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

May 2023

Mike's message ...

Kings, football, and an old spoon.

For the first time in just a month short of seventy years we're about to witness the coronation of a British monarch.

The world is a very different place from 2nd June 1953 when Queen Elizabeth II was crowned and there will be changes to the Coronation Service making it much shorter. There's also been a change to one of the vows as there is, thankfully, no longer an Empire. But some of the treasures that were, shall we say, 'acquired' during the Empire, such as the Koh-i-Noor diamond, will be on display. Possibly for the last time as the arguments for their return are strong.



Other elements will remain the same though. King Charles III will be anointed in a tradition that goes back to Old Testament times and one of the most famous pieces of Coronation music refers to this. Handel's Zadok the Priest, written for George II's Coronation in 1727, refers to the eponymous cleric anointing Solomon as king of Israel (I Kings 1 .39-45). Football fans will recognise the tune as contemporary composer Tony Britten only very slightly changed it when he composed the anthem for the UEFA Champions League.

When King Charles is anointed, as a symbol of God's blessing, the oldest of the Crown Jewels, The Coronation Spoon, will be used. When it was first recorded in 1349 it was already described as of 'antique forme' and probably dates from the 11th century.

Coronations are recorded several times in the Bible. But that doesn't mean that the Bible is pro-monarchy. It contains both pro and anti stances in, for example, the account of the institution of the monarchy in the First Book of Samuel, chapters 1 - 12. For an anti-monarchy stance see 1 Sam 7.v3 - 8.v22 and 10.vv17-27, and chapter 12 where the monarchy is seen as a rejection of God's rule (1 Sam 8.7) and its excesses are listed (1 Sam 8.10-19). Excesses of monarchial power frequently earned rebuke by the prophets, beginning with Nathan clashing with King David and continuing until the monarchy was dissolved when the nations of Israel and Judah fell. There is a strong pro-monarchy theme though too. See 1 Sam 9.1 - 10.16, and chapter 11, which talks of Israel's first king, Saul, possessed by "the spirit of God".

The idea of kingship lies behind the whole message of the New Testament. The word 'Messiah' comes from 'anointed one' in Hebrew, and 'Christ' means the same in Greek. But Jesus models a very different model of kingship, and runs away from popular attempts to make him king (Matthew 4 .8-10). The teaching of Jesus proclaims God as King, and in the Kingdom of God worldly values and expectations are turned upside down.

Friends & Family

Moira Jones has died. We give thanks for her life, and send our best wishes and prayers to her family and friends

Eddie O'Callaghan, a former member of our Day Centre, has died. His funeral was held on April 21st at Waseley.

We were delighted to host the wedding ceremony for Emily Dixon & Ollie Swinburn on Saturday 8th April. Emily is Pat Walker's granddaughter.

Congratulations to Clive Babb on reaching 100! See more later in the magazine

Tuesday Fellowship is a group which is open to all. We meet on the 2nd and the 4th Tuesday of each month at 2.00pm in the Cotswold Room and below is a list of dates with the speakers /activities. Feel free to come and join us.

Thank you

Linda

TUESDAY FELLOWSHIP DATES May - July 2023

May	9 th	Thoughts on the Coronation of Charles III	HP
	23 rd	John Smith Musicals from the 40s	LW
June	13 th	Bob's bottles	SB
	27 th	Music afternoon (bring CDs)	CP
July	11 th	Barbara Calvert	BC
	25 th	Summer afternoon tea	LM

Have a lovely summer we will meet again on Sept. 12th

Warm Welcome Cotteridge

Last autumn, in response to the cost-of-living crisis, a new initiative was launched known as 'Warm Spaces'. At the Cotteridge Church we decided to join the initiative by extending our café opening hours until 5pm from Monday – Friday. In the afternoons we provided free hot drinks and buttered toast, a warm space and warm welcome. Our extended opening hours required more volunteers, and we were very pleased that in addition to church members we also welcomed volunteers from Cotteridge Quakers and from the community. Some afternoons were very quiet but on other afternoons we had a steady flow of visitors from a Ukrainian child seeking a quiet space to do his homework to foodbank visitors from across the road. We had whole families calling in, and lone individuals. When we closed for the season in March all the volunteers gathered together for tea and cake and to share our experiences. It was felt the initiative had been successful and the volunteers had enjoyed the experience. It was also felt we could do more!



Our Warm Space had been registered with Birmingham City Council and joined others in the city on an online map. More importantly we became part of a network of 'Warm Spaces' which BCC seeks to support in funding and resources. We were invited to apply to BCC for a grant and were very pleased to receive from them a grant of £3,000.

The Birmingham Approach to Warm Welcome

- is dignified and does not enhance the stigma and shame associated with poverty and financial difficulty.
- aims to ensure that our communities have access to safe, welcoming, warm spaces where the focus is not upon poverty or an inability to afford heat.
- does this by offering hospitality and connection; connecting people to each other, services, wellbeing activity, opportunity and warmth.

In March I was invited by Birmingham City Council to Aston Villa Football ground for a day's conference. The invitation was to all those who had been recognised by BCC as running Warm Spaces. I arrived to find over 100 participants from Birmingham's very diverse communities and it was an inspiration to hear of the marvellous work so many are involved in to provide support within their communities. I was impressed by the enthusiasm and commitment of the Council. Warm Spaces were now to be known as Warm Welcome so as not to be thought of as just an initiative for the winter months but to be a permanent welcoming presence in our communities.

The vision of the council is that there will be a Warm Welcome operating in every community offering hospitality, help, advice and community activities for everyone creating healthy, inclusive communities throughout [the city](#).

The Birmingham Warm Welcome Charter

We are looking for groups offering Warm Welcome spaces that:

- **Free** - are free with no hidden costs
- **Warm** - are heated (recommended 18°-21°C) and able to provide basic refreshments such as tea and coffee where possible
- **Welcoming** - are inclusive, nonjudgmental, confidential spaces where everyone can expect a warm welcome from staff/volunteers and also the opportunity for visitors to participate. They will be able to provide basic signposting information to people who need further support and help.
- **Safe** - have appropriate insurance cover in place, abide by their usual safeguarding and health and safety policies and appropriate food and hygiene rules.
- **Consistent** - are open and accessible consistently for the days/hours advertised.

The BCC had recognised there was a crisis with the cost of living affecting everyone and had realised the best way to respond was in supporting community run initiatives. All the work and commitment, enthusiasm and energy that has gone into the Pennine Way café and the activities we offer over so many years was now being recognised with financial backing and resources available.

BCC work in partnership with Thrive Together Birmingham funded by the C of E and Church Action on Poverty. From them we have received a grant of £500. The Co Operative put up £1million to support Warm Welcome by launching a crowdfunding page. We have received over £1770 from them and in addition

Cotteridge Quakers have donated £500 to help with our increased energy costs. We are very grateful for all these offers of financial support.

The support we are being offered is overwhelming and not just from Birmingham City Council. We have been visited by the Neighbourhood Network Scheme, Thrive Together Birmingham and the Bournville Village trust. All are overwhelmingly impressed by all that is on offer to the community at the church. We have been encouraged to apply for grants big and small. Small grants for activities such as reconditioned laptops and training, free health and safety courses and volunteer training, funding for arts and crafts activities, Tai Chi, holiday clubs...anything we would like to put on with the aim of supporting citizens within the community. We are also being encouraged to apply for substantial grants for the refurbishment of our premises. This is more than we can manage on our own.

CORE OFFER

A warm and welcoming space

Open and accessible each week at the same time

Offers a warm welcome for at least 2 hours for a single session

Provides free refreshments (minimum hot drink and biscuit)

Signposting or referral to key services/provision through staff/volunteers

Use of telephone/ I.T. to enable referrals/advocacy

Gives opportunities to participate

HUB OFFER

All of Core components plus

Open for substantially more hours each week

Access to food (warm meal), free wifi, sanitary products, etc

Physical space to connect, learn and be active

Health and wellbeing activities

I.T. / computers available for public use

Offering additional services such as

Access to IAG (welfare rights, debt, energy, income maximisation)

Pathways into Health Services

Learning opportunities

Opportunities for developing digital skills

Employment, Training & Skills advice/support

My proposal is that we set up a Warm Welcome Cotteridge group working together with Cotteridge Quakers and others who share the vision of Warm Welcome within our community.

Barbara Calvert, April 2023

Reflections on my stay in hospital 2022

When I was admitted to hospital in February 2022, I little thought that I would still be there until May 4th 2022. So this month of May is the anniversary of my discharge.

Over the past months I have been reflecting on my hospital experience, and would like to share it

I had been a nurse myself:[I started training in January 1958]. Things were different in those days!

Because of the falls I had been having, and the difficulty with swallowing, I had to undergo many tests, X-rays, scans...you name it - I had it! I also had physiotherapy, swallowing exercises, tube feeds etc, which all filled a lot of my time. I recall with gratitude the patience of the nurses, doctors, physiotherapists, throat therapists and dieticians who took care of me, encouraged and helped me in so many ways.

As there was no visiting due to Covid restrictions, being in a four bedded unit meant that we patients got to know each other quite well, and were able to encourage each other. As one patient went home, the empty bed was soon filled by another. Remembering how lonely it felt being admitted to a bay with three strangers, I made it my rôle to welcome each new patient, as appropriate, by introducing myself, and soon other patients started doing the same. Most people said how much they appreciated the gesture.

The one person who was permitted to visit was the hospital chaplain. Maureen, the Free Church Chaplain came to see me regularly, and gave me encouragement and prayed with me. During Lent this was a particular blessing. On Good Friday, Maureen explained that while on the train, she was reflecting on what she could do to make it a special time. She received the answer. She stopped off at a pharmacy prior to visiting me and bought a bottle of olive oil and a pack of hand wipes. After a bible reading and prayer, Maureen asked if she could anoint my feet. While I sat in a chair, Maureen knelt at my feet. cleansed them with the wipes, and anointed them with the oil. It was a moving experience for both of us, and for the other patients who were looking on. Although I couldn't give up anything for Lent, it became a valuable time to pray for other patients and to encourage them.

I also found peace and joy from all the Easter cards and good wishes I received from my family, friends, church members, and many others. People were amazed, as I was, at the regular supply of letters and cards that arrived for me. One other blessing I must mention was the joy at finding Lorna, one of our church members was a sister of the ward I was in, although not in my bay. However, she visited me often, prior to going off duty in the evening. She very kindly brought a Bible in for me as well as toiletries and other items. The whole experience over two and a half months was one I will not forget in a hurry. There were ups and downs along the way, of course. In spite of all the investigations, a diagnosis was not confirmed, but the care and attention I received, and the friends I made meant there was a lot to be thankful for.

I would like to express my thanks to everyone who sent cards, messages, made phone calls, and remembered me in Prayer. May God bless you all

Hazel Nash

IF MUSIC BE THE FOOD OF LOVE PLAY ON

One of the joys of Church membership was to have permission to practice the piano in the Chapel, when convenient; this has been a great help to me. Whilst playing quietly to myself, I have met guitarists, pianists and a clarinet player, all of whom have been encouraged to play for people in the coffee bar.

It has also pleased me to hear the Church musicians and choir performing some of my favourite pieces during the recent Sunday services.

In a small way, maybe my love of music has encouraged others to share their musical talents?

Bob Burton

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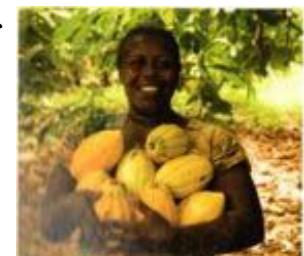
MERU HERBS

Jams and Sauces

Meru Herbs was formed in 1991 to market the produce of local farmers, which included an assortment of herbal teas, then jams from locally found tropical fruits and finally, tomato-based sauces. One of the key achievements of Meru Herbs is female empowerment and women actually make up the largest percentage of Meru employees.



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ZAYTOUN Olive oil, dates

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LOVE CHANGES EVERYTHING

Music by ANDREW LLOYD WEBBER
Lyrics by DION BLACK and CHARLES HART

DRAMMATICO

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ALEX LOVE, LOVE CHANG-EES EV-EY-THEME, HANDE AND PAE-EES EARTH AND SKY.
LOVE, LOVE CHANG-EES EV-EY-THEME, DAIS ARE LONG-EES WORDS MEAN MORE.

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MUSIC AT COTTERIDGE

On Thursday 23rd March 2023 the choir held our last choir practice, and on Sunday 26th March the three remaining voices sang our final anthem. This can seem like the end of an era, the closing down of a long and valuable music tradition, but it can also mean the start of something new. In my experience things have a life when they are supported. If the support falls away, it can sometimes create a space for new growth. Time will tell.

As we note the passing of the choir we can look back over many years and give thanks for the music and time used to create a joyful sound. I grew up in an Anglican tradition at my local parish church where the choir boys were modelled on cathedral choirs. We were all male, wearing cassocks, ruffs, and surplices. The Free Church tradition was to have a people's choir made up of men and women and children prepared to practice one night a week enough to lead the congregation at the next Sunday service. Occasionally this choir would practice an anthem to celebrate a special festival day such as Easter, or even put on a bigger concert. Four part harmony was the rule. Soprano/treble, alto, tenor, and bass. Ladies and children mostly sang the upper two parts, men sang the lower two.

A trained choir requires a choir leader. Cotteridge was fortunate for many years to have John Tesh as choir master. He put in hours of service to the church in all aspects of its musical life and organised a music service twice yearly supported by singers from St Joseph's & St Helen's Roman Catholic church. Patricia Miles joined us as their musician, playing beautifully on both piano and organ. Before John we had Colin Kinton who was noted for elaborate organ pieces. John handed over to Khadeem Duncan, a young talented man with expansive ideas. Khadeem put on a music festival soon after covid lockdown ended and that went well, but he was subsequently appointed music director of St Mary's Handsworth. While he continued to moonlight at Cotteridge his time was divided. The Cotteridge choir numbers reduced to three men and we eventually agreed to stop.

Khadeem is still on the organ rota and plays for services once a month. John Tesh is also on the rota, as is Bill Cooper. Derek Grinter has played to a high standard for us on many occasions but is currently not well. A recent development has been piano support. One or two musicians don't want to play the organ, they prefer the lighter piano. Currently Gill Brettell and I support hymn singing on the piano, and other instruments have added their notes such as the violin from Karen or the clarinet from Neil.

In short we thank all singers and musicians for their past, present, and future service to the life of the Cotteridge church. It seems to me that with the former choir finally ending a musical space has developed. If any singers or musicians want to discuss musical possibilities at Cotteridge let me know and we'll see where we go from here.

Peter Childs March 2023

"It should make you cry"

I went to the barbers just before Christmas last year, primarily to get a haircut, but also to have a chat with Adam, the barber. I like talking with Adam as he has a wide range of

topics he can cover. Usually when I walk into the shop, he is talking with other customers about association football, but in the past we have chatted about such things as the Photo Realism movement in art, Modern Slavery in Britain, [which Adam is very passionate about, so please don't use Nail Bars,] and Philosophy - we are both admirers of David Hume. I remember lending him my copy of Karl Popper's 'The Logic of Scientific Discovery' but he gave back within days as it over a thousand pages long. The last time I had been in for a haircut we had got on to the subject of John Hughes Films, mainly because I had just streamed 'Ferris Bueller's Day off' and I had said I didn't like it and opined that the best thing he had made was 'The Breakfast Club'. Adam said he disagreed and said it was 'Some Kind of Wonderful'. One of the stars of that film was Mary Stuart Masterson so I lent him my copy of 'Benny and Joon', and if you haven't seen it see if you can find it on one of the streaming services; it's worth it just to see the scene in the park where Johnny Depp does an imitation of Buster Keaton. So, on this visit we continued our discussion of films, and I mentioned one of the movies I have become obsessed with over the last few months after spotting it in a list on the internet of the five best films about mathematicians. The last one on the list was a film called 'Gifted' staring Octavia Spencer, about a mathematics prodigy who becomes the subject of a custody battle between her grandmother and her uncle after her mother, another mathematics prodigy, had committed suicide several years earlier. I said that it was impossible to watch the film without crying and Adam said a film wasn't worth watching if it didn't make you cry, a sentiment I fully agree with. There is a scene in 'gifted' which doesn't make me cry, it just makes me think, the uncle forces his little niece to leave her maths books and come outside to see the sunset. The niece then asks him if God exists and he says he doesn't know, she then asks, "What about Jesus" and the uncle gives one of the wisest pieces of advice I have ever heard "Love that man, do what he says!" she then asks if Jesus is God and he says "I don't know, I have an opinion but I could be off so why should I screw up yours". I think "Love that man, do what he says!" is what The Cotteridge Church does. Anyway, if you want a good cry watch 'Gifted' because a film should make you cry.

Neil

Services in May and June

Tuesdays: 10.00 am: There will be a short service of Holy Communion at the Church.

Wednesdays at 7.30 pm: There will be online worship on Zoom.

Contact Revd Mike Claridge <mike.claridge@thecotteridgechurch.org.uk>for access details.
Revd Mike Claridge produces a regular notice sheet, which can be accessed via the church web site. This will give details of online services, and zoom interactions etc.

	7th May	14th May	21st May	28th May
10:30 am	Revd Barbara Calvert Parade	Revd R. Collins HC	Revd M. Claridge Morning Worship	Revd M. Claridge HC
	4th June	11th June	18th June	25th June
10:30 am	Revd M. Claridge Morning Worship	Revd Barbara Calvert HC	Revd R. Collins Morning Worship	Revd M. Claridge HC

Cotteridge - Our Heritage.

Cotteridge, being sandwiched between ancient Kings Norton and "chocolate" Bournville, sometimes gets overlooked.



In the 1841 census there were only two houses and five cottages in Cotteridge. It wasn't until the late 1800s that house building in the area took off. People who lived here used to work on small farms or later for Cadbury.

In the early 1900s Cotteridge had eight grocery shops, four greengrocers and five butchers. There was also a milliner, a pawnshop and two cycle shops.

What luxury! There was even a small fire station in Holly Road. In 1901 the Quaker Mission Hall was built. Up until the 1950s/1960s this area was known as 'the Cotteridge'. You went up the Cotteridge or you were on the Cotteridge.

One interesting little place is Hudsons Drive, off Pershore Road, just beyond The Grant Arms pub. There was a cinema there many years ago called

the Picturedrome showing silent films. Children could go in for one old penny or if they came from richer families for two old pennies. The children who paid more were allowed in first and got the best seats. There were occasional dramas when the projector broke down and money had to be returned. For adults there were variety acts, including a Crimean veteran who recited "The Charge of the Light Brigade".

Years ago Hudsons Drive was known locally as Bums Puzzle. The Bums were the bailiffs (the term was used as far back as Shakespeare's time) It might have been

because the bailiffs had a habit of creeping up on people and grabbing them. When they came into Hudsons Drive the people would escape down a rabbit warren of little alleyways - hence the bailiffs were puzzled. There are other places in Birmingham also known as Bums Puzzle. In one place the residents would remove the house numbers to confuse the bailiffs. It couldn't have been a very easy job in those days.

Now Hudsons Drive has been opened up, no more little alleys to dive down. There are neat



town houses and around the curve of the road an elegant block of apartments called The Mill, referring to the fact that there were several mills in this area. So Cotteridge may not be as high profile as areas surrounding it but it has a few surprises and I for one am proud to have been born here.

Rita Sutton



Afternoon Tea For Christian Aid



Monday 8th May 2023

3:00 - 5:00 pm

**5 Middleton Hall Road
Cotteridge
B30 1AB**



Fairy Cakes



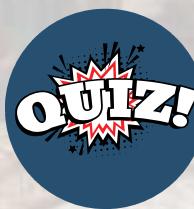
Cakes and Scones



Sandwiches



Card or Cash



Quiz



Juggling

Climate Change Emergency

What we do matters!

To think we are now in April and Spring is here. The weather has told us another story on some days... hasn't it been cold and wet and recently those strong winds have been playing havoc with the blossom. We are all looking forward to some sun and warmer weather.

It's really good to see the blossom on the apple trees in the Church garden and the new shoots on all the trees we planted. Make a visit to the garden and enjoy seeing all the new growth a year on ! Last year we were able to use our produce in the Church Café and this year I know we will have an even larger crop. C2U did so well with beans and tomatoes. Please get planting again ready for the Harvest. Growing our own food is a real way of making a difference to our climate. It doesn't matter how small your garden or balcony there's always room for some pots for tomatoes, chillies, and lettuce leaves. Radishes are easy to grow too and are lovely sliced on a salad. Have a go at growing something...you will be making a difference.

BIG GREEN WEEK is taking place this year from June 10th. Big Green Week began in September 2021 when 5000 events took place. Then last year over a quarter of a million people got involved. We of course are within that number. We are showing

people that we are willing to take action to tackle climate change...and of course the more that are involved the more pressure is put on our government to respond.

At our Church we will be celebrating **Big Green Week** with a service on June 11th when it would be great to bless our lovely church garden again with an outdoor service... and also take part in the Big Green Week initiative ...

“ LETTERS TO TOMORROW.”

This initiative is asking us to think about and then write what are our hopes for our future. These can then be sent or shared online so that our leaders can step up and work to protect our environment, and more importantly, know what we think. I know our local councillors and Steve McCabe MP would be very interested in our thoughts and ideas. It could be about our fears if we don't do something to slow down climate change. The letter could be to a friend, a child, a grandchild or even ourselves. Please think about this ready for Big Green week when there will be an opportunity to write these.

However small our actions it really is making a difference.

Thank You

Sandra Walton



Gethsemane



I was listening to Michael Crawford singing “Gethsemane” from Andrew Lloyd-Webber’s Musical Jesus Christ, Superstar, and realised that apart from knowing it was the site at which Judas Iscariot betrayed him, I knew little about it. The internet acts as an amazing encyclopaedia!

Gethsemane is a garden at the foot of the Mount of Olives in Jerusalem where, Jesus underwent the agony in the garden and was arrested before his crucifixion. It is a place of great resonance in Christianity. There are several small olive groves in church property, all adjacent to each other and identified with biblical Gethsemane. *Gethsemane* appears in the Greek original of the Gospel of Matthew and the Gospel of Mark as Γεθσημανή, a name derived from the Aramaic גַּד־שְׁמָנֵה (*Gad-Šmānē*), meaning "oil press". Matthew 26:36 and Mark 14:32 call it χωρίον (*chōrion*), meaning a place or estate. The Gospel of John says Jesus entered a garden (κῆπος *kēpos*) with his disciples.

The Garden of Gethsemane became a focal site for early Christian pilgrims. It was visited in 333 by the anonymous "Pilgrim of Bordeaux", whose *Itinerarium Burdigalense* is the earliest description left by a Christian traveler in the Holy Land. In 1681 Croatian knights of the Holy Order of Jerusalem, Paul, Antun and James bought the Gethsemane Garden and donated it to the Franciscan community, which owns it to this day. A three-dimensional plate on the right side next to the entrance to the garden describes the aforementioned gift to the community.

A study conducted by the Italian National Research Council (CNR) in 2012 found that three of the olive trees in the garden are amongst the oldest known to science. Dates of AD 1092, 1166 and 1198 were obtained by carbon dating from older parts of the trunks of these trees. DNA tests show that the trees were originally planted from the same parent plant. This could indicate an attempt to keep the lineage of an older individual intact. Possibly, the three trees tested could have been sprouts reviving from the older roots. According to the researchers: "The results of tests on trees in the Garden of Gethsemane have not settled the question of whether the gnarled trees are the very same which sheltered Jesus because olive trees can grow back from roots after being cut down".

In December 2020, archaeologists revealed the remains of 1,500 year-old Byzantine church (known as the Church of All Nations) and the foundations of a Second Temple-era ritual bath (also known as a mikveh). Celia Lester

Boys Brigade



Our annual General Knowledge quiz took part recently and despite the wet weather it was a huge success. We had 14 teams with Mike Meadows asking the questions. The final figure raised was a fantastic £500 which has been shared by The Birmingham Hospice and The Cotteridge Church.



Finlay has now completed his Queen's badge course after his residential weekend at Felden Lodge. We hope to make the presentation at the June parade service. Since I have been captain of the company 16 boys have been awarded the Queens badge.

The next one presented will be the King's badge which Ivor Ravenhill and Stan Dewey received many years ago.



A Century to Celebrate

Clive enjoyed celebrating with us at the end of our service on 19th March. Doris wheeled in a cake with balloons above it, & Clive cut it for us all to share in the Pennine Way.

We all admired his special Birthday Card too!





Barbara's Cycling Challenge

We were surprised and delighted to find that BBC Midlands Today recognised Barbara Calvert's challenge to visit Cathedrals by bicycle, as part of an event encouraged by the Breeze charity, which aims to encourage women to enjoy cycling. She was interviewed about it on 17th April, both in Coventry, and again in Birmingham - the last two Cathedrals on the list.



Many congratulations
Barbara





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