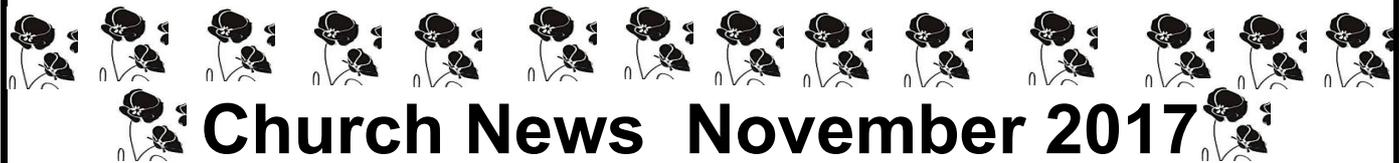


St. Leonard's Church, Frankley, B32 4BL



Church News November 2017

From Jacqui Jones:

It has been a busy and emotional few weeks as Richard & Lynn's time at Frankley drew to a close. Eighty two people attended and enjoyed the Quiz (!) night on 21st October, especially the excellent 'Bring and Share' buffet. Sally presented Lynn with a beautiful flower arrangement and Gavin Hart made a speech acknowledging all that Richard & Lynn have done for St. Leonard's during their nine year tenure and thanking them for this.

Their final service on 29th October was attended by 93 people, including local neighbours and clergy/representatives from the B45 churches. Revd. Claire Turner from St Chad's said a few words on behalf of the FLARRE group. Norman Hart spoke of all the good work Richard and Lynn had done over their time at St. Len's and wished them well for the future. Beryl Gibson phoned 'ship to shore' by mobile phone to bid them farewell!

They were presented with a gift box but were made to promise that they would not open it until they got inside their new house as it was 'full of Good Luck and God's blessings'. It also contained the £675 collected from St. Leonard's! Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Richard & Lynn were overwhelmed by the gift which will come in very handy for their new home. They are zig zagging the country at the moment between Burton, Frankley (collecting final bits and bobs from The Rectory) and Cornwall, so, their retirement has begun at a nice, gentle, relaxing pace!

Farewell and thank you so much, Richard & Lynn. God bless you both and your family.

Remembrance Sunday

A Prayer of Remembrance

Ever-living God,
We remember those whom you have gathered from the storm of war
into the peace of your presence;
may that same peace calm our fears,
bring justice to all peoples
and establish harmony among the nations,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.



At the going down of the sun and in the morning We will remember them.

Services to be led by visiting clergy during the vacancy:

11.15 a.m. FAMILY COMMUNION every week

5.00 p.m. EVENSONG *N.B. 3rd Sunday only during vacancy*

For the arranging of banns, baptisms or marriages at St. Leonard's, please come to St. Leonard's Church Hall on Wednesday evenings between 5.00 and 6.00 p.m.
Please note new time!

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

November 12th	11.15 a.m.	Remembrance Sunday
November 13th	2 p.m.	Friendship Group (Church Hall)
November 19th	5 p.m.	Evensong
November 25th	Noon til 3 pm	Christmas Fayre

(Volunteers to run stalls & donations of goods etc. needed please!)

N.B. Pat Bowyer would be grateful for any bottles and/or unwanted toiletry sets for the bottle stall at the Christmas fete, pretty please!

December 3rd	5 p.m.	Christingle Service
December 4th	Noon	Friendship Group Meal @ The Sun
December 24th	11.30 p.m.	Midnight Christmas Service

Note: No service on Christmas Day

PCC Members

Church Warden: Jacqui Jones **Vice Chair:** Norman Hart **Secretary:** Annette Grigg

Treasurer: Joy Greaves **Gift Aid Secretary & Health and Safety Officer:** Peter Razzell

Parish Safeguarding Officer: Joy Bardell

Jo Andrews, Beryl Gibson, Jenny Watkins, Martin Morton, Pat Billingham,
Rory O'Connor, Ioana Ocolisan, Caroline Gauder

Next meeting of the PCC is on Thursday 16th November 2017 at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

FRIENDSHIP GROUP Will meet in the Church Hall @ 2 pm 13th November 2017

Many of you will be delighted to know that The Friendship Group is to start up again! Jacqui & Pat Jelfs are to join forces with Beryl so this may continue at 2 pm on the second Sunday of every month, except for December, when it is replaced by the Christmas meal outing to The Sun at Romsley. Meetings will continue to take place in the Church Hall. Thanks, girls!

CHURCH FLOWERS

Pat Bowyer has kindly offered to take on the responsibility for the flower arrangements in church. Please put your name on the list at the back of the church, or, contact Pat if you would like to join the team who do so much to beautify our lovely church. If anyone would like flowers for a particular date to mark a special occasion, please contact Pat directly on 0121 453 9994 or 0796 4377840.

CHURCH CLEANING

More volunteers needed, please!

Hi Folks!

Times they are a changing at St. Leonard's , Frankley!

Richard & Lynn Have Left The Building! Jacqui Jones Now Rules St. Leonard's For Now!

After nine years service at St. Leonard's, Richard & Lynn drove off into the sunset over Burton Upon Trent at the end of a week of emotional events and services. Jacqui organised a quiz (!) night to bid them farewell and, thanks to Jacqui, her team and all those who contributed to the feast & entertainment, it was a very successful evening, enjoyed by all.

We wish Richard & Lynn well as they enter this new phase of their lives.... no doubt they will be almost as busy as ever while they 'knock' their new home & garden into shape, whenever family commitments allow! We pray that they enjoy a happy, healthy, fulfilling retirement.

Jacqui, as our only Church Warden, has now taken on even more administration work on top of being the main (only?) events organiser, chief cook & bottle washer and all round 'everything elser'! We need to help her as much as possible so she doesn't become overwhelmed by all her responsibilities. Thank you very much, Jacqui, for all your efforts on behalf of us all. May God grant you the strength and help you will need at this time and may He bless you abundantly.

Beryl Has Gone To Sea But Will Hopefully Be Back!

As she told us in the September Church News, Beryl has given up compiling/editing the Church News after donkeys years of slaving over a hot printing press! I do hope she is enjoying the last few days of her cruise with Ron and that they both return refreshed and full of beans. I hope Beryl will have the time and energy to spend her time on more relaxing hobbies now that she has chucked in her keyboard & editor's cap! I will do my best to continue with this project.

I aim to produce a Church News every month but only decided to do so last week, so this one has been produced in a bit of a rush, to say the least! Please bear with me as I've never tried anything like this before, have no publishing software and have absolutely no idea what I'm doing!

Jacqui will provide information about services, events etc. during the vacancy and I'll scramble around the internet etc. to try to come up with some interesting and/or amusing bits & pieces for you all. However, do feel free to chip in with your own contributions, which can either be emailed to me (jill-collins@blueyonder.co.uk) or left in church. You may wish to try texting or phoning my mobile: 07527867297. However, I am often unable to respond to phone calls but if you & leave a message, I will return your call as soon as I can. I will also gladly phone you back if you have to pay silly money to phone a mobile.

Unfortunately, I cannot work to the tight deadlines that Beryl somehow managed, so do please send any contributions before the 20th of the month.

Your feedback, good or bad, will also be welcomed, just please do not be too brutal while I am finding my feet!

In order to keep my costs down, I will endeavour to email a copy of each monthly edition to all whose email address is listed in the latest Church Directory. The Church News will be sent as an attachment for you to read and/or print at home. Anybody whose email address is not listed but wishes to have a copy emailed to them can send me a request to do so. Hopefully, a copy will also be available on the church's website: frankleychurch.co.uk.

Obviously, printed copies will be available for congregation members who are without access to a computer and/or printer.

Best wishes and God Bless you all.

Jill Collins

No information from our Registers this month due to lack of time, sorry!

EDGAR JEPSON. Just to let those of you know who haven't already heard, that, after caring for so many others, in so many ways, for so many years, my dear friend, Edgar, now needs help himself. He has recently moved to The Beeches Residential Care Home, Frankley Beeches Rd., B31 5NJ, after a short time in the QE Hospital. I know that many of you have been holding him in prayer & asked me to pass on love & best wishes to him... duly done! Edgar in turn sends his regards to all at St. Leonard's and thanks all who have sent cards and messages of love & support. He really does appreciate them.

As Pat Bowyer wrote in a recent email to me, "Give Edgar our love, he's a pillar of our church and deserves the respect and love of us all." How true! God Bless you, Edgar, and thank you for all you've done for our lovely church and its congregation for so many decades. We truly are indebted to you!

FAIRTRADE

Jenny and her helpers continue to stock this stall every 2nd or 3rd Sunday in the month. Please support Jenny's efforts to raise much needed funds for our beloved church. Thank you.

SHOE BOXES

Jacqui has sent off 32 shoe boxes but can still accept any stragglers! Another great effort.

BIBLE TRIVIA:

1. How many men did Nebuchadnezzar see walking in the fiery furnace?
2. What did Noah see in the sky?
3. "For whatsoever a man soweth, _____

4. What was the name of the prophet who was very hairy and wore a leather belt? _____
5. What was the name of the man who King David arranged to have killed because he wanted his wife? _____
6. The earth, seas, grass, herb yielding seed, and the tree yielding fruit were created on which day of creation? a. 2nd b. 3rd
c. 4th d. 5th
7. Name the man who kept some of the spoils after the battle of Jericho and brought punishment to Israel? _____
8. Who was hanged on a gallows fifty cubits (about 75 feet) high?

(Answers at foot of next page)

WHATS ON:

W.I. MEETINGS

These meetings take place in the Church Hall at 7.30 p.m. on the 3rd Wednesday of the month. All are welcome and feel free to bring a friend!

BOURNVILLE LUNCHTIME CONCERTS

[\(http://bournvillelunchtimeconcerts.org.uk/\)](http://bournvillelunchtimeconcerts.org.uk/)

Bournville Lunchtime Concerts take place regularly on Fridays in the [Friends Meeting House](#), 65 Linden Road, Birmingham B30 1JT. They start at 1pm and last between 30 and 40 minutes. A simple lunch of bread, soup and cheese is available from 12 noon.

The concerts feature a wide range of mainly classical music, including music for voice, piano, guitar, stringed and wind instruments, and the beautiful Harrison organ in the Meeting House. Some of our performers are professional musicians, others are music students.

November 3 Ksynia Loeffler (soprano) Jan Loeffler (piano)

Songs by Howells King David Barber a nun takes the veil; secrets of the old; sure on this shining night; nocturne Jonathan Dove all you who sleep tonight (cycle of thirteen short songs)

November 17 A very special organ recital, given by John Jenkin, an extremely fine exponent of the art of organ improvisation, which he will explain and demonstrate during the recital.

December 1 Ulrich Heinen (cello) John Humphreys (piano) Music by Bach, Beethoven, Webern and Schubert (Arpeggione sonata)

December 15 Allan Schiller (piano) Music by Chopin, Schumann and Beethoven (Waldstein sonata)

Admission Free – Retiring collection to cover performers' fees and expenses

Soup, bread and cheese lunch from 12.00 – 12.45.

**“Then hear from heaven their prayer and their plea, and uphold their cause.”
1 Kings 8:45**

BIBLE TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. 4 – Daniel 3:25;
2. A Rainbow - Genesis 9: 11-17
3. that shall he also reap” - Galatians 6:7
4. Elijah - 2 Kings 1:8
5. Uriah - 2 Samuel 11:2-17
6. b.3rd - Genesis 1:10-13
7. Achan - Joshua 7:1
8. Haman- Esther 7:9-10

Chuckles:

1. **The secret of a good sermon** is to have a good beginning and a good ending; and to have the two as close together as possible. *George Burns*
2. **At Sunday School** they were learning how God created everything, including human beings. Johnny was especially intent when the teacher told him how Eve was created out of one of Adam's ribs.
Later in the week his mother noticed him lying down as though he were ill, and said, "Johnny, what is the matter?"
Johnny responded, "I have pain in my side. I think I'm going to have a wife."
3. **It was Palm Sunday** but because of a sore throat, 5-year-old Johnny stayed home from church with a sitter. When the family returned home, they were carrying several palm fronds. Johnny asked them what they were for.
"People held them over Jesus' head as he walked by," his father told him.
"Wouldn't you know it," Johnny fumed, "the one Sunday I don't go and he shows up."
4. **An engineer dies** and reports to the Pearly Gates. Saint Peter checks his dossier and not seeing his name there, accidentally sends him to Hell. It doesn't take long before the engineer becomes rather dissatisfied with the level of comfort in Hell. He soon begins to design and build improvements. Shortly thereafter, Hell has air conditioning, flush toilets and escalators. Needless to say, the engineer is a pretty popular guy.
5. **One day**, God calls Satan and says: "So, how are things in Hell?"
Satan replies: "Hey, things are going great. We've got air conditioning, flush toilets, and escalators. And there's no telling what this engineer is going to come up with next."
"What!" God exclaims: "You've got an engineer? That's a mistake - he should never have been sent to Hell. Send him to me."
"Not a chance," Satan replies: "I like having an engineer on the staff, and I'm keeping him!"
God insists: "Send him back or I'll sue."
Satan laughs uproariously and answers: "Yeah, right. And where are you going to get a lawyer?"
6. **Several children found a dead robin.** Feeling that a proper burial should be performed, they secured a small box and some cotton batting, dug a hole in the back yard, and made ready to dispose of the deceased. The minister's 5-year-old son was chosen to say the prayer. And so with great dignity, he intoned, "Glory be to the Father...and unto the Son...and into the hole he goes."
7. **An inexperienced preacher** was to hold a graveside burial service at a pauper's cemetery for an indigent man with no family or friends. Not knowing where the cemetery was, he made several wrong turns and got lost. When he eventually arrived an hour late, the hearse was nowhere in sight, the backhoe was next to the open hole, and the workmen were sitting under a tree eating lunch.
The diligent young pastor went to the open grave and found the vault lid already in place. Feeling guilty because of his tardiness, he preached an impassioned and lengthy service, sending the deceased to the great beyond in style.
As he returned to his car, he overheard one of the workman say to the other, "I've been putting in septic tanks for twenty years and I ain't never seen anything like that."



ST. LEONARD'S CHURCH



CHURCH HILL, B32 4BL,
CHRISTMAS FAYRE
SATURDAY, 25TH NOVEMBER 2017
12 NOON to 3PM

Raffles, Refreshments

Stalls, Plants, Cakes, Crafts, Books/DVDs, White Elephant, Jewellery,
and more.

Please visit us and support a local historic church situated in beautiful
countryside near the rear of Bartley Green Reservoir. Free entry & car parking.



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