

## SUNDAY SERVICES

### 10.30 am THE SUNDAY SERVICE

*Holy Communion - first Sunday of each month*

*(Please refer to the Diary on page 8 details of all Services as arrangements may vary).*

## REGULAR WEEKDAY ACTIVITIES

Monday	5.00 - 6.00pm	Rainbows (5-7 years)
	6.00 - 7.15pm	Brownies (7-10 years)
	7.00 - 8.30pm	Guides (10-15 years)
Tuesday	10.00am	All Are Welcome
	2.00pm	Friendship Circle
	7.30pm	Rangers
Wednesday	11.00am	Coffee Morning
	12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch alternating with Mid-Week Worship
Thursday	2.00pm	Film Club (monthly)
Friday	6.15 - 7.45pm	Cub Scouts (8-10½ years)
	6.15 - 7.15pm	Beaver Scouts (6-8 years)
	7.30 - 9.00pm	Scouts & Explorer Scouts
Saturday	9.00 - 11.00am	The Big Breakfast (monthly on 2 <sup>nd</sup> Saturday)
	10.00am	Christians Together in Leamington Rambles (monthly)

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# Magazine

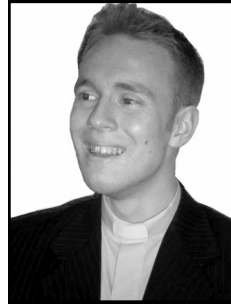


# October 2019

## THE MINISTER'S LETTER

Dear Family and Friends of Radford Road Church,

Recently, at our Friendship Circle (on Tuesdays at 2pm) and Mid Week Worship (on Wednesdays at 12:30pm), we have been thinking about harvest and the importance of caring for our environment. Today, as I type this, folk are gathering outside the Town Hall to protest about the impact of man-made climate change.



In this season of Harvest, we celebrate the fruits of the earth and we gather produce for the food banks and for those less fortunate than we are. We give thanks for the Harvest and the bountiful Creation that God has entrusted to us. However, we shouldn't forget that we have a responsibility to tend and care for God's gift of creation: "The Lord God took the man and put him in the garden of Eden to work it and keep it." – Genesis 2:15

I came across a little Jewish story recently about Adam and God. In the story Adam was relaxing in the Garden of Eden enjoying the beautiful garden God had set him in. He reached out to pluck an apple from one of the trees but before his hand could rest upon the fruit the branch blew just out of reach. Shrugging it off, he looked around and spied a pear tree, but just as he reached out to touch the fruit the branch moved just out of his reach. The same thing happened a couple more times, until a voice boomed from heaven: "First water and tend the trees then you may enjoy the fruit".

God has entrusted us with a beautiful creation. We enjoy at this time of year watching the leaves turn all manner of oranges, reds and browns. We enjoy jumping on crispy leaves and attending our harvest festivals. We relish autumn puddings (blackberry and apple is my favourite!). It is a time of bounty and blessing, but we ought to remember also, that with God's great gifts comes great responsibility to care for all that we have received. That may mean generating solar power, but it can just as easily mean car sharing, printing less, using re-usable bags, and recycling, leaving only our footprints on this beautiful creation.

God bless you all,  
James

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## ROTAS

	Welcomer	Coffee	Flowers to give	Arranger
Oct 6	Jherell	Brenda & Alan	Kath	Kath
Oct 13	Sue	Julia & Jherell	Marie & Mavis M	Margaret
Oct 20	Rosemary	Margaret & Jean	Mavis P	Jean
Oct 27	Ann	Veronica & Bridget	Bridget	Rosemary
Nov 3	Veronica	John & Ruth	Janine	Kath
Nov 10	Joan	Sally & Jherell	Hugh & Hazel	Hazel

Would the first person on the Coffee Rota please bring 2 pints of milk and the second bring biscuits. Thank you!

We thank all those who have promised flowers for the church and also thank the arrangers for using their time and talents in this way.

### and finally...

"The one who plants trees knowing  
That he will never sit in their shade  
Has at least started to understand  
The meaning of life".

Rabindranath Tagore

Thank you for reading this copy of Radford Road Church Magazine. To cut down on paper and production costs many people now receive the Magazine by email but, if you do still have a hard copy, please pass it on to a friend or re-cycle it when you have finished with it.

Please email Marjorie at [carrier\\_mj@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:carrier_mj@yahoo.co.uk) before Sunday October 22<sup>nd</sup> if you have any items suitable for publication in the November Magazine.

## FAMILY NEWS

### Please remember in your prayers

#### those who have suffered bereavement.

Comfort the families and friends who grieve.

#### those who are ill and especially those in our prayer book

We ask that they will soon be restored to full health.

#### those who have worries and anxieties.

Give them peace and comfort in the knowledge that you are close to them.

Please pray for all those you know who have special health problems, worries or concerns. As autumn and winter approach keep them warm and safe in your love.

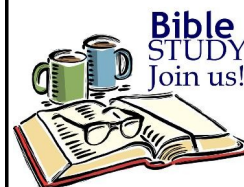
The opening service of the new South Warwickshire Methodist Circuit took place on Sunday September 8<sup>th</sup> when the Chair of District, the Revd. Ian Howarth, preached.

A new Circuit is a new dawn, with the opportunity to make new friendships and fellowships with a wider community. It's a chance to spread the love of God shown in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus in a wider area.

It's a chance to review our outreach and take on new challenges.

A small group of members from Radford Road Church attended the Ordination and Induction of Mrs Fiona Elvins to the pastorates of Knowle URC and Moseley URC on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The church was packed for this special occasion which was led by the West Midlands Synod Moderator, the Revd. Steve Faber. The address was given by the Revd. Dr. Robert Pope who is the Vice Principal and a Tutor at Westminster College. At the close of the service everyone enjoyed the wonderful buffet and the opportunity to greet Fiona informally and give their greetings to her.

### HOUSE GROUP BIBLE STUDY



**Bible STUDY**  
Join us!  
meets each Friday at 135, Leam Terrace  
at 7.30pm

The Group would welcome others to join them.  
Please see James for further details.



## OUR COVER PICTURE

Operation Christmas Child, a project of Samaritan's Purse, brings Good News and joy to children around the world through gift-filled shoe boxes.

The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to show God's love in a tangible way to children in

need around the world, and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

Since 1990, more than 168 million children in over 160 countries have experienced God's love through the power of simple shoebox gifts from Operation Christmas Child.

At Radford Road Church we have supported Operation Christmas Child for a number of years. Many people in our congregation have lovingly filled shoeboxes with goodies to delight children who we do not know but who have experienced war, poverty, famine, disease or natural disaster.

The message is that people care and that these children and their families and local communities are in the thoughts and prayers of people in other countries throughout the world.

This year we are again filling shoeboxes with gifts for children who have little. Indeed, these boxes may be the only gift some children receive at Christmas time. There are pre-formed boxes available in the vestibule together with leaflets describing how to fill a box. Please note that toothpaste or sweets should not be put in the boxes this year.

We hope that you will be generous this year, as always, and make every effort to fill a box or share one with a friend.

We aim to complete our boxes by early November. They will then be blessed at Sunday worship possibly on November 17<sup>th</sup>, before being taken to a central depot for transportation. Please speak to Veronica if you have any queries

## WARWICK DISTRICT FAITHS FORUM

National Interfaith Week will be from 10<sup>th</sup> to 17<sup>th</sup> November.

The annual WDFW conference will take place on Saturday November 9<sup>th</sup> at 10.00am at St. Peter's Conference Centre, Dorner Place. This year's theme is "Wellbeing".

Registration is from 9.30am and the event concludes at 1pm followed by lunch.

Further details of the timetable and speakers, will be in the November Magazine.

## OUR 2019/2020 MISSION PROJECT - REHOBOTH CHILDREN'S CENTRE IN THE PHILIPPINES

This charity is supported by Siloam Ministries which has a local office in Leamington Spa. Over the last four years Siloam Ministries has raised over £52,000 for the Rehoboth Children's Centre at Tanay which is a two hour drive from the capital, Manila.

Our Mission project 2019/20 aims to raise £1000 for this international charity and was launched at the "Last Night of the Proms" evening on September 14<sup>th</sup>. The Centre cares for abandoned babies and gives them a place of safety where they are looked after and nurtured. In addition many mothers have given birth in the baby delivery facility at the Centre and they have been given help and advice regarding the care of their children. The staff are loving and caring and are fully qualified for the work they undertake.

The Centre can accommodate up to 40 children. Many of the children will be adopted by families in the Philippines or in Europe or America. The UK laws on inter-country adoption makes it less likely that the children will be brought here. Other children are at the Centre on a short term basis when a place of safety is needed.

Radford Road Church feels privileged to be able to raise money for this Centre. Big Breakfasts and other events will raise money to support the work of the Rehoboth Children's Centre and we appeal to everyone to give their support and to pray for the work of this Centre in the Philippines.

## ALL ARE WELCOME

The All Are Welcome group continues to meet every Tuesday morning from 10.00am until 11.30am.

All those who come enjoy meeting together over a cup of tea or coffee and having a toasted teacake, taking part in a very informal quiz and playing board games and doing jigsaw puzzles.

Two members of the Green Party who are Warwick District Councillors visited us recently and were impressed by the friendliness and ethos of All Are Welcome. They offered to promote our work by inserting a piece in their regular News Sheets sent to all houses in the South Warwickshire area.

In addition they will support the group's application for a grant from Warwick District South Leamington Forum Grant Fund. If this is successful it is planned to extend the publicity and give financial help to the group for the next 12 months. The meeting of the Forum Grant Fund to consider the application will be on October 17<sup>th</sup>.

## SHOULD CHRISTIANS CELEBRATE HALLOWE'EN?

The celebration of what we know as Hallowe'en dates back to before the time of Christ. In the Celtic countries the Druids set aside October 31<sup>st</sup> to honour Samhain, the lord of the dead. When the Romans conquered the Celts, they combined the festival of Samhain with their own festival honouring Pomona, the goddess of fruit and trees.

Despite the prevalence of Christianity this pagan rite continued. The Irish held parades to honour Muck Olla, one of their gods. A leader wearing a white robe and an animal head marched at the head of the parade. Those who followed him asked for food to help celebrate the October 31<sup>st</sup> festival, punishing farmers who refused to cooperate.

In the year 834 Pope Boniface IV moved the church feast of All Saints' Day (also known as All Hallows' Day) from May to November 1<sup>st</sup> to counter this growing pagan rite. October 31<sup>st</sup> naturally was called All Hallows' Evening - eventually abbreviated to Hallowe'en.

Even with this background in paganism Hallowe'en appears to grow each year. School parties, the media, commercialism and peer pressure all serve to make Hallowe'en a fun and enjoyable time in children's eyes. Parents can face extreme difficulty in deciding what their family should do about the annual celebration.

Considering Hallowe'en's origins, it is not difficult to establish a Scriptural position. Deuteronomy 18v.9 states: "When thou art come into the land which the Lord your God gives you, you shall not learn to follow the abominable practices of those nations".

As you seek to make a firm decision regarding participation in Hallowe'en, it is important to keep in mind that believers are called to

1. Be different: Romans 12v 2 "do not be conformed to this world":
2. Be obedient and holy: 1 Peter 1v 15 "You shall be ye holy; for I am holy".
3. Put God first: James 4v 4 "Whoever wishes to be a friend of this world makes himself an enemy of God".

The specific answer to the question is something which each individual must decide for themselves. However I hope by this brief summary you can see the way forward more clearly.

K.V. Beaumont FCMI

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## MAINTENANCE OF PROPERTY REPORT



### Recent work completed

- New handles on the doors of the ladies' toilets in the vestibule.
- Boiler in the church centre fixed.
- New lights in the church centre corridor fitted.
- Blocked sewer cleared.

### Work still to do

- Roof to be repaired where a couple of tiles have fallen off.
- New hot water supply to the small sink in the Church Centre kitchen.
- Boards to be fitted behind the chairs in the lounge to prevent damage to the plaster.
- Clear soak away in car park.

Bridget

## CHURCHES TOGETHER IN LEAMINGTON (CTL)

The AGM of CTL will be held at St Mark's Church on Tuesday November 19<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. The evening will commence with a "Living Library", with the opportunity to interview leaders in our churches and society about the work they do. There will be cheese and nibbles, tea and coffee with a short AGM at the end of the evening.

CTL is looking for people willing to join the committee. James has recently been appointed as Chair but a Vice Chair and Treasurer are needed.. Please contact James if you are able to assist.

## CHURCHES TOGETHER RAMBLERS

Saturday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2019 9.45am for 10am

### WELLESBOURNE TO CHARLECOTE (3 miles)



Start at The King's Head, Wellesbourne and then walk to Charlecote Garden Centre. Return along the river bank.

Lunch at The King's Head.

More details are on the vestibule notice board.

## CRAFT FAIR 2019

October 5<sup>th</sup> 2019 from 11.00am until 2.00pm

Our Craft Fair is only a few days away and everyone is urged to try to make the event a huge success. Please come along and support the Fair which raises money for the day to day running of our church. Because the church is an old Victorian building, our maintenance costs are high and so every penny we can raise helps to keep the building in good order and pay the bills.

We are fully booked with Crafters who want to sell their hand-made items at our Fair and this year we have a record number (15) stalls booked.

We shall have some Church stalls too and it is not too late to donate items which we can sell. This year there will not be a Bric à Brac stall so all donations will need to be in really good condition so that we can sell them on the Gift Stall.

### The Church stalls and Stallholders will be:

**Cakes** - Margaret H & Pat

**Jigsaws** - Jherell & Tom

**Gifts** - Sue Da & Heather

**Preserves** Rosemary & Tony

**Bulbs & Seeds** Diane & Chris

**Raffle** Veronica & Friends

**Auction of Promises**

Andrew C & Jenny

**Refreshments** will be served throughout the Fair by Margaret B, Sally, Hazel and Jean

**Welcomer** Julia

**Cashiers** Andrew D & John C

**MCs** James and Sam

**The Brownies will be making Craft items in the Hall on the day of the Craft Fair and these will be available to buy at the event.**

**Please look at the list of Promises on the Auction of Promises chart which is in the Vestibule. Can you give a Promise?**

**You are invited to make a bid for one of the Promises. Don't wait for the Craft Fair - BID NOW!**

**The stalls will be erected on Thursday October 3<sup>rd</sup> at 6.00pm. Bring along a screwdriver and help to set up the stalls.**

**On Friday October 4<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm after the Scouts have moved the furniture the stalls will be positioned and decorated.**

**Any help on either of these evenings would be much appreciated.**

**Stall holders will need a white table covering for their stalls and a suitable container in which cash can be kept.**

**SEE YOU ON OCTOBER 5TH!**

## EIGHT FREE GIFTS

### 1. THE GIFT OF LISTENING

....But you must really listen. No interrupting, no day dreaming, no planning your response. Just listening.

### 2. THE GIFT OF AFFECTION

Be generous with appropriate hugs, kisses, pats on the back and handholds.

### 3. THE GIFT OF LAUGHTER

Share articles and funny stories.

Your gift will say "I love to laugh with you".

### 4. THE GIFT OF A WRITTEN NOTE

It can be simple, "Thanks for the help" note or a full sonnet. A brief, handwritten note may be remembered for a lifetime, and may even change a life.

### 5. THE GIFT OF A COMPLIMENT

A simple and sincere, "You look great in red", "You did a super job" or "That was a wonderful meal", can make someone's day.

### 6. THE GIFT OF A FAVOUR

Every day. go out of your way to do something kind.

### 7. THE GIFT OF SOLITUDE

There are times when we want nothing better than to be left alone. Be sensitive to those times and give the gift of solitude to others.

### 8. THE GIFT OF A CHEERFUL DISPOSITION

The easiest way to feel good is to extend a kind word to someone. Really, it's not hard to say, "Hello" or "Thank you".

## PRAYING TOGETHER IN OCTOBER

The monthly Prayer Diary encourages the Church family to focus prayers on specific people or organisations on a daily basis

1st	Rehoboth Children's Centre	16th	The Uniformed Organisations
2nd	Valerie	17th	The Friendship Circle
3rd	All involved with the Night Shelter	18th	John F
4th	Wed. Lunch & Mid-Week Worship	19th	The Congregational Meeting
5th	Craft Fair	20th	The Street Pastors
6th	House Group	21st	Mavis P
7th	Joyce	22nd	The Elders of the Church
8th	Ken	23rd	Maureen
9th	Kingsley & Anne	24th	Film Club
10th	Clare	25th	Nick
11th	Gill	26th	Clarice
12th	Big Breakfast	27th	All our Knitters
13th	All Are Welcome	28th	Ralph
14th	Operation Christmas Child	29th	Peggy
15th	Our Ministers and families	30th	Brenda
		31st	Churches Together in Leamington

You are invited to take a pebble from the basket on the Table of Remembrance, sit or stand quietly and concentrate on your particular concern. Then hold or stroke your pebble – feel your hurt, worry, loneliness, pain, guilt, unhappiness or anxiety flowing into your stone. Feel it warm in your hand. If you are praying for someone else, feel your love and compassion flowing into your pebble.

When you are ready, leave your pebble at the cross of Jesus. Leave it with your concerns, so that Jesus can deal with them. Then go – knowing that Jesus loves and cares about you.

There is also a Book of Prayer. Any situation entered in the book will be prayed for at Friday Bible Study and included in the monthly Prayer Diary.

## FILM CLUB

Do come along on Thursday Oct 24<sup>th</sup> at 2.00pm when you can see

### "The Legend of Bagger Vance"

A down and out, one time golfer and war veteran, reluctantly agrees to play a game of golf. He attempts to recover his game and his life with help from a mystical caddy.

He finds the game futile until his caddy, Bagger Vance, teaches him the secret of the authentic golf stroke which turns out also to be the secret to mastering any challenge and finding meaning in life.

**Tea and cakes will be served: £2.00 per person.**



## THE NEXT BIG BREAKFAST will be on Oct. 14<sup>th</sup> at 9.00am.



Come along and bring your friends and smell the sizzling bacon as you come through the door. The September Big Breakfast raised £49.00

## GLOVES, HATS AND SCARVES

Again, we will be giving knitted garments to the clients of the Night Shelter to help to keep them warm during the winter months. Please start knitting so that we are able to help those who have little and who find life extremely difficult. The knitted goods will be given to the Night Shelter in December.

## LAST NIGHT OF THE PROMS

The Last Night of the Proms was held on September 14<sup>th</sup>. Margaret Height introduced the new Mission Project "Rehoboth Children's Centre in the Philippines" which the church is supporting in 2019/2020. (See Page 13).

Those attending enjoyed a fish and chip supper and then settled down to watch the second half of the Proms Concert televised from the Albert Hall. £88.50 was raised to launch the new project and during the year we aim to achieve our target of £1000.

Thank you to Margaret B and Jean who decorated the Vestibule with flags and arranged the fish and chip supper.

## OCTOBER DIARY 2019

Tues	1	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Bridget Halpin
Wed	2	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid -Week Worship
Thurs	3	6.00pm	Erection of stalls for Craft Fair
Fri	4	7.30pm	Preparation for Craft Fair
Sat	5	11.00am	CRAFT FAIR
<b>Sun</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Sunday Service with Holy Communion led by the Revd. James Church</b>
Tues	8	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Revd. Rachel Hextall
Wed	9	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch: followed by visit from Olivia Bowskill of Myton Hospice.
Thurs	10	7.00pm	Pastoral Meeting at the home of Margaret B
Sat	12	9.00am	Big Breakfast
<b>Sun</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Miss Betty Blower</b>
Tues	15	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: John Cotterill
Wed	16	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12:30pm	Mid-Week Worship - Holy Communion Service led by the Revd. James Church
Fri	18	7.30pm	House Group at 135, Leam Terrace
Sat	19	10.00am	Congregational Meeting
<b>Sun</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by Mr Nigel Saxton</b>
Tues	22	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Film Afternoon
Wed	23	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Wednesday Lunch followed by Songs of Praise "Aled's Chickens".
Thurs	24	2.00pm	Film Club "The Legend of Bagger Vance"
<b>Sun</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>The Sunday Service led by the Revd. James Church.</b>
Tues	29	10.00am	All Are Welcome
		2.00pm	Friendship Circle: Margaret Height "The Life & Music of Sir Edward Elgar"
Wed	<b>30</b>	11.00am	Coffee Morning
		12.30pm	Mid-Week Worship

**Please Note:** No House Group on October 4<sup>th</sup>, 11<sup>th</sup> or 25<sup>th</sup>

## FORTHCOMING DATES

**October 8<sup>th</sup> at 3.30pm** Welcome service at Warwick University Chaplaincy, Gibbet Hill Road, Coventry CV4 7AL for the Revd. Mark Rowland (partner of the Revd. Sam McBratney), to his new role as Free Church Chaplain at Warwick University. It is hoped that some people from Radford Road will attend to support Mark. It is suggested that those going should arrive by 2.45pm as parking is difficult.

**Nov 21** Angel preparation afternoon

**Dec 3-8** Nativity Exhibition

**Dec 8** Christingle Service

**Dec 15** Carol Service

**Dec 25** Christmas Morning Worship at **10.00am**

**Please note that the proposed production of "Joseph" by the churches in the Methodist Circuit will not take place this year.**

John Keats wrote that Autumn is the "Season of mists and mellow fruitfulness". It is certainly the time for harvesting the fruit of the gardeners' labours and at the moment there is an abundance of marrows. Why not try this tasty recipe sent in by one of our regular attendees at "All Are Welcome".

### Stuffed Marrow or Courgette

1 medium sized marrow or courgette	2 slices of old bread
1 onion	2 teasp mixed herb
4 tomatoes or a tin of tomatoes	

### Method

Peel marrow and cut off the ends.

Cut in half lengthwise. Scoop out seeds from centre leaving 1" on each end. Sprinkle with salt and leave, covered with a tissue, overnight.

Next day cut bread, onion and tomatoes into cubes and blend in food processor.. Add mixed herbs and stir together.

Discard water from the dish of marrow and place mixture into marrow shell. Place two halves of marrow side by side. Cover with foil and bake at 180C/350F/Gas 4 for 2 hrs.

Add grated cheese and cook for a further 15 minutes until the cheese has melted and is golden brown.

Serve with green vegetables.