

Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> June 2023

# The Weekly Link



st wulstan's church  
warndon --- worcester

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11.15 Together for Communion

Sarah is leading and speaking today, opening up the story of her namesake's struggle to become a mother and play her part in Abraham's journey

*Prayer for the Week*

God our saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

*ABC Amen --- this week  
we are especially praying for*

**the chirpy  
the coping  
the crumbling  
the cursing  
the challengers  
the cost-carriers  
the creative**

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## GENESIS 16

Now Sarai, Abram's wife, bore him no children. She had an Egyptian slave-girl whose name was Hagar, and Sarai said to Abram, 'You see that the Lord has prevented me from bearing children; go to my slave-girl; it may be that I shall obtain children by her.'

And Abram listened to the voice of Sarai. So, after Abram had lived for ten years in the land of Canaan, Sarai, Abram's wife, took Hagar the Egyptian, her slave-girl, and gave her to her husband Abram as a wife. He went to Hagar, and she conceived; and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked with contempt on her mistress.

Then Sarai said to Abram, 'May the wrong done to me be on you! I gave my slave-girl to your embrace, and when she saw that she had conceived, she looked on me with contempt. May the Lord judge between you and me!'

But Abram said to Sarai, 'Your slave-girl is in your power; do to her as you please.' Then Sarai dealt harshly with her, and she ran away from her.

The angel of the Lord found her by a spring of water in the wilderness, the spring on the way to Shur.

And he said, 'Hagar, slave-girl of Sarai, where have you come from and where are you going?'

She said, 'I am running away from my mistress Sarai.'

The angel of the Lord said to her, 'Return to your mistress, and submit to her.' The angel of the Lord also said to her, 'I will so greatly multiply your offspring that they cannot be counted for multitude.' And the angel of the Lord said to her, 'Now you have conceived and shall bear a son; you shall call him Ishmael, for the Lord has given heed to your affliction. He shall be a wild ass of a man, with his hand against everyone, and everyone's hand against him; and he shall live at odds with all his kin.'

So she named the Lord who spoke to her, 'You are El-roi'; for she said, 'Have I really seen God and remained alive after seeing him?' Therefore the well was called Beer-lahai-roi; it lies between Kadesh and Bered.

Hagar bore Abram a son; and Abram named his son, whom Hagar bore, Ishmael. Abram was eighty-six years old when Hagar bore him Ishmael.

## MATTHEW 10:28-31

Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? Yet not one of them will fall to the ground unperceived by your Father. And even the hairs of your head are all counted. So do not be afraid; you are of more value than many sparrows.

### THE SPARROW POEM

I'm only a little sparrow,  
A bird of low degree;  
My life is of little value,  
But the dear Lord cares for me.

I know there are many sparrows –  
All over the world they are found;  
But our Heavenly Father knoweth  
When one of us falls to the ground.

Tho' small, we are not forgotten;  
Tho' weak, we are never afraid;  
For we know that  
the dear Lord keepeth  
The life of the creatures He made.

I just fold my wings at nightfall,  
Wherever I happen to be;  
For the Father is always watching,  
And no harm can happen to me.

I am only a little sparrow,  
A bird of low degree;  
But I know that  
the Father loves me;  
Doest thou know His love for thee?

## Monday 10<sup>th</sup> July

### 7pm at St Barnabas

Please come to our Cluster Service at which Sarah and Rosie will be formally licensed and we can celebrate the shared life of our growing cluster of parishes

## The Diary at St Wulstans

*Mondays to Fridays 2pm to 6pm*

Sunflowers afterschool club meets

*Monday 26<sup>th</sup> June*

10.30 Prayer Club in church

7pm Diocesan Synod in Redditch

*Tuesday 27<sup>th</sup> June*

10am Sarah is in St Barnabas School

*Wednesday 28<sup>th</sup> June*

9.30 Mainly Music for babies and toddlers

12pm Cluster Ministers meeting in church

7pm Sarah has meetings in Droitwich

*Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> June*

11am Sarah has meetings in Droitwich

*Friday 30<sup>th</sup> June*

9.30 Funeral for Sylvia Fox at St Barnabas

*Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> July*

11.30 Open Door Café

*Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> July*

11.15 Together for Communion (Sarah)

*Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> July*

10.30 Prayer Club in church

12.30 Sarah has pastoral meetings in church

*Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> July*

2pm School chaplains meet in the Vicarage

7pm Tolladine CIO trustees meet in church

*Wednesday 5<sup>th</sup> July*

9.30 Mainly Music for babies and toddlers

12pm Abide Café with midweek communion

7pm Deanery Synod in Broadwas Village Hall

*Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> July*

7.30pm at Pershore Abbey

Please come and support Rick and Keith as they are formally 'launched' as our churchwardens along with all the other wardens from this archdeaconry.

*Friday 7<sup>th</sup> July*

Sarah is on retreat today

10am Our 'Appreciating Richness' group meets