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# ST. WILFRID'S & ST. MICHAEL'S

Meeting Needs, Bringing Hope, Sharing Love

## SERVICES in May 2019

Date	St. Wilfrid's	St. Michael's
05.05.19	Family Service 9.00am	Holy Comm 10.00am
02.05.19	Evening Healing Svc. 7.15pm	-----
12.05.19	Holy Comm/Healing 9.00am	Family Service 10.00am
19.05.19	Family Service 9.00am	Holy Communion
26.05.19	Holy Communion 9.00am	Family Service
30.05.19 Ascension Day	-----	Methodist Chapel 7pm

Testimonies, stories Or memories from years ago – we would love to hear from you. Please contact Maureen or John on 02476.394802 or send us an e-mail on strowgerhouse@btinternet.com Many thanks.

**NB. [www.arleycofechurches.org.uk/](http://www.arleycofechurches.org.uk/)**



**It was then that I carried You!**

## NEWSLETTER MAY 2019

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## Rev John's Jottings - 'Like a bridge over troubled water'!

How time flies! It will be a year this coming June that I will have been with you as vicar in the parishes of Arley and Ansley. A lot of water has flowed under the bridge as the expression goes, personally, locally, nationally and internationally. No doubt, we have all been shaken by the recent events in New Zealand, Sri Lanka, not to mention the deliberations over Brexit and even the fire of Notre Dame Cathedral. These events may leave us uncertain about a safe and secure future. No matter how much wealth we amass or walls we build around us, none of us are immune from what lies round the corner. It's easy to take much for granted and consider it our right to have. It is that song by Simon and Garfunkel back in 1970 which still strikes a chord in many hearts and minds. From a Christian perspective it clearly speaks of the person of Jesus. We have just been celebrating Easter and the life-giving message of resurrection after death and it is truly amazing. This is where the Christian faith rises above man-made philosophies and religions. Over the next months, I and our churches in Arley and Ansley have to take stock and evaluate the future together. Why don't you also consider taking stock of your life, where you're going and what meaning your life has. Who will be by your side as you consider the words of this song?

When you're weary, feeling small  
When tears are in your eyes,  
I'll dry them all I'm on your side,  
oh, when times get rough  
And friends just can't be found  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
I will lay me down  
Like a bridge over troubled water  
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Wishing you God's blessing through another month!

Rev John

Warwickshire County Council Trading Standards is warning residents about unsafe toys sold on Warwickshire markets.

As part of its work to protect young children from harm, Trading Standards carry out safety inspections to identify clothing, toys and other products that do not meet UK safety requirements and could therefore cause potential harm.

While carrying out a safety inspection in the Rugby area, officers discovered a 'Soft Toy – Holding Blanket' being sold for £10 on a market stall in the Rugby Clock Towers Shopping Centre.

Officers purchased and tested the product which subsequently failed toy safety standards in three significant areas:

it contained detachable parts,

users could easy access to filling material, and

the loop feature holding the blanket did not break when tested.

These defects present a choking and strangulation hazard to children.

All dangerous toys have been voluntarily surrendered by the trader and investigations are continuing into the origin of the products.

According to the Child Accident Prevention Trust, asphyxia (which includes choking, strangling and suffocation) is the second most common cause of accidental child death in the UK, after road traffic accidents.

Simon Cripwell, Trading Standards officer said:

"Warwickshire Trading Standards carries out regular checks on the safety of toys to help ensure that unsafe products are not sold and are quickly removed from sale.

'In this case, these toys were found to fail the toy safety standards and have since been removed from sale.

"If you have any concerns about the safety of your toys, visit the Warwickshire County Council trading standards web page where you can find consumer advice at <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice>."

Anyone who has purchased one of these products should stop children using the product immediately. Products should be returned to the seller for a refund.

For advice on the safety of your products, go

to: <https://www.warwickshire.gov.uk/consumeradvice>

Keep up to date with the latest product recalls on our Warwickshire Trading

Standards Twitter page. Follow us at: <https://twitter.com/WarksTSS>



## Ascension

### Ascension History

Ascension commemorates the day that Jesus ascended into Heaven (Acts 1:1-11) after spending 40 days appearing to his disciples after his resurrection. The disciples thought Jesus was going to restore the earth to the Kingdom of Heaven, but instead, as he promised to send the Holy Spirit to give them power, he ascended into Heaven and disappeared in a cloud.

Ascension is the 40th day after [Easter](#), celebrated on the sixth Sunday of the Easter season. We celebrate in a joint service at the Methodist Chapel. Old Arley at 7.00pm. Come along and join us.

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Everything I need to know, I learned from Noah's Ark.

Don't miss the boat.

Remember that we are all in the same boat.

Plan ahead. It wasn't raining when Noah built the Ark.

Stay fit. When you're 60 years old, someone may ask you to do something really big.

Don't listen to critics; just get on with the job that needs to be done.

Build your future on high ground.

For safety's sake, travel in pairs.

Speed isn't always an advantage. The snails were on board with the cheetahs.

When you're stressed, float awhile.

Remember, the Ark was built by amateurs; the Titanic by professionals.

No matter the storm, when you are with God, there's always a rainbow waiting.

### May's Recipe: Savoury Swirls: Cheese Ham and Leek Spirals: (Makes 12)

200gms Cream Cheese

120gms thick cut ham - finely diced

1 large leek - trimmed and sliced

1 tblspn butter

1 tblspn olive oil

1 sheet of puff pastry,

apprx 320gms

Plain flour, for dusting

110gms mature Cheddar Cheese - grated

Sea salt and black pepper.

Melt the butter with the olive oil in a o large saut'e pan set over a medium heat.

Add the ham, leek and a pinch of salt, sweating the leek until it is very soft, approximately 8 minutes.

Remove from the heat and stir in the cream cheese until melted and creamy in texture. Season to taste with salt and pepper.

On a lightly floured surface, roll out the pastry into a rectangle approximately 35 x 23cms. Spread the ham , leek and cream cheese mixture, stopping just short of the edges.

With the shorted side facing toward the body, roll the pastry up into a thick cylinder shape. Cut into 2cm wide slices to make 12 in total. Arrange on their sides, spaced well apart, across 2 lined baking trays. Cover and leave to chill for 30 minutes.

Preheat the oven to 190deg/gasmark 5. Sprinkle the pastries with grated cheese. Bake for 20 -25mins until golden brown and cooked through. Remove from the oven and allow swirls to cool on their trays before serving. Delicious!

# Arley and Ansley Summer Outing

Our Audrey Trip is on



*Saturday 6 July 2019*

**DEPART St. JOHN'S, ANSLEY COMMON at 7.30**

**DEPART LORD NELSON INN, ANLSEY VILLAGE at 7.45**

**DEPART St. MICHAEL'S, NEW ARLEY at 7.50**

**DEPART St. WILFRID'S, OLD ARLEY at 8.00 am**

**DEPART CLEETHORPES at 17.30**

Adult: (16+) £20.00      Child: (below 16) £15.00

**To book please contact Denise on 01676 541916 or 07530 919568**

## God has set a time to favour you:

All of your life can be a training for one season, one God given assignment, one purpose. You may determine the number of years to graduate from university with your degree. You may know the amount of effort and the approximate timeline required to rise to the top of your profession. But when it comes to experiencing the favour of God, He sets the time. 'But you, O Lord, sit enthroned forever...You will arise and have compassion on Zion, for it is time to show favour to her; the appointed time has come'. One moment of God's favour will do more for you than a lifetime of striving. In his book *Still Standing: and Winning Strategies for facing Tough Times*, Dr. James Merritt writes: In a meeting that took less than 20 minutes, Pharaoh made Joseph prime minister of the entire country, second in authority only to him! Pharaoh's act catapulted Joseph from the pit to the palace. God works, in hindsight, through a beautiful story arc. His way of getting Joseph to the palace was through the pit and the prison. As with Joseph, what we so often see as stumbling blocks are really stepping stones God uses to accomplish His plan and fulfil His purpose in our lives' It's your obedience to God that brings His favour, and your faithfulness in difficult times: 'For better for worse , richer or poorer, in sickness and in health'. So be faithful and press on; God has set a time to favour you!

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## How to get back up:

When Elijah reached his lowest point, God told him two things: 1)'Go out and stand on the mountain in the presence of the Lord'. He helped Elijah to stop thinking about himself and his problems and start thinking about God. When God has your ear, He can speak into it. When He has your heart, He can minister to it. That's why Scripture reading is so important. If life is dragging you down and you're ready to stand back up, climb into God's word, claim His promises, ask for His help, and talk plainly to Him. 2) Take the focus off yourself and look for someone to minister to. There are many people who are also struggling with problems and worries. They need someone like you to come alongside them, and, if nothing else, let them know you can relate to how they feel. They need someone like you to minister to them, to encourage them. If you want to see the fog of discouragement lifted, stop looking in the mirror and start looking out the window. A famous psychiatrist what would you advise a person experiencing depression and unhappiness. He said, lock the door behind you. Go across the road, find somebody who has a need and help them'. It's simple, yet we keep missing it! The truth is – by helping others you help yourself.

## THE PARTY OF FRIENDSHIP

A friend loves you all the time. (Proverbs 17:17)

Getting an invitation to anything is a special occasion. Whether it comes in a phone call, a letter, an e-mail, or smoke signals, the message is, 'Your presence is requested'. The excitement is undeniable. An invitation piques our curiosity and starts us imagining wonderful things. It doesn't really matter if it's Cinderella at the ball, a dinner at the White House, or a Tuesday morning coffee with a neighbour. We love being invited. Even if we can't attend, it feels good to have been invited.

Every friendship arises out of some kind of invitation. Inviting is active. Inviting says, 'I was thinking about you, and I'm requesting your presence'. Inviting says, 'I have made time for you and me to celebrate'. Inviting makes a hopeful promise of good times.

The party of friendship, you must bring a gift. You've been invited - remember? 'Your presence is requested'. It would be far easier to bring a kitchen gadget. C.S Lewis cautions us that we may act kindly, correctly, justly....and yet withhold the giving of ourselves, which is love. To offer a vulnerable nugget of your soul that has been mined from a deep, sometimes dark, place is more valuable than gold to your friend.

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I want to say how vital, even crucial, I believe it to be for us to band together with other believers in prayer. We are his children. We unite our hearts as a faith family, bringing our heart cries to him. Jesus modelled for us the role of group prayer support as he implored the disciples to help bear his burden and pray for him as he entered the Garden of Gethsemane. The early church met regularly together and to experience the growth of each person's faith in the company of one another. For us to bear one another's burdens requires sharing, requesting prayer support, and allowing ourselves to be vulnerable in each other's presence. In these ways we build one another up and further the work of the church. There's power in corporate prayer. Paul reminds us in Ephesians 6:18, 'Pray hard and long, Pray for your brothers and sisters. keep your eyes open. Keep each others spirits up. We need to pray together. God hears us all clearly as he hears the giants of faith.

May Calendar		
Thu 2		Healing service St. Wilfrid's 7.15pm
Sun 5	3rd after Easter White	St Wilfrids Family Service 9:00am St Michaels Holy Communion 10:30am*
Thurs 2nd	Evening Healing Service	St. Wilfrid's 7.15pm
Mon 6		Monday group 7:30pm
Sun 12	4th after Easter White	St Wilfrids Holy Communion 9:00am St Michaels Childrens Service 10:30am*
Mon 13		Monday group 7:30pm
Sun 19	5th after Easter White	St Wilfrids Family Service 9:00am St Michaels Communion by ext 10:30am*
Mon 20		Monday group 7:30pm
Tue 21		Dining club 5.30pm.
Sun 26	6th after Easter White	St Wilfrids Holy Communion 9:00am St Michaels Childrens service 10:30am*
Mon 27		Monday group 7:30pm
Thu 30	Ascension day	Service Methodist Chapel 7.00pm

\* There is a Sunday school also at 10:30am

12th May churches may not be available as major cycle ride taking place. Notices will advise.

True friends are hard to find.

They stick closer than family, and often know you better. They pray bigger things for you than you pray for yourself. They believe with you when your faith is weak. They make space for you when life falls apart, and they rejoice with you when all is well. Most importantly, true friends remind you in every encounter who and what is most important.

Daily Prayers throughout May:

Walk in the light of today and the hope of tomorrow.

1	Lord, uphold John & Frances in their ministry work throughout our parishes and bless them with good health throughout the year.
2	Bless all who come to Healing service this evening at St. Wilfrid's
3	Lord we pray you bless our family and friends with your love
4	Praying today for peace in our world especially in the Middle East.
5	Gracious Lord we pray for the homeless and those in poverty
6	Give us strength Lord to cope with all we may face in the future
7	Refresh us Blessed Lord when we feel tired, anxious or depressed
8	We give thanks and pray for all who give their time & service in our Churches, both inside and out
9	We give you thanks Lord God for being in control of our lives
10	Praying for those who mourn the loss of a loved one, grant them comfort in their grieving, help them in their despair to look forward with hope
11	Thank you Lord for our churches of St.Michael's and St. Wilfrid's, we pray for guidance and wisdom to help our churches to grow.
12	Praying for all who work tirelessly for the Emergency services
13	We pray for all who are sick in body, mind or spirit. Pray for healing
14	Remembering residents in Stewart Crt. Meadow Croft, Rowland Court and other dwellings for the elderly around our villages.
15	Let us pray for all children-that you will safeguard & guide them Lord
16	We give you thanks Gracious Lord for all your wonderful blessings
17	Praying for all the victims killed and injured in Sri Lanka, & New Zealand
18	Trust in our Lord and put all your worries to him in prayer
19	Let us pray for unity in family, church and community
20	We thank you Lord for walking by our side in good and bad times
21	Ask God to help you see the potential in every person you meet today
22	Lord help us to impart hope to those facing tough situations
23	Ask God to breathe His Spirit into every part of your life that feels broken
24	Pray that you would have the opportunity to help someone today
25	Today let us pray for those who feel discouraged in their faith
26	Pray for people who are struggling to deal with stress in their lives
27	Lord give us the vision and determination to use our skills for God
28	Lord give us patience and clam us when we get angry
29	Lord God we ask you to help us to have true humility
30	Praying for all families struggling to make ends meet.
31	Remember -God cares for You, and that will never change

COMING SOON..... Knit & Natter:

Hello Everyone - I am starting a group on the first Saturday of the month commencing in June in the 'Old Barn' in the grounds of St. Wilfrids from 10.00am - 12noon. Please come and join us to share skills and get to know each other. It can be knitting, sewing crocheting - whatever you fancy doing. The charge will be £2 to cover costs. Refreshments are available. I look forward to seeing you. Best wishes Odette.

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What Matters.

Jesus Christ is the atoning sacrifice for our sins, and not only for ours but also for the sins of the whole world. (1 John 2:2)  
When I am having trouble accepting my own failures and foibles, I am helped by focusing on some of the 'I am' statements of Jesus in the book of John. I find comfort in knowing that all my 'I am' statements, - I'm a failure, I am unworthy, I am a loser, I am tired are insignificant. What matters is what Jesus says He is.  
He is the Bread of Life, and if I come to him, I will not be hungry(6:35)  
He's the light of the world, and with him I'll never be in darkness(8:12)  
He is the Gate, and if I enter through him, I'll be saved. (10:9)  
He is the Good Shepherd who laid down his life for me, one of his sheep. (10:11)  
He is the Resurrection and the Life, and if I believe in him, I will never die(11:25)  
He is the Way, the truth and the Life, and through him I will get to the Father (14:6)  
He is the vine and I am the branch, and if I remain in him, I will bear much fruit.(15:5)

Now I ask you, is that some amazing truth or what?



Healed man through roof.

## Books of the Bible

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PETER  
EXODUS  
LUKE  
MARK  
REVELATION  
JONAH  
JOSHUA  
JUDGES  
PSALMS  
JEREMIAH  
LAMENTATIONS  
DANIEL  
NUMBERS  
GENESIS  
EZEKIEL  
JOB  
MATHEW  
JOHN

Play this puzzle online at : <http://thewordsearch.com/puzzle/87396/>

Memo from God. Reference Life:

I am God. Today I will be handling all of your problems. Please remember that I do not need your help.

If life happens to deliver a situation to you that you cannot handle, do not attempt to resolve it. Kindly put it in the SFGTD(something for God to do) box. It will be addressed in MY time, not yours. Once the matter is placed into the box, do not hold onto it.

If you find yourself stuck in traffic, don't despair. There are people in this world for whom driving is an unheard of privilege.

Should you have a bad day at work, think of the man who had been out of work for years, Should you despair over a relationship gone bad, think of the person who has never known what it's like to love and be loved in return. Should you grieve the passing of another weekend, think of the woman in dire straits, working twelve hours a day, seven days a week to feed her children. Should your car break down, leaving you miles away from assistance, think of the paraplegic who would love the opportunity to take that walk. Should you notice a new grey hair in the mirror, think of the cancer patient in chemotherapy who wishes she had hair to examine.

Should you find yourself at a loss and pondering what is life all about, asking what is my purpose? Be thankful. There are those who didn't live long enough to get the opportunity.

Should you find yourself the victim of other people's bitterness, ignorance, smallness or insecurities, remember, things could be worse...You could be them! Always remember ...'the greatest oak was once a little nut that held its ground.'

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### Tewkesbury Trip:

A Big THANK YOU to Denise for arranging our village coach trip to Tewkesbury which we all enjoyed. Weather was lovely, the old historic town was interesting. The Abbey was beautiful and we had chance to listen to music being rehearsed for that evening. The River walk was good. Shops and tearooms made it a delightful day. All very relaxing. It was a pleasure travelling through the lovely countryside - an added bonus.

## FOOTPRINTS IN THE SAND

One night I dreamed a dream, as I was walking along the beach with my Lord.

Across the dark sky flashed scenes from my life  
For each scene I noticed two sets of footprints in the sand.  
One belonging to me and one to my Lord.

After the last scene of my life flashed before me.

I looked back at the footprints in the sand.

I noticed that at many times along the path of my life,  
especially at the very lowest and saddest times,  
there was only one set of footprints.

This really troubled me, so I asked the Lord about it

'Lord, you said once I decided to follow you,

You'd walk with me all the way.

But I noticed during the saddest and the most troublesome  
times of my life, there was only one set of footprints.

I don't understand why, when I needed You the most, You would  
leave me'.

He whispered, 'My precious child, I love you and will never leave  
you

Never, ever, during your trials and testings.

When you saw only one set of footprints,

It was then that I carried you.'



you will be carried with me in the sand,