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INTRODUCTION TO THE MAGEES



Hello everyone!

My name is Sooz Magee and I am very excited to be joining you in June 2024, when I shall be starting my curacy, the practical part of my training for ordained ministry. I have several assignment deadlines to get through before then, as I am currently training at Queens in Birmingham.

Colin, my husband is a psychiatric nurse in CAMHS. Maeve our daughter is 13 years old, Charlie is 11 years old and we also share our home with Belle our cat, who is a very important member of our family.

I grew up in Stourbridge and it is where I gained my Nurse Nursing Diploma at Stourbridge College. During that time I became a Christian, just before my 20th birthday back in February 1999. My faith journey has been bumpy, life giving and has helped me to persevere and be sustained, throughout life's ups and downs.

I spent the first half of my twenties engaged in Christian

missionary work both here in the UK and abroad. In that time, I completed a number of training courses related to

Christian Counselling and Christian Discipleship. Whilst completing the course in Christian Counselling I was involved in supporting people who were homeless, and this experience sparked my interest in working with those on the fringes of society.

In 2020, I completed an applied BA Theology degree, where I began to realise God was calling me to ordained ministry.

As a family we enjoy days out to our favourite National Trust places, such as our favourite cliff walk in Brean. We like to discover new independent coffee shops and enjoy Syrian food. I relax by being creative such as attending drawing workshops and making the garden look pretty.

I am very much looking forward to meeting you all, as I serve my

curacy title post at St Wulstans, St Barnabas, Christ Church and as part of a cluster with St. Nicholas, across the three parishes.

Sooz Magee

ALL SOULS SERVICE SUNDAY 5 NOVEMBER

In preparation for our special All Souls service on the 5th November, we are putting a box of ribbons near the tree by the Church Road entrance.

We are inviting all who wish to write the name of a loved one on a ribbon and tie it to the tree. The names on the tree will be included in our prayers at that service.

ST BARNABAS CHURCH
CHURCH ROAD, WORCESTER
SUNDAY 5th NOVEMBER

10am



A SERVICE FOR ALL SOULS

A chance to remember those we have lost and grieve for and the opportunity for prayers, reflection and lighting candles, also music and hymns

Refreshments afterwards

Also from 30th October, if you are passing by St Barnabas you can come and write the name of your loved one on a ribbon and tie it to one of our trees.

Inside church you can add a label to our *All Souls' Tree* for the person you have lost, or come and light a candle, write a prayer or read some of the verses we have put out for this very special time.

ALL SAINTS' DAY WEDNESDAY 1st NOVEMBER

There will be no 10am Eucharist on Wednesday 1st November. In St Barnabas. Instead there will be a Cluster celebration at St Nicholas' Barn at 7pm. This will be followed by refreshments. *All welcome!*



ST BARNABAS PRIMARY HARVEST

St Barnabas Primary School held a whole school harvest festival in church recently. It included the presentation of certificates to the winners of a harvest poetry and art competition (see centre pages)



CHRIST CHURCH PATRONAL SERVICE

There will be no service at St Barnabas on Sunday 26th November—we will be going to Christ Church for their Patronal Service at 10.30am.

ARCHDEACON ROBERT JONES RETIREMENT

We have received a letter from the Bishop of Worcester, about the forthcoming retirement of Robert Jones as our much loved Archdeacon of Worcester (and of course a former Rector of this parish). In his letter the Bishop says lots of complementary things about Robert and his 43 years of service and ministry in our diocese. He also says:

*There will be an opportunity for us all to gather in the Cathedral and give thanks to God and to Robert for all he has given at **4.00pm on Sunday 19th November**. In the meantime, if you would like to contribute to a leaving gift, donations can be sent via bank transfer to The Worcester Diocesan Board of Finance Ltd, Lloyds Bank, The Cross, Worcester; Sort Code: 30 99 90; Account No: 02974040 (please use the reference **ROBJ COLLECTION**).*

Alternatively, cash or cheque can be sent to Jessi in the finance team at the diocesan office accompanied by a note to explain

it is for Archdeacon Robert's retirement - cheques payable to Worcester DBF please.

'Please also pray for Robert and for Mike at this this time of change, and for God's rich blessing upon them in the next stage of their Christian pilgrimage. They are moving to Kidderminster so will not be lost to us!

BOXES FOR THE HOMELESS

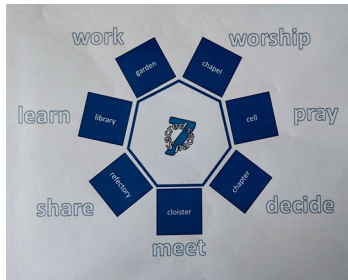
We are making up boxes for the homeless in Worcester again this year. Any donations/filled boxes much appreciated. Please bring to church by Sunday 17th December. *See poster on page 12 for more details.*

BISHOP'S CERTIFICATE COURSE

Are you interested in learning more about the Bible and the great themes of Christian life and faith and relate these to your own context? If so, then why not sign up for the next Bishop's Certificate Course that will be running in St Stephen's parish on Monday evenings from the beginning of October for around 30 weeks. For more information see this link.

<https://www.cofe-worcester.org.uk/your-faith/courses-group-resources/> bishops-certificate/ or contact Margaret (610689) or speak to Julie.

THREE PARISHES: SEVEN SACRED SPACES



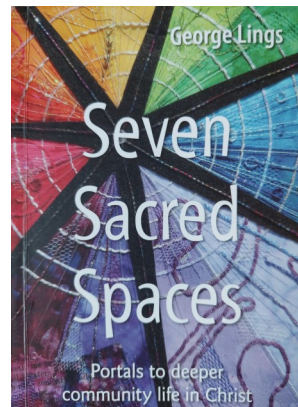
We have had something of a Festival of preaching during September and October, with a sermon series based on the book “*Seven Sacred Spaces*” by George Lings. Each of six of the spaces was preached in each of our parishes. Depending on when you read this, the “Festival Finale” was or is the cluster service at Christ Church, with Chris Boden preaching on *Garden*, the seventh.

The Reverend Canon George Lings is an experienced priest, who has been a companion of the Northumbria Community since 2002. He developed the Seven Sacred Spaces over a period of ten years or so as “*a richer way of looking at church*” and the topic was chosen as a way of helping us to explore discipleship in our churches. The spaces are based on those found in monasteries, *Cell*, *Chapel*, *Garden*, *Library*, *Refectory*, *Cloister* and *Chapter*. Lings spent time with different communities, including a Benedictine order and his starting point for each space is how they are used in these contexts. The communities all promote, prayer, work and study in varying

degrees, which is reflected in the way the spaces are used.

- Cell*: where we pray.
- Chapel*: where we worship.
- Chapter*: where we make decisions.
- Cloister*: where we meet people.
- Garden*: where we work.
- Refectory*: where we share.
- Library*: we study.

Cell is where the individual resides. A place of quiet and retreat, a place to pray, to read, to listen and to sleep – to be refreshed. It is the only space which is individual, the rest are shared or corporate. Lings explored each in his own life, with the added experience of lockdown (which delayed the



book's publication) and reflects on a study he carried out as part of writing the book which showed a small but significant rise of interest in a more disciplined way of worship and discipleship, which can lead people not to traditional monasticism, but to be associated with a community. This happens at Mucklow Abbey, the Benedictine order not far from here.



seven spaces, where we meet them and how we show hospitality. And we're certainly not the only ones considering this deepening of community life in Christ. One of the photographs here was taken at a parish church in Cardiff, who are doing something similar.

Whether you have heard just one or two of the sermons and reflections on the Seven Sacred Spaces, or all of them, or somewhere in between, they are an interesting way of looking at our faith, inwardly and outwardly.
Julie Berrow

Lings invites us to consider the spaces as “*portals to a deeper community life in Christ*”, by considering how they relate to our own lives. Some, such as *Chapel*, where we worship are more obvious, whereas, *Cloister*, where we encounter others, could be a variety of places. Lings describes discipleship as an apprenticeship, during which our exploration of the spaces help us to understand how we can more nearly follow Jesus “*a master craftsman*”, learning to be more like him, as we pray, worship, meet, decide, share, learn and work (see the attached illustration).

As well as developing our own discipleship, we have a responsibility for mission, as the first disciples did. This is the outward looking aspect of the

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Left: Enjoying an evening of fun at the recent Beetle Drive in the Hall.

Above: Some of the gifts for those in need at the Harvest Festival service.

Opposite page: A wonderful selection of Harvest pictures and verse by children from St Barnabas which were on display in church. See *article on page 2*)



Remembrance Day

Why I love Autumn

Harvest food the farmers sow and sprout to give to the poor.

Autumn where all the leaves fall off the trees.

Rain to help the plants we sow to one day grow big and healthy.

Vegetables that grow day and night for us to reap and eat.

Eating the food that the farmers grow.

Singing with joy and happiness high and low.

Time for us to forgive and give gifts to one another.

Food we need to live we thank you Lord for helping it grow.

Ending the summer a new season begins.

Sowing new plants for us to reap when the time has come next year.

The time has come to shout and jump for joy in and out of the fallen leaves.

In the woods I look around at all the beautiful colours.

Very grateful for all the wonderful farmers and what they do.

All around spread happiness by smiling all day and giving what you can away.

Loving the laughter all around but make sure to wrap up warm 'cause it is getting colder.

By Lillian Mason SS

Harvest Festival

Harvest festival is celebrating the crops farmers harvest the crops for us

Shine and rain help the fruit and veg to grow

So go to the harvest festival!

tree

leaf

butterfly

spider

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blueberry

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Harvest is the time of year to give good to people in need.

A good time to play in the nice cool air

Really a good time of year to harvest crops

Very Dark nights are coming quicker and quicker

Every night is getting colder and colder

Scrunching crunching leaves under our feet.

The time of year to give thanks to god for all the good we have.

HARVEST!

RETURNING TO KENYA



“After a beautiful landing we have arrived in

magical Kenya”. So said the tannoy on our plane. We touched down at 5 past 6 in the morning and were outside looking for our friend by 10 to 7! Impressive!

We were last here on a visit in 2005. Our 6 years living here were back in the late 80’s, early 90’s. We will discover that many things have changed but not everything. The Kenyan welcome, hospitality and friendliness remain as warm as ever.

Nostalgia is everywhere, from the 2 aisled Kenya Airways Boeing 787-8 with its trays of food, to the tropical trees as soon as we leave the airport. Purple jacaranda trees, flame trees, hibiscus and bougainvillia.

There are goats, donkeys, cows and sheep along the roadsides once we have come off the new expressways from the airport and a few baboons. We see ibis and

white cattle egrets.

As we drive up the Rift Valley the traffic increases and there is a lot of undertaking and overtaking. Without any painted white lines, and a lot of motorbikes in the mix it becomes a little nerve racking.

We pass the impressive Longonot crater and on to the Lakes - Naivasha, Elmentaita and Nakuru.

Most of the red earth is dry, there are hills in the distance and flat topped acacia trees everywhere.

We are staying in a spacious house with wonderful views on a large farm complex and it is beautifully quiet and restful.

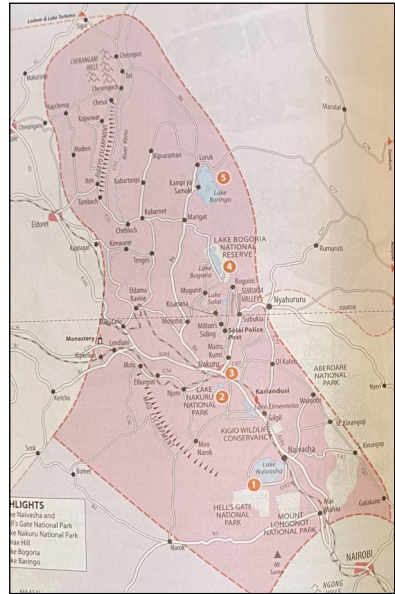
This is very much a holiday about people and discovering how our host and his community came to be here and how they work with and relate to each other and their staff and the wider community and country.

Those on the estate support all sorts of charitable ventures including Kenana knitters which supply soft toys for export. What started as a few women sitting under a tree knitting has become a large and very successful business. The wool is dyed using locally sourced materials. There is also a campsite with cottages.

Household staff here are paid well and a number of people locally are supported through education etc. Without a 'start up' many would struggle.

As guests we are learning how things are done and being well looked after.

Taking a dog for walks for the first time in my life is surprisingly comforting and enjoyable. I've never had a pet dog. The walk is peaceful and the only noises that of the bird song. Kenya boasts numerous species of birds and



you don't have to go to see them, they come to you. Their names come back to me.

Bee eaters, superb starlings, weavers, African paradise flycatchers, sunbirds, guinea fowl and more.

Tigger is a small blind, deaf and lame dog and doesn't go for walks anymore. Diesel is a previously mistreated rescue dog, a year old and a little unpredictable. I will be on my own with them soon for 4 or 5 days when Andy and our friend go to Mt Kenya next week. There are several staff members around during the day in and outside the house and a watchman at night so feel comfortable about being here. It feels very homely although big. It





seems Diesel will sleep outside the door of my room so I will be looked after!

Yesterday we had a day at one of my favourite lakes, Baringo, and today we go for an overnight stay at Soysambu conservancy. There is a big move these days to increase Conservation efforts, ecologically friendly set ups and places that exist in harmony with local communities, alongside the traditional safari parks.

Time for breakfast.
Margaret Gandon



LIGHTS
OF LOVE
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ST RICHARD'S HOSPICE ANNUAL LIGHTS OF LOVE

Friday, 17th November 2023
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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 17th
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Blessing of boxes on Wednesday 20th December at 11am

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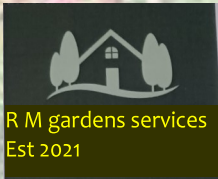
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