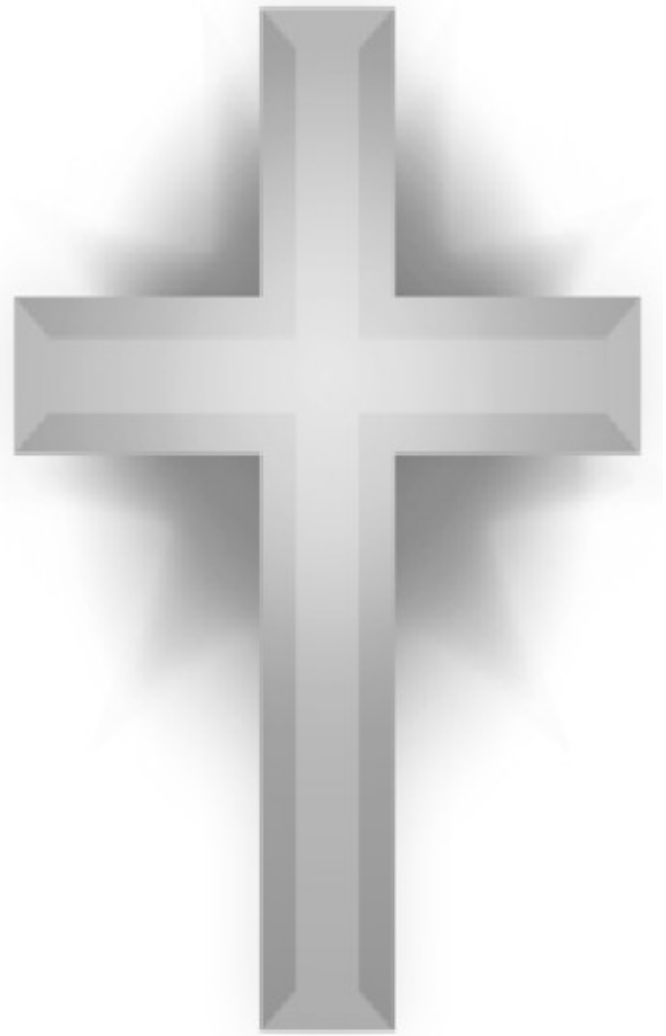


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# SERVICES FOR THE MONTH

## **2nd October**

All Saints' 8am - Holy Communion - The Revd Peter Kerr

St Andrew's 9.30am - The Revd Mel Smith

All Saints 10.30am - The Revd Canon Dr. Alwyn Pettersen - Harvest

St Peter's 10.30am - Suzanne Bradley - Harvest

All Saints' 6.30pm - The Revd Alan Howes

## **9th October**

All Saints' 8am - The Revd Canon Andrew Wickens

St Andrew's 9.30am - Jan Humphries - Morning Prayer

All Saints' 10.30am - Jan Humphries - Morning Prayer

St Peter's 10.30am - The Revd Canon Judith Oliver - Baptism

All Saints' 6.30pm - Jan Humphries

## **16th October**

All Saints' 8 am - The Revd Canon Judith Oliver

St Andrew's 9.30am - Team Service At St Andrew's

All Saints' 10.30am - Team Service At St Andrew's

St Peter 10.30am - Team Service At St Andrew's

## **23rd October**

All Saints' 8am - The Revd Canon Andrew Wickens

St Andrew's 9.30am - Joint Service with Straits Church

All Saints' 10.30am - NO SERVICE

St Peter's 10.30am - Suzanne Bradley - Morning Prayer

All Saints' 6.30pm - Jan Humphries - Compline

## **30th October All Saints' Patronal**

All Saints' 8am - The Revd Canon Peter Kerr

St Andrew's 9.30am - Team Service at All Saints'

All Saints' 10.30am - The Revd James Makepeace - Team Service

St Peters' 10.30am - Team Service at All Saints'

All Saints 6.30pm - Jan Humphries

## October Flower Rota

- Oct 2 HARVEST: Margaret Woodhall & Mrs R Cox, Liz Little, Betty Ross, Pam Parton
- Oct 9 Judy Clements (Mr & Mrs G Edwards)
- Oct 16 Mrs B Farren
- Oct 23 Pam Parton ( Jack Parton)

## Around the Parish - October 2016

The bells in our church are 40 years old this month. The Rev John Linford walked Offa's Dyke to raise money for the new bells, and in October 1976 they were hung. Perhaps our bell ringers could play special tune to celebrate their birthday?

Thank you to Ann Wakefield for this information.

Ann's daughter Angela started bell ringing at the age of eight and is a member of a group who go from church to church in Birmingham and ring at as many churches as possible on a Sunday. It makes people happy and carefree to listen to the bells but unfortunately these days so many churches are silent.

Some news from the recent Olympics in Rio! Jack Laughner, grandson of our late organist John Albutt, is the first British diver to win two medals at a single Olympics.

Jack & Chris Mears won gold in the men's 3m springboard synchronised diving and Jack took silver in the individual 3m springboard dive.

**Dorothy Inett**

**Times Past**  
**Staffordshire Advertiser 31<sup>st</sup> October 1795**

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**Birmingham Journal 11<sup>th</sup> October 1845**

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**MISCHEIVOUS ANNOYANCE.**- The inhabitants of Sedgley have been greatly annoyed of late by the mischievous pranks of some persons who have amused themselves throwing lighted squibs into the bed chambers, and terrifying the inmates in the middle of the night by violently knocking at their doors, and crying "fire", and at the same time exploding gunpowder. They have also wrenched off a number of knockers from doors. A reward of £5 is offered for the apprehension of the parties engaged in these disgraceful proceedings.

**Birmingham Daily Gazette 13<sup>th</sup> October 1917**

**SEDGLEY GAS LOSSES**

The annual report in connection with the Sedgley gas undertaking states there has been a loss on the year's trading of £431, and that owing to the operation of the Summer Time Act and the Restricted Lighting Order the sale of gas was lessened by about five million feet.



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## CHURCH OPENING



**Friday mornings from  
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## **SUMMERTIME SMILES**

### **RUDE PARROT**

A minister had been left a parrot in the Will of a member of his congregation, and soon regretted it : the bird was very rude to anyone in the congregation who dropped by the parsonage. Finally in exasperation the minister warned the parrot he would take drastic action if he did not behave.

When the parrot reduced the next visitor to tears, the minister grabbed him and stuffed him into the fridge for five minutes while he apologised to the visitor and saw her out. When he took the parrot out five minutes later, the bird was transformed. "I am just so sorry. I was completely out of order. I promise I will never be rude to anyone again".

The minister was happily astonished, and put the bird back into his cage. He was about to go back to work when the parrot coughed politely and ventured: "Mind if I ask something? When I was in the fridge I wondered:

What had the chicken done?"

**Barbara (St Martin)**

### **ANSWER TO PRAYER**

A small boy badly wanted a baby brother, so his father suggested that he pray every night for one. The boy prayed earnestly night after night, but his prayers seemingly weren't answered. So after a few weeks, he didn't bother to ask any more.

Some months later, his dad said that they were going to see Mum in the hospital where a big surprise awaited him. When they got to the room, the little boy saw his mother holding two babies. He stood still for a moment, and then cautiously observed: It's "a good thing I stopped praying when I did."



## CALORIES

Methuselah ate  
what he found on his plate  
and never, as people do now,  
did he note the amount  
of calorific count -  
he ate it because it was chow.  
He wasn't disturbed,  
as at dinner he sat,  
destroying a roast or a pie,  
to think it was lacking  
in granular fat, or a couple of vitamins shy.  
He cheerfully chewed every species of food,  
untroubled by worries or fears,  
lest his health might be hurt  
by some fancy desert –  
and he lived over nine hundred years!!

from a Zimbabwe Parish Magazine

### Quiz - Old Money! - The Answers

Pig –	Guinea	£1	1s	0d
Singer –	Tenor	£10	0s	0d
Bike -	Penny-farthing			1 1/4d
Stone -	14lbs	£14	0s	0d
Kings Headgear –	Crown		5s	0d
Leather Worker -	Tanner			6d
Sun, Moon, Stars -	Three Far Things			3/4d
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## A word from Revd Lyn Rowson

All of a sudden the damp mornings are back; the window of the car needs to be cleared before I set off in the mornings. I come back with wet feet from the park, with an equally damp dog. This sign of the onset of Autumn takes me back, remembering the start of a new school year, of walking to school across the playing fields in a small town in Oxfordshire.

As I have got older I, like many people, find that time appears to go so much more quickly and the year has gone before I realise it. Again we are into the cycle that brings Harvest Festivals, followed swiftly by the occasions and services which will finish one church year and begin another. (However the shops are well ahead, Christmas is on the way!)

Yet I think that the cycle of Autumn has something to teach us. The leaves turn to beautiful colours and fall, as the trees draw back into its self to prepare for winter that it might come again in all its Spring glory another year and produce the seeds of the next generation. The fruit and seeds provide sustenance for the birds and animals that need to feed through the winter months, when readily available food is scarce.

How like harvest this sounds, a reaping of God's provisions that in years past meant that a community had enough food to see them through the winter months, and in our time is still a vital component of life in communities that rely on the harvest to provide an income to enable farming and production to go on.

For us too, there are times to withdraw into ourselves, like the tree, from the world into the presence of God, to ready ourselves for difficulties in our lives and those in our churches and communities. To stabilise ourselves, enabling us to go on in the world and be a source of blessing to those who we meet, for we can only do it in the strength of God who loves us.

Our Spring is always there, within us and around us through the Spirit of God who renews us daily at our asking, who empowers us, sustains us and guides us. The Spirit of Love, sent by God to give us the help and drive to farm our own patch and nurture the Harvest of people he gives to us. I wonder what our Harvest will be? May we sustain and feed those who rely on us.

## Just thoughts

Take every chance you get in life, because some things only happen once. Having real friends is so much better than having more friends.

Be careful who you trust and tell your problems to. Remember not everyone who smiles at you is your friend.

Kindness makes you the most beautiful person in the world no matter what you particularly think you may look like.

Don't forgive people because you are weak. Forgive them because you are strong enough to understand people make mistakes.

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**D**eserve You... (and they) **S**tand by you...

A man can love a million girls, but only a real man can love one girl in a million ways.

Do not let the behaviour of others destroy your inner peace.  
Be sure to taste your words before you spit them out.

Anger is the feeling that makes your mouth work faster than your mind.

If a man expects his lady to be an angel in his life then he should first create a Heaven for her.

Do not judge by appearances; a rich heart may be under a poor coat.

Forgiving someone, sometimes may be reasonably easy. But trusting them again is a totally different thing.

Never take advantage of someone who likes you. Never say you are too busy to someone who needs you. Never cheat on a person who trusts you. Never forget those who remember you.

Its not how others see you that's important its how you see yourself that's the really important thing.

Some people find fault as if there's a reward for it.

No one's really that busy, it depends how high you are on their priority list.

Sometimes all you need is a hug from the right person and all your stress will melt away.

Control your **ANGER** because you are only one letter away from the course of your **DANGER**.

A clear rejection though tough to bear is always, always better than a fake promise.

Follow your heart. but always take your brain with you.

Your actions show what your heart is made of.

Life is not a problem to be solved, but a reality to be experienced.

**Compiled by David Melhuish.**

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6ozs SR Flour

## Method

Put mixed fruit in a saucepan and cover with cold water. Bring to the boil, then simmer for 5 mins.

Strain the fruit in a sieve, and add to margarine and sugar in a mixing bowl. Add the eggs and beat well. Fold in the sieved flour. Spoon into a lined cake tin and cook in the centre of the oven for approximately 1 hour  
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### **Dates for Diary**

- October 3rd - 7pm - Ladies Society - Winter Warmth  
October 4th - 2.30pm - Mothers' Union - High Fliers - Sheila Baker  
October 6th - 10am - Townswomen's Guild - 21st Birthday Party  
October 17th - 7pm - Men's Society - Pyrotechnics Jubilee Fireworks  
Co - Chris Pearce  
October 18th - 7.30pm - Mothers Union - Doing a Lumley -  
Pauline Turner

### **Baptism at All Saints'**

September 24th - Dottie Lily Elizabeth Wilson.

### **Renewal of Vows**

August 18th - Anthony and Jeanne Hignett  
August 27th - Michael and Faye Garrington

### **Weddings**

September 10th - Dennis Compton to Wendy Else-Jones  
September 24th - Darren Bowman to Elaine Harper

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# Ladies Society AGM

Here we are again! It seems a long while since we last met although we have only missed one month without a meeting.

However, we gathered together on September 5<sup>th</sup> for our first meeting of the new season. There was a few regular faces missing, due to illness, age and holidays, but we still had plenty of supporters for our AGM.

As usual with our Society, we skipped through our agenda quite quickly:- we have not changed any committee members or rules, we have not got a large amount in the bank, but we are still solvent and hopefully will be able to boost it a little as we begin our “new year”.

We had a vote on whether or not to continue to hold our meetings in the meeting room or return to the church hall. There were a very large proportion of our members who wished to remain in the new venue i.e. (The meeting room which was the bar).

Business over, the rest of the evening passed very pleasantly as we chatted with each other whilst enjoying a wonderful spread of biscuits, cakes, wines etc, which had been provided by Elaine and Barbara to help them celebrate “Special Wedding Anniversaries”, Elaine – 50 years and Barbara – 40years. Thank you both I’m sure you know that all of us wish you many more happy years together with your husbands and families. That’s it! We now look forward to our next meeting which will be on October 3<sup>rd</sup> I’m not sure what the meeting will be about, as in our programmes it says that the talk on “Winter Warmth” was to be confirmed, so we may have a surprise!

Anyway, I hope to see you all there, - in the meeting room!

**Molly Taft**

# WWI TIMELINE - EVENTS OF 1916

## October

- 1st **Battle of Transloy (Somme)** begins (ends 18 Oct).  
**Battle of Ancre Heights (Somme)** begins (ends Nov 11).  
German airship "L.31" destroyed by aeroplane at Potters Bar, near London.
- 5th Battle of the Cerna & Monastir begins.
- 7th Battle of Brasov (Transylvania).
- 8th German submarine "U.-53" captures and destroys 5 ships outside Newport, Rhode Island, U.S.A.
- 9th Eighth Battle of the Isonzo begins (ends 12 Oct).
- 10th Entente Government sends ultimatum to Greek Government demanding surrender of the Greek fleet: (accepted on 11 Oct).
- 13th Norwegian Government issue orders prohibiting belligerent submarines from using Norwegian territorial waters.
- 20th Russian battleship 'Imperatritsa Mariya' destroyed by internal explosion at Sevastopol.
- 24th Fort Douaumont recaptured by French Forces.  
**First Offensive Battle** of Verdun begins.
- 26th First German destroyer raid in Dover Straits.
- 28th British hospital ship 'Galeka' totally wrecked by a mine off Havre.
- 31st Ninth Battle of the Isonzo begins (ends Nov 4).

# WWI TIMELINE - EVENTS OF 1916 (CONT)

## Male & Female

Tanks that carried 6-pounder guns were termed 'males' and those with only machine guns were 'females'!

## Harry Lauder

Harry Lauder was world-famous for his stage performances as the canny Scot. One of his most popular songs was 'Keep Right On To The End of the Road', which he wrote in tribute to his son John who was killed on the Western Front in 1916. John's fiancée, Mildred Thompson, never married and left her estate to the Erskine Hospital charity up for injured service personnel in tribute.

## Moustaches

Command Number 1,695 of the King's Regulations:

*The hair of the head will be kept short. The chin and the under lip will be shaved, but not the upper lip. Whiskers if worn will be of moderate length.*

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Our Christmas meal is on Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December at The Lodge. The cost is £15.50. If you wish to go and have not already signed the list please let me know. Anne will need a £5 deposit by the middle of October.

Congratulations to Betty and Terry Payne who celebrated their Diamond Wedding Anniversary in August.

### Dates

4<sup>th</sup> October 2.30pm High Flyers, Sheila Baker

18<sup>th</sup> October 7.30pm 'Doing a Lumley', Pauline Turner

Liz Williams

## **The Archbishop of Canterbury's Visit to the Worcester Diocese 7 - 9 October 2016**

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# The Five Finger Prayer

Your thumb is nearest you, and without it you are helpless. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you, without whom you, too, would be lost. They are easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty'.

The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.

The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the next President of the USA, the Prime Minister, the national leaders in Europe, the leaders in business and industry and administrators. These people shape our nations and guide public opinion. They need God's guidance.

The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger; as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them.

And lastly comes our little finger; the smallest finger of all, which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your 'pinkie' (as the Americans call it) should remind you to pray for yourself.

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