

The Heritage Weekend

The vicar thought that last year's Heritage event went so well in St. Hilary's that he wants the church to be involved in this national project again this year!

The vicar has made this lovely poster to put on the church billboard so that everyone knows the church is open and that they are welcome to come in and look around!

Adele is in the background waiting for the first visitors.

Adele and Tom enjoyed giving out the special church guides for the Heritage Weekend last year so they were very keen to do it again.

Of course the vicar is very happy for them to do it again this year too.



Tom took the photographs in this guide so he is EXTRA proud to be giving it out and he makes sure everyone knows he was photographer too.....well of course.....

Rev Ken has brought his guitar along to provide some lovely quiet classical guitar music whilst visitors look around the church.



Ambrose is serving the teas and coffees today so he has made a cup of tea for Rev Ken as he has been playing for quite a long time now.

Esme and Ernest are taking a peek at the flowers in the sanctuary and Ben is reading the church guide book.

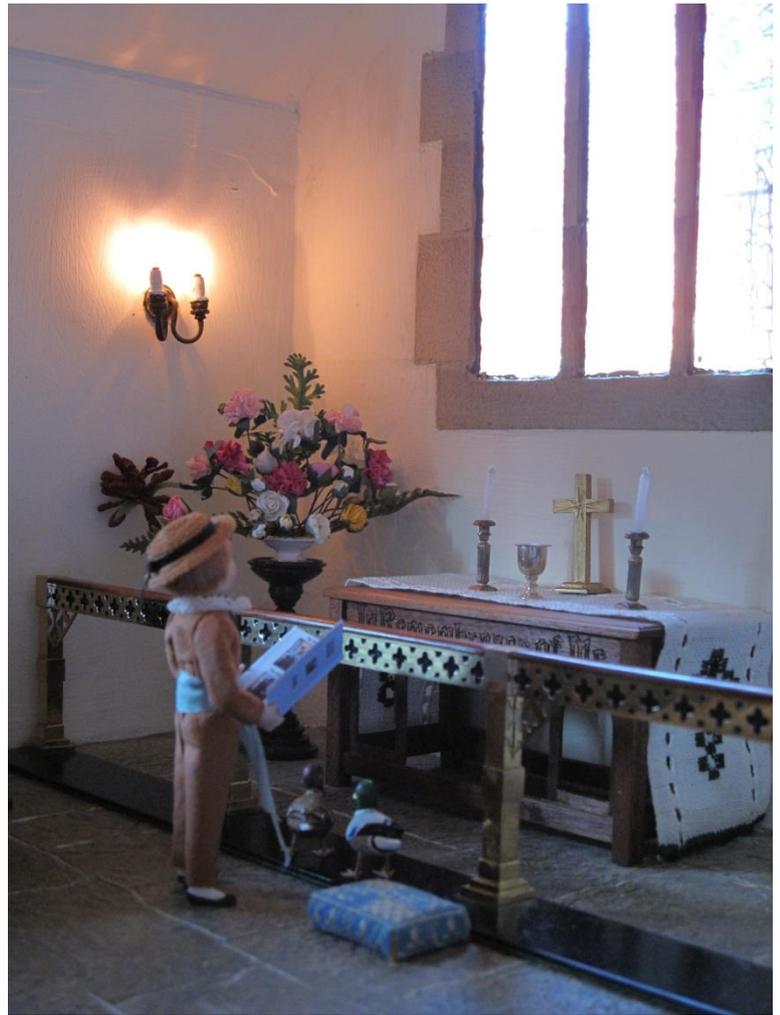


Ben just can't resist standing and watching the sun come through the west window.....it makes the altar and sanctuary with the flowers look lovely.

Goodness me.....Homer is really enjoying sitting at the organ and checking Miss Enid's music out!

Miss Enid is encouraging him to play but Homer is a little bit anxious because he knows she is a better organist than himself. However he soon puts his fingers on to the keys and plays.....

He is looking at one of Miss Enid's books with J S Bach's organ music in it. They are chorale preludes. Miss Enid suddenly remembers.....oh dear.....the Bach organ book came from the library and she will now be late renewing it. She LOVES this book so much she keeps renewing it.....but sometimes forgets.....



Harvest

The preparations for St. Hilary's Harvest Festival don't go quite to plan this year! Find out why below!

Esther and Adele are at church to help prepare it for the annual Harvest Festival Service.

Oh dear.....Esther hears some funny noise at the top of the church bell tower and has come out to have a look.....Adele is curious and follows her!

Ah.....all is revealed!

Two seagulls have arrived and are having a great time on top of the bell tower of the church calling to each other!



The gulls are calling loudly to their friends to tell them some exciting news.....we wonder WHAT it is?



Adele has already followed some more gull calling she could hear from behind the back of the church.

Can you see what has happened?

SOMEBODY has been helping tidy up the church and putting the rubbish into the church bin.

However.....they forgot to do something VERY important.....put the lid back on!

The seagulls are very clever and they could smell the remains of Homer's last meal of fish and chips in paper from a long way away and found that it had fallen on the floor. They are really enjoying their impromptu meal of half finished fish and chips Homer never finished!



Alice is reading the lesson at today's Harvest Festival.....find out what the reading is as the vicar preaches to the children.....

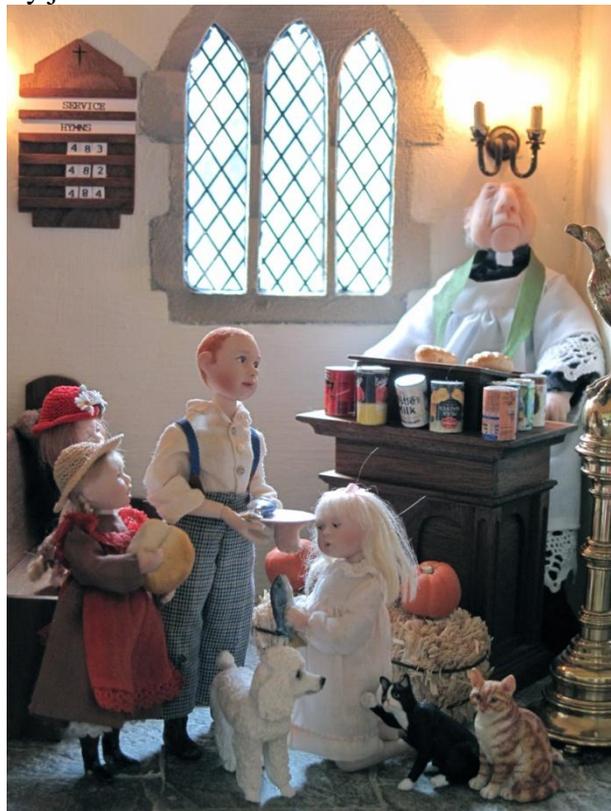
Magnifi-Cat is NOT at all interested in Alice....HE is keeping an eye on the church mice Nunc Dimittis and Snowy. However it will not be a surprise if the mice run under the eagle lectern to avoid Magnifi-Cat.....usually just in time! Better luck next time Magnifi-Cat!

The vicar has asked Ambrose and some of the children to bring something each to church to illustrate his

sermon.

You can see that Ambrose has brought a fish.....and who else has brought a fish? It is Priscilla Jane! Adele has brought a loaf of bread along. Can you see the vicar has already brought two loaves himself?

Poor Tinker - she SO fancies eating that fish Priscilla Jane is holding!



Ben and Tom have also brought a loaf of bread each!

Oh dear.....Magnifi-Cat and Belle are intent on having a look at the loaves too. Tinker is not content to look.....she is trying to reach Tom's loaf!

The vicar asks the children how many loaves there are.....and then.....how many fishes!



Before the children answer.....can YOU count them?!

Magnfi-Cat is certainly trying but he can only count the three big pumpkins that Ambrose grew on his farm as he is not tall enough to see all the loaves of bread!

Adele and Phoebe are the first to have their hands up! Phoebe is quick to tell the vicar that there are five loaves and two fishes!

Adele is very smart! She is asking the vicar if he is going to act out the miracle of "The Feeding of the Five Thousand" that they heard Alice read as the lesson for today! She so wants to see if the vicar can be as clever as Jesus and feed lots of people with just two fishes and five loaves....

The vicar admits that he doesn't think he could because he was NOT Jesus! He goes on to explain that the "Feeding of the Five Thousand" tells us how bountiful God is to ALL of us and it is good to remember this particularly today as we celebrate Harvest. He reminds them that they must look after God's world.



Adele then tells him about Homer forgetting to put the lid on the bin so that his half eaten fish and chips were found by some wandering sea gulls! Oh dear.....lets hope she hasn't got Homer into trouble here!

Adele is bringing her bowl of eggs up to the sanctuary for the vicar to bless them.

Ben has brought a basket of fruit to be blessed too!

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Tom is admiring the vegetables on the hale of bay next to the altar.

You can see that the cross on the altar cloth is green. Green is always used during the church season of Trinity.

Can you see.....some fruit has fallen out of the basket on the altar.....

Megan always enjoys admiring the flower arrangements in the sanctuary as she is here!



Priscilla Jane is taking a short time out to offer a prayer of thanks to God for all of HIS goodness to her and everyone at St. Hilary's!

Bardsley too is enjoying Harvest Festival.....umm.....or is he really hoping that someone will offer him something nice to eat? However the vicar has already arranged for all of the harvest food to be distributed amongst those in the parish who would very much appreciate it.



A Miniatura Dollhouse Show Visit!

Adele, Tom and Ben are so looking forward to visiting the Miniatura Dollhouse Show this year and finally the day of their visit has arrived!

Esther, the Sunday School teacher, has agreed with their parents that she would escort them as the parents were all too busy to take the children themselves. Find out how the visit went.....and see who they met for the very first time too!

Esther meets the children in the church bell tower. Esther makes sure they have their tickets as you can see!

They both hold their tickets up with pride!

Sepp the rat is in her favourite place.....she KNOWS that sitting on the bell tower steps mean she sees everything that goes on in St. Hilary's



WHERE is Adele? We hope she has remembered!

Ah.....HERE she is! Can you see how well prepared she is? She must be considering a lot of shopping today for her dollhouse because she has brought the famous Miniatura bag with her.

Esther allows the three children to have a short time of looking around on their own as long as they make sure they meet her again soon at the entrance of the show!

Ben has found Dee Daw Designs because Adele has asked him if he could take her voucher she cut out of the "Dollhouse and miniature Scene" magazine to get herself a miniature cut out kit for HER dolls in her dollhouse to visit the show too!

The stall is VERY busy but Ben is VERY patient waiting his turn.....we hope Adele appreciates this!



Oh dear.....poor Esther has been waiting and waiting.....and waiting.....but not even ONE of the children has remembered the time to meet her here near the entrance of the show.

However.....can you see ONE young man who is hiding?

WHERE are the other children?



Ben has found his way to Jane Davies' stall and is admiring the beautiful dolls.....whilst Adele is.....



.....having a chat to Christiane who is the editor of The Dollshouse Magazine.....we hope Esther catches up with her charges soon.....



Esther is asking John and Jane "HAVE you seen Adele, Tom or Ben?"

John remembers that he saw Ben a short while ago admiring the dolls.

Poor Esther.....we hope she finds them soon....



Here is Adele.....she has found these wonderful miniature Christmas stalls displayed here (**Lichfield Dollhouse Club**) and puts some money in the collection box as it will help people with cancer.

Esther has finally found her errant children.....they are in the refreshment area.....

Tom is enjoying a chat to a young girl he found sitting on the floor eating her sandwiches and looking at the brochure. She tells him her name is Grace but lots of her friends WILL insist on calling her "Gracie"!



Gracie is waiting for her Mum who has just left her for a short time only.....we hope her Mum comes back soon.

Tom, Adele and Ben tell Esther what a great time they have had looking at all the different kinds of miniatures. The boys loved it just as much as Adele too!

