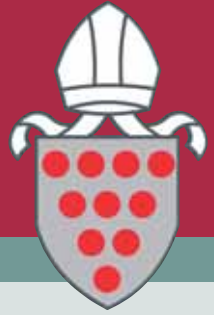


# WORCESTER Diocesan News



April 2009

## Every Christian has a vocation....What's yours?

Every Christian has a vocation! You are called to be faithful. But if you have considered how many opportunities there are to answer our Lord's call to faithfulness? Of course it's clear that some are called to ordination or to lay ministry but our mission can not hope to be accomplished without those who work out their faithfulness, their ministry in many different roles ...take the Churchwarden...

Normally the unsung hero, quietly facilitating the smooth running of the church, dedicated and, unpaid, a church warden is the lynch pin in many parishes. Val Houghton from Christ Church, Quarry Bank recounts her experiences as a Churchwarden.

'I came to realise that God was calling me to a greater role of service in the church but I was not certain what that role was, until it became plain that a second Churchwarden was needed in our church. It was a steep learning curve dealing with confidential matters and also having a role to play in working to unite the congregation. God gave me the strength to work through all of these issues. I chaired some very difficult PCC meetings and at times I experienced God using me to say His words; all to a good and peaceful effect.

I deal with baptism, wedding and funeral enquiries, preparation and services; chairing DCC and attending PCC and leading All Age Worship services once a month; the list is endless but I would not want anyone to think that I am doing it for personal praise, for I am simply doing what God has called me to do. Many folk have said they don't know how I cope with it all; the simple answer is that God has called me and is working through me.'



*What opportunities lie behind the door?*

Ray Mace from St Mary's Shrawley says, 'I don't think I ever realised what I was letting myself in for when I agreed to become a Churchwarden. It is sometimes said that the good Lord tried to manage twelve people and one of them went astray so who are we to believe we can manage even more, but church wardens do have to try!!

The key task that I and my fellow warden perceive is to ensure that the local community sees the activities of the church as essential to their lives. We aspire for everyone in our parish to be involved in some way in our church. From undertaking flower displays to maintaining the grounds, to ringing the bells, supporting our children and young people to helping man the car park at times of special events, playing an instrument, singing and donating a raffle prize.

As well as being responsive to those who need pastoral support, advice and an ear prepared to listen, we aim to encourage people to use the church for private prayer, for blessings and thanksgivings as well as for meetings, social gatherings and displays on the work of the parish, Benefice and Diocese. We believe that we can work with the local community to ensure a future for our church and our Faith'. Ray's description of life as a church warden is a joy and I will email it to anyone

who would like a copy.

If you would like to explore vocation then please do not hesitate to contact Ron Hesketh at the Old Palace on 01905 20537.

Bishop John has recently approved the appointment of Robert Sprake as Deputy Diocesan Registrar following the retirement from full-time practice at the end of January of Rob Alexander.

Many will already know Robert, who has worked as an assistant to Michael Hutchinson, Diocesan Registrar, since joining March & Edwards three years ago. Robert will continue with his commercial property work at March & Edwards, though much of his day will continue to be taken up with ecclesiastical matters.

Michael says 'I would like to express my gratitude to Rob Alexander for all his hard work as my Deputy since 1992 and to wish him well in his retirement. At the same time I am delighted that Robert Sprake has agreed to become my Deputy in succession to Rob.'



Robert says 'My journey in the Christian faith, like many, has been far from straight but after travelling for so long I genuinely feel called to the role I am now lucky enough to have. Being able to use what talents in the law I have been given for the Church is a wonderful opportunity, as well as a reward for the years of study.' Robert is a member of the PCC at St Luke's Headless Cross and Southcrest in Redditch and actively involved in projects there including a new development with our Methodist friends.

## New Chair of the Parsonages Committee

Rob Pearce is a Chartered Surveyor and has lived in Broadwas upon Teme since 1996. Most of his current work relates to advising owners and tenants of retail and business properties in relation to leases and the difficulties caused by the recession. He is one of the Churchwardens for the Parish of The Lower Teme Valley which has recently become part of the new Worcestershire West Rural Team.

In agreeing to become Chair of the Parsonages Policy Committee he hopes that he can use his property and business experience in the Committee role to help with the present day housing needs of the clergy within the ongoing financial constraints.

## Congratulations to...

To **Sue Amer** who was licensed to Kidderminster Deanery in February. Licensing a reader to a deanery rather than a particular parish is a 'first' for the Diocese of Worcester.

### Obituary

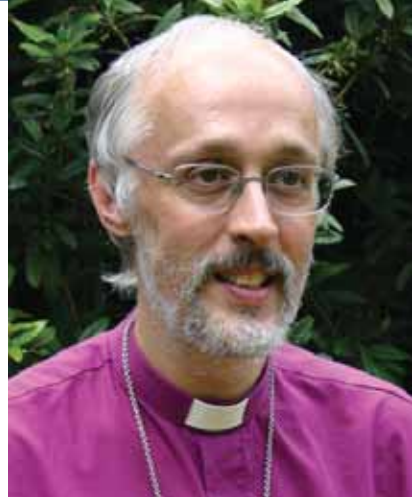
David Judd Copley was born in London in 1915. Returning home after serving in the Navy in World War II and being held as a POW he studied Modern History at Oxford and trained for the priesthood at Wycliffe Hall. A connection, via the POW camp, led him to serve his curacy at Oldswinford. He remained in the diocese of Worcester for the rest of his ministry, serving at Norton (Stourbridge), Romsley (1956-67) and Tardebigge, Webheath and Bentley (1967-81). He was also chaplain to Hewell Grange Borstal and Brockhill Remand Centre. David assisted as a retired priest in Romsley and in the Halas Team until 2003, when his health took a turn for the worse. He is fondly remembered by many people in the diocese for his dedication to his ministry and his delightful sense of humour - which lasted until the end!

# Holding on to your Job

The book of Job isn't the easiest read in the bible. Much of it is taken up with the detailed demolition of theological positions that could and should be refuted more quickly and succinctly. But behind the lengthy speeches (which require more patience to read them than ever Job had) lies an amazing story. It is the tale of a man who, though God stands by whilst everything is ripped away from him, never lets go of God. Job argues, he complains, he demands his right to be heard by God, but he never curses him or disowns him. At the end of the book, though destitute, sick and alone. Job experiences God in a new and deeper way than he has ever known before. Plucked from the gates of death Job is not only restored to his former status but surpasses it. It's the nearest the Old Testament comes to an Easter experience.

On that first Good Friday, though mocked, deserted, and hung up to die, Jesus too holds firmly onto God – even when he can no longer sense God holding on to him. Jesus' story is greater than Job's. God brings back Jesus not from the gates of death but from the far side of them. And whilst Job's rehabilitation benefited him alone, the resurrection of Jesus contains the promise of yours and mine.

These are powerful stories at any time; they have particular added dimension when we read and enact them in a time of recession. Like Job we are confronted with the fact that God's goodness is not related to our own material blessings. We are called to hold on to God, and hold on more tightly, the tougher things get. The



stories of Job and of Easter remind us that, even when everything looks desperate, God is still there - and still there for us.

St Francis famously told his friends and followers that 'perfect joy' lies not in things going well but in our not being broken or corrupted when they go desperately badly. The current recession is not God's punishment for human greed, but it is the inevitable consequence of it. For some the pain and damage will be deep and lasting. And those who will be hurt the most and the longest will mostly be drawn from the ranks of the least privileged. During this period the church, will work, as it always has in the past, to alleviate such suffering as it can and to sustain both individuals and communities. We will be helped in doing so by our holding on to the story of Job and the story of Easter – the stories of the God who is working his redemption and his resurrection within us.

*Bishop David*

# Suffer the little children

2009 is the 30th anniversary of the United Nations' International Year of the Child. Churches around the country are marking 2009 by adopting it as a year of celebration of children and childhood. It is an opportunity to review our work with children and young people, celebrate their contribution to the life of the Church and wider society and challenge the Church to fresh vision and expression, inspired by the spirit of the child.

Our own diocese has produced a document called 'Looking to the Future', which encourages a focus on worship and its development within parishes. It is crucial that their position within the worshipping life of the church is considered. If children are to be nurtured and encouraged in their own faith then they need to be actively involved and engaged within the liturgy. This gives rise to particular challenges within eucharistic worship and we have a range of resources and ideas to promote and support this engagement.

We are excited to have a new Diocesan Children's Officer, Emma Pettifer, who has been appointed to work with churches across Worcestershire and Dudley, supporting the huge number of children who live and worship in our parishes.

Emma comes to Worcester from the Diocese of London, where she has spent the last eight years working as a Children's Worker in three different churches, in both London and Winchester. In these parishes

she was responsible for growing the children's churches and youth groups (in one church the youth group grew from 6 – 64 people in four years under Emma's leadership), setting up support networks for children and young people and running training courses.

Director of Education, the Revd David Morphy, said: 'We are delighted that Emma has joined us, she brings much enthusiasm and commitment for effective work with children. I'm sure parishes will soon find her an invaluable friend and help with their work.'



*Emma Pettifer – Children's Officer*

Emma says "I've always felt that I wanted to help children and help others get to know God." Emma will work with all parishes to help them to provide activities and worship suitable for the under 12 age group and will also organise events centrally for children across the

diocese. She will be focussing on supporting parishes in improving the quality and the impact of their children's work.

All parishes within the diocese are encouraged to engage with the process of working towards the drawing up of a parish policy for working with children. The department for Children, Youth and Education offers support to all parishes endeavouring to do this, in the form of training courses, resources or parish visits. Don't hesitate to get in touch if you would like to receive some help during this special year of celebrations of the spirit of the child.

# Have you got faith in your work?

All sorts of issues can arise in the course of our work, from the pressures of work to problems in relationships with colleagues or managers, to issues of employment rights and fairness in the workplace.

Industrial Chaplains have considerable experience of helping people deal with such issues, being prepared to listen in confidence and work with those they meet to understand the issues involved and what might be done. In the current climate they are more in demand than ever.

In the Diocese of Worcester we are fortunate to have two ecumenical organisations which are able to support industry, commerce and people

elsewhere and there are more vacant lots, window shoppers, redundancies and bargain hunters. In smaller towns there is anxiety about whether some of the national chains will stay and in other smaller places a number of independent retailers have disappeared.

Job Centres are much busier and unemployment in Worcestershire increased by nearly 20% in December 2008. Dudley has followed the national trend with the jobless total in the West Midlands up from 170,000 to 204,000 in December. It has got much worse in the New Year. Although Worcestershire still has below the national level of unemployment Dudley, like the region, has a record number of redundancies and job vacancies are at a new low.

Falling car sales are affecting many companies in the West Midlands supply chain. Many jobs have been lost in construction and retailing. Black Country Urban Industrial Mission and Faith at Work in Worcestershire have issued a leaflet entitled 'Lost your job?' containing advice on surviving redundancy. It can be downloaded at [www.bcuim.co.uk](http://www.bcuim.co.uk) and [www.faithatwork.org.uk](http://www.faithatwork.org.uk) Chaplains from these organisations support people in workplaces where they visit and are available to help and advise clergy and churches.

Yet there is hope. Worcester Bosch (which makes 'green' heating systems) wants to move to a new site securing 1150 jobs for the City and creating 1,000 more. Doncaster Castings (making turbine blades) in Droitwich are expanding, creating many more jobs. This is one area where the future lies – tackling global warming and in high technology. The good news for the region is a £750 million Government plan to revamp Longbridge with 10,000 new jobs on the site which bridges Birmingham and North Worcestershire.

In these difficult times, the people behind the statistics need encouragement and support. If you would like to become involved in this challenging form of faith in the economy, please contact Revd Phillip Jones for FWW on 01905 755037 or Revd Christine Browne on 01384 261026 for BCUIM. **You** really could make a difference!

in the work place – Faith at Work in Worcestershire and the Black Country Urban Industrial Mission. As well as regularly visiting workplaces, both work in the areas of local economic development, faith and work and unemployment. BCUIM also has project work in economic regeneration and offers an annual induction course for clergy new to the Black Country. Chaplains from both teams aim to get alongside people in the workplace and bring a Christian perspective to the world of work, and endeavour to help others – clergy and lay – address economic and social issues.

Unemployment has passed two million and there is much gloom around about the recession. So how are Worcestershire and Dudley faring?

At Merry Hill, the recession is taking its toll as



# Worcester Cathedral

**Services Daily** (except Wednesday):  
7.30am Matins, 8am Holy Communion,  
5.30pm Evensong (except Thursday when  
Evening Prayer is said).

Tuesday: 1.05pm Prayers for Healing.  
Wednesday: 8am Matins, 8.30am Holy  
Communion, 1.05pm Holy Communion: Friday  
11.30am Holy Communion.

## Sunday Services

7.30am Matins and 8am Holy Communion,  
10.30am The Cathedral Eucharist,  
4pm Evensong, 6.30pm Compline.

Contact the Chapter Office on 01905 732900,  
or email: [info@worcestercathedral.org.uk](mailto:info@worcestercathedral.org.uk)  
for further information

Details of all events and services can be  
found at [www.worcestercathedral.co.uk](http://www.worcestercathedral.co.uk) or  
telephone: 01905 732900.

## Easter Services

### **Maundy Thursday – 9 April**

11.00am Diocesan Chrism Eucharist  
5.30pm Evening Prayer  
7.30pm Sung Eucharist & Watch of the Passion

### **Good Friday – 10 April**

7.30am Matins & Litany  
10.00am Children's Service  
12 noon Good Friday Devotion  
2.00pm Liturgy of Good Friday  
5.30pm Evening Prayer

### **Easter Eve – Saturday 11 April**

5.30pm Evening Prayer  
8.30pm Easter Vigil & First Eucharist of Easter

### **Easter Day – Sunday 12 April**

10.30am Cathedral Eucharist  
4.00pm Choral Evensong  
6.30pm Music and Readings

## Events at the Cathedral

### **20 March-19 April**

#### **EXHIBITION-BALD STATEMENTS**

Dean's Chapel

**Friday 1 May – 7.30pm** – concert by ESO Symphony Orchestra. Bliss Fanfares, Elgar Cockaigne Overture, Finzi Let us Garlands Bring, Vaughan Williams Job – A Masque for Dancing. Conductor– Laura Jellicoe, Baritone – Michael George. Tickets £30 – £5 from ESO Box Office – 01386 791044

**Saturday 2 May – 6.30pm** – Organ Recital by Christopher Allsop, Assistant Organist of Worcester Cathedral. Tickets £10 – pay on the door.

## Events at Holland House

**11 April** – Easter Vigil

**23 April** – Quiet Garden Day led by Revd Peter Chapman

**15 -17 May** – 'Praying the Way' – Numbers for this now limited

**21 May** – Quiet Garden Day Led by Christine Collins

Back by popular demand – Revd **Mark Townsend** will be leading 'The Gospel of Falling Down' retreat 3 to 4 August – This is a retreat based on his best-selling book of the same title.

**Music 4 Life** – Young person's song writing workshop Sat 18 July.

Experts will help you write your own song, record it on CD and then perform it for family and friends - 9.30am to 5.45pm £7.50 per person including lunch and a personal copy of the CD

**Joint Friend's Summer Eve 10 June** at Holland House – An evening for the Friends of Holland House and the Cathedral

Contact The Revd Ian Spencer on 01386 860330

# What's On

## **Good Friday Pilgrimage - 10 April 2009**

Walkers can accompany any of the three Crosses to the top of Bredon Hill from:

The Cross at Kemerton at 1pm, Woollas Hall Farm, Eckington at 1.45pm

Lychgate, Elmley Castle at 1.15pm, or maybe take your own route and pace to the top for 2.45pm when there will be a 20-minute service. (See page Diary)

## **'More Churches in and around Worcestershire' - a new course for 2009 with Tim Bridges.**

Come and find out about the history, architecture, fittings and social history of some more of our parish churches.

This new course will run from 23 April to 25 June and will include 8 Thursday evening visits and a whole day on Saturday 13 June. Enrolment will take place on the first evening which will be on Thursday 23 April at 7.30pm in Elmbridge Village Hall. More information: Sylvia Clift on 01299 851266.

## **Advance Notices**

### **Step into stillness - Thursday 14th May**

Take a day off the treadmill and join us at St Nicholas Church, Pinvin, for a time of reflection. Choose from a mixture of items to read or bring your own, silent activity is also on offer. Enjoy a simple lunch and unlimited teas and coffees. Full details from Philip 01386 552375 or Nigel 01386 553190 or email dakin@hushmail.com

**Sunday Afternoon Organ Music by Paul Carr** at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley. Admission free. Retiring collection. Further details www.paulcarr.co.uk

**Sunday 5 April 2009** at 3pm Mendel Symphony Widor: Symphony VII in A minor

**Sunday 3 May 2009** at 3pm Mendelssohn's 200th Anniversary: Organ Sonata no 3 in A

and works by Whitlock, Vieme and Buxtehude

**Sunday 7th June 2009** at 3pm Music for Trinity Sunday including J.S. Bach: 'St Anne' Prelude and Fugue in E flat

**Gardens Open at Little Malvern** Little Malvern Court gardens open Monday 4 May, 2-5 p.m. 10 acres of spring bulbs, flowering shrubs, water-garden, ponds, Severn Valley views. Teas, plants, bookstall, flowers & music in Little Malvern Priory. Admission: £4.50, children 50p, under-5s free. Proceeds National Gardens Scheme & Priory.

### **Hallow Church Flower Festival**

May 2, 3r & 4, 2009. Open 10am till dusk Saturday and Monday Sunday 12noon till 5pm  
"SAINTS & SINNERS" Programmes £3.00

**West Mercia Police Band** in concert on Saturday 9 May at 7.30pm at St Philip & St James Church, Hallow. £7.50 to include a glass of wine and nibbles.  
For tickets contact Vivien Moore 01905 640355.

### **Helen Barrett - The Lady Loves Jazz**

In association with Shindig, at St. Luke's Church, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch, Worcs, B97 4JX on Friday 15 May at 7.30pm.

A concert by Helen Barrett, who has been singing and performing professionally for over ten years and was one of the first graduates of Paul McCartney's Performing Arts School; LIPA, in Liverpool, UK. www.helenbarrett.co.uk  
Tickets £8 - Concessions £7 - Family Ticket £18,  
\*Concessions: Under 16 & over 60's - \* Family Ticket: Two adults and two children under 16. Advance tickets available from 1 April. More information: 01527 65845. Tickets will also be available on the door.

## **Head for the Hills for Hospice**

Hundreds of walkers of all ages are expected to dig out their walking boots and join the 25th annual Malvern Hills Walk for St Richard's Hospice on Saturday, 16th May, 2009.

Last year over 500 people took part in this family fun day raising over £30,000 towards the hospice work for patients and families with cancer and other life-threatening illnesses. Organisers hope this year's Silver Anniversary event will prove to be just as popular.

Keen walkers can stride out on the 5 or 11 mile routes and there is also a 2 mile stroll so that all ages and fitness levels are catered for. Individuals, families, and groups are all welcome.

To walk for St Richard's or for more information please contact the fundraising team on 01905 763963 or download the registration form at [www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk](http://www.strichards.org.uk/malvernwalk)

## **Church Missionary Society (Worcester Association)**

Open invitation to next meeting will be held on Tuesday 19 May 2009 at 7.30pm with a simple 'bring & share' supper at 9pm. Location: St Nicholas Church, Droitwich, WR9 8JE. Title: 'Mission on our Doorstep': Speakers: Pall & Joy Singh talking about their outreach work in Birmingham. More information: 01905 453616 or 01684 892117.

## **Festival of Music and Flowers at St Mary's Church, Longdon**

In celebration of the 10th anniversary of St Mary's Choir the following events are taking place: 27-28 June Flower Festival, 28 June - 11.15am Family Worship Celebration

4 July - 7.30pm Thomas Trotter in Concert, Organ recital with choral items from St Mary's Choir, Enquiries: [wendythom@gmail.com](mailto:wendythom@gmail.com) Tel: 01684 833152

**8th April** (Wednesday of Holy Week) "The Passion" a Concert by John Gerightly at St John's Church, Brockmoor. 7pm for 7.30 start. Admission free. further details from Garth Nathaniel 01384-263327.

## **Diocesan Holy Land Pilgrimage led by Bishop John**

30 April to 10 May 2010 - in the steps of Jesus around beautiful Galilee, Jerusalem, the Holy City of three religions - visit Masada-desert fortress and 'last stand', relax floating in the Dead Sea, daily worship at the sacred sites. Sunday worship with Arab Anglicans. More information: Canon Mel Smith at the Old Palace, Deansway or visit the Diocesan Website.

**Church Textiles - conservation or new.** NADFAS Volunteers are willing to undertake projects under Conservator's guidance. More information: 07989 463859

## **Organist Required**

St Michael's Dines Green, Worcester require an organist. More information: Revd Robin Charles: 01905 749995.

## **Director of Music required at St Thomas Parish Church, Stourbridge, West Midlands**

Enquiries should be made to: Revd Ron Curtis, St Thomas's Vicarage, 34 South Road, Stourbridge, West Midlands, DY8 3YB. Tel. 01384 392401 email [revd.ron@btinternet.com](mailto:revd.ron@btinternet.com) www.st-thomas-stourbridge.co.uk. Applications by 30th April 2009

## **All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove seeks Organist and Choir Trainer**

Applications are invited from experienced organists and students. Classical tracker action two manual Tamburini organ and Allen two manual drawstop organ. Sung eucharist but all age worship once monthly. Two evening services per month. Weekly choir practice. Festivals, baptisms, weddings and funerals. Traditional and modern repertoire. Remuneration by arrangement plus wedding and funeral fees. More information: M E Carrick 01527 873135 [mike.carrick@zen.co.uk](mailto:mike.carrick@zen.co.uk)

## **Julian Meetings**

From small beginnings in Norwich 1973 Julian Meetings has grown to become a worldwide movement. The aim is to help people into contemplation - St Stephen's Church, Droitwich Road, Worcester. Contact Canon Stuart Currie: 01905 452169, email [sw.currie@virgin.net](mailto:sw.currie@virgin.net). All welcome.

**Thursdays at 1pm in church:** 7 May, 2 July, 1 October, 3 December  
**Wednesdays at 7.30pm 13 Penbury St:** 8 April, 3 June, 2 September, 4 November.

# APRIL DIARY

## 20 March-19 April

### Exhibition- Bald Statements

in the Dean's Chapel.

**2 Lunch Box at Great Malvern Priory** - George Chesterton talks about his new book "Also Flew", a memoir of the war years. 1pm. BYO lunch from 12.30pm. Coffee/Tea available. More information: 01684 561020.

**2 Worcester Diocesan Assembly – Forward in Faith.** Mass at 7.30pm at St Peter's Church, Crabbs Cross.

**2 Robin Sharples – story-teller** - "Floris et Blanchefleur" at St Peter's Church, Powick at 7.30pm. Tickets: £6.50 to include light refreshments. More information: Robin: 01531 630215, Peter Gedge: 01905 831089 or Sally Gurney: 01905 830756 - for The Friends of St Peter's.

**4 Handel's Messiah** - The Elgar Chorale with the ESO Chamber Ensemble at Pershore Abbey at 7.30pm.

**4 Regeneration Project Fundraising Concert** by Langley Brass Band. 7.30 pm at Holy Trinity Church, Old Hill. Tickets £6 or £20 for a family ticket (admits 4) can be purchased from the church during Open Door (9 am-1pm every week day) or from Stephen Bradley (Event Coordinator) on 07766980445.

**5 Sunday Afternoon Organ Music by Paul Carr** at Holy Trinity Parish Church, Wordsley. Admission free. Retiring collection. Further details [www.paulcarr.co.uk](http://www.paulcarr.co.uk). Organ Symphony Widor: Symphony VII in A minor

**8 Julian Meetings** (see page 7)

**8 (Wednesday of Holy Week) "The Passion"** a Concert by John Gerighty at St John's Church, Brockmoor. 7 for 7.30pm start. Admission free. More information: Garth Nathaniel 01384-263327.

**10 2009 Concerts at 7.30pm Great Witley Church (Good Friday) Bellini String Quartet** performs the Seven Last Words of Jesus Christ – Haydn.

**10 Good Friday** at 1.45, church members of all denominations from most of the churches all around and in sight of Bredon Hill join the United Procession of Witness up Bredon Hill. Pershore churches & others start at Woollas Hall, between Eckington & Great Comberton: At 2.45 there will be a United Service on Bredon Hill summit.

**11 Cream teas at St Kenelm's Church, Clifton-upon-Teme** 2.30-5pm. Come along and enjoy a delicious cream tea. The church will be decorated for Easter.

**14 The Priory Singers of Newport, Wales** retiring collection – contact Tel: 01905 426998 or 01299 896608

**19 Organ recital at St Augustine, Holly Hall** – as part of a fundraising campaign to raise £30,000 to restore the historic Nicholson Festival Organ. 3pm. More information: [www.organrecitals.com](http://www.organrecitals.com) or [www.achurchnearyou.com/holly-hall-dudley-st-augustine](http://www.achurchnearyou.com/holly-hall-dudley-st-augustine). (Other recitals will be held on the third Sunday of every month – check website before travelling).

## 24 April–2 May: 15th Annual Art Exhibition

**at All Saints' Church, Bromsgrove** Mon–Sat 10–4pm, Sunday 11.30–4pm. More information: Tony Turpin: 01527 86649 or [anthony.turpin@btinternet.com](mailto:anthony.turpin@btinternet.com) for entry forms.

**25 Concert** by The Silurian Consort at Pershore Abbey at 7.30pm.

**25 Elektron 09 at St. Luke's Church**, Evesham Road, Headless Cross, Redditch, Worcs, B97 4JX at 7.30pm. Tickets on the door £6. More information: [www.virb.com/elektron](http://www.virb.com/elektron) or Peter Tedstone: 01527 66465.

**28 Great Malvern Priory Organ Recital** by Peter Irving (Solihull School). 12 noon. Retiring collection. Works by Elgar, Vierne, Bonnet, Whitlock and Stanley. Details: [www.malvernprioryorgan.org.uk](http://www.malvernprioryorgan.org.uk)

**29 April to 3 May - Hagley Music Festival** at St John's Church, Hagley. Full programme and booking details from Mercian Travel in Hagley Village or 01562 84216.

**30 30th Worcester Diocesan Church House Trust Annual General Meeting** at the Old Palace at 6pm, followed by supper and a talk by Bishop John.

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