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Retreat Day

Edwalton Church
16th September
10am-12.30pm

Harvest Festival

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4th October
10.15am

Scan the QR code
and add your prayer.
Include as much
detail as you wish.

Requests are anonymous,
regularly checked and
prayed for in our weekly
parish prayer on a Monday
morning. They may also
be included with other
prayers at church.



DO YOU HAVE A
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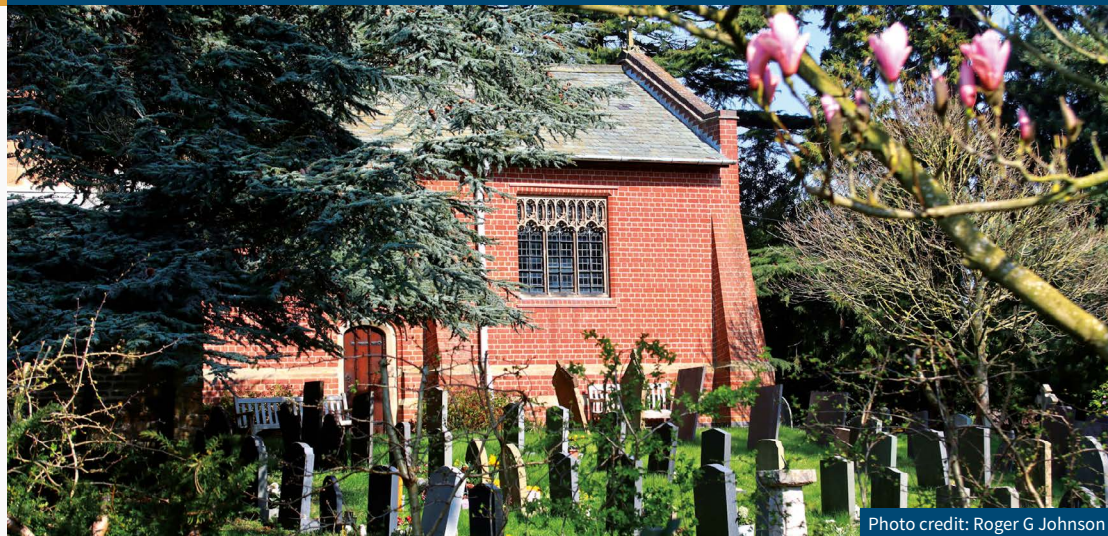


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Where can we place our trust?

Turn on the news for five minutes and it can feel as though the world is coming apart. Distrust in politicians seems to grow by the day. Wars continue overseas. The future can feel uncertain, and it's easy to wonder whether anyone is really in control.

A friend once told me about standing on a cliff during a fierce storm. The wind was so strong it was difficult to stay upright. Yet tucked into the rock face was a tiny bird, completely sheltered, singing as if nothing had changed. The storm was real, but so was the safety of its refuge.

The Christian faith doesn't pretend life's storms don't exist. Jesus himself said, "In this world you will have trouble." But he also made an extraordinary promise: "Take heart... I have overcome the world."

Christians believe that lasting peace isn't found when circumstances finally improve, but when we discover the God whose love remains constant whatever happens around us.

As Christian theologians throughout the centuries have emphasised in different ways, our deepest hope is not in human leaders but in knowing and delighting in the God who loves us. His peace is not escapism – it is strength for today and hope for tomorrow.

Whether you've never been to church or haven't been for years, you would be very welcome at any of our Sunday services.

Come as you are, ask questions, meet friendly people, and discover for yourself the hope, peace and love that God continues to offer to everyone – *including you*.



Watching their wedding day – 60 years later

Imagine waiting 60 years to watch your wedding video for the first time.

Picture the moment then when Elaine and John Wiley sat down to watch theirs.

For a few minutes, lost siblings and parents came back to life.

“Everyone was in tears”, said Elaine. “To see our whole family together was so emotional.

“I laughed as I watched my brothers dancing in their top hats and tails. It captured so much of the magic of the day.”

Yet it was only when their foster daughter, Emily, said she wanted to make a video of their lives that Elaine remembered her cousin had filmed their wedding on his cine camera.

And there in a drawer was the reel in question.

By the wonders of modern technology, it was transferred to a USB stick, ready to be viewed at the family party celebrating their 60th anniversary.



All in all it has been quite a year for Elaine and John and their six children. The couple received a congratulations card from King Charles and Queen Camilla, and later renewed their marriage vows at Edwalton Church.



“We wanted to thank God for our long marriage and our time together”, said John.

“We have stuck together through a number of trials, including my crisis of faith when we were faced with a particularly difficult time.”

No wonder Elaine’s favourite phrase is: “Love is a decision not a feeling.”

Through their long marriage, they have often thanked God for the plans he has had for them. They believe God brought them to Edwalton Church after many years attending services at Trent Vineyard.

“We immediately felt at home here”, says Elaine.

“This is where we were meant to be.
We absolutely love it.”

‘It could only be Edwalton Church’

Joshua and Menekse didn’t take long to decide where they wanted to get married.

Menekse is a close friend of our Priest in Charge, Ade Perham and his wife Jen, and she’s Godmother to their children, Josh and Hannah. So it just had to be Edwalton Church.

It’s also the reason they regularly attend Afternoon Church and why they joined our Alpha Course.

“We particularly valued the opportunity to discuss, share and reflect with others on the course,” said Joshua. “All of them were at different stages of their own journey. The away day was a particular



highlight and a great opportunity to retreat and reflect.

“It meant a lot to us for Ade to be able to do the wedding in a space that is connected to so much of our faith journey as a couple.”

Josh and Menekse counted it a huge privilege to be able to hold their reception in our church garden. “The gardening team deserve an enormous amount of credit for creating such an incredible space”, said Joshua

Arthur enjoys his big day

Baby Arthur was a picture of calm at his baptism in Edwalton Church.

His parents, Ross and Hayley, are pictured here with Arthur and our Priest-in-Charge, Ade. Ross and Hayley are enthusiastic members of Afternoon Church.



High praise for Brigade

There was a good turnout at Edwalton Boys Brigade and Girls Association's Awards evening.

Parents and supporters were enthusiastic in their appreciation of the young people's commitment.

The Brigade's National Development and Engagement officer, Carole McBain praised the passion of Company leaders for their work.



Left to right are members of the Company's Junior Section with their awards: Karina, Somadina, Zikora and Lola

After presenting the awards she said all members should be proud of what they have achieved.

She concluded: "Keep challenging yourselves and look after each other."

Major renovation of our Church Hall

The trustees of Edwalton Church have agreed to spend up to £400,000 on renovating the Church Hall.

The funding will come from a £1 million legacy left by John Hill, who lived on Earlswood Drive.

He had said that he hoped a large part of the money could be spent on a new hall in the church grounds, but sadly that proved unrealistic. So we have explored several other options, including building a new hall on the existing site. But that would have cost more than a million pounds, and would have left us with less space than we have now.

We hope to get cracking on the renovation by early next year. First, the aim is to repair and reinforce the roof so that we can install solar panels. Next, contractors will install double-glazed windows throughout the building and renew the exterior cladding.

New meeting room

We then intend to completely update the kitchen and toilet facilities, and convert the stage area into storage and space for a separate meeting room with its own entrance.

After the work is completed, the car park will be resurfaced and the site tidied up.

Our Priest in Charge, Ade Perham, says:

"We're excited by the prospect of our renovated hall becoming a vibrant hub for our church and everyone in Edwalton."



It's so peaceful here

Working in a churchyard with gravestones for company isn't everyone's idea of a great way to spend your free time.



But our new gardening volunteer, Morgan, loves coming to Edwalton Church to help tend our churchyard.

She has a special connection with our church.

Her grandmother is buried here. And it was on the very day of her funeral that her Mum discovered she was pregnant with Morgan.

"Apparently my granddad was so happy, he couldn't wait to share the news with everyone who came to the service.

"So when I have a break, I sit by my grandmother's gravestone with a cup of tea and think about her", said Morgan.

"I love it here. It's so peaceful".

Reassurance to hall hirers

We are anxious to reassure anyone who hires the church hall that renovation work should cause minimal interference with their activities.

We will keep in close contact with all hirers during the project.

Priest in charge, Ade Perham, says: "We will try to do as much work as we can during school holidays and quiet periods. The rest of the time, it should be possible for the hall to remain in use.

"One feature of the hall that won't be affected is the original floor which is still going strong."

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**Edwalton
Church**
Holy Rood



Come and join us

Sunday Morning Service

Regular service at 10.15am followed by refreshments. The service will be either Holy Communion or Morning Worship.

Morning Prayer Service

Wednesday mornings. Prayer and fellowship at 10.30am. Time is taken to discuss a bible reading.

Evensong

Third Sunday of every month at 4pm for about an hour, using BCP liturgy.

Afternoon Church

3.30pm on Sundays, during term time. A family-friendly informal service that lasts 45 minutes, with refreshments and light snacks provided afterwards. All ages and stages are welcome.

Small Group

Meets on Tuesday evenings at various venues, during term time. We spend time exploring the Bible together, praying for one another, and enjoying tasty treats – all in 90 minutes. Contact the Church Office for more details.

Baby and Toddler Group

The Baby and Toddler group meets every Tuesday during term time from 10am to 11.30am in the Church Meeting Room.

Coffee Morning

Thursdays, 10.30-12 noon at Church. A warm and friendly space.

Book Club

Meets fortnightly on Thursdays at 7.30pm to read and discuss a book concerning Christianity and Faith. Contact the Church Office for details.

Boys' Brigade and Girls' Association

The Brigade offers a range of creative and physical activities as well as the chance to develop as a young person and make new friends. Boys and Girls welcome. Meets in the Church Hall every Wednesday.

Anchors (ages 5-8) 6:15pm-7:15pm

Juniors (ages 8-11) 6:15pm-7:45pm

Company & Seniors (ages 11-18)
7:45pm-9:30pm

Gardening Club

Saturday mornings in the Church Garden, 10.00-12.00 throughout the year except over Christmas and the New Year. No experience is necessary.

Rood Gamers

Meet fortnightly on Tuesdays in the Church Meeting Room from 2pm till 4pm. Join us for card and board games. A weekly donation of 50p helps to cover expenses for refreshments and biscuits.