

Redditch Mission Area News October 2024



Autumn leaves are falling, and so are the latest updates from our churches! This month's newsletter is a whirlwind tour of all the happenings within our individual congregations. From Ping Pong Prayers and successful grant applications to exciting new initiatives and community events. Remember, these stories are brought to you directly from the heart of each church, offering a unique glimpse into their vibrant life and ministry. So grab a cuppa, settle in, and enjoy the latest news from your local church family!

Congratulations St Laurence Alvechurch!



St Laurence Church, Alvechurch, Awarded £189,000 National
Lottery Heritage Fund Grant for Vital Restoration and Heritage
Conservation

Today, St Laurence Church in Alvechurch is delighted to announce a £189,000 grant from The National Lottery Heritage Fund. This will provide 2/3 of the cost of the work necessary to protect and conserve the church's rich heritage, with a focus on completing essential works to restore the church tower and clock face, securing their preservation for future generations.



The grant will enable the restoration of these key historical features, ensuring the iconic tower and clock face continue to be prominent landmarks within the community. Additionally, the project will aim to invite wider interaction, allowing both locals and visitors to engage more deeply with the church's architectural and cultural heritage.

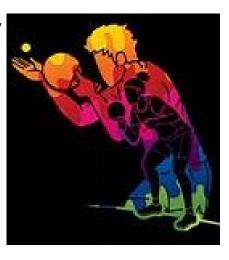
The funding, made possible thanks to National Lottery players, will also help create a sustainable future for the church, promoting wider appreciation of its historical significance while ensuring it remains a vital community hub for years to come.



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Ping Pong Prayers St Peter's Ipsley

Looking for a fun, friendly, and faith-filled way to spend your Monday evenings? Grab your bat and head down to St. Peter's in Ipsley for an evening of table tennis! Whether you're a seasoned pro or a complete beginner, you'll find a warm welcome and plenty of opportunities to smash some balls and build lasting friendships. We've got all the equipment you need, and coaching is available for those wanting to up their game. And the best part? We wrap up the evening with "ping pong prayers" – a unique and uplifting way to connect with your faith and fellow players. Don't miss out on this exciting opportunity for fun, fellowship, and fantastic forehands! Contact Rhoda or John through the Church Office at 01527 516351 to find out more.



St Peter's Crabbs Cross Race to Success



Hold your horses! St Peter's Crabbs Cross just hosted a race night that was off to the races with excitement! Over 90 people gathered at The Rocklands Social Club on September 27th for an evening of high-stakes fun, cheering on their favorite "steeds" while raising a fantastic £1533.30 towards an accessible toilet for the church hall. The atmosphere was electric, with laughter and friendly competition filling the air. A huge thank you to all the sponsors and the amazing staff at Rocklands who worked tirelessly to make this fundraising event a runaway success!