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From the Editor

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to the September issue of the magazine. Hope you have had a good break. This month's magazine includes an article from Reverend Valerie Powell about her Ordination, an article from Jim Hines about his Church history, the trip to Walsingham from Chris Baker, articles about the Passion flower and a visit to St Mary's Convent from Joan Wild.

In the future, we plan to set the magazine dates several months in advance. This will enable contributors to have time to prepare their articles and suggest new ideas. Thank you very much for your contributions. Please continue to send articles to parishmagazine949@gmail.com or speak to me in church.

All articles are greatly appreciated.

Eileen Lawrence



**The earth has yielded its increase;
God, our God, has blessed us. Psalm 67:6**

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From the Vicar

I hope some of you had a lovely summer break in the land and abroad. We had mixed holidays in Pakistan with family and friends. The temperature was soaring between 34°C to 47°C daily. We are back to the reality.

Before I went on holiday, I was working on the faculty. This means getting permission from the Diocese to re-wire the electric system, which is from the 1960s, completely outdated and does not comply with the latest safety standards. In the next stage we can think about the heating system. St Andrew's Church is a Grade I listed building. This can take longer to get the faculty. This also means we must move to the Good Shepherd Hall for church services during winter. The Diocese was exceptionally helpful and supportive in writing the statement of needs and significance. We continue with fundraising events and sacrificial giving.

We had a lovely Fish and Chips with Bingo evening, which everyone enjoyed. People enjoyed it so much that they even wanted to have more of these events. Well done to the organisers. It is a way of fundraising and bringing people together for a social gathering. We are quite excited that Bishop Michael Volland, Bishop of Birmingham Diocese, will be here on Sunday 6th October for the Harvest Festival. Harvest Festival is to give generously to those who are less privileged, needy, and deserving.

We are also working on the Parish Vision and Mission Statement. The Mission Enabler from the Diocese is happy to work with us to write the Mission Statement in light of the feedback you handed over last year.

As winter approaches, I urge you to care of yourselves and those in need. I also invite you to participate in our upcoming events, such as the All Souls Service, to remember our loved ones and Remembrance Sunday to honour the heroes who sacrificed their lives for others. Your participation in these events is crucial for our community.

There is an encouraging sign that young families are joining us. It is essential to make them feel at home and offer something to help them grow in faith and God's love.

I am grateful for your ongoing support and prayers as we continue our journey together. This sense of community and mutual care makes our church a special place for everyone.

Let us continue to support and pray for one another.

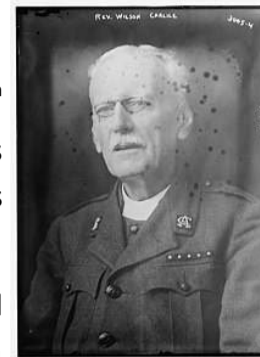
With every blessing,

Fr Paskal

(Vicar)

Life story of Wilson Carlile by Alison Thorne

Wilson Carlile is remembered by the Church of England on September 26th every year. He was the founder of the Church Army. The Church Army works with the socially deprived, seeking to bring them to an encounter with God's love, and to transform communities through faith.



Wilson Carlile was born in 1847 into a large middle-class family. He suffered from a spinal weakness which hampered his education but studied in a French school at the age of 14, and became a fluent French speaker, as well as German and Italian later in life. He worked in his grandfather's business, more or less taking over as his grandfather's health deteriorated. He had made a small fortune by the age of thirty.

The economic depression of the 1870s and 80s left him much impoverished as well as ill with stress as well as physically ill. Confined to bed, he was inspired by his reading to dedicate his life to Christ and the service of the poor. He worked with the Plymouth Brethren among young people in London and participated in the evangelical meeting of the American evangelist Dwight Moody, playing the harmonium to accompany the singing of the huge crowds who came to hear Moody. Moody and Sankey toured England in the 1870s; they were the Billy Graham of their day. Moody preached and Sankey sang.

Inspired by Moody, Carlile decided to become an evangelist, and was ordained in the Church of England in 1880. He wanted to reach the poor, but the church of the day was rather exclusive. He tried open air preaching but attracted such large numbers that people complained. Following the example of the Salvation Army, but within the Church of England, he set up the Church Army in 1882. He always got the incumbent's approval before working in a parish, or the chaplain's before working in a prison. Convocation (the General Synod of the day) passed a motion approving the Church Army in 1885. The army (why army? Wilson Carlile said it was formed to fight against sin and the devil) worked with increasing success, reaching its height in the 1920s. Carlile became a Companion of honour in 1925. He died on September 26th, 1942, and was buried in St Paul's Cathedral.

We had a Church Army captain, David Neave, in our congregation at St Andrew's. He and his wife Val, and their children Paul and Kathryn worshipped with us and Chris Baker is still in touch with Val.

✦ Give thanks for the 140 years of Church Army's ministry of bringing hope to the lost and forgotten.

Pray for protection for Church Army staff and volunteers as they go into some of the most challenging areas of our society. Be a strong voice for social justice and righteousness in our society.

✦ Pray for financial provision for Church Army so that we can continue our vital work bringing hope to people on the margins of society.

✦ Pray that the Church would be a hope-filled community, full of God's love and truth.

✦ Pray that God would raise up more men and women to be hope-bearers in their communities and workplaces.

Beyond Van Gough

During the school holidays my daughter Sally asked me if I would like to go to an exhibition at the NEC called Beyond Van Gough, I was a little unsure as I am not a lover of art exhibitions to be honest. We set off on a beautiful Wednesday morning and arrived at the NEC in good time and went into the exhibition where I was amazed to find it was not a large hall filled with lots of Van Gough pictures hanging on the walls, but a large hall with not only the walls but also the floors covered with images of Van Gough pictures which brought them to life. It was amazing, I could not believe what I was seeing when suddenly a man in one of the portraits opened his eyes and the sea was moving in other pictures. The exhibition was on a 40 minute loop and over the time the pictures kept changing. Sally and I enjoyed it so much we stayed to watch the whole loop again.

I was so pleased I said I would go to the exhibition we were told they are hoping to have an exhibition of Monet's work which I can't wait to see. If you get the chance in the future to see one of these exhibitions in the future I can really recommend that you go.

Chris Baker

**ST ANDREW'S CHURCH
MACMILLAN COFFEE MORNING**



THURSDAY 26 SEPTEMBER

10.00am —12.00

All are welcome.

St Andrew's Church Choir



Join us—Give it a try!

St Andrew's choir began in 1914 and consisted only of 'Boys and Men'. Times have changed, and we now have a mixed, all-aged, robed choir that leads the music worship on Sundays, and major weekday festivals.

Comments from current choir members:

'...the choir to me is an act of worship while having fun...' - Jan Flemming

'...singing in the choir is good for your mental health....the choir is something I wouldn't be without.' - Alison Thorne



'...it's a wonderful experience that quickly becomes the highlight of your weekly schedule.' - Leonora

'...I love being in the choir, I love learning new songs... it's like being part of a family...' - Sonia Hyman

St Andrews choir meet each Friday at 6.30 p.m. for around 40 minutes, except during August where the choir has a break. We are a friendly choir open to all ability levels, led by the music director Steven Ely. You don't have to be able to read music. Come along Friday at 6:30pm to give it a try.

Contact Steven Ely on 07926110422 or sjsely@gmail.com for more information.

It finally happened! St Andrews Church girl done good

“I was sent this quote:

“Your cup is about to run over with blessings you didn’t see coming!”

“Well, where do I begin in addressing this? Blessings indeed more than I could ever have hoped or imagined. What an amazing God we serve and what an amazing journey this has been following my Ordination at Birmingham Cathedral. There seems to have been very little time to breathe before I was doing my first Sunday duty at Smethwick Old Church, which is now my home/placement for the next few years! at least. It just seems like yesterday the excitement of my Ordination loomed and decisions about my placement and looking at my new title (Rev’d Valerie Powell) which I am still getting used to are now all a blur. I have had the most amazing welcome here at Smethwick Old Church with a banquet fit for a queen and warmer welcome and friendliness than I could ever have imagined.

Now I feel settled, and my ministry can truly begin to take shape. Although my duties are limited as I have now secured a working role alongside my ministry role, (another blessing) my heart is very much ministry first and being able to bring the works of Christ as and wherever he leads me. (Romans 8:28 says “We know that in all things God works for the good of those who love him, who have been called according to his purpose”) and so I am here ready and waiting to follow his call on my life in sharing his words of love, peace, unity, equality, and justice. But I also want to share who and what I am and how my ministry will no doubt continue to develop, and I will hopefully be a wonderful extension of Smethwick Old Church alongside my very wonderful Training Incumbent who is shaping me to be the best of who I am.

Thanks be to God

Rev’d Val Powell

Smethwick Old Church.



Reverend Valerie Powell's Ordination Day

On 13 July 2024 we were proud to witness the ordination of Valerie Powell. Inside the Cathedral I could see members of St Andrew's Church—some upstairs and some downstairs excitedly waiting for the service to start. The Cathedral was packed with family members, friends and clergy. When Val walked in it was amazing to see her for the first time wearing a dog collar and looking elegant, peaceful and ready! It was a lovely service and a very proud moment for St Andrew's. Well done Val. Blessings on your continued journey. These are some of the photos that were taken. I couldn't include them all, but there were many others that attended from St Andrew's and photos are available on the St Andrew's WhatsApp Group. In the evening Val's family had arranged a celebration at the Church Hall. The food was lovely and everyone was so proud of Reverend Val. *'The word of God continued to spread; the number of the disciples increased greatly...'* Acts 6:7.

Eileen Lawrence



My Church History : Jim Hines

When I was invited to do something for the church magazine, instead of giving an interview, I opted instead to give a brief history of my life with focus on my connection with the church. I was born in St James, Jamaica in 1934. I was christened at an early age in the C of E church of St Luke where my parents worshipped regularly as members. And when I was old enough, I joined the Sunday School. There was a fairly large photograph that hung in the church which I was told, was that of my grandfather James Hines who I never knew. One day while in church with my mother,



I asked her why my grandfather's photograph was there and no one else? Her short reply was, because your grandfather built the church..... That left me a bit puzzled for a little while until it was explained to me that when my grandfather first arrived in the area, there was no C of E church, and worshippers had to make do with a wooden building which served as a mission....

My grandfather James Hines decided that a church was needed, and after consultations with some local residents, he became the organizer and chief fund raiser. Within ten years a church made of concrete and wood was constructed which soon after was dedicated to St Luke – James Hines became a Reader and a Sunday School Teacher for many years after.

I worshipped at St Lukes until I was 18 years old. I left the area to start my training as a student nurse in Kingston. In Kingston my worshipping was greatly reduced and I can only describe as occasional, before I emigrated to England in 1955, and lived in Handsworth Birmingham. In Handsworth I worshipped at St Michael's with my cousin Charles Marks, not too infrequently, and although there were hints of prejudice at times, we encountered no hostility towards us.

I moved from Handsworth to Yorkshire where I lived for a few years and during that time my worshipping can be described as non-existing and although I moved back to Birmingham to live and I joined the Post Office as an engineer, things hardly changed.

In 1992, at the age of 57 there came a dramatic change in my life. I was offered and I accepted to take early retirement from my job with the Post Office. This gave me the opportunity I was looking for, among other things, to be a regular worshipper, and perhaps to become a member of a church of my choice. On my first visit to St Andrew's, I was welcomed with such warmth and friendship that I decided to go again. After my second worship at St Andrew's, I decided that this is the church for me, and it has been my place of worship since that day.

St Andrew's soon became more than a place of worship for me, I became involved in other church activities and also D.I.Y. problems. With my engineering background, I was able to take on electrical and plumbing maintenance duties.

Another great and perhaps the most important event in my life took place, I was confirmed later that same year.

To my great surprise I was made church warden the following year. Being a virtual newcomer to church procedures, I turned to Ron Thorne with whom I became very friendly to give me invaluable help and advice from his experience as a previous church warden.

I had not been church warden for very long when our vicar Fr David Collyer was transferred to other duties, when St Andrew's entered into interregnum. At that point my duties as a church warden could have been more difficult, had it not been for Fr John Austen, who was tremendous in his duties as assistant priest, which made life much easier for me.

During the next few months, the Good Shepherd Hall which was under construction was completed and was put into use, and the new vicar Fr Peter French was appointed soon to take up his duties.

The Sport and Community Centre was also completed and made ready for letting. At first, the openings and closings were carried out by volunteers of which I was one, and as the bookings increased. The system as it stood became less reliable and Fr Peter decided to engage a caretaker. My period as church warden was now ended. Fr Peter offered me the job on a part-time basis, and I accepted to do it temporarily until a suitable candidate was engaged. This position never affected my church activities nor my Sunday worship. I joined the welcoming team rota and the intercession prayer rota. I was appointed as a chalice bearer, a safety officer and a security officer. My time as caretaker lasted longer than I expected or wanted. But it eventually ended after fifteen years. I continued to honour all my rota duties in the normal way, and my attendance to church services and worship never altered.....Then came the dreaded disease of covid 19 which affected all forms of worship followed by lockdown which was universal and restricted movement of every kind.....

When lockdown was partially lifted, I had already decided to give up all my rota duties and retain my membership at St Andrew's Church as a worshipping member. I have been a member of St Andrew's now for thirty-two years, during this time I have made many, many friends some of which are now deceased, one who stands out with me was Ron Thorne who I shall always remember with great affection. One other person I would like to mention, is Rose Blair who has been and still is a good and trusted friend for many years now. All in all, I believe St Andrew's has been blessed with so many good and wonderful people over the years and I consider myself fortunate to be in and among its fellowship.

The hymn I have chosen as my favourite is **Now thank we all our God**. My chosen word from the Bible spoken by Jesus on the cross when he said '**Father forgive them thy know not what they do**'.

Jim recently celebrated his 90th birthday!

We had a wonderful time!



Our Passion Flowers.

The stained glass image of Jesus caring for his sheep in the Good Shepherd Chapel is so powerful it can be easy to overlook the beautiful etchings in the small 'lights' (glass windows) above.

However, close inspection reveals beautiful floral designs.

In our gated Good Shepherd Garden one 'room' is designated as our 'Garden of the Resurrection' or 'Easter Garden'. At the focal point is a simple wooden cross.

Clothing this cross is a Passion Flower plant.

(This was kindly donated and planted by friends of St. Andrew's in Memory of Mr and Mrs H.A. Hawkes.)

Many of us are familiar with the symbolism given to the flowers by the Spanish missionaries to Mexico in the 1600s when they came across this beautiful flower. They had found a wonderful teaching aid to spread the Good News.

Jesus used many plants familiar to his followers to illustrate and explain his teachings. The Spanish missionaries followed his example using a locally well known plant but renaming it the Passion Flower as each part of the flower can be associated with a part of Christ's Passion on the Cross.

Can you see in the glass etchings any of these features?

- The outer circle of five sepals and five petals representing ten apostles - a reminder that Judas betrayed Jesus and Peter denied Him at this time.
- The beautiful 'corona' of fine filaments symbolising the Crown of Thorns?
- The three stigma (female parts of the flower) representing the three nails?
- The adjoining style and ovary forming the shape of a goblet and so representing the Holy Grail?

The five anthers (male parts of the flower) representing the five wounds of Christ (hands, side and feet)?



- The pointed lance shaped leaves representing the spear of the Roman Centurian which pierced Jesus' side?
The tendrils representing the whips used to scourge Jesus?

It is lovely to think that over a hundred years ago our predecessors at St. Andrew's had such a high regard for the Natural World and loved the Passion Flower and how it tells of what Christ did for all of us.



Walsingham 2024

On Friday August 2nd after service of blessing in church we set off for our annual pilgrimage

to Walsingham on a minibus instead of our usual coach due to a smaller amount of people taking part this year however we were pleased to welcome 2 new pilgrims joining us for the first time.



We stopped at our usual service station for lunch and then continued our journey to Walsingham where we were given our room keys and then all met for our first visit to The Holy House. There are lots of different services you can go to at Walsingham but each person decides for themselves which services they want to go to and what they want to do.

Walsingham is such a lovely place of peace and tranquillity where you can spend time just sitting

quietly recharging your batteries in the beautiful gardens or in the shrine or any of the chapels praying or attending some of the beautiful services.

This year there was a new priest in charge at Walsingham Fr. Graeme who came and spoke to us as we were eating our meals each day he was a very kind and gentle man who took the time to chat to us and spent time with some of our pilgrims helping them with things that had been concerned about Fr Graeme said he felt he had really connected with our group and on our last day he said Mass for us and even came and waved us off on our journey home.

We arrived back in Birmingham on Monday evening each of us feeling rested and refreshed in body mind and spirit after our time away.

Chris Baker

Join us for next year 2025 Walsingham Pilgrimage

From Friday August 29th till Monday 1st September.

Seats are still available!

THE SISTERS OF MERCY HANDSWORTH

In the spring of this year Jean Wildman and I joined Shebina in a visit she had arranged to St Mary's Convent in Handsworth. I had always been intrigued to see inside this building, designed as it was by Augustus Welby Pugin who designed St. Chad's Roman Catholic Cathedral in Birmingham and also the interior of the Houses of Parliament.

However, wonderful as the architecture and interior design is, it was the happy hospitality and sincerity of the Sisters which seems to have left a very deep impression. It is one of the rules of the Convent that all visitors should be offered a cup of tea so throughout our tour we were looking forward to that - especially Jean.

The Venerable Catherine McAuley founded the Sisters of Mercy in 1831 in Dublin, Ireland. McAuley sought, through her service to the poor, sick and uneducated, to reveal the Mercy of God in our world. Catherine's work focused particularly on helping women and girls. She believed in their inherent dignity and wanted to help them become self-sustaining and self-directing. Education was a key part of her work.

Catherine opened the House of Mercy in Dublin on September 24, 1827, as a place to shelter and educate women and girls. In 1831, she and two companions became the first Sisters of Mercy. Within ten years Catherine McAuley's work led to the establishment of 14 independent foundations in Ireland and England. The Sisters went on to establish a multitude of new foundations in the United States, Australia, New Zealand, and Argentina.

Until Catherine's time nuns generally led a cloistered life, spending a lot of their time in prayer. Catherine did not want herself or her nuns to be confined to the convent, but to be 'apostolic', not cloistered, but going out and helping people in their homes and in hospitals etc. Catherine also had a gift for bridging the gap between 'haves' and 'have nots', enabling wealthy people to invest in really worthwhile charitable endeavours.

On the 11th April 1840 the following piece appeared in The Morning Register, a Dublin newspaper:

ERECTION OF A NEW CONVENT

'We have much pleasure in announcing that a handsome convent is about to be erected in the immediate vicinity of Birmingham for the good Sisters of Charity (Mercy). The plans etc. of the building are by the highly gifted Pugin, and have been much admired by all who have seen them. The Convent is intended to receive twenty of the sisters, and also to accommodate thirty poor orphans whom they will take under their care. The chief expense will be borne by that noble-minded inhabitant of Birmingham John Hardman Esq. whose never failing liberality in the cause of charity and religion can only be rewarded in a better world. Four ladies are about to proceed immediately to Dublin, to go through their noviciate there and as soon as professed to return to Birmingham. We understand that Miss J Hardman, a daughter of the generous founder of the convent is one of the happy number.'

Although very few Sisters of Mercy remain at St Mary's Convent now, they still serve the needs of the Community in a new way. They have launched their threefold ministry of Heritage, Spirituality and Outreach.

We felt so much better after our visit - refreshed and more peaceful. Hopefully you will have the opportunity to visit too.

Joan Wild



The Chapel with beautiful floor tiles.



The small Oratory was beautifully peaceful.



There is so much history to display.



Beautiful Pugin oak tables at which the Sisters gave us tea and hospitality.



The front garden of the Convent 13.3.24.



Statues of Venerable Catherine McAuley and Rev Mother Juliana Hardman in the Prayer Garden



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**JOIN IN WITH OUR CHURCH SERVICES AT
ST ANDREW'S**

Our Sunday Services are as follows:-

Sunday - 10.00 am service with Holy Communion.

These Services include

FAMILY MASS EVERY: SECOND SUNDAY 10.00AM



HEALING SERVICE EVERY: THIRD SUNDAY 10.00AM



Thursday Service 10.00 am in Church with Holy Communion

**DURING THE WINTER MONTHS, SERVICES MAY TAKE PLACE
IN THE GOOD SHEPHERD CHAPEL AT 9.30 A.M.**

ST ANDREW'S SOCIAL EVENTS

There have been a few social events this year to raise money for the church heating.

SUMMER FETE - We had lovely weather and lots of stalls. The chairs inside the church had been moved in case of rain and we needed to move inside. Visitors to the church were amazed at the size of the church. **BBQ** was held at the Vicarage, it was well organised but unfortunately it rained., however the food was lovely. More events will be printed in future magazines.

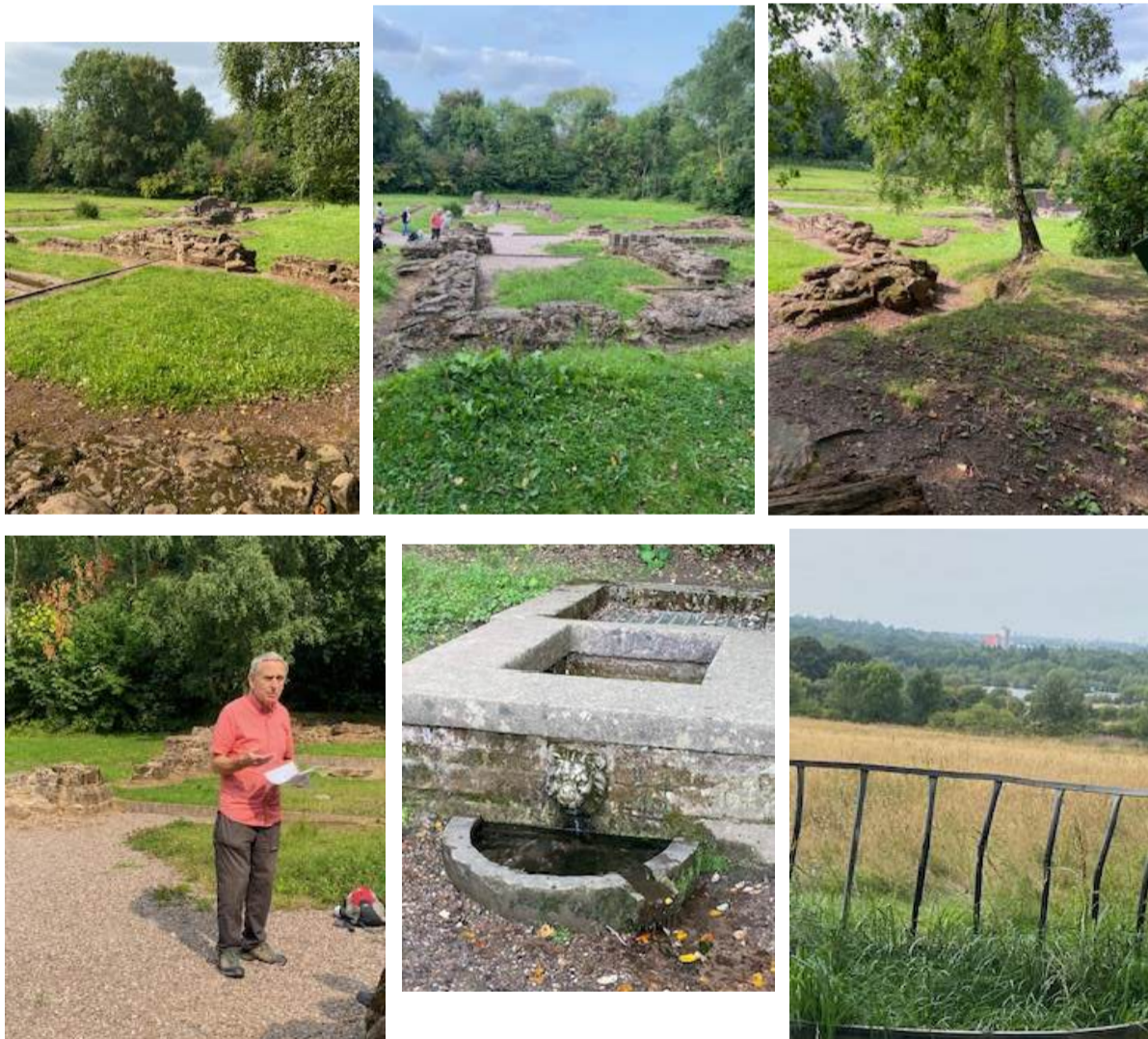


PRAYER WALK TO SANDWELL PRIORY

On Sunday 18 August 2024 Fr John led a Prayer Walk to Sandwell Priory, in Sandwell Valley. This was my first time visiting The Priory. It was a lovely sunny day. There were about 10 people in the group including people from St Michael’s Church. As we walked into Sandwell Valley Fr John suggested a ‘secret’ pathway to The Priory which some of us followed and others chose to continue on the main pathway.

The Priory was a small medieval Benedictine monastery founded in the late 12th century at the site of a holy well known as Sand Well. The site has the remains of the outline of the monastery. It is such a lovely place. We stopped for a picnic and sang hymns and prayers led by Fr John, Fr Dominic from St Michael’s and their Assistant Curate. Fr John gave a talk about the history of the monastery, some of us then walked to what was originally known as the Icehouse where the monks kept ice stored. We also saw the springs which still run today with water coming from the ground.

It was an amazing afternoon, and we walked back along the pathway stopping to take in the views of Sandwell Valley. If you have the opportunity to visit The Priory, I highly recommend it. It is a very peaceful, scenic and calm place. **Eileen Lawrence**



HARVEST FESTIVAL

Celebrating Harvest Festival in Grenfell

A few years ago, when I was at Grenfell we felt led to celebrate in a slightly different way.

God led us to celebrate the harvest of talent we had within the church. On the Sunday of harvest folks brought in items which they used to glorify God with their talent.

We had a violin with music books, painting equipment such as paint brushes and masking tape, gardening equipment such as hand towels and forks, cake making items such as baking trays and food colouring jars. We had a sewing machine with lots of different patterns and threads.

We then looked at the parable of the talents Matthew 24 vs 14-30 and how we can use our talents to glorify God and to bless others. I did have some photographs but unfortunately, we lost them when i changed phones.

Angela Cross

Harvest Festival is celebrated around the world.

Harvest Festival is a celebration of the harvest and food grown on the land in the United Kingdom. It is about giving thanks for food, family and friendships.

In China they have a mid-autumn festival known as the Mooncake Festival. Mooncakes are a Chinese pastry filled with sweet and savoury fillings to appreciate the full moon. There are also lantern parades, dragon dances and folk stories.

In Pongal, India they have a four day festival which includes boiling the first rice of the season, creating colourful designs.

In Malaysia harvest festival is celebrated by the people of Sarawak and marks the end of the rice harvesting season and the beginning of the new planting season with traditional music and dances.

In France, they have a Grape Harvest Festival which honours the grape harvest celebrating with vineyard tours and grape stomping. Villages enjoy music, dancing and food.

In Indonesia they have a Rice Harvest Festival to symbolise the end of the rice growing season. They cut and carry rice stalks to a communal granary, representing unity and gratitude.

In Barbados they have Crop Over Festival to mark the end of the yearly harvest. Bridgetown market features stalls and food with local arts and crafts. There are also folk concerts and photographic exhibitions about Barbadian history and culture.

In West Africa they celebrate yam harvest season. The New Yam Festival gives thanks to a successful harvest. Celebrations include music and dancing and food.

Eileen Lawrence

ST ANDREW'S CHURCH

COMING EVENTS

2024

Sunday 6th October 10.00 am Service

Harvest Festival

Led by the Bishop of Birmingham, Bishop Michael Volland

Tuesday 8th October 7.00pm

Harvest Supper

Tuesday 22nd October 7.00pm

Curry Night With Quiz

Sunday 24th November

Patronal Festival for St Andrew with Bring and Share Lunch

Sunday 8th December

Christingle Service (included in normal service).

Sunday 22nd December 4.00

Carol Service

Tuesday 31st December. 11.00 pm.

New Years Eve Service

Wednesday 1st January 2025

New Year's Day Service with Bring and Share Lunch

Wordsearch Michael and All Angels

The Church remembers angels this month, with the feast day of Michael and All Angels on the 29th. The Bible is full of angels, where they often had a key role in crucial events. It seems that Michael is their leader, an 'archangel'. In stained glass he's often seen with a sword, because in the Book of Revelation he leads the angelic host who fight and defeat Satan and his army.

In the Gospels, angels make numerous appearances. Just two examples: Gabriel was sent to Mary to announce the coming of her baby, Jesus, the Messiah, the Son of God. Another angel was sent to sit in the empty tomb on Easter morning, waiting to tell the startled women that Jesus wasn't there - He had risen (Mark 16:5)! **c/o Parish Pump**

Michael	All	Angels	Key	Crucial	Leader
Stained	Glass	Sword	Angelic	Host	Defeat
Satan	Appearances	Gabriel	Mary	Baby	
Jesus	Waiting	Angel			

