

# Roundabout



## Celebrating 30 Years!

**The Cotteridge Church  
Witnessing at the Heart of the Community**

**March 2019**

# Mike's message ...

## A grace filled Lent ...

One of my favourite poems is "Love bade me welcome" by George Herbert. Writing in the early 17th century, Herbert wrote poetry with ingenious use of imagery.

During Lent we'll be looking at the theme of Grace; - God's love that transforms us. We'll be using Victor Hugo's 'Les Miserables' as the background to our Lent meditations (previous knowledge of the book is not essential).

Lent meditations will be on Tuesdays at 11.00 am and Wednesdays at 7.00 pm in church.

Although written two hundred years after Herbert's "Love bade me welcome" there is the common theme of God's abundant welcome and our response. The poem is a dialogue between the character Love (God revealed in Christ) and ourselves. It speaks of God's acceptance of us even when we are unworthy. That is the Lent and Easter message, a love that is greater than our understanding, greater than our expectations, greater even than death itself.

Love bade me welcome, yet my soul drew back,  
Guilty of dust and sin.

But quick-ey'd Love, observing me grow slack  
From my first entrance in,

Drew nearer to me, sweetly questioning  
If I lack'd anything.

"A guest," I answer'd, "worthy to be here";  
Love said, "You shall be he."

"I, the unkind, the ungrateful? ah my dear,  
I cannot look on thee."

Love took my hand and smiling did reply,  
"Who made the eyes but I?"

"Truth, Lord, but I have marr'd them; let my shame  
Go where it doth deserve."

"And know you not," says Love, "who bore the blame?"  
"My dear, then I will serve."

"You must sit down," says Love, "and taste my meat."  
So I did sit and eat.

*George Herbert (1593 - 1633)*

May the grace of God transform our hearts and minds this Lent and Easter.



## Celebrations on Sundays 5th February 1989 - 3rd February 2019

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> February 1989 was a day I'll not forget in too much of a hurry as it was two days before our delayed honeymoon in Australia and we were busy packing for a month away visiting Melbourne, Adelaide and Sydney. It was of course a very important day for The Cotteridge Church as the years of talking, planning and rebuilding came to fruition as the three congregations came together formally and in one refurbished building. The service on that day was memorable, moving and significant for me. As a child of the Methodist Church in what was a Methodist building felt like coming home and now newly married to an Anglican; The Cotteridge Church was an ideal place for me to settle in. Exciting too to be involved at the start of something so original. What happened thirty years ago was ground breaking and a new and exciting idea and as with all birthdays something to be celebrated when a major number is achieved. But we mustn't sit back and be complacent about what happened in 1989. We have to look forward too.

On Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2019 Bishop Anne (The Rt. Revd. Anne Hollinghurst, Bishop of Aston) preached to a full church on the significance of light and celebrated how The Cotteridge Church shines like a beacon in the heart of Cotteridge. It was a moving, funny and uplifting service. We celebrated with cake (it wouldn't be a celebration without one of Celia's cakes) and an interesting exhibition of photographs from the archives made many of us squirm at hairstyles, clothes and eyewear of the late 80's. Many of the photographs can still be seen in the



Pennine Way. Mike made available the historic Registers of Births Deaths and Marriages which made fascinating viewing. However, it is sad to be reminded of folk with whom we no longer share fellowship and friendship but good to be reminded of them and of how far we've come.



The importance of the next 30 years and onwards is the thrust of the continuing celebrations over the coming year...and where **will** The Cotteridge Church be in 2049?

We have much to celebrate.

Lin Brown



iPM is a BBC4 radio programme on Saturday mornings which concentrates on messages from its listeners. Rita Sutton sent them a sentence which said “I’m 76 and I’ve just written a hymn which will be sung at my church”. It was broadcast!

Here is the hymn we sang! It is published!

Rita tells me it tracks our 30 years together, and looks forward to the future

**We had a vision** [*Tune Sagina*]

We had a vision many years ago  
to spread the love of Christ in a different way  
It meant upheaval and leap of faith  
but we knew that God would guide us there.

*Our dream came true, we’re here today  
to serve the Lord in our special way*

Seven days a week the love of Christ is shown  
New friends are often made in the strangest ways  
Each person finding the thing they need  
To young and old our mission clear.

*Our dream came true, we’re here today  
to serve the Lord in our special way*

Christ is our focus in the work we do  
To celebrate and serve with the gifts He gave  
Bold to proclaim our Saviour’s love  
And ready at all times to reconcile.

*Our dream came true, we’re here today  
to serve the Lord in our special way*

God’s work goes on, each has a part to play  
Our joy to follow him strengthens day by day  
Our inspiration the living Christ  
a servant, who shows the way ahead.

*Our dream goes on, our spirits raised  
to serve the Lord in our special ways.*

**And what about the next 30 years? Where is our next vision?**

**Where will The Cotteridge Church be in 2049?**

The statistics don’t look good. 30 years ago our congregation was a lot larger ... and younger! Many of our loyal members who came together in 1989 are no longer with us. Our Brigades and ‘Sunday School’ participation is not so numerous. Our choir is very small.

BUT, but, but ... The Cotteridge Church of 2019 contributes to our community in a way in which the membership of the three churches of 1981, when the original Local Ecumenical Project was first inaugurated, could not have imagined. We have a vibrant Messy Church. B30 Churches Together underpins the work of the B30 Foodbank, serving almost 200 people a week. Our Day Centre actively cares for

significant numbers of elderly people every day. Our coffee bar welcomes the local community for food and drink 6 days of the week. Saplings, Bumps & Babies and the summer Holiday Events open their doors to the children and carers of Cotteridge.

Worship has changed and moves on. We have one minister representing all 3 strands of our ecumenical life – a real triumph. We have a joint liturgy – sometimes. We have a Café Church. We have Life and Soul services. We have weekday services. Political Night Prayer challenges our thinking. We celebrate communion in many different ways – and no-one here bats an eyelid!

So, in the same way as we were in the forefront of ecumenicism in Birmingham 30 years ago, we must continue to have vision for the future. If those who were in the vanguard of change in 1989 had kept looking back, we would never have achieved the innovations that we have and we would be 3 tiny congregations struggling to maintain 3 old, cold and dangerous buildings – perhaps.

We have to look forward to change with the same enthusiasm that we did 30 years ago. Let's embrace ideas for a new building and new forms of worship. We have to plan for the uncertainty faced by our children and grandchildren, not wallow in the comfortable sepia glow of our grandparents.

Let's be the church that challenges Birmingham to be **more** ecumenical, to see fewer church divisions, to point out that our petty denominational differences are far, far less significant than what binds us together as a Christian community. It may be that the time has come again to knock down a few more walls and let the light shine in!

Helen Gale

**Pennine Way Trips - See Rita Sutton to book**  
**Monday March 18th** - Guide Dogs National Breeding Centre, near Leamington  
See the puppies in their kennels, view DVDs about the work done at the centre.

Depart 12.30 p.m., return 6.00 p.m. [approx]  
Ticket £10 [includes refreshments and a donation]  
A £5 N/R deposit is required.



**Tuesday April 9th** - Elgar's Birthplace and Gardens



With the Malvern Hills in the background, see the house, visitors' centre and exhibition. There is a café and shop too.

Depart 12.30 p.m., return 6.00 - 6.30 p.m. [approx]  
Ticket £16 A £6 N/R deposit is required

**Thursday May 16th** - Upton Boat Trip

A leisurely cruise on the River Severn with a delicious tea. Always popular, so book early!

Depart 12 noon, return 6.30 p.m. [approx]  
Ticket £25 [includes cruise and tea] A £10 N/R deposit is required.



## Memories of Madge



A few years after the dedication of The Cotteridge Church. Madge Wyer [Rita Sutton's mother] was asked to give her feelings about it. At the Stewardship supper, this is what she said.

In 1982 I proposed the motion to make St Agnes Church redundant. Afterwards I felt ashamed. Redundant! It's a word everyone fears - no longer wanted, no use. I even shed a tear. What had I done? St Agnes was my church, but then I thought again. It was too big, money was used



to heat it, and the roof needed so much repair. There was not much money left to do its proper work - with *people*. The Methodist church and the URC were thinking the same.

The meetings to bring us together were lively to say the least. I suppose, like other older members, I said to myself: "Oh, well, I shan't be here to see it all happen". How wrong I was! It was exciting, but we all had some doubts. The time in the "wilderness", especially at Cotteridge School, was chaotic. I remember so much noise with the chairs. Oh, and I never did claim for all my laddered tights! But we held on. We had a goal.

And then it happened. There we were, back where we belonged in the centre of Cotteridge - in a new building and with a new challenge - to see if three denominations really could work together as one church. Things were different, of course, but I feel at home here. The Pennine Way is a good place to sit and chat - and the Coffee Bar, - it really is the "in" place for a drink. A lady on the bus recommended it to me - "lovely cup of tea, fresh made, not expensive, and the people are ever so friendly. "Yes", I said proudly, "it's my church". However difficult it was at the start, all the caring and kindness and sharing and new friendships have helped to bring us closer together and much nearer the hearts and lives of the people of Cotteridge.

We've not only given Cotteridge a new, lively church - don't forget the sheltered housing at Cherry Tree Court [former URC] and the wonders of shopping at Kwiksave [former St Agnes] [now the Co-op]. Although I was sad at first, I think I can now stand up and say "Well, Madge, you did a good thing after all with your proposal"

In 1982 I took part in a moment of history - and I'm still taking part. My tears and fears have changed to smiles and laughter. I'm looking forward to the future, so...

Praise the Lord, and pass the bread pudding!

Rita Sutton

## Memories of 30 + years ago

Thirty years ago the Malvern Room needed redecorating. I knew a very small and very Irish odd job man called Gerry, who looked a bit like a leprechaun and rode a moped, but his crock of gold was in his heart. Using a hired ladder, and his paintbrush and roller he renovated all the paintwork in the Malvern Room, except for the vaulted ceiling above the main area. Even he could not do that without scaffolding. Apart from a bit of renovation where the plasterwork failed because of a water leak behind the organ, his work is still on show today.



When all three denominations first used the Methodist building - chosen because of its location, and building potentials, it had a sloping wooden parquet floor - to give all a better view of what was going on, and the chairs all had their back legs shortened to make the seats level. During the renovations the floor was levelled so that we could also use the hall for a variety of other things, and the floor we have now was laid atop of lots of little mushroom shaped domes on pillars of varying height, so

there is a wedge shaped space beneath us. After a while we discovered that there were rats living in this wedge shape, and Gerry volunteered to get rid of them. He took out a ventilation brick from the outside wall, and crawled through the open space, taking Rat Fixing Equipment with him, and successfully dispatched them, replacing the vent brick also. I have a sneaking suspicion there may be a few unwelcome visitors again now, but Gerry returned to Ireland years ago!



Celia Lester

## The most important person of the twentieth century

One of the nice things, I find, about the Christmas holidays is the number of magazine special editions that get published and the additional spare time available to read them. Whilst reading the '*New Scientist Christmas and new year special*', and did you know we may be descended from Belgium squirrels, I was brought up short by a photograph associated with an article about Scientific Denialism, the habit of disregarding with scientific theories that do not fit with our individual world view, the article itself was

interesting but what captivated me most was the slogan on the placard being held by a demonstrator in the photograph. *'I don't want you to think like me I just want you to think'*.

I am sure not many people think like me and I that makes me happy. It would be a very boring and uneventful place if everyone in the world thought the same way. It would also be a very stagnant place with no one pushing the boundaries of mathematics, science and art, just think if artists still painted as they did in the thirteenth century or even as our Neanderthal cousins did all those millennia ago; no Mona Lisa, no Guernica and no constructions by Joseph Cornell. What sad, grey and unfulfilled lives we would lead.

It was with those thoughts I opened the *'Prospect Magazine Mid-winter special'*. *'Political Magazine of the year'*. I usually find myself seething with outrage at many of the articles in Prospect. That's not right! I also find myself changing my mind about things whilst reading them. We all should be able to change even long cherished views when provided with strong evidence which disproves them. Amazingly, however, in the Christmas double issue I found three pieces that not only match my own thinking but strengthen it.

One was an article by Melvyn Bragg asking us to abandon referenda and to support parliamentary democracy, another was an excellent piece by Justin Welby on not disagreeing with people of opposing views, but debating with them in order to understand and forgive them. The third, however, brought me up dead in my tracks, an essay by Ray Monk on the person he thought was the most important of the twentieth century.

If you had asked me, and nobody did, who I thought was the most important person of the twentieth century before I read Monk's item I would have said Kurt Gödel, and here was Ray Monk agreeing with me. For those of you, and there cannot be many, who have never heard of Kurt Gödel (1906-1978) he was an Austrian mathematician and philosopher who, although contributing so much to both fields, made his lasting mark on mathematics and the world in general in 1930 when he unveiled his 'Incompleteness Theory' followed, only a few months later, by his proof of that theory. When I try and explain the Incompleteness Theory to anyone I have to simplify it, because my mathematics is just not good enough to do it justice. In essence the theory states that in an arithmetic system of finite axioms there are theorems that cannot be proved true or false. I could say, incorrectly, that this shows that arithmetic is uncertain.

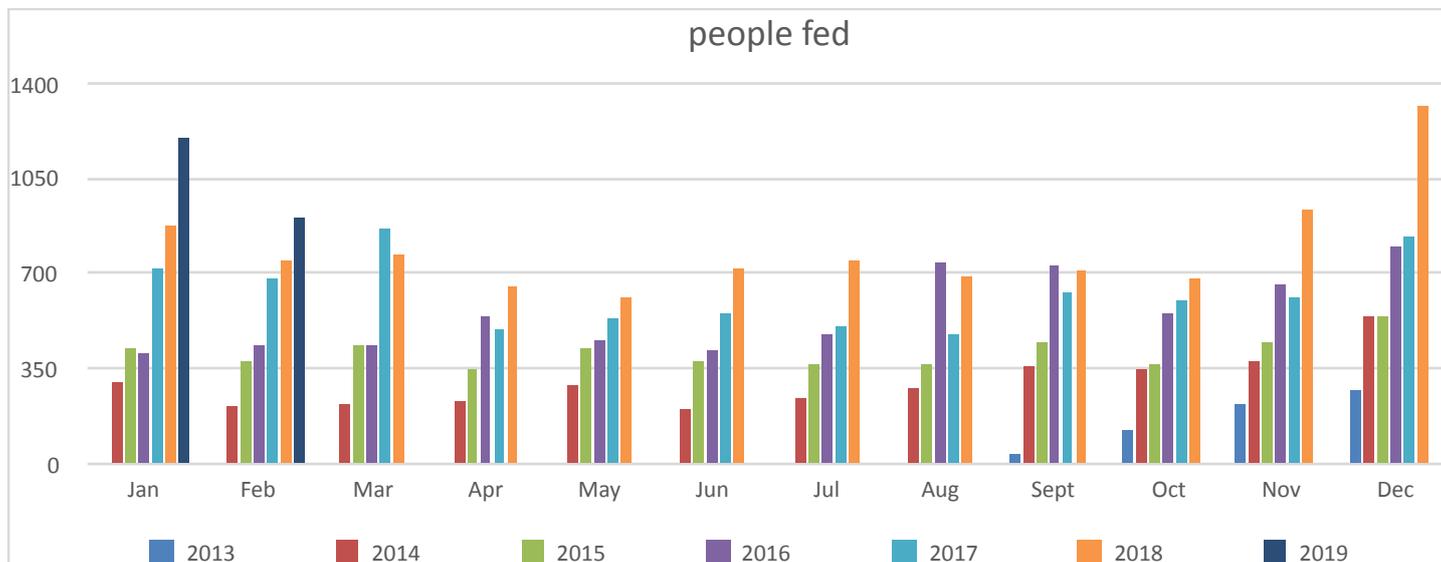
Gödel's theory, although pertaining to arithmetic, has been widely used in science, business and many other aspects of life. It also chimes with the statement in Mike Claridge's excellent *'message'* from November's *'Roundabout'*, where he states *'...the opposite of faith in certainty!'* One of my JCC colleagues has asked that we investigate other musical forms of worship as he believes that a more upbeat, but simple music is what prospective new worshipers are looking for and he may be right. I, however, think what new worshipers are looking for is something that The Cotteridge Church can never offer, Certainty!

Kurt Gödel died in Princeton, USA of malnutrition, after starving himself to death in the mistaken belief someone was trying to poison him.

Neil Walters

## 5 WEEKS IS TOO LONG

Since December 2018 B30foodbank has seen a phenomenal rise in the numbers of people coming to the foodbank



This graph illustrates the rise in the number of people as a result of the introduction of Universal Credit payments in Birmingham. A similar increase has been seen in other areas where universal credit has been introduced. December 2017 compared to December 2018 836 to 1315 people (57% increase) January 2018 to January 2019 874 to 1197(37% rise) and February 2018 to February to date 753 to 907 with 1 session to go. It is amazing that the increased numbers have seen a proportionate increase in donated food, and we are very grateful to our donors.

One in four UK families have less than £100 in savings and with the welfare state safety net almost non-existent the 5 week wait for Universal Credit is forcing families to use Food banks. For months the government has been saying that austerity has not caused an increase in foodbank use although Amber Rudd, the work and pensions secretary, has conceded that the rollout of universal credit has contributed to an increase in food bank use, More and more people are moving on to Universal Credit. None of them should need a food bank. But from the very start, everyone who applies has to wait at least five weeks for a first payment – some people are left waiting longer. This is leaving many without enough money to cover the basics. The Trussell Trust under which the B30foodbank operates has launched a petition which we hope you will sign in Five weeks is too long to wait for universal credit .We need to end the wait. Further details of the petition can be found here <https://action.trusselltrust.org/5weekstoolong>

## Church Day Centre.

Our Day Centre continues to flourish, with growing numbers as the need increases.

We are always grateful for offers of wool, jigsaws & craft work. Please see Chris Pascal, Alex Woodhouse, or Simon Paskin if you can help.



**CC Day Care**



**The Cotteridge Church  
Joint Church Council**

**Summary of Proceedings 20th December 2018**

**Dates for your Diary**

**The Cotteridge Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held  
on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Key Decisions**

- 1.It was agreed to adopt Rita Sutton's summary mission statement with minor modifications
- 2.It was agreed that Catering Services should have its own mission statement
- 3.A questionnaire to be sent to all leaving The Cotteridge Church was approved
- 4.The purchase of two combination locks, one for Reception and one for the Church office, was approved
- 5.The quote for extending the Wi-Fi to cover all rooms in the Church was accepted and work should begin a.s.a.p.
- 6.It was decided to the Sunday Forum should close in favour of publishing the names of Church Council members every month at the Sunday morning service with a suggestion that congregation members should approach them if they have any concerns
- 7.A process for obtaining DBS clearance for new trustees was approved
- 8.A Role Outline for Sunday Coffee Bar volunteers was agreed
- 9.A revised version of The Cotteridge Church Complaints Procedure was approved and signed into effect
- 10.It was agreed that the Building Steering Group (BSG) should investigate other possible Architects before spending any further money with APEC
- 11.Peter Childs was confirmed as the Chair of Finance and Property, replacing Jane Stephens who was standing down after over three years in the post

**Summary Proceedings**

- 1.A number of suggestions on how to use Primrose Garrow's legacy where discussed and actions to investigate the most favoured were taken
- 2.The previous actions taken to create role outlines for the officers of the Church where modified to review them as the outlines had already been drafted by the Safeguarding Team
- 3.David Pycock (Administrator) provided costs for using UK-Fast as a secure backup for Church files were given
- 4.Thanks, was given to Shirley for her bravery in disarming a man with a knife
- 5.The treasurer reported that even if Primrose Garrow's legacy and the monies for the Building Steering Group (BSG) were taken out the Church finances were still showing a surplus for the 2018 financial year
- 6.Thanks, was given to Lin Brown for her hard work on the Church Finances

The next meeting of the Joint Church Council will be on Tuesday 15<sup>th</sup> January 2019 at 19:30.

This Summary is authorised by:Neil Walters (Chair of the Cotteridge Church Joint Church Council)



**The Cotteridge Church**  
**Joint Church Council**  
**Summary of Proceedings 15th January 2019**

**Dates for your Diary**

**The Cotteridge Church Annual General Meeting (AGM) will be held  
on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April 2019**

**Key Decisions**

1. It was agreed to ask Keely to look for funding for a Youth Worker
2. It was agreed that we should nominate The Cotteridge Church as a Cross City Hero
3. It was agreed that two people would be allocated to review each JCC owned policy to perform a review
4. A 'Code of Good Practice' for running the JCC and Sub-committees was approved

**Summary Proceedings**

1. It was suggested that the role of a funded Youth Worker could be combined with that of Parish Safeguarding Co-ordinator
2. It was reported that combination locks had been purchased for the former reception room and Administrator office doors
3. The investigation of electronic access control to the church was passed to Finance and Property
4. The Administrator reported he had setup a secure area through the company UKFast to back-up the Church computer
5. The Chair said he had written a letter to Sue Clayton thanking her for the effort she has expended on Church safeguarding over the last two years
6. Thanks, was given to Lin and Laurie Brown for their work on the Church accounts
7. The Administrator reported that he expected to have work started on the WiFi extension at the start of February
8. Thanks were given to Alex Woodhouse and the Catering Staff for bringing Catering Service back into profit
9. Thanks were given to the team who cleaned the carpet in the Malvern Room

The next meeting of the Joint Church Council will be on Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 2019 at 19:30.

This Summary is authorised by: Neil Walters (Chair of the Cotteridge Church Joint Church Council)

## **Your Church and Your Community Needs YOU!**

The Cotteridge Church is a busy and ambitious Church with a longstanding and growing commitment to its local community. The Church does not run itself.



At last count we had had 268 volunteers (85 from Church congregation and 183 from the community) working in 559 voluntary positions. This is an impressive number of people working to run the Church day to day and support our calling to 'respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission'. We should all be grateful for the time and efforts of all those volunteers, perhaps with special thanks to the eight people who undertake more than 10 voluntary roles each!

**BUT WE NEED MORE HELP! We have vacancies in a huge range of areas and we have already had to rein back on some activities, with others under threat of closure if we cannot get enough volunteers.**

Whatever time you can give I can help to find a role for you – some roles are occasional, some are at weekends or in the evening, others are on weekdays, some roles can be done at a time you chose and mostly from home.

Whatever your strengths and whether you are a member of any of our congregations or of our wider community, I can help to find a role for you. We need people who like to work with others, those who prefer a more planning or administrative role, people to support all our forms of worship and practical people that can help with maintaining our building and garden, and more besides.

If this has made you think you can give more time to The Cotteridge Church, whether you already volunteer or not, please contact me to discuss what might work for you, or speak to any member of Joint Church Council.

Pam Waddell (Volunteering Promotion Co-ordinator)

[pam.waddell@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk](mailto:pam.waddell@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk), 0121 459 2396, 07766 206399 or via 'W' pigeon hole.

### **More Celebrations to come!**

As part of our 30<sup>th</sup> Celebration we intend to focus on The Elderly, both within our Church, and in the local community, during the month of August.

Please watch for more information.

Book the last weekend in September for a Celebration time, with a party on Sep 28th as we look forward to the challenges we will face, & be thankful for what has been.

## **The Cotteridge Church - Our Mission Statement**

*The calling of The Cotteridge Church is to respond to the Gospel of God's love in Christ and to live out its discipleship in worship and mission.*

We will do this through:

### **Our Mission Plan Inspiring Worship**

The Cotteridge Church seeks to be a place where God can be encountered and worshipped.

We will endeavour to ensure that our worship is inviting to all and inspires us in our faith and the action it calls us towards.

### **Radical Compassion**

The Cotteridge Church seeks to be a place of compassion where all may encounter love, regardless of race, faith, age, gender, sexuality, background or ability.

We will seek to ensure that our work and our building are welcoming, inclusive, safe and empowering and are suitably designed to meet the needs of our local area.

### **Social Justice**

The Cotteridge Church believes that all people are created in God's image and reveal something God's nature.

We will seek to be to be a prophetic voice to proclaim in word and deed the dignity of all.

### **Transforming Life**

The Cotteridge Church knows that lives can be transformed through encounter with God's love revealed in Jesus Christ.

We will seek to respond to God's love to us by loving others that their lives may be transformed.

### **Ecumenism**

The Cotteridge Church has ecumenism rooted at the heart of its very existence and its members represent the diversity of the Body of Christ

We will seek to encourage further the contact and understanding between the wide variety of Christian traditions locally and through our constituent denominations, nationally.

*The Cotteridge Church (February 2019)*

## **FAITHS FOR FUN EVENT 2019**

**Sun 10th March 2019, 1.30 - 5.30 p.m**

**11th glorious year**

**Hamstead Hall Academy, Craythorne Ave, Handsworth, B20 1HL**

Organised by Birmingham Scout Association in conjunction with Birmingham Council of Faiths



For all youngsters **aged 7 to 12 years** of different faiths, and none, to have FUN, get to know each other and learn something together about each others' faiths.

Youngsters can be dropped off at 1.30 & collected at 5.30. They will be supervised by trained adult leaders throughout the afternoon. On arrival, they will be registered & allocated to a multifaith team, supervised by a trained leader. The fun starts with joining in the parachute game & then they will be guided around 7 faith bases to carry out a fun activity and learn something about each faith.

**Bases** – Baha’i, Buddhist, Christian, Hindu, Muslim, Sikh, Jewish,  
Footsteps:Faiths for a low carbon future  
Refreshments at half time – special diets (Vegetarian, Kosher & Halal) catered for.  
Enjoy the campfire (simulated) at the end.

Certificate awarded to all participants (for Cub Scouts verifies 3 parts of World Faiths Badge)

Cost £2 per participant. Places allocated on first come first served basis.

Return registration forms as soon as possible to:-

Dr Peter Rookes, 61 Bunbury Road, Bournville, Birmingham, B31 2DS,  
e-mail [pjrookes@gmail.com](mailto:pjrookes@gmail.com) or text 077033 36088

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Birmingham Scout Association in conjunction with Birmingham Council of Faiths

**Faiths for Fun Event for youngsters aged 7 to 12 years**

Hamstead Hall Academy, Craythorne Ave, Handsworth, B20 1HL

**Sun 10<sup>th</sup> March 2019, 1.30- 5.30 p.m.**

**Individual Registration Form**

Name of Participant..... Age.....

Religion.....

Address.....

I give permission for ..... (name of child) to attend the above event, which will include learning about other faiths

Details of any health condition, disability, allergy & medication

I give permission for my child to be included in any photographs or videos of the event.

Emergency phone number .....mobile no. ....

e-mail.....

Signed.....(Parent)

Print Name.....

Notes

1. Please register by e-mailing or posting this form to Dr Peter Rookes at  
61, Bunbury Road, Bournville, Birmingham B31 2DS (Text/Phone 077033  
36088)

e-mail: [pjrookes@gmail.com](mailto:pjrookes@gmail.com)

2. Uniform groups e.g. (scouts, guides) should wear uniform, other youngsters should wear suitable clothing for

physical activities (e.g. tracksuits or sweat-shirt and trousers). All should wear trainers or sports shoes.

3. Participants should bring a drink and £2 entrance fee.

## COTTERIDGE CHURCH FUNDRAISING TEAM - REVIEW OF 2018

### Fund Raising Achievements in 2018 :

During the year, all the fund-raising activities of the Church (excluding the food bank fund raising team) have realised a total of £ 9,283.75, compared with £15,168.05 in 2017. This downturn is entirely due to lower Christian Aid collections (£8,603 in 2017) and nil donation from the CoCoMAD event (£1,000 in 2017).

Income		Beneficiaries			
Activity	£ raised	Internal	£	External	£
Christmas Fair	£1142.00	Church Funds	£2117.14	Christian Aid	£3500.00
Burns Night	£381.50	Youth	£501.83	Church Urban Fund	£93.69
Pancake Evening	£107.00	Day Centre	£817.19	St Mary's Hospice	£158.75
Easter Card Sales	£31.91	Garden	£294.69	MacMillan	£182.00
Easter Canisters	£239.96	Food Ministry	£213.00	Children in Need	£60.00
Garden Party	£294.69	Boys' Brigade	£704.00	Toilet-Twinning	£243.00
BB Quiz Night	£317.50	Saplings	£65.50	C 2 U	£93.00
BB Week	£704.00			Acorns Hospice	£239.96
Book Sales	£1505.50				
Bake Sales	£220.00				
Photo Competitions	£504.00				
Children in Need (Saplings)	£60.00				
Christian Aid Collections	£3500.00				
Church Urban Fund	£93.69				
MacMillan Coffee Morning	£182.00				
<b><u>TOTAL INCOME</u></b>	£9283.75		£4713.35		£4570.40

Precise details of donations from each event were given in the edition of Roundabout following the event.

**Outlook for 2019.** Once again the efforts of the few have delivered some amazing results and, whilst their dedication to the work of the church is recognised and appreciated, the team's effectiveness is limited by a lack of volunteers/helpers. We would welcome any newcomers on to the team to ensure this valuable work and source of income continues. Without more helpers our work will have to be reduced. Please contact Pam Waddell or Celia Lester if you would be willing to join us.

Also we would be interested to have any new ideas you have for fund raising activities. Please support us as much as you can.

Brian Pearson

# COTTERIDGE CHURCH BOOK CENTRE

# Lent and Easter 2019

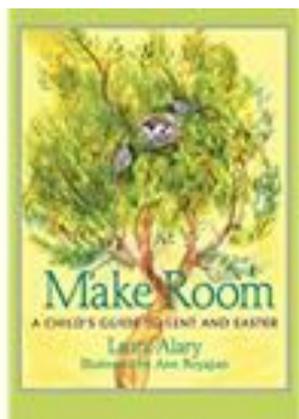
## Lent Course

## For children

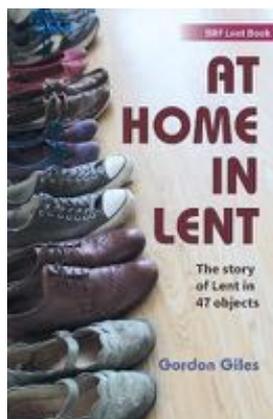
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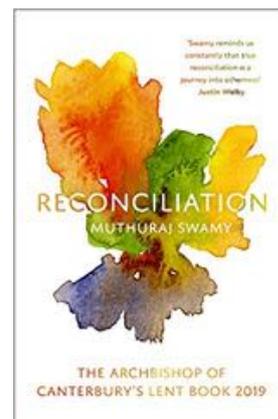
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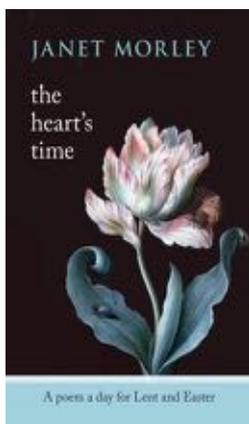
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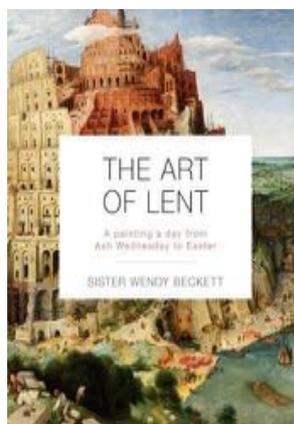
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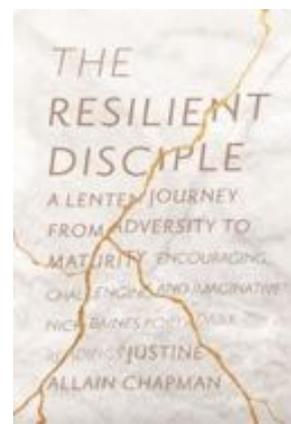
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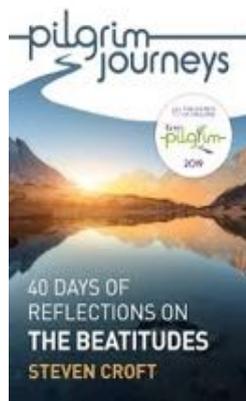
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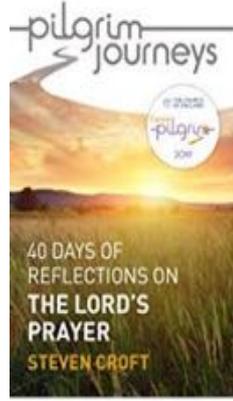
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## Services for March and April

	3rd March	10th March	17th March	24th March	31st March
9.00 am HC	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge	Revd M. Claridge
10:30 am	Revd M. Claridge P	Revd R. Collins HC	Mr J. Cooper	Revd Steve Faber HC	Life & Soul
6:30 pm	Political Night Prayer [7.30 pm]	Café Church	Revd Calvert HC	Mrs S. Knebel	Revd M. Claridge HC
	7th April	14th April	21st April	28th April	
9.00 am HC	Revd R. Collins	Revd R. Collins	Revd M. Claridge	Revd R. Collins	
10:30 am	Revd R. Collins P	Revd R. Collins HC	Revd M. Claridge	Revd L. Dixon HC	
6:30 pm	Mrs S. Knebel / Revd M. Claridge	Palm Sunday Choir	Revd R. Collins HC	Miss Hazel Nash	

**Service types:** HC - Holy Communion      P - Parade

**Communion Services** are held each week at 10.00 am on Tuesdays

Easter Services:

6th March	Ash Wednesday	7.00pm	Revd M. Claridge
18th April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm	Revd R. Collins
19th April	Good Friday	10.30am	Mrs S. Knebel
		7.30	Revd M. Claridge
20th April	Easter Eve	8.00pm	Revd R. Collins

### **TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP OPEN TO ALL**

Last year the two groups formerly known as the Tuesday Guild and The Women's Evening Fellowship joined together. We decided to meet on the 2nd and 4th Tuesday afternoon of each month but more importantly we decided we should be open to everyone male, female, young, old church member or not. Our meetings are a mixture of speakers and do it yourself afternoons when we read poetry or listen to music do quizzes or play games. The speakers we have often talk about their travels to far flung destinations or other interesting topics. So if you are free on the 2nd or 4th Tuesday in the month and feel like joining us you will be very welcome. All our meetings start at 2.15 p.m. in the Cotswold Room See Linda Mann or Hazel Nash for more information.

March:      12th - Favourite objects [ and why] 26th - Missionary tales from Hazel

April:      9th - Roger on Borneo      23rd - Easter with Donald Sampson

## **Saint Chad of Mercia.. ca 634 - 2 March 672 [Celebrated on 2nd March]**

St Chad was a prominent 7th century Anglo Saxon, who became abbot of several monasteries, and Bishop of the Northumbrians before becoming Bishop of the Mercians. Much of what we know about him comes from the writings of the Venerable Bede, who got his information from the monks of Lastingham [in the North Yorkshire Moors], where he and his brother Cedd were abbots. It is reasonable to suppose that Chad and his four brothers were drawn from Northumbrian nobility because of their close contact with the ruling classes there. Chad studied with Aidan at the monastery in Lindisfarne sometime before 651, thus following the teachings of St Columba of Iona.

King Wulfhere of Mercia requested a Bishop, and Archbishop Theodore recalled Chad from retirement at Lastingham. Bede writes that Theodore was impressed by Chad's humility, as he refused to ride a horse, insisting on walking everywhere.

Wulfhere donated land in Lichfield for Chad to build a monastery, as it was close to Watling Street, the main route across Mercia, and close to Mercia's main royal centre at Tamworth. He worked in Mercia for only two and a half years before his death, but his time there was decisive in Christianising Mercia.

St. Chad was known to have retired, from time to time, to the bottom of a small well where he could contemplate and "pray without ceasing." The people would say that they knew when St. Chad was in his well, "a light like that of the sun, would shine from the bottom of the well."

Chad's death story was clearly of supreme importance to Bede.

Owin, a novice monk under St. Chad's care, was working alone in the fields near Chad's residence, when he heard the sound of singing apparently descending from the sky to the rectory where the saint was praying. The angelic chanting could be heard for half an hour before returning heavenwards. Chad then summoned his monks and, after urging them to live good Christian lives and to continue in keeping the rules of monastic discipline, announced that he would soon die. When the other fathers had gone away, Owin returned to Chad and begged to know what the singing had been that he had heard. St. Chad replied that he had been visited by angelic hosts summoning him to heaven and that the angels would return in seven days to take him to heaven. He then commanded the young monk to tell no one of this until after his death.

St. Chad was quickly taken ill (probably by the plague) and on the seventh day (March 2, 672), he died.

He was buried at the Church of St Mary, which later became part of the Cathedral at Lichfield



## Bible Emergency Mini Directory

When in sorrow call John 14

When men fail you call Psalm 27

When you have sinned call Psalm 53

When you worry call Matthew 6 vv 19-34

When you are in danger call Psalm 91

When God seems far away call Psalm 139

When your faith needs stirring call Hebrews 11

When you are lonely and fearful call Psalm 23

When you grow bitter and critical call 1 Corinthians 13

When you feel down and out call Romans 8 vv 31-39

When you want peace and rest call Matthew 11 vv 25-30

When the world seems bigger than God call Psalm 90

When you want Christian assurance call Romans 8 vv 31-39

When you leave home for labour or travel call Psalm 121

When your prayers become narrow or selfish call Psalm 67

When you want courage for a task call Joshua 1

When you think of investments/returns call Mark 10

How to get along with fellows call Romans 12

For great invention/opportunity call Isaiah 55

For Paul's secret to happiness call Colossians 3 vv 12-17

For idea of Christianity call 1 Corinthians 5 vv 15-19

If you want to be fruitful call John 15

If your pocketbook is empty call Psalm 37

If you are losing confidence in people call 1 Corinthians 13

If people seem unkind call John 15

If discouraged about your work call Psalm 126

If you find the world growing small but you great call Psalm 19

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## Joint Church Council Meeting dates 2019

Month	Date	Papers by
March	Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March 2019	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> March 2019
Induction	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	N/A
April	Tuesday 30 <sup>th</sup> April 2019	Friday 19 <sup>th</sup> April 2010
May	Wednesday 15 <sup>th</sup> May 2019	Friday 3 <sup>rd</sup> May 2019
June	Thursday 20 <sup>th</sup> June 2019	Monday 10 <sup>th</sup> June 2019
July	Tuesday 16 <sup>th</sup> July 2019	Friday 5 <sup>th</sup> July 2019
September	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> September 2019	Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> September 2019
October	Thursday 17 <sup>th</sup> October 2019	Monday 7 <sup>th</sup> October 2019
November	Tuesday 19 <sup>th</sup> November 2019	Friday 8 <sup>th</sup> November 2019
December	Wednesday 18 <sup>th</sup> December 2019	Friday 7 <sup>th</sup> December 2019



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