, activities, quizzes, forest walks, sports hall, (possibly even a swimming pool!), outings, barbecue by the lake with a roaring camp fire, coffee and cake breaks with time to relax and chat in beautiful grounds on the Welsh border. Worship, Bible teaching from John 17 and prayer with visiting speakers for adults, youth and kids.

Whether you want to come as a family, an adult, a youth or a child, for the whole weekend, or just on the Saturday – let Helen know so that she and her team can arrange accommodation, transport, activities and food.

Guide price for donations = £50 for the 2 nights or £18 for the day. However we don't want finance to be the reason you don't come – if money is an issue let Helen know!

You can contact Helen on 078 23 88 97 65 or 0121 553 2680 or hlnmrrw@gmail.com or catch her at church!

Events for your diary

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD



A small shoebox can have a big impact. What goes into the box is fun, but what comes out of it is eternal. Be a part of changing children's lives all over the world in Jesus' Name through the power of a simple gift with Operation Christmas Child.



Holy Trinity will be taking part in the Shoebox appeal again this year. More details to be announced in church and in next months magazine.



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CANCER SUPPORT**



Coffee Morning - Saturday 24th September
In aid of MACMILLAN cancer support.
9.30am - 11.30am in church hall



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