



Based in Worcestershire, **EMBRACE** is an initiative with the aim of supporting older people who are experiencing loneliness and isolation. The project began in January 2017 as part of a national pathfinder initiative led by Caritas Social Action Network (CSAN).

The Worcestershire-based project is one of four pilot areas across England. The initiative aims to support parishes and communities to develop local services to address and reduce social isolation in older people. Worcester was chosen to take part in the pilot as it has a higher proportion of people aged 65 and over than the national average, and this is expected to increase further. At the end of the two-year pilot, CSAN will use lessons learnt to create a toolkit allowing the work to be replicated in other areas. The long term goal is to create a national network of Caritas caring parishes that can grow their own services for vulnerable people. As well as the larger national goals, Embrace focuses on supporting older people in the Worcester Deanery, connecting them more strongly to their local communities and enhancing their sense of belonging.

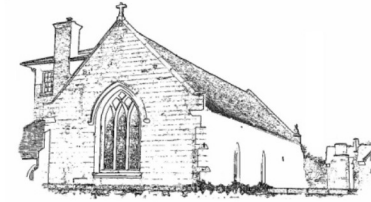
St Mary's Harvington, along with other parishes in the region, have been invited to send a representative to a workshop with the aim of encouraging Parishioners to reach out to elderly vulnerable people locally.

The workshop consists of a presentation about our learning of what worked in Worcester and also group exercises to help you plan similar events in the Parish. The workshop will be on **Monday 25 March 2019** from 10am to 1pm in the St Georges Parish Hall, 1 Sansome Place, Worcester WR1 1UG. Lunch and refreshments will be provided.

If you are interested in attending the workshop as described please let Fr John know by **Sunday 17 March**.

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The Parish is part of the Archdiocese of Birmingham

Times of Holy Mass and Intentions (YEAR C Readings)

Sunday 10 February 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time John Gilbert For the People of The Parish
Monday 11 February 9.00 am -	Memorial of Our Lady of Lourdes World Day of The Sick Holy Souls
Tuesday 12 February 9.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Private Intention
Wednesday 13 February 9.00 am - 9.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Mr & Mrs Spalding R.I.P. <i># Discussion Group (please see note below)</i>
Thursday 14 February 11.30 am -	Feast of St Cyril, Monk & St Methodius, Bishop, Patrons of Europe Francis Fletcher R.I.P.
Friday 15 February 11.30 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Doreen Millard R.I.P.
Saturday 16 February 10.00 am -	Feria in Ordinary Time Private Intention
Sunday 17 February 8.30 am - 10.30 am -	Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time Racial Justice Sunday For the People of The Parish Martin Purcell R.I.P.

There will be a second collection today, 17 February for Racial Justice Sunday

The Wednesday Word Trust leaflets are available from the table in the porch or may be downloaded from: <http://www.wednesdayword.org/parish/index.htm> (click on The Parish Version) either for your personal use at home or in anticipation of the **GROUP DISCUSSION** on **WEDNESDAY MORNINGS**. The informal discussion group is led by Fr John and is open to everyone. Do come along for a coffee and an exchange of ideas!



Anniversaries in February: Rev Charles Dodd (1742), Rev James Layfield (1756), Stanhope Pedley (1938), Agnes Drinkwater (1938), Pierce Bradley (1987), Tony Goodyear (1988), Pauline Jack (1992), Jeffrey Nichols(2003), Gertrude Higham (2003), Gerard O’Keeffe (2003), Rose Marie Villiers (2007), Mary Keane (2007), Gerry Costello (2012), Edmund Osborne (2013), Mandy Natalie Bridge (2016), Alan Cox (2016), Liam Buckley (2018), Jean Wilcox (2018).

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 Please pray for the repose of the soul of Noel Clark R.I.P. who died recently.
 His funeral will take place here at Harvington on Wednesday 20 February at 11.00 am.

Prayers for the sick: Denis Conway, Kathleen Clark, Anthony Mitchell, Jeannie Morrison, Charles Paice, Michael Bird.

Eucharistic Ministers:

Sunday 10 February Stephen Fox, Helen Raphael
 Denise Grant, Elizabeth Mountford
Sunday 17 February Eddie Picardo, Bridget Robson
 Annick Harvey, Joan McKay

Readers:

Sunday 10 February Jane Handley
 Jenny Wilcox
Sunday 17 February Bridget Kelly
 Terry Mayne

Church Cleaners:

Friday 15 February Peter & Marie Hesketh
Friday 22 February Jill Finch & Jenny Lockyer

Money Counters:

For the 10 Feb collection Andrea Barker & Marion Trafford
For the 17 Feb collection Dr M Bird & Mrs J Waterhouse

Contributions to the Parish:

Weekly Offertory taken on Sunday 3 February

Gift Aid Direct Debits	£259.00
Gift Aid Envelopes	£198.50
Loose cash	£198.55

Second collection taken on 3 February for the LIFE charity: £ 227.35

- Our most recent collection for the Kidderminster Food Bank yielded 84.58 kgs/186 lbs in goods and £298 in monetary donations. Our contribution is greatly appreciated, the numbers using the food bank have been rising recently.

SAFEGUARDING OFFICER: Mrs J Lloyd - 01562 754448

- If you would like to speak to someone about Diocesan safeguarding and the Church’s work, please call **0121 230 6240**.
- If you would like to speak to someone independent of the Church you can contact the NSPCC on **0800 800 5000**.

HEALTH & SAFETY OFFICER: Mr M Dawson / EMERGENCY EXIT: Via sacristy and through the house



The **PARISH VISITATION** for St Mary’s, Harvington will take place on **SUNDAY 17 FEBRUARY**. Bishop Byrne will attend both Masses on the day and will socialise with Parishioners in the stable after both Services. In the afternoon, 2.00 – 4.00 pm, Bishop Byrne will address parishioners at a meeting to be held in church. Parish Council, Area Leaders will each deliver a report showing in what ways they provide and co-ordinate support for the efficient running of the parish. The final date of the **DEANERY VISITATION** is **20.03.19**. at which all parishes are expected to be well represented at a service at Mount Carmel Church, Redditch at 7.00 pm.

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 THE **BOOK GROUP** are meeting on **Monday 11 February** at 9.30 am in the stable to discuss Melvyn Bragg’s *The Soldier’s Return*. Please also remember the ‘**BOOK SWAP**’ box in the stable for your free use.

THE **CRAFT GROUP** will meet on **Tues 12 Feb** at 7.00 pm - you are all welcome to join the group. For this evening’s project you will need to bring bed socks (?!!) and sewing kit.

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 The **EVENTS COMMITTEE** meeting is on **Tuesday 26 February at 2.00 pm** in the stable. ALL parishioners are warmly welcome to attend. The draft minutes of the previous meeting are available from the plastic wallet on the notice board.



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 There will be an ever popular **BRING & BUY BAKE SALE** on **SUNDAY 3 MARCH** in the stable after both Masses. Please bring cakes etc to sell and/or your cash to buy some homemade treats.

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 International and interdenominational **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER**

takes place annually on the first Friday in March. Harvington is hosting the service this year which has been prepared by the women of Slovenia and we welcome visitors from Blakedown and Broome parishes. The service will be 10.15am on **FRIDAY 1 MARCH** and coffee and biscuits will be served in the stable afterwards. Please consider joining us for this occasion. If you would like to do a short reading please let June Waterhouse know either after 10.30 Mass or telephone 01562 700639



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HEADTEACHER VACANCY:

St George & St Teresa RC Primary School, Bentley Heath, Solihull. Please see the porch notice board for details.