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## The Rector writes

Dear Friends

January can be quite a challenging month as people head back to work and school after some time away. Perhaps we have spent more than we normally do on presents and luxuries and the thoughts are anxious about the credit card bill that will be dropping its way through the letter box.

Sometimes there are determined resolutions as we buy gym memberships, put all the remaining chocolates and biscuits into the bin and declare this to be the year you are going to take yourself in hand. The days are still dark, the weather often cold and it's not all that tempting to put on the trainers and attempt to walk or jog off the excesses of the previous month.

There may be concerns also about the year to come. What will it bring to our families, our friends and indeed the world around us? Are there things we should do to build up our resilience, to enable us to cope? Are there skills we should learn to navigate our way more competently and cost effectively through life in 2025?

All of these are important and legitimate questions as a new year dawns. As I get older I try to gain a bit more perspective. The reality is that I'm unlikely to smash all the goals and resolutions I might try to set myself. That doesn't make me a failure or a bad person but it tells me something about the unrealistic expectations I often have of myself. Wanting to take more exercise or eat a healthier diet will not be a silver bullet for personal happiness and fulfilment but will have longer term benefits, not just for myself, but also for those who are close to me.

Very often I find myself praying at this time of year. I pray for wisdom in setting priorities for myself and the church I am privileged to lead. How can we radiate Christ's presence to those around us? How can I equip people to bring Him into their homes and workplaces and communities. How can I follow him more intentionally myself and forgive myself when I don't get these things right?

One of the things I have discovered is that success will not stem from my own efforts and endeavours. They can only carry me so far. What's much more likely to lead to success is a shared journey with others. If I want to grow closer to Jesus and live more completely and effectively for Him, it's good to have the company and companionship of a community who want the same thing. Someone else might come up with a great initiative we might all benefit from sharing in. Sometimes we need to do more. Sometimes we need to do less.

Sometimes we simply need to ask for some help if our pride will allow us to take that radical step.

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## From the Parish Registers

<b>Funerals</b>	<i>Jesus said: 'I am the Resurrection and the Life.'</i>	
25 <sup>th</sup> November	Paul Vowles	Stourbridge Crematorium
7 <sup>th</sup> December	Pamela Jones	St Mary's

### COVER PICTURE

A wintry St. Mary's  
Photo by Don Bannister

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<https://www.alveleyandquattchurches>. In an emergency please call  
Rev Jon Aldwinckle (01746 562159)  
For Alveley burial ground enquiries call Jenny Sirrell 07484806605

*(The Rector writes, continued from page 3)*

One of the things which I've been thinking about in December is how to connect with missing generations from the church. When we see fewer children and young people or adults in their 20s, 30s, and 40s, what might draw them back or invite them in for the very first time? Sometimes it's nothing more complicated than a personal invitation. Sometimes it's providing a venue and a safe space to talk about the things that are most important. Underlying it all is genuine heartfelt prayer that people might encounter Jesus.

We are looking at various possibilities in 2025 including a Men's Breakfast, Youth Group, enlarging our worship band (if you play a musical instrument and are interested please contact me) and enlarging our choir. Are you interested in attending an Alpha Course to find out more about Jesus? If so, please contact me. If you have ideas about connecting with people and creating that safe space whether in the church, Alveley Old Chapel or in alternative venues, please let me know.

May God be honoured and glorified in all we seek to do together in 2025. May I wish you a peaceful New Year.     *Rev Jon*

## **JANUARY SERVICES**

**Duty rotas for St. Mary's are on page 20.**

### **Sunday January 5**

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
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### **Wednesday Jan 8**

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
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### **Sunday January 12**

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Andrew's
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10.30 a.m.	Worship 4 All Ages	St. Mary's
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### **Sunday January 19**

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
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### **Wednesday January 22**

10.30 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
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### **Sunday January 26**

8.00 a.m.	Holy Communion	St. Mary's
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10.30 a.m.	20-20-20	St. Mary's
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4.00 p.m.	Teatime Praise	St. Andrew's
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*When you flee from temptation, be sure not to leave a forwarding address. - Anon*

## NEWS FROM ST. ANDREW'S, QUATT

Happy New Year to you all. I hope that it's going to be a healthy and happy one for us. As I get older I am beginning to realise that we cannot take anything for granted. Aching limbs and poorer health seem to take their toll - however there is always still a lot to be thankful for.

We are now very near to having our clock Autowinding system installed. An engineer has taken measurements and I am just awaiting confirmation of the date in January. I wonder how many people have climbed the steep ladder over the years to wind the clock?

The nasty storm last month wrecked the church sign and we are now looking to raise money for a new one. We have decided that a more substantial metal one will be more appropriate. We are also aiming to raise money toward a sound system this year.

Looking back over the last year we have enjoyed the chance to get together with our friends from St Mary's for meals in the Village Hall. It's good to catch up with each other and share a nice home cooked meal and I thank all of you who have supported us and special thanks to the hard working team behind the scenes.

Please do come and join us in 2025. Our service times remain the same - Holy Communion at 10.30am followed by refreshments on the 2nd Sunday of each month and Teatime Praise at 4pm starting with tea, cake and a chance to chat before the service on the 4th Sunday. We hold a United service when there is a 5th Sunday.

*Ann Lee*

### DUTY ROTA AT ST. ANDREW'S (ST. MARY'S ROTA IS ON PAGE 20)

Please let Ann know if you cannot be there. 01746 761138

Date	1st Reading	2nd reading	Intercessions
January 12th	Isaiah 43:1-7 Sara Douglas	Luke 3 :15-17, 21-22 Paula Tristham	Wendy Aldwinckle
January 26th	Luke 4 :14-21 Carole Hubbard		Ann Lee

*Looking back is fatal - look what happened to Lot's wife. - William J Locke*

## ALVELEY AND ROMSLEY PARISH COUNCIL

The next meeting of Alveley and Romsley Parish Council will be held on the 7th January in The Pavilion, starting at 7.30pm with Open Forum.

Open Forum is your opportunity to comment on agenda items or any other issue in the village of particular interest to you.

The agenda will be available on the notice boards nearer the time.

We look forward to seeing you there.

There are only four Parish Council meetings until the local elections in May.

Why not give some thought to joining us and standing for election?

*Isley Jakeman, Chairperson, Alveley and Romsley Parish Council.*

## FROM ST. MARY'S CHURCH - A HUGE THANK YOU

For all who helped and supported our Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December.

The imagination, time and effort put into the decoration of each tree was simply wonderful.

Thank you to all those who supported us donating crafts and jam making.

It was great to see so many people and to have a chat over a cuppa and a piece of cake and a huge bonus was that over £1,000 was raised for church funds.

Thank you once again.

*Wendy & St Marys Team*



## ALVELEY VILLAGE HALL

Fortunately, Storm Darragh didn't prevent The Christmas Market going ahead last month and the village hall committee would like to heartily thank everyone who came along and supported this event, and all the brave stall holders who displayed their wares so beautifully, not only unloading and packing away in the wind and the rain, but coping without any lighting when the power went off near the end. Over £700 was raised to help maintain and run the village hall. The tombola raised £172 and the raffle £188. Thanks from Stella and David for donated prizes. Money was also raised for village organisations and various charities including Alveley First Responders (big thanks to Kathryn Berrow) and for the Air Ambulance. Bryan Phipps of Alveley Strollers and Striders raised £100 with his games, and this will also be equally divided between those two charities.

Happy New Year to everyone. We would like to add some cheer to the cold dark winter evenings by inviting you to a light-hearted Arts Alive supported production, **An Evening of (Very) Old Radio on February 21<sup>st</sup> at 7.30 pm.** Comedian, broadcast historian and British Comedy Award-winning writer Paul Kerensa (*Miranda*, *Not going Out* and radio shows including *The Now Show*, *Dead Ringers* and *Pause for Thought*) presents this one-man 'stand-up history' show which both informs and entertains. Find out what the first broadcast music was, who was the first comedian, the first children's programme and the first drama. Hear about forgotten pioneers such as WW1 DJ Gertrude Donisthorpe. Who? you might ask. Tickets £10 can be obtained from Norma, 780478 or Una 780568 or from the Londis food store. Also available from [www.artsalive.co.uk](http://www.artsalive.co.uk). Tea, coffee and *sweet snacks* first produced in the 1930's will be available! More clues as to the identity of *the snacks* will be given in the February magazine.

*Norma Crabtree*

*Young Joseph was asked what he had learned in Sunday school. "Well, Mum, God sent Moses behind enemy lines on a rescue mission to lead the Israelites out of Egypt. When Moses got to the Red Sea, his engineers built a pontoon bridge, and all the people walked across it safely. Then Moses radioed headquarters to send bombers to blow up the bridge, and so all the Israelites were saved."*

*"Did your teacher really say that?!" asked his mother, somewhat alarmed.*

*"Well, no, Mum. But if I told it the way the teacher did, you'd never believe it!"*



## QUATT VILLAGE HALL

### **Sunday January 5th: Polaris The Snow Bear**

Age range: Family (children aged 5+) A new family Christmas show for all ages by Kate Bramley.

Polaris is a travelling bear and he is on the longest journey of his life, to find the great Mr. Hat-In-Burrow, a renowned human naturalist who, legend says, has the key to saving the Polar world. When he arrives unexpectedly by an iceberg in a small village in the North of England, he doesn't have the warm welcome he expected!

Many complicated and comedic adventures ensue as with the help of his reluctant young human sidekick they set out to try and put everything right in time for Christmas...

A tall tale for all ages, the young and the young at heart in this original festive tale from Kate Bramley and Badapple Theatre.

This project is part-funded by the UK Government through the UK Shared Prosperity Fund.

Starts at 2.30pm. Adults: £12.00 Children 14 years and under: £6.00.

Refreshments will be available to purchase.

To purchase your tickets please visit our Box Office at Quatt Farm Shop.

*Steph Hinton*

## **NEW YEAR RESOLUTIONS - THE BEGINNING?**

1<sup>st</sup> January was not always the start of a New Year. The Babylonians began their New Year on 23<sup>rd</sup> March. For them, it was a logical choice, as with the arrival of Spring, crops were being planted, and a new cycle of life was beginning.

For centuries the Romans agreed with them, but they chose 1<sup>st</sup> March for New Year. It is thought that it was the Romans who brought in the idea of making resolutions at New Year, mostly along the lines of acting more noble, and doing good to others.

Then in 46BC Julius Caesar changed the Roman Empire's calendar. His new Julian calendar realigned the year to the sun, and also began on 1<sup>st</sup> January. Caesar wanted to honour Janus, the two-faced god who looks backwards into the old year and forward into the new. January 1st didn't have any astronomical or agricultural significance, it was just a random date selected by Caesar.

## NEW LIFE NEPAL SUPPORT TRUST

As 2024 draws to an end and 2025 is just around the corner, it would seem to be a good moment to give an update on what has been happening in the recent past with the friends of New Life Nepal.

You may recall that we had a project underway to send funds raised by filling empty Smartie tubes with coins in order to pay for bicycles for the young people to use to travel to and from school. This is ongoing and has so far raised enough to buy about ten bicycles so if you want to continue helping do ask me for a box of Smarties which you get to eat before filling it with money.

There was also a project to knit scarves and/or hats/gloves to send for the children to wear. Two parcels were duly despatched containing all the many multicoloured scarves etc along with some boxes of Lego purchased by supporters in Thame, Oxfordshire. The boxes have arrived and everyone is delighted with the gifts.

There are now, we think, nine residents in the newly named Shikhar Hostel and we expect this number to gradually increase.

We are still looking for extra funding to allow one of the older girls, who has been at the orphanage most of her life, to continue her education at college beginning in May 2026. Also, we support several children living at home with scholarship funding through primary school. A few of these are coming to the end of the primary phase and support for the next level is more expensive. If you feel you could help with this do please contact me.

Finally, a huge thank you for reading this article and for all help received so far whether that is financial, knitting or, importantly, remembering the project in your prayers.

*Penny Jenkins*

*At the start of the New Year, my boyfriend had moved his house and job. I decided to ring him to see how he was settling in. To my astonishment, a woman picked up the phone. 'Is Mike there?' I asked.*

*'He's in the shower,' she responded, with some hesitation.*

*In the shower?! 'Please tell him his girlfriend called,' I said frostily, and hung up. When he didn't return the call, I got more and more angry, and finally dialled again. This time a man answered. 'This is Mike,' he said.*

*'You're not my boyfriend!' I exclaimed. 'I've got the wrong number.'*

*'I know,' he replied. 'That's what I've been trying to tell my wife for the past half-hour.'*

## ALVELEY LUNCHEON CLUB

When WI closed some people wished to keep in touch with each other and so decided to organise a luncheon club that would be open to everyone. Liz Bullas has booked the **Wheel at Worfield** for the first get together on **Thursday 30th January 2025 (12.00 for 12.30)**. If you are interested in joining the group would you please contact her on 01746 780486 before Wednesday 22nd January so that she can confirm numbers with the restaurant.

*Pamela Worton*

## SUSTAINABILITY

It's the perfect time to embrace fresh starts and make a positive impact on our planet. If you're ready to take action and lower your environmental footprint, here are some simple tips to kick off your journey!

**Reduce Waste:** Let's make this year the one where we tackle waste head-on! Start with easy swaps—say goodbye to single-use items like carrier bags (or keep reusing the ones you already have for as long as possible!), coffee cups, bottled water, and cling film. Together, we can #PreventPointlessPlastic! There are plenty of long-lasting alternatives out there just waiting for you.

**Think Beyond Recycling:** If you've not already done so, why not check out your local zero-waste shop, like 'Our Green Shop'? Opt for loose veggies instead of pre-packaged ones at the supermarket. Can you take your own containers to the takeaway? Choose to use more reusable utensils, straws, and other items. Every little choice counts!

**Go Local:** Support your community while being eco-friendly! Buying local not only reduces the environmental impact of shipping but also helps small independent businesses thrive. It's a win-win!

**Conserve Energy:** Start small—turn off appliances at the wall and switch off lights when you leave a room. Consider switching to an energy provider that offers 100% green energy. Every action adds up!

**Explore Nature:** Discover the beauty around you! With amazing spots like Severn Valley Country Park right on our doorstep, there's so much to see. You can even turn your garden into a wildlife haven! From bird feeders to bug hotels, there's a perfect option for every space and budget—even a window box can make a difference! Join local groups like Sustainable Bridgnorth to connect and do more with others who share your passion.

Wishing you a happy, healthy, safe and eco-friendly New Year! Let's make 2025 our best one yet!

*Kath Norgrove*

## A SIGN OF THE TIMES

If you fancy a drink and live in Alveley you currently have a choice of four places. The Three Horseshoes, The Royal Oak, The Squirrel and The Sports Club. The Alveley Sports Club was formerly The Working Men's Club. It is relatively modern but a sure sign that Alveley was once a mining community. However, if you had lived at the turn of the previous century (1900) you would have had eight places to choose from, all within fairly easy walking distance.

The furthest away was the RED LION on the way to Shatterford. It was first licensed in 1841 and became a popular eating out place before being sold then eventually closing, suffering a devastating fire and finally being demolished. It is now the site of a small group of houses, the only sign of its former existence being the clipped arch of hedge that used to be in front of the main door. Its name, which is the most popular pub name in England, comes from the time of James the first of England and sixth of Scotland (1566-1625) who ordered the Red Lion of Scotland to be displayed on all buildings of importance to signify their loyalty to the monarch.

There was also THE LION at Hampton Loade. First licensed in 1831 it is now a private house. The origin of its name is the same as the RED LION. The lion symbol is also seen on the shirts of the England football team and on many coats of arms and heraldic devices. We even had a king called Richard the Lionheart (1157-1199) at the time of the crusades.

THE THREE HORSESHOES at the top of the village is Shropshire's oldest pub, first licensed in 1406 and there must have been a blacksmith or farrier nearby. When a horse lost a shoe on the rough lanes or in the fields the smith would remove the three remaining worn shoes and give the horse four new ones. The game, similar to quoits, where 3 horseshoes are thrown at a peg in the ground is believed to have started in Roman times. THE BELL Public House opposite the church, now a private home, had its first licence in 1647. Most pubs called The Bell or Ring of Bells are near a church and get their name from the work bell in the church tower which sounded at 6am and 6pm to start and stop work in the fields OR from a curfew bell rung at 8pm to get people to go home OR a hand-bell rung by the landlord to indicate last orders OR of course from the church bells themselves. Before clocks and watches became widely available life was governed by bells. There was a beer house at the top of the village called THE NEW INN, first licensed in 1851 and owned by a Mrs Whiting of Pool Hall but it hasn't lasted as well as the others.

THE SQUIRREL got its first licence exactly 200 years ago in 1824. Before the days of cars two of the famous stage coaches, the 'L'Hirondelle' and the 'Hibernia' stopped there on their way from Worcester to Shrewsbury.

There is still a stone mounting step by the Inn sign in the car park. It gets its name from the squirrel on the armorial bearing (coat of arms) of a Miss Lee of Coton Hall who owned the property on which the pub was built.

THE ROYAL OAK got its licence in 1858 and its name comes from possibly the most famous story in English history. In 1649 Charles the first was beheaded and for the first and only time we became a Republic with Oliver Cromwell in charge. There were many battles between the supporters of Cromwell, called Roundheads and the Kings men called Cavaliers including a skirmish in the field right next to the pub. Eventually Charles the first's son, also Charles, lost the battle of Worcester in 1651 and then fled the battle field with some of his supporters. They rode through Ombersley, the outskirts of Kidderminster, up Sion Hill, through Kinver and on towards White Ladies Priory near Codsall. The following day he hid but as dusk fell, with a companion, he attempted to escape to the south and the safety of France. The King had his long hair cut, had to wear workman's clothes and tried to stoop as he was well over 6 foot tall. A Miller disturbed them at Evelith near Shifnal and they found enemy soldiers at Madeley when they tried to cross the River Severn. They returned and then hid at Boscobel house but when Roundheads came searching the following day they ran into the nearby forest and climbed into an oak tree. Food was passed up to them on the end of a long pole used for hooking apples or nuts out of trees. With another companion he eventually escaped and reached France. Unsurprisingly there are many pubs with the Royal Oak name in this area.

The final place is the FINGER INN in Birds Green. Now a private house it was first licensed about 1800. It is likely the name came from a finger post (Road sign) a few yards down the road pointing the way to Kidderminster in the south or Bridgnorth to the north. However! There is a road in Dawley, Telford called Finger Road which had a sign with 5 pointers or fingers. But, at the time of the Battle of Agincourt (1415) during the Hundred Years War there was a pub at this junction, run by a former longbowman who took part in the battle. It is believed that the French cut off the first two fingers of anyone captured to prevent them ever pulling a bowstring again and as an act of defiance any uncaptured bowmen would hold up two fingers giving rise to the origin of the 'V' sign. Apparently this pub landlord used the gesture frequently. There is one more possible explanation. The phrase 'St Peter's Finger' may refer to a term used to describe thieves who were thought to have fish hooks in their fingers and this may have originated from the legend that St Peter caught a fish with a gold coin in its mouth. So was the pub a den of thieves, a useful direction finder before maps or sat-navs, an Inn run by a Christian where you could get food and drink on your journey or where a landlord used rude gestures? Your guess is as good as mine.

*Roy, first licensed 1958, Page*

## FROM THE RECTORY WINDOW

As I write this, we are still in the season of Advent a time of preparation for the coming of Jesus our Saviour and looking out of the window it is a very grey wintry day and chilly too.

Everything seems black against the grey sky and after the recent winds it seems bleak and cold.

There are not many birds around tucked up I imagine in their warm leafy beds waiting for some sunshine so they can come out for a flutter and find some grubs and worms.

Sometimes we can feel bleak like the wintry day, especially if illness strikes when you least expect it or circumstances change at a moment's notice and you are left to pick up the pieces and carry on, not forgetting the impact on others too.

It is times like these that we look for hope and an answer to our problems or worries. We look for light in the darkness and light that will make us feel better and sustain us.

Firstly, we can find light in a practical sense which may be candlelight if the electricity is off or a favourite lamp where we sit with a cup of tea to read a book or the newspaper, I know that would definitely be my happy place.

I mentioned as I write we are in the season of Advent and by the time you are reading this we will have enjoyed Christmas not just for the sparkle, turkey and presents but for the birth of our Saviour Jesus who brought us all hope and light just by being born.

We are now in the season of Epiphany where the bible explains the wisemen wanted to worship and praise Jesus and brought with them a treasure chest of gifts.

So as we begin a New Year I wish you the gift of light and hope in your darkness which can be found in the love of Jesus.

From John's gospel Chapter 1 v. 4 & 5

"And his life brought light to everyone, The light shines in the darkness and the darkness can never extinguish it."

Wishing you a happy new year filled with hope and light.

*Wendy*

*The gyms have a special name for people who sign up in early January and then don't go: 'profit'.*



Our first film night of 2025 will be on Friday January 17th, in Alveley Village Hall, starting at 7.30pm. This month it will be a comedy from the 1980s - for more information please contact Carol Hatfield (780576) or Una Coombs (780568).

£5 to include tea/coffee and cake. We hope to see you.

*Ian Maddock*

### **ALVELEY TENNIS CLUB**

ALVELEY TENNIS CLUB would like to wish all our members a Happy New Year for 2025. If your New Year's Resolution is to Lose Weight, Get Fit and Healthy and enjoy a competitive sport in a friendly social atmosphere, come along to Alveley Tennis club on our FREE OPEN SESSION on SATURDAY JANUARY 18th, 2025 from 10am to 12 mid-day. We are looking to encourage adult members and non members.

You have an opportunity to play tennis on our All Weather Floodlit 3 Courts throughout the winter (Day or Evenings).

Reduced Membership for the Winter Season.

Practice area, Ball Machine, Dedicated Club House, Racquets available.

Coaching is available for members and non members.

Rusty Racquets available for adults who have never played or need some practice.

Junior Sessions and one to one Coaching..

Since 2022 Alveley Tennis Club has doubled its membership with lots of new members of all ages joining from Alveley , Bridgnorth , Kidderminster , Arley and surrounding districts.

#### **TENNIS SESSIONS**

MONDAYS (Gents) Evenings 7 - 9pm (Under Floodlights) .

TUESDAYS (Afternoons, Ladies and Gents 1 - 3pm (Often 12 people) .

THURSDAYS (Afternoons , Ladies and Gents) 2.30 to 4.30pm .

SATURDAYS (Morning , Ladies and Gents) 10-12 mid day .

For further information contact Roger Whitworth on 07946094488 or Jan Higgins(01746780259) or email [Jan.higgins@btinternet.com](mailto:Jan.higgins@btinternet.com)

*Brian Davies*

## MESSY CHURCH

Christmas arrived early at Messy Church with a Christmas party in the middle of Storm Darragh. Despite the windy weather and a few flickering lights, we had a great time making Christmas crafts – a nativity scene, party hats, advent mobiles and tree decorations.

We played the traditional party games of musical chairs and pass the parcel – everyone was a winner.

Rev Jon led the songs and praise, and showed us the story of Mary and Joseph's arrival in Bethlehem and the birth of Our Lord Jesus.

A fine party tea followed with lots of sandwiches, sausage rolls, cakes and, of course, jelly and ice cream.

Everyone received a gift as they left and we hope to welcome lots of children to our Christingle and crib services just before Christmas.

The next Messy Church will be on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> January, 2025, from 3-5pm. As always, all the children of Alveley and Quatt, and their families are welcome. We will be continuing the Christmas story as we look at Epiphany and the arrival of the three kings – I'm sure there will be lots of sparkly bits in the crafts!

*Alison Pearson*







(Messy church photos by Alison Pearson)


  
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150 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1875 Albert Schweitzer, German theologian, philosopher, physician, musicologist, writer and humanitarian, was born. He won the Nobel Peace Prize in 1952.

125 years ago, on 14<sup>th</sup> Jan 1900 the premiere of Italian composer Giacomo Puccini's opera *Tosca*, took place in Rome.

100 years ago, on 3<sup>rd</sup> Jan 1925 Benito Mussolini declared himself dictator of Italy.

80 years ago, on 16<sup>th</sup> Jan 1945 Adolf Hitler took up residence in the Fuhrerbunker, a subterranean bunker complex in the garden of the Reich Chancellery in Berlin. It became the headquarters of the Nazi regime, and he remained there for the rest of his life. He committed suicide there in April 1945.

80 years ago, on 27<sup>th</sup> Jan 1945 the Soviet Red Army liberated Auschwitz Concentration Camp in southern Poland. It was the largest Nazi concentration camp and at least 1.1 million prisoners died there.

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40 years ago, on 1<sup>st</sup> Jan 1985 the first mobile phone call in the UK was made by comedian Ernie Wise. He rang Vodafone's head office in Newbury from St Katherine's Docks in London.

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Date	1st Reading	2nd Reading	Intercessions	Chalice	Welcomers	Refreshments
January 5	Isaiah 60.1-6 Kirsty Ritzenthaler	Matthew 2.1-12 Fred Cooper	Penny Jenkins	Dale Chidwick Carol Wall	Diana Kennedy Carol Wall	Pat Bowyer Irene Orford
January 12	Luke 3.15-17,21-22 Alison Pearson				David & Jackie Hampson	Alison & Keith Pearson
January 19	Isaiah 62.1-5 Sue Chidwick	John 2.1-11 Ian Maddock	Benoit Ritzenthaler	Jackie Hampson Jenny Sirrell	Dale Chidwick Colin Taylor	Pat Haw Lynn Madden
January 26	Luke 4.14-21 Pauline Cooper				Fred & Pauline Cooper	Pat Haw, Jenny Sirrell, David & Jackie Hampson

## DIARY 2025

- January 4** Messy Church, St. Mary's, 3pm-5pm (p 16,17)  
4 parkrun, S.V.C.P., 9am (every Saturday)  
5 Polaris The Snow Bear, Quatt Village Hall, 2.0pm (p 9)  
6 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm  
7 Alveley & Romsley Parish Council & Open Forum, Pavilion 7.30pm (p 7)  
8 Nordic waking, S.V.C.P. (p 18)  
10 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm  
15 Nordic waking, S.V.C.P. (p 18)  
17 Alveley Entertainers' Film Night, Village Hall, 7.30pm (p15)  
18 Alveley Tennis Club Free Open Session, 10am-12 (p 15)  
20 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm  
21 Be Café, Old Chapel, 2pm-4pm (p 17)  
22 Nordic waking, S.V.C.P. (p 18)  
24 Chapel Crafters, Old Chapel, 10.30am-12.30pm  
24 Chat About Books, S.V.C.P. (P 18)  
30 Alveley Luncheon Club, Wheel at Worfield, 12 noon for 12.30pm (p 10)
- February 3** Alveley Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm  
17 Alveley Art Group, Village Hall 10am-1pm  
21 'An Evening of Very Old Radio', Alveley Village Hall, 7.30pm (p 8)





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## THE BACK PAGE

How the years roll on! Another year gone and here we are in 2025. It is incredible to think that it is a quarter of a century since January 1st 2000, when the main concern was the so-called 'Millenium bug'. a problem in the coding of computerized systems that was projected to create havoc in computers and computer networks around the world at the beginning of the year 2000.

Until the 1990s many computer programs were designed to abbreviate four-digit years as two digits in order to save memory space. These computers could recognize "98" as "1998" but would be unable to recognize "00" as "2000," perhaps interpreting it to mean 1900. Many feared that when the clocks struck midnight on January 1, 2000, many affected computers would be using an incorrect date and thus fail to operate properly unless the software was repaired or replaced before that date. Other computer programs that projected budgets or debts into the future could begin malfunctioning in 1999 when they made projections into 2000. Even before the dawn of 2000, it was feared that some computers might fail on September 9, 1999 (9/9/99), because early programmers often used a series of 9s to indicate the end of a program.

After more than a year of international alarm, feverish preparations and programming corrections, few major failures occurred in the transition from December 31, 1999, to January 1, 2000.

Going even further back than 2000, December 1978 marked our arrival in the village, 46 years ago. Our children were aged 9 and 7. Much water has passed under the bridge in the intervening years and our daughter is now a grandmother, making us great grandparents. There's another twist, too, for great granddaughter Zelda (don't ask!) is being baptised in Gloucester on the first Sunday in January. The christening will not be in their parish but the neighbouring one, where granddaughter-in-law was baptised and where one of the current ministry support team is the retired Rev. Michael Bennett. Some of you will remember that Michael was rector of Alveley and Quatt from 1985 to 1993 (the parishes having been joined in 1984). It's a small world.

I wish you all a happy new year, free of bugs, Millennium or otherwise.

*Ian*

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