

WORD Cloud of the week

In the diagram, the larger the words the more often they appear. Look out for them when you read this Old Testament prophet.



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LYRICS FOR LIFE A – Z

We have a hope that is steadfast and certain,
Gone through the curtain and touching the throne.

We have a Priest who is there interceding,
Pouring His grace on our lives day by day.

We come to Him, our Priest and Apostle,
Clothed in His glory and bearing His name,
Laying our lives with gladness before Him;
Filled with His Spirit we worship the King.

J: from 'Jesus is King and I will extol Him' (v.2,3)

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Parish of The Lye and Stambermill

From the Editor's Den

Meteorological Equinox

Has Autumn really started? The weather forecasters say so, but I'd prefer the 22nd of the month – why the hurry to leave summer? According to the *American Centers for Environmental Information*, “Why do meteorological and astronomical seasons begin and end on different dates? In short, it's because the astronomical seasons are based on the position of Earth in relation to the sun, whereas the meteorological seasons are based on the annual temperature cycle.”

Although I can't get used to the new 'first of the month' approach, I'd have to admit that December 1st would be better as the start of winter than 21st – which, being the shortest day, feels more like *mid-winter* rather than the start of it!

Turn, Turn, Turn

Most of us will recognise the classic 1960s song by the Byrds, “*To everything there is a season*”, based on Ecclesiastes 3 in the Bible. Not so sure where ‘Turn’ fits in – possibly Solomon's words in the preceding chapter. “*Then I turned my thoughts to consider wisdom.*” Changes in the seasons may turn our minds on altered expectations – not just the weather but other aspects of life such as term-times, work patterns, travel and even seasonal fashion!

But some things stay the same and never change, especially God who says, “*I the Lord do not change*” (Malachi 3:6) and Jesus who is Himself “*the same yesterday and today and forever*” (Hebrews 13:8). Amen to that!



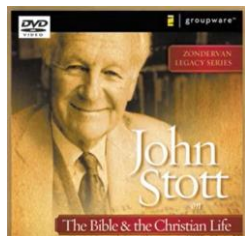
PREVIEWS, POINTERS & PRAYER

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PREVIEWS

Sunday Evening Fellowship

If you have a hunger for a greater understanding of God, why not come along on Sunday evenings and join our small group for videos, cake, and discussion.



This Sunday evening (1st September) at 6.30 we will be showing “**John Stott on the Bible and the Christian Life Small Group Bible Study**” – a 52-minute video which we will show in two separate parts, with a coffee and cake break in between. All are welcome!

P **HAVE YOUR SAY** during September about the “**Black Country Walking, Wheeling and Cycling Plan**”

O The Black Country Local Authorities want to deliver a high quality, active travel network to improve public health, reduce inequalities, ensure safety and create opportunities for local residents.

I *Join the consultation on their website.*

N <https://dudleyci.co.uk/services/black-country-walking-wheeling-and-cycling-plan-have-your-say>



PRAYER

VACANCY: Adverts for a new vicar are going out again nationally from next weekend for 4 weeks in the Church Times. Please pray for God’s prompting on whoever he wants to respond.



Today 1 st September	10.30am Holy Communion 6.30pm Evening Fellowship Pray for newcomers and visitors to church
Monday	7.00pm Online Prayer Group Pray for members of the PCC
Tuesday	Pray for our Administrator and volunteers
Wednesday	Pray for leaders and our church groups
Thursday	Pray for external Groups using the Church
Friday	11.00am Open Door 12.00pm Midday Worship Pray for staff of CPAS and Diocese
Saturday	Pray for prospective vicar applicants
Next Sunday	10.30am Service of the Word (<i>Children’s Group restarts</i>) 6.30pm Evening Fellowship 6.30pm Youth Group Bible Reading: James 2

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