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Welcome to July

And we'd like to start with a huge thank you to our lovely gentleman Steve Colella for his work as Chairman of Hagley Parish Council for the last 14 years. He will be stepping down but taking on the position of Vice Chairman whilst also continuing with his other roles - please see his update on page 23.

It's great to hear of the achievements of our younger folk especially after such a tough year. For a really heartening read head over to page 27 for Haybridge High School's report of what they have been up to - it's all good!

Our interview this month is with Jo Gregory of Lifecentral Church for Hagley - it's a really interesting piece about the valuable role this church plays in our community, from litter picks to Covid support to fabulous family services and so much more. Definitely well worth a read.

We are delighted to see that so many of our local clubs and societies are hopeful to start re-opening and welcoming their members back into their fold, encouraging new ones to join them also. You can clearly read their excitement in the reports throughout - we wish them all the best.

Tower Captain Richard of St Johns Church, Hagley is keen to set up a bell ringing holiday club for young people. This is a fab idea for an organised activity for children during the school holidays - and who doesn't just love the beautiful sound of our church bells. See page 42 for more info and contact details.

On a final note - we hope you enjoy our cover photograph. We thought it was most fitting with this month's theme of dragonflies. These fascinating creatures are often seen in July. They hatch in water where they live as nymphs for about a year or so. After emerging they only live for a month - flying for most of the day each day at incredibly fast speeds. You may be fortunate enough to see one this month - and if it lands on your head then it means good luck!

Catch up with you all again next month - and in the meantime we hope you're touched by a dragonfly.

Alison Akers Editor

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A thank you from Betty

Betty just wanted to thank you for the article in last month's Hagley News and also to ask if you could include a thank-you to all of those who sent her cards, flowers, best wishes etc.

Betty had a lovely birthday with nearly 50 cards (Happy Families wondered why they had a rush on 100 cards!), lots of flowers, balloons and presents. On the day she was able to go to the Free Church and catch up with friends as it was their first day of meeting in person.

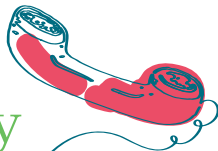
Later a lot of friends and neighbours met in the street to sing happy birthday to Betty and six of us then had an afternoon birthday tea in a friend's garden. We were so lucky with the weather.



Handy Person

Hagley Community Association are looking for a 'handy person' to help maintain the Community Centre and be part of the volunteer Committee who manage the building and its use.

Please contact Annette (secretary) minits@hagleyvillage.org for further details



Hagley HELPLINE

As you are aware the helpline has been unable to operate due to the Covid-19 virus restrictions.

However in May the Committee will be reviewing the situation regarding Covid and will let clients know when the Helpline Service hopes to restart.

In the meantime, we hope that you will all continue to stay safe and keep well.

'Step Back In Time' features section

We are on the lookout for more old memories from the lovely folks of Hagley

If you have any photos from years gone by that you would like to submit for future inclusion please forward to editor@hagleyvillage.org

Please supply your name and any information about the image i.e. location, date etc



Hagley Historical & Field Society

Fanny Davis

This photograph shows Fanny Davis with her parents, unfortunately the photograph is undated, but the clothing they wear could give some clues. Fanny's high neckline, the pleats on the skirts and the neat, unfussy hairstyles indicate a fashionable style for the 1880s.

Fanny became headmistress at the old Infant School in Bromsgrove Road, Hagley and continued in that post for 15 years.

She married William Griffiths Wooldridge, the Hagley blacksmith, in 1877. The 1891 census shows her employed as a schoolmistress aged 30 and the 1901 census shows her age as 40 with no occupation. This was because she had retired at age 38 in 1899 because of ill health.

Upon retirement Fanny was presented with a timepiece, a purse of gold and a water colour painting of Hagley Views by Lady Cobham, the rector William Cobham Gibbs, Mrs Gibbs, Miss Ellen Lucy Grazebrook and Miss Williams.

William and Fanny had a son Gilbert who was born in 1891. Gilbert later married Doris and she kindly donated this photograph of her mother-in-law and grandparents-in-law.

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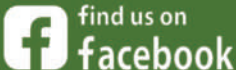
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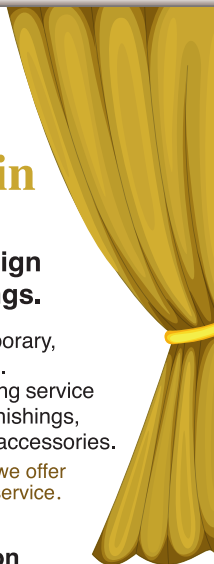
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Interview

Ten minutes in the company of Jo Gregory - LifeCentral Church

Welcome to this month's article, this is the first of a series of intended interviews with the three Hagley Churches. I've chosen to interview representatives from the churches as they play an important part in our community. I begin with Jo Gregory Location Paster for Hagley and started by asking her to describe the church and its activities.

Jo began by explaining her role in the church. "I'm responsible for looking after the Hagley Congregation and Hagley core Leaders, organising the Services, speakers and events.

The main church hub is in Halesowen with branches here, Rowley and Durres Albania. We first established our base here in 2017 with services being held at Haybridge High School and followed a strategy of growth aimed at developing multiple sites and increasing congregations and volunteers."

"We operate with a core team of leaders and a team of community volunteers. We're keen to establish a community within a community. We love Hagley; it has a great community to be a part of and we aim to 'Help People to Find and Follow Jesus'" Jo added.

From supporting the Hagley Christmas event I'm very aware of the role Churches play in the wider community that people aren't aware of. I asked Jo to highlight a few of the volunteer work that they do.

"We do a lot, including litter picks, looking after the Jubilee Garden and have painted the benches in the playing fields. During the Covid lockdowns we supported vulnerable and elderly residents by fetching prescriptions, helped with shopping and general essential errands. These relationships have continued outside lockdown, and we run a 'befriending service' where we keep in touch with our friends."

I asked what regular embedded services LifeCentral now provide. "Just before Lockdown we began to hold 'multi-generation' Tea Dances whereby we invite all age groups aimed at bringing together people of all ages. We hope to start that again ASAP. We also run 'Little Treasures - Parent and Toddler groups' followed by a drop-in 'Communi-Tea' session where all are welcome to meet and chat. We also donate a Santa and Elves to the event and support with its organising and last year's 'Virtually the same' Christmas video. We've adopted the community Hall and run as many of our activities as possible from there. "

I asked how Jo would describe the services. "They're a relaxed approach but they're equally a lively and vibrant family service and are held in the community centre, Sunday's starting at 10:00 am. We don't duck any topics or any everyday life issues and hold teaching topics as we want to help people in their everyday lives. Pre-Covid we had congregations of between 80-90 so we don't know if we'll return to those numbers later this summer or it might take time again to get people's confidence back to join large gatherings. We've been holding services online and so have reached thousands of people virtually."

Interview by **Steve Colella**



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A huge 'Bravo' to the leaders in Hagley Ramblers Scout Group. Over the past year, they have managed and adapted to what we all know were extremely difficult circumstances. Their commitment and versatility has been remarkable and a fantastic example of scouting principles in action. These spectacular individuals undertake their scouting roles on a voluntary basis, they have busy jobs, hectic family lives and still find that extra time to give to the wider community. Words can't really describe the value they add to people's lives but I hope you will join me in thanking them for what they do for us.

We are now back to face to face scouting although not quite as we know it. The amount of time that it now takes to prepare for meetings has lengthened considerably

due to the risk assessment approval process. Although risk assessments have always been part of scouting we now have to do additional Covid Location Risk Assessments.

As always, if any parents/carers would like to join us as volunteers we will welcome you with open arms. No prior experience is necessary and full training is provided. It's lovely to be involved in something that is all about giving and having a positive impact on the world – the more the merrier!!

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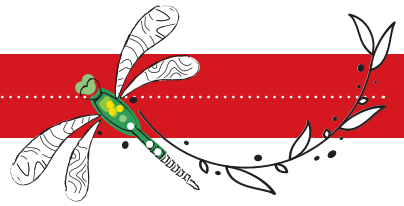
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fantastic team of volunteers that keep Girl Guiding so active in Hagley Village. If you would like to join our friendly fun team and give something back to the community, please contact rachel.hagelyrangers@gmail.com you will be well supported, and training is available for all volunteers, so no experience is necessary.

Rachel Coton



Hagley Gardeners Club

At the time of going to press we are STILL looking for a Chair (or joint Chair) so if you can help, please don't be shy, just let me know!

Some thoughts from John Oakes, a past Chair of the club – HIGH SUMMER. There is a good mood in the air. By the end of June, we will hopefully be back to some kind of normality, and life returning to normal. Garden visits, NGS opening gardens and no restrictions on National Trust Properties.

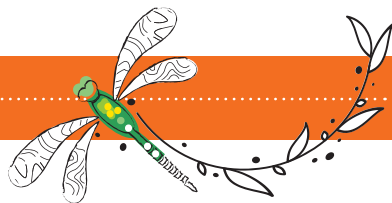
After a bad start to the year, warm dry March, a freezing, windy and wet end to April, even May was not much better, but with a little warmth your garden will now be looking at its very best and will probably have reached its peak for the year, although many star attractions are yet to perform. All your early planting will be paying dividends. So too the vegetable garden with salads. The scent from roses, sweet peas, nicotiana and lavender will fill the air especially at the end of the day. Make the most of the long summer evenings after work, a glass of white wine and a cheesy nibble maybe, and enjoy them to the full at weekends, relaxing and entertaining with friends, after a year one wishes to forget.

July can be a dry month. A short rainy spell does little to penetrate the soil, so water well and leave for a few days before the next soaking. Hanging baskets and pots receive little rainwater, they will need constant watering. You are their only source of water. Use water wisely.

I can't wait for our club meetings to be able to restart. Please contact me on **01562 883568** or by email at tillyeye@aol.com

Tony Iliff – Hon. Treasurer





Village Ladies

Only another few weeks to wait until we can open the doors of St. Saviour's Hall for our first meeting of 2021/2022. Just a reminder this is on Tuesday 14th September at 8.00pm. Exciting times are ahead!! As most of us have had our two jabs "they" say that we are well protected against whatever Covid variant is thrown at us. You never know we may also be immune to gout, verrucae, in growing toe nails, spots and toothache!! If only that were true!!

The Committee has organised a light-hearted and fun programme for the year ahead and they promise there will be something for everyone to enjoy. However,

the most important aspect at the moment is that we will be OUT and mixing with our friends once more. It has, for so many people, been an extraordinarily tough year and will, no doubt be a weird feeling getting back to 'normal'. However, we will get there, and we'll enjoy the journey together. Don't forget that if you have any stories, pieces of news, jokes or poems you would like to share, please send them to Sue so that she can include them in the next newsletter.

Please still take great care and stay safe.

Ann Pagett

Active Seniors

I'm thrilled to say that by the time you read this, Active Seniors exercise classes will have started back at the community centre on Monday mornings, Tuesday afternoon and Thursday afternoon. It's been a long 7 months since the last face to face classes but we are back!! Numbers are still restricted and covid rules and regulations are still in place but everyone seems pleased to get back to exercising and I can't wait to see everyone.

Unfortunately I am not able to run all the classes I previously did. The tai chi classes have restarted as has the Happy Hearts cardio class on Monday morning. I do

have a few spaces left in the Happy Hearts class and the Strength and balance classes for the more able individual so if you are looking for an active class – perhaps if your class has remained closed then give me a call to discuss suitability. Ring Angela on **07512 546480**



Hagley U3A

Covid has made a big difference to all our lives – including socialising in the normal way. Some members of Hagley U3A have continued to keep in touch via Zoom and WhatsApp. We don't know when we'll be able to resume our monthly meetings but we have provisionally reserved our usual space at St Saviour's church hall for 1.45pm on Wednesday 1st September, in the hope that we will be able to have our meeting with a Speaker.

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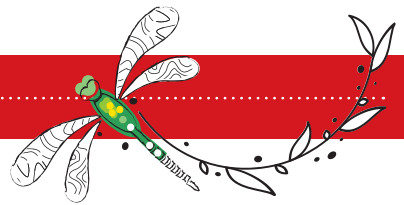
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Remember to keep valuables either locked away or out of sight in vehicles, lock sheds and remote buildings, let friends and neighbours know if you're going away, cancel news papers and milk, leave a couple of lights on after dark if you're going out, don't allow strangers or uninvited visitor into your property without your prior knowledge, don't buy goods or services on the doorstep and keep passwords and personal information private and out of sight.

I continue to hope that this Neighbourhood watch is helpful and keeps you informed of what is happening in Hagley and measures you can take to keep you, your family, and your property safe.

Steve Colella and Roger Seabury
Joint Coordinators



Hagley Surgery

APPOINTMENTS: As restrictions are releasing we wanted to update our patients on how our appointment system will operate as we move forward. As always, the team at Hagley Surgery are here to support you and your health conditions and can be accessed via telephone, online or by popping into the surgery. Face coverings are still being promoted in the surgery environment wherever possible. We will be continuing to operate an 'on the day' telephone appointment system at the surgery as we have continued to find that this is well received and had positive feedback. For those patients where the Doctor feels an examination is needed, they will be invited to the surgery to see the Doctor, Nurse or healthcare professional in a face to face appointment. This will be explained and a time mutually agreed between the patient and the clinician during the initial telephone call.

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Hagley Parish Council

I would like to start this month's update with the announcement that after 14 years I have decided to step down as Chairman of Hagley Parish Council. Councillor Peter King has agreed to step into the Chairman's role from the vice chairmanship which he has occupied also for 14 years.

My decision hasn't come lightly and has been something discussed with Peter for several months. It has been an honour and privilege to serve Hagley in this role and will always look with complete fondness and pride with what we, as a collective HPC have achieved during the period.

I look back with pride at just a few things that have been achieved and will be a legacy for the community. I'm particularly pleased that we were able to successfully re-draw the Parish boundary bringing Western Road and Newfield Rd areas into the Parish of Hagley, the raising of significant amounts of investment into the community's

amenities and services, generally helping to making Hagley a better place to live and work as well as giving the Parish Council a higher profile and sense of purpose.

I wish Peter all the very best for the future. I shall remain as a Parish Councillor taking over the role of Vice Chairman and lead councillor for Road Safety and of course will remain as the Bromsgrove District Councillor for Hagley West. I will also continue to be involved with the Neighbourhood Plan, Neighbourhood Watch and write the various updates in the Village News.

Cllr Steve Colella
Vice Chairman Hagley Parish Council



Bromsgrove District Council

We have just come out of a quiet period for district council matters and as such this update is much briefer than usual.

Since the last update for the June Village News edition the Government has confirmed that council meetings should now recommence being held in public following strict safe distancing rules. I personally don't agree with this decision as this has meant that the Clerks of Parish Councils and Democratic Services at District have been asked to ensure the safety of staff, councillors, and members of the public. Each Council has been able to adapt very well to remote meetings and in many cases, we have seen a rise in public participation.

I would like to take this opportunity to report that I was unsuccessful in being elected as the Worcestershire County Councillor for the Clent Hills Division (Hagley, Clent,

Romsley, Belbroughton, Hunnington and Frankley). That honour goes to Karen who I would like to congratulate and wish her all the best for the future.

I would also like to sincerely thank my most extraordinary supporters who helped deliver over 12,000 leaflets, hosted banners and window posters and well-wishers for what was a tremendous effort. Nothing could be achieved without your help and determination. My thanks will always be sincere.

Bromsgrove District Councillors
Steve Colella (Hagley West)
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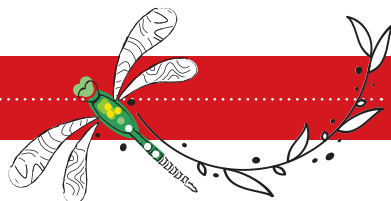


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Art Club

May saw the club hosting another Zoom presentation for our members. This was artist Eric Watson; who gave a wonderful demonstration of pastels, pastel pencils and pan pastels; the subject being a beautiful horse's head and demonstrating how the various different forms can be combined to produce a very special piece of work

We are hopeful, like all clubs and societies, to be able to open the Hagley Art Club back up to non-members again at St Saviours Church Hall for our July meeting as the hall will be open to community programmes from June 21st.

The June demonstration will still be a Zoom presentation, with Jim Power and will be a landscape in oils. Followed by our first live demonstration on Friday July 9th with Kevin Turley, subject being a Life portrait in Acrylics

Obviously, all our plans are subject to change should the government have to alter or postpone their plans but all changes and up-to-date information can be found on our Facebook page and/or website at www.hagleyartclub.co.uk

Remember new members are always welcome; now being a good time to join, with reduced subscriptions, tempting offers, extensive range of professional demonstrations and a new hobby to undertake without even stepping out of the door

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HAGLEY ART CLUB

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- Reserve Children's Book Bundles for free using a junior library card
- Attend Storytime sessions for pre-school children from 22 April

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Revised opening hours remain in operation at some libraries, please check your local library for up to date details before you visit.

Hagley Country Dancers

At the time of writing, it was still not clear when indoor dancing would be permitted, or when social distancing rules would be relaxed. Hopefully, when this is read, we will really be back to normal, and our enthusiastic members will be celebrating a return to their favourite Monday afternoon activity. Meanwhile, stay safe and stay well. Thanks again for keeping in touch via WhatsApp and emails.



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In April the Hagley Rotarians of Hagley were pleased to see arrangements for the July 2021 weekend away at Llangollen was confirmed weather and Covid restrictions permitting.

The external event was considered including rock climbing, white water rafting and bungee jumping was discussed, but a more exciting canal trip was favoured.

The Rotarians of Hagley have continued to make contributions to the Black Country foodbanks. These have been well received and appreciated.

The month of April is when Rotarians concern themselves with Maternal and Children's Health projects recognising that not everybody has access to good primary health care and contributing to projects which focus on the mother and child need.

Through service projects and Rotary programs, the Rotary family is committed to pursuing projects that address the basic needs of the human condition. Wherever

possible and when the opportunity presents itself, the Rotarians of Hagley are committed to better environments in which to raise children in their early years.

The Rotary Club of Hagley wishes all children and their mothers Health and Happiness.

So if readers would like to have fun with a purpose, consider joining our club who will be meeting at 7.00 pm for 7.30 pm on Monday evenings by visiting our website at <https://hagleyrotary.wixsite.com/website>

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Rotary
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Haybridge High School

We have a lot of student achievements – within and outside school - to celebrate!

Lily Moore in Year 13 has been appointed as this year's Lord Lieutenant's Cadet (Air Cadets) for Worcestershire, the highest district honour given to a cadet.

Year 7 student Orla Dunphy donated 12 inches of her hair to the Little Princess Trust who provide free wigs for children who have lost their hair to conditions like cancer. Orla also raised over £600 for the Trust. Poppy Dunlop in Year 7 took 2nd place in the inaugural 4 Stones MAT Bake Off. Year 7 student Izzy Venross is part of the dance team selected to represent England at the Dance World Cup 2021. Also in Year 7, Jessica Harvey has received a glowing report from West Bromwich Albion u12's girls team and been offered a new contract for another season.

Year 10 student Sam Gascoyne has raised an incredible £7300 for Myeloma UK by undertaking 15 different challenges relating to the number 15. For those wishing to read more about Sam's efforts, see www.JustGiving.com/15B415.

Year 13 students Sophie Newton, Belle Lawson & Ella Griffith were highly commended on their Level 3 Food Tech by the external moderator, who said that their work 'was second to none'.

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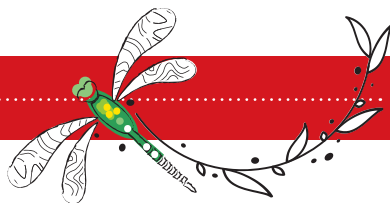
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In August we often have a garden party (sometimes indoors!). We're still discussing what we could do this year but from September we have a varied programme planned - a Drumming Workshop and talks including The Most Dissolute Man in London, The Dialect of the Clee Hills, The 1950s – the Optimistic Decade.

Now that 6 can meet indoors (as I write this in late May) we are enjoying Ts & Cs (tea and coffee) together without having to rely on fine weather. And our regular walks continue when we enjoy live company, conversation and the beautiful and ever-changing countryside around Hagley. We

also have social zoom sessions and craft demonstrations and keep in touch with phone calls and our newsletters. And there is still our Centenary to celebrate in 2021....

If you are looking for something new, why not give the WI a try? We meet monthly on the second Monday at 2.00 pm in the Community Centre. Further information from **Mita Barnes** hagleypres@wfedwi.org.uk or **01299 879996**

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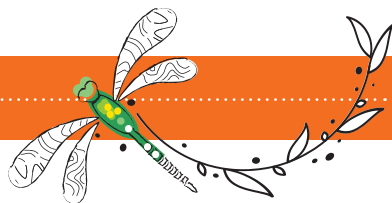
The violin family of instruments developed separately, and they are not related to viols. They began in Italy around 1550 and were used mainly to accompany dancing. As we know, the great luthiers such as Amati and Stradivari lived in Cremona, and their superb instruments expanded the techniques, flexibility and rich sound qualities, thus

developing how composers wrote for strings. For some time viol music and violin music continued side by side; Henry Purcell (1659-95) composing either for Viol Consorts or String Orchestras.

The violin family offered far more expression, becoming increasingly popular and saw the demise of viols, which today have been resurrected by specialist performers.

Jeremy Patterson - Conductor





HCK Badminton Club

Badminton is back! Following recent Badminton England guidance, we are pleased to announce that HCK Badminton Club is returning to operation on Fridays between 8pm and 10pm at Hagley Roman Catholic School. We are all a bit rusty following the lockdown break. So, if you are looking to shed those lockdown pounds with a new hobby it is a great time to join. We will be operating in a Covid secure environment with bubbles of maximum six people per court and hand sanitiser provided. Sessions are open to newcomers provided they inform us before the preceding Wednesday 9pm

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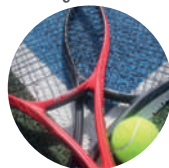
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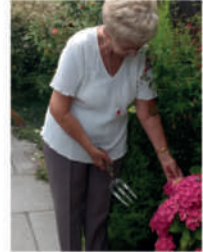
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Our community teams have been busy over the last month, and these activities will become a regular part of how we support our Hagley Community.

- Litter picking • Prayer walks
- Jubilee Garden maintenance
- Friendship walks

We look forward to returning to Hagley live services at our new location of **HAGLEY COMMUNITY CENTRE**. We will be meeting there from September and we'll let you know the time of the service



Hello our Little Treasures and indeed our Big ones! Keep a look out on our Face Book and Little Treasures Parents WA group July meetings, and a chance to register for our Thursday sessions, returning in Sep 2021 10.30 Community Centre. For more information contact 0121 501 3542

Please contact Jo Gregory 0121 501 3542

- Friendship calls • Prayer
- Mental Health Support

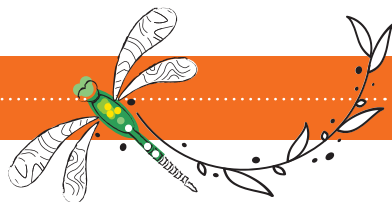
Enjoy your Summer Hagley



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Hagley Free Church

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Rev David Tennant: Tel: 0121 478 3843
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Hagley Free Church
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Sunday Services July 2021

Date	Morning 10.30am	Evening 6.00pm
04th July 2021	Rev. David Tennant	
11th July 2021	Mrs Hazel Quelch	
18th July 2021	Mr Ian Carnell	
25th July 2021	Rev. Peter Bates	

“IT’S A QUESTION OF TRUST”

We’ve heard that a lot lately especially after the publication of the Dyson report on the BBC Panorama interview with Princess Diana 25 years ago. We need trust at all levels. When the specialist tells me my rare cancer will not return I trust him,. When my car passes its MOT, I trust the garage. Trust is hard-won and easily lost. The media are not trusted, neither is the Gvt. This is a time for deceit, fake news, leaks, and cover ups. A covenant relationship based on faithfulness, trust and integrity (arguably the highest Christian virtue) would seem to be a Christian contribution to the discussion. God is faithful and just and can be trusted so the Bible teaches us.

Rev.David Tennant

Hand Of Friendship

HELLO to all our members! We are still here, missing our regular meetings and lunches. We hope we can start up again in SEPTEMBER, SO WATCH THIS SPACE! Love to you all **Jean, Marjorie & the team.**

Mothers and Toddlers

Just a message to say that we are still here and intend to re-open **as soon as it is safe to do so.** Watch this space - we will keep in touch! We are missing you all.

Marjorie & her team

Church Office

Monday, Thursday, Friday: 9.30am - 12.30pm

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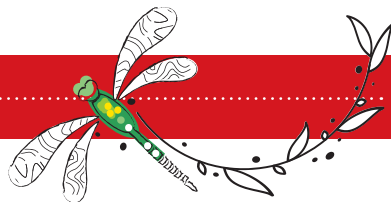
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Visit us at **www.hagley.freechurch.org.uk**

Our buildings are still closed and activities and services suspended. See website and Notices on Church door for changes.

Church Mission Statement

Committed to Jesus Christ and all too which He calls us



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We are holding a said Holy Communion service in church each Sunday at 9.30 am, followed by Worship on Zoom at 11.00 am. – except for Sunday 4 July, when our curate, the Rev'd Kim Topham, presides for the first time.

Unless guidance has changed by the time this edition is printed, in church we are socially distanced, we wear face masks, hand-sanitise on entry, and so on. Names are taken for track and trace. We distribute Holy Communion (bread only) as safely as possible. Unfortunately, we cannot sing together in church at the moment.

It is important that you let the Parish Office know by the preceding Thursday morning if you wish to attend - so we know how many sheets to print and how to arrange the seating.



Sunday Worship for July 2021

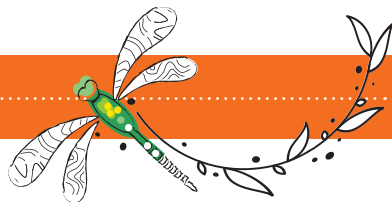
Date	Holy Communion	Sunday Worship
04th July 2021	10.30am at St Leonard's, Clent	5.00pm on Zoom
11th July 2021	9.30am at St Saviour's, Hagley	11.00am on Zoom
18th July 2021	9.30am at St John's, Hagley	11.00am on Zoom
25th July 2021	9.30am at St Leonard's, Clent	11.00am on Zoom

If government COVID regulations permit, we are planning to change our pattern of services from the beginning of August to have more services in church, and less worship on Zoom – and also to change service times.

Also please contact the Parish Office if you would like to be sent the link to join on Zoom, either by computer or by phone – or if you would like to subscribe to our church magazine “Contact”.

If you would like to be sent a weekly Pewsheet by email which will contain up to date information and notices, please contact **admin@hagleycofe.co.uk**.





Local Churches

Due to the current situation, the following services are currently available at our churches:

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Fairfield Church has reopened - please see their services at www.bfc-worcs.co.uk

Churchill Church is still closed.

Broome Church is still closed.

All the other churches will be open whenever the Government legislation allows. Some of the churches will be open for private prayer;

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Hagley Free Church Evening Fellowship

The committee made the difficult decision to cancel the planned programme for 2020-2021 even though most of the speakers had been booked due to uncertainty and the vulnerability of many of our members. Now

into 2021 we are still uncertain of the future of the Fellowship. For us to continue to be viable in the future we need to be able to secure enough members and this we may not be able to guarantee. **Liz Tew**

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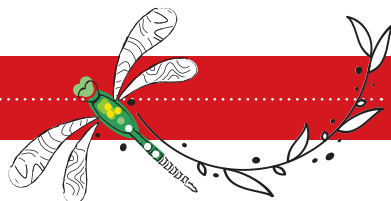
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The times & duration of the sessions is yet to be decided. In the past four young people have joined our band. With two of them being siblings, it has enabled us to ring more bells as lock-down was easing.

All church activities are conducted under strict Church of England Safe-Guarding policies. There is no requirement to attend church services. Bell-ringing is open to all faiths and ethnicities. There would always be two adults with young persons. Transport is the responsibility of the parents.

Generally, children of approximately 9 years of age are mature enough to learn and master the skills. They do so considerably quicker than adults.

St. Johns is tucked away sandwiched between Hagley Hall, the deer park, the cricket club and the Clent Hills. Just drive up to the Littleton Arms and keep going. There is plenty of free parking and even a small meeting room for use of local organisations.

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Tower Captain, St John's, Hagley
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Friends of St Johns

All activities within the church & Wychbury Room (adjacent to St. John's church at Hagley Hall) have been on hold over the summer. Each time the church is used CofE rules require thorough cleaning and (as of late Sept) a three-day gap before being used again. The church cleaning is a very onerous task for the church wardens.

The cancelled summer 2020 Wednesday morning talks in the church are being rebooked for 2021. We will take the lead from how the church facilities are being used and take guidance from the incumbent Rev. Richard Newton. The Mothers Union have started to use the Wychbury Room for their group. A risk assessment for church affiliated groups such as theirs must be followed.

For third party groups advice on how to book the room is here.

**[https://www.hagleycofe.co.uk/
community-facilities-building/](https://www.hagleycofe.co.uk/community-facilities-building/)**

Although extra precautions must also be defined by submitting a COVID-19 risk assessment for approval, prior to any bookings being confirmed.

All proceeds from hiring the room go to Hagley PCC. During the summer we are very grateful for the regular cleaning carried out by Hagley Cricket Club. Derek & Kate Aldridge have been keeping a keen eye and helping to maintain and clean the Wychbury Room & toilets to keep the facilities in good condition for us all. Thank you.

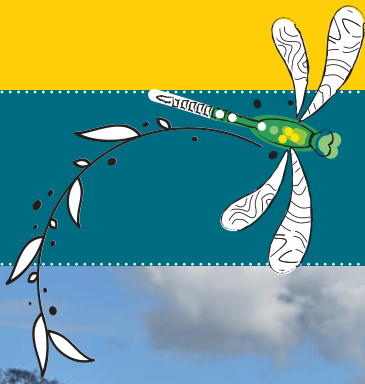
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