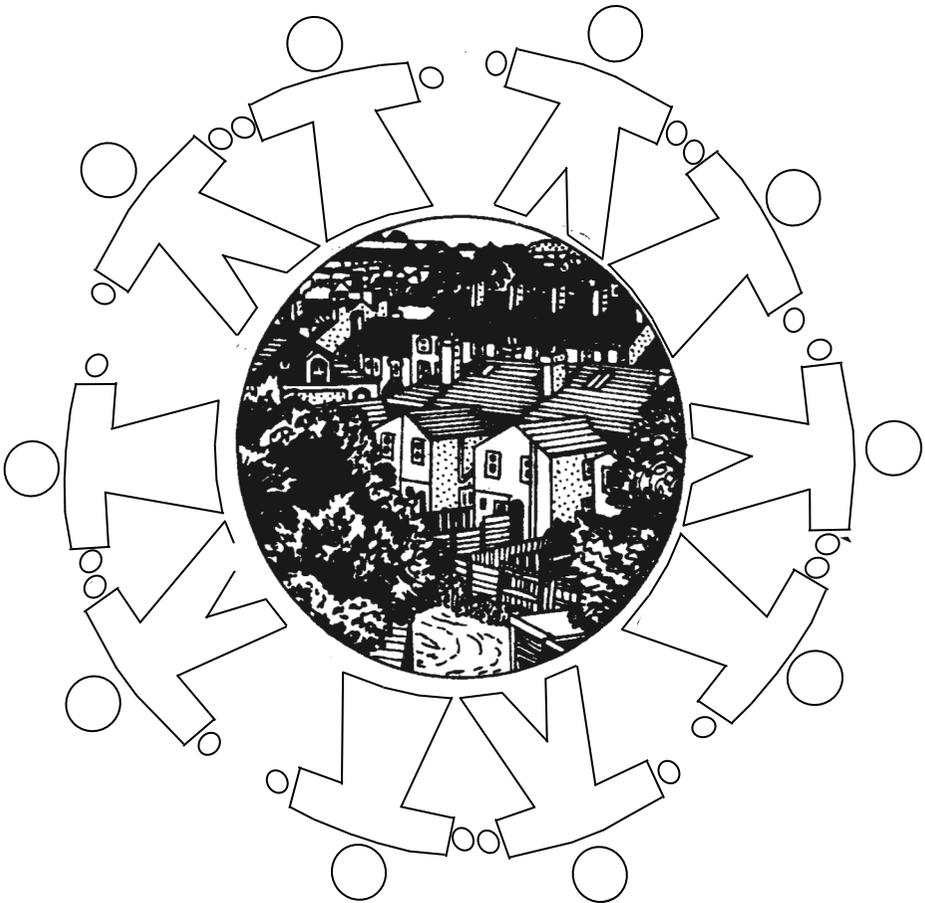

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SERVICES:

Sunday	10am	Eucharist
	6.30pm	Evening Service
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If you would like to receive our written material for a Sunday - please place your request through Revd Julieann:
julieann.watson2019@icloud.com

PARISH OFFICE:

To book a baptism or marriage (or to have banns read), Parish Office is held in church every Wednesday 6-6.30pm

MAGAZINE DEADLINE: Penultimate Sunday of each month.
Please e-mail contributions to jackiecampbell@talktalk.net

OCTOBER 2021: JOURNEYING TOGETHER

We have reached the last quarter of the calendar year. The daylight hours are reducing and on the last day of October the clocks go back, reminding us that Autumn is definitely here.

Although we think of Easter and Spring as times of renewal, loss and change happens all the time. The leaves are turning and Harvest is celebrated. In the Church calendar during October, we move from Sundays after Trinity to Sundays before Advent, the beginning of the Church's year and so I began to think of journeys and transitions.

Judy and Andy are beginning their journeys as ALMs (Authorised Lay Ministers) after receiving their certificates at the Cathedral last month. On the first Sunday of October, Rhianne and Steve, who were placed with us,

are being ordained in Leicester Cathedral; the start of an exciting journey of ministry. Bishop Martin has just licensed five new LLMs (Licensed Lay Ministers/Readers) to the diocese. In the middle of September I had the privilege of walking and praying with them on their pilgrimage from Queen's Theological Foundation in Birmingham, where they trained, to Worcester Cathedral over two days and it was wonderful to hear their plans for ministry.

Rev Julieann and Mark will be moving on in their ministerial journey, change is happening in the diocese and so we begin our own transition at St Barnabas with Christchurch. By the time this edition of the magazine is published, we will have had our first conversation with Canon Stephen Edwards about future

**COUNT YOUR
BLESSINGS.
NAME THEM ONE BY ONE.
COUNT YOUR
MANY BLESSINGS
SEE WHAT GOD HAS DONE.**

plans for ministry and mission in our part of the deanery. These will be followed by conversations with our friends at St Wulstan and St Nicholas, and then another joint discussion. Please talk to the people who have been chosen to represent you so that your views are heard.

In Psalm 90 (in the lectionary for October) Moses asks God to “*teach us to count our days, that we may gain a wise heart*”. This is both a lament for our fleeting existence and a prayer for guidance as we travel in hopefulness towards eternal union with God.

So, keep talking, keep praying and look after each other. Hold in your prayers Julieann, Diane and Sarah, their teams, congregations and communities as we seek a new way of working as pilgrims on our journey of faith.

Julie Berrow

FROM LITURGY TO LIFE

A four week course helping people connect Sunday worship to daily discipleship run by Doug Chaplin for the Diocese of Worcester will be held on four Wednesdays, 3rd to 24th November, 7.30pm – 9pm. For tickets go to: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/from-liturgy-to-life-tickets-167037863747>

MINISTRY SHARE

There is lots of information and resources on the diocesan website as we move to the new system. If you have any questions there will be two more drop-in Zoom sessions on Friday 8th October at 2pm and Monday 18th October at 11am

MARY'S MEALS BACKPACKS

These backpacks were recently blessed in church and sent to help Mary's Meals charity. Their vision is that every child receives one daily meal in their place of education.

Magnus MacFarlane-Barrow, Mary's Meals founder and Chief Executive says: *Mary's Meals is a series of lots of little acts of love. If you put all those acts of sacrifice together, it creates a beautiful thing.*

Thank you to everyone who contributed.



AUTUMN THANKS



*'Autumn days when the grass
is jewelled
And the silk inside a chestnut
shell.
Jetplanes meeting in the air
to be refuelled.
All these thing I love so well*

*So I mustn't forget
No, I mustn't forget.
To say a great big
Thank You
I mustn't forget'*

This is the first verse of my favourite autumnal song, which may be familiar to you. Autumn is a season of amazing colours, a time to really appreciate and give thanks for God's wonderful world! A visit to Westonbirt Arboretum is recommended at this time of year when the colours of the leaves on the trees are particularly spectacular and well worth seeing.

Autumn – a time of harvesting and giving thanks for the food that we eat. Genesis 8 v22 says: 'While the earth remains, seedtime and harvest, cold and heat, summer and winter, day and night, shall not cease.'

'Thank you' are two simple words, but have many uses. They can be used to tell someone that you are grateful because they have given you something or done something for you. They may be an answer to a remark or question, or said politely when accepting or refusing something that has been offered to you. Tone of voice can change the importance of these words. It costs nothing to say them and maybe they are not used as often as they should be. As the verse above says 'I mustn't forget to say a great big thank you, no I mustn't forget.' I am sure that we all have lots to be thankful for, and not just at Autumn time.

A challenge for younger people: Give thanks for something beginning with each letter of the alphabet!

To end – a prayer that I used and said as a child:

*Thank you for the world so
sweet,
Thank you for the food we eat.
Thank you for the birds that sing,
Thank you God for everything.
Judy*

LET'S HOPE

Today we are busy drawing up a Family Tree of our extended families to put up at our belated Ruby Wedding party at the weekend.

Not everyone will have met before. I noted again that my twin sister and I each have five grandsons

and that there have been no girls in our immediate families for over thirty years! What are the chances of it happening now?

Last night on the news, veteran Jeremy Bowen reported from Afghanistan and ended by saying that what the people there desperately need at the moment is 'food, security and hope'. I was immediately struck by this statement, and in particular by the use of the hope word.

Food, medicines, security, housing, employment, education, even freedom are words we hear often when people's needs are being described. But hope? - not so much. It is somehow less tangible and maybe more difficult to define. We use the word lightly when we hope the bus is due and in desperation when bereaved or in a crisis. We can sometimes see hope flowering in unbelievably dark places and are baffled when we don't understand



why with others hope has gone. Hope can be dashed in a moment, optimists nurture it, and hope their positivity is catching. We wish it for those around us and accept it as a gift from others.

Sometimes we have to abandon our hopes or modify them in some way. Hope is precious and precarious and we cannot take it for granted. But in some form hope is always with us. As the Italian proverb states: 'Hope is the last thing ever lost.' For many in Afghanistan right now, as in many other places, it feels impossible to go on when it appears that hope is running out.

The Cambridge Dictionary's meaning is: 'to want something to happen or to be true, and usually have a good reason to think that it might'. I like Merriam-Webster's version, 'to cherish a desire with anticipation' or Collins' definition 'a feeling of desire and expectation that things will go well in the future'.

However we want to define the word perhaps we can think a bit more about what hope means and how we use it in our own

conversation and thinking. By definition hope is about the future but each day we can be thankful for yesterday's hopes realised today.



As for me and my sister we have something to celebrate. Within the next few months she is expecting three more grandchildren. And apparently they are all girls!
Margaret Gandon

RECENT BAPTISMS

There have been several baptisms in St Barnabas recently.

Pictured underneath is Lucy May with (top opposite) baby Sophie who was born on the first day of



lockdown in March 2020. Her dad Bill is a governor at St Barnabas School, and older sister Jess has been to Messy Church.

Pictured below are Sarah and Lee at the baptism of their daughter Chloe Freeman.

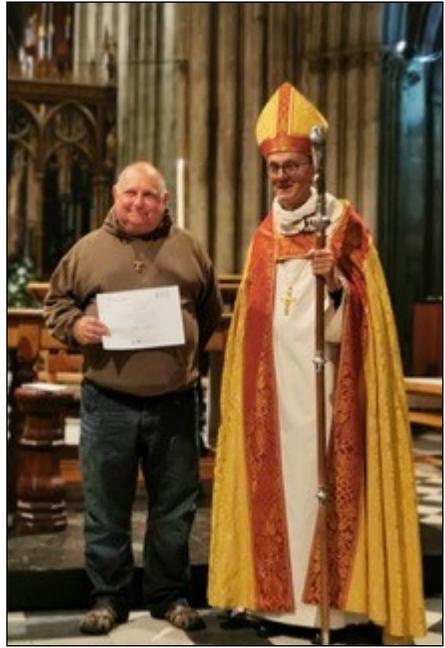
Love and prayers to them all.





This page: On Harvest Sunday we enjoyed a delicious shared lunch

Opposite page: Judy Ford and Andy Hall received their ALM certificates at the Cathedral recently. *Congratulations to you both!*



WHO ARE 'THE BROAD GROUP' AT THE RAINBOW HILL CENTRE?

The Broadbent family have lived on the Rainbow Hill for more than twenty years and were once regular members of St Barnabas Church prior to their third son Elijah joining the cathedral choir as a chorister back in 2013. The family were involved with the collaborative lunch club venture between St Barnabas and the Rainbow Hill Baptist church and became friendly with the Hooper family (regular members at The Baptist Church) as a result of this. The Broadbent family have run their care business 'The Broad Group Ltd' for the last 32 years which cares for profoundly deaf, learning disabled adults with autistic spectrum disabilities. One of their residents, Gail, used to volunteer at the Rainbow Hill Lunch Club on a regular basis.

Sometime in 2019 when the Baptist Church reluctantly decided to sell the building, David and Kirsty Broadbent purchased the centre with the intention of retaining it as a community facility for the people of Rainbow Hill and the

surrounding areas. Work began to redecorate and make small changes to the building (which had already been well maintained by the previous owners) in order to provide a base for The Broad Group www.thebroadgroup.co.uk (the Broadbent's family business) and to provide space for the community.

Just as plans were forming, Covid hit the whole world hard and everything was put on hold.

As well as offering a high standard of care to its residents, The Broad Group also has other projects designed to help their service users to engage with the community.

They run a small handyman service called 'Woodbehandy' which is run by Ben Wood, who supports our participants to deliver handyman services around the county. Ben and his team provide many services, such as; window cleaning, gardening, plumbing, tiling etc. A small yarn shop called 'Wotahoot'

Wotahoot

Yarns





Kirsty Broadbent at the Lowesmoor shop

which is run by Kirsty Broadbent and supported by her colleague Rachel. This was set up as a shop, located in Lowesmoor and then moved to The Rainbow Hill Centre in January 2021 (during the last lockdown).

Thanks to our move to this lovely spacious building not only are we able to stock more craft materials in our yarn shop, such as supplies for cross stitch, embroidery, sewing and macrame but we also have a large community area where we hold weekly craft groups, knit and natter sessions and workshops where we teach crafts. We also take bookings for lunches and afternoon teas and parties. In the school holidays and on some weekends we put on special craft sessions for children. During our normal opening hours we are open for everyone, whether you craft or not, we have books, magazines, board games, toys, a small garden and even a pool table. Tea and coffee is available as well as help with your crafting projects should you need

it. Our space can also be booked for use by other groups and we are always open to new ideas.

Currently we hold monthly events on one Saturday each month. Recently we have had an elephant themed fundraising day for St. Richards Hospice raising more than £300 for this worthy cause. Coming up, on Saturday 2nd October (see *poster on next page*), we will be holding a Christmas Craft Shopping Fayre, where other local small businesses will be selling Christmas gifts and decorations and we will also be providing refreshments for our visitors. We would be delighted to welcome as many local people to this event as possible as we feel it could provide a much needed boost to the community. We also have craft days planned, where you can help to create items for our autumn and nativity displays.

In the future we are hoping to hold a weekly coffee morning for parents and children, a lunch club for the whole community and sessions to show how crafting can improve your mental health



and well-being. We are always open to suggestions as well, so if there is a group or event you would like us to put on please let us know.

We have leaflets available showing our weekly sessions and special events and you can keep up to date by checking out our Facebook page or subscribing to our monthly newsletter.

We love meeting new people so why not pop in and say hello. You can contact us on 01905 330600 or email via our websites below for more information.

Wotahoot

wotahoot@thebroadgroup.co.uk

The Broad Group

www.thebroadgroup.co.uk

Woodbehandy

www.woodbehandy

for more information.

See you soon

Love Kirsty

PILGRIMAGE OF PRAYER & HOPE

On Thursday 30th September Bishop Martin will be visiting churches across the Worcester Deanery to pray in them. At set times the offices of Morning, Evening and Prayer during the Day will be said and the Pilgrimage will end with a Deanery Celebration Service in All Saints Church

Thursday 30th September
12.30-1pm Prayer during the day at St Stephen's, Worcester
2.30-2.45pm at St Barnabas, Worcester
3.15-3.45pm at St Wulstan, Warndon
4.15-4.30pm at St Nicholas, Warndon Villages
7-9pm Evening Gathering with Q&A All Saints, Worcester

You are invited to join with the bishop for a time of prayer at any church and he would welcome your prayers as he makes this pilgrimage.





A Family Invitation

COME & CHAT

Why not join us at coffee time
for drinks & cakes

PLUS activities for the young

Where: St Barnabas Green & Hall

When: Saturday 9th October

Time: Drop in 10:30 – 12:00

**Hope to see
you there!**

‘Meaningful, Mystical, Magical or Myth: Exploring the meaning of prayer for us’

A morning of learning and reflection facilitated by Gill Pennington



Thursday 4th November 2021

10.00am to 12.30pm

(Arrivals and Refreshments from 9.30am)

There will be an opportunity to stay for a further hour
to share over sandwiches (bring your own!)
for those who wish to do so.

St Peter's Parish Hall, Inkberrow WR7 4DZ

(See over the page for directions and parking)

NB If the Covid situation requires that we meet remotely, we shall use Zoom.

There is no charge for attending,
but we will be inviting donations towards the expenses of the session.

Please book a place by contacting
the Revd Nick Wright (revnmwright@btinternet.com or 07871 163140).
We will be in contact beforehand with any further details.



COMMUNITY GARDEN VISIT

Andy Hall recently showed a small group round the Community Garden at Pitchcroft. The project is run by Transition Worcester whose objective is to combine our energy to help all of us embrace lifestyles that are less damaging to the environment.

We met Tony Kennell (pictured with Marian, Andy & Julieann), a founding member of Transition Worcester which is housed at the Old North Stables.



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