

# The Evangelist

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## A Valentine Prayer

I said a Valentine prayer for you  
And asked the Lord above  
To fill your heart and bless your soul  
With the precious gift of love.

I asked Him for sincere love  
The kind that's meant to stay  
Just like the generous love  
You give to those you touch each day.

I prayed for love from family  
And from every cherished friend  
Then I asked the Lord to give you  
His love that knows no end.

*Author unknown)*

Dear All,

A great philosopher and poet once said - 'It must be love, love, love' (or was it Suggs from the band Madness?) Anyway, this month some people will be celebrating Valentine's Day, with its heart shaped balloons, chocolates, red roses, and romantic cards...

It is a chance to celebrate the love that exists between two people. It can also be a chance to thank God for the gift of romantic love.

For some people this is an easy thing to do. I have no problem thanking God for my wife and the love that we share. However, for others it can be difficult to celebrate romantic love, particularly if your loved one is no longer with you, or if romantic love is not something that is blossoming in your life.

It is worth remembering that romantic love is only one part of what love can mean... Even in a marriage service, which celebrates the love between husband and wife, we must be careful not to limit love to only one kind.

In a marriage service we read out the following passage of scripture:

*'God is love, and those who live in love live in God and God lives in them.'* 1 John 4.16

This sentence reminds us that love comes from God. Whenever love is expressed it has its roots in God who created us, God who loves us, God who desires our love.

At the heart of the good news, which Jesus brings us, are these two commands:

*"You shall love the Lord your God with all your heart, and with all your soul, and with all your mind." This is the greatest and first commandment. And a second is like it: "You shall love your neighbour as yourself."*  
Matthew 22.36-40

We are to love God, and to love each other. Love is fundamental to who we are, and who God is.

Love is the greatest gift of all. So if you feel a bit bombarded with heart shaped paraphernalia over the next few weeks, I hope you will be reminded that romantic love is worth celebrating, but more importantly, God, who is the author of all love, offers us love beyond compare.

This love is for sharing, or as Saint Teresa of Calcutta puts it:

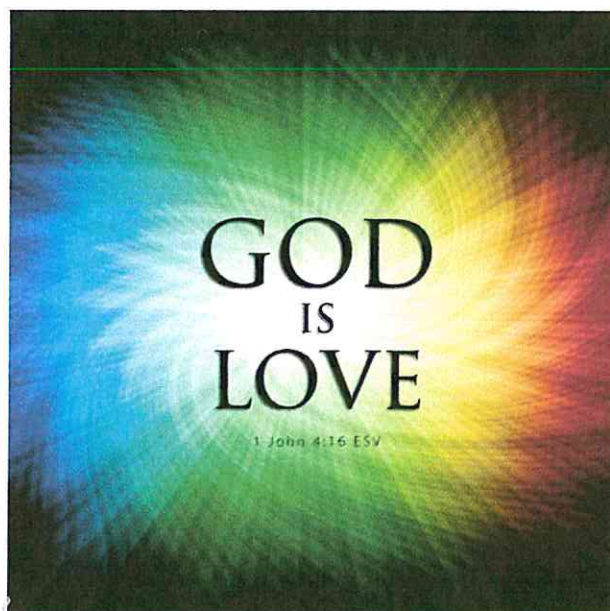
*"Spread love everywhere you go: first of all in your own house. Give love to your children, to your wife or husband, to a next door neighbour... Let no one ever come to you without leaving better and happier. Be the living expression of God's kindness; kindness in your face, kindness in your eyes, kindness in your smile, kindness in your warm greeting."*

Just imagine for a moment what our community would look like if we were abler to spread God's love like this!

Every blessing,

Ben

Revd Ben Griffiths, Rector.



## THE QUINQUENNIAL INSPECTION

Having been asked by members of the congregation what the above applies to, Richard Peet has written the following:-

Within the Church of England every church building must be inspected by an architect or chartered building surveyor approved by the Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC) every five years.

This review takes place to make sure the church buildings are kept in good repair. The log book of alterations has to be provided for inspection, electrical report, lightning conductor, heating, and also health and safety, the roof is checked, trees inspected, and the inventory listing all articles in the church must be available for inspection too.

A written report will be compiled by the architect which will highlight works which are urgent and need to be done immediately and those which can wait a little longer but will need attention and this is sent to the Minister.

In most cases a Faculty will be required to have the work done.

A Faculty is the permission to undertake work to the church building or its contents and it is the duty of the Minister and Churchwardens to apply for this from the Diocese.

### PRAYER

You have gifted the Church through the goodness of your Grace,  
to be your hands and do your work,  
to be your voice and share your words,  
to bring healing to a fallen world and broken lives made whole.  
You have gifted your people with the blessings of your Spirit,  
the power to transform lives and make all things new.

Now may our hearts receive, our mouths proclaim,  
our hands prepare for service.

That the love we have known might overflow the lives we live  
and pour into the hearts of others,  
that all might receive your Grace, your renewing Spirit and your love.

Amen

## **SUSAN ROBERTS. A message from her family.**

It is with sad regret that we inform you, Susan Roberts passed away on the Monday 5th December 2016.

Susan had been the Manager of Newbold Parish Church Pre-school for 40 years. She was an active member of the community and went above and beyond for anyone who was lucky enough to have met her.

Pre-school will be remaining open and will continue to celebrate Susan's life along with all she achieved. She will be sorely missed by all the staff, children and the committee, old and new but remembered fondly by everyone. Everyone's got a story about Aunty Sue!

When a close friend of Susan's passed away she adapted this verse for her, we find it very fitting to do the same to her in return.

### **In Loving Memory of Aunty Sue**

You can shed tears that Sue has gone,  
Or you can smile because Sue lived.

You can close your eyes and pray Sue  
will come back,  
Or you can open your eyes and see all  
Sue has left.

Your heart can be empty because you  
cannot see Sue,  
Or you can be full of the love that you all  
shared.

You can turn your back on tomorrow and  
live yesterday,  
Or you can be happy for tomorrow because of yesterday.

You can remember Sue and only that she's gone,  
Or you can cherish Sue's memory and let it live on.

You can cry and close your mind, be empty and turn your back,  
Or you can all do what Sue would want,  
Smile, open your eyes, Love, Live and go on.



# NEWBOLD PARISH CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

## FIFTIETH BIRTHDAY CELEBRATIONS

In January 1967 a committee of Newbold Church PCC announced in the Evangelist

*'It is hoped that a pre-school play group for children aged 3 and upwards will be opened at the Eagle Club Littlemoor at the end of this month. At first the group will meet on one morning of the week only probably on a Tuesday from 9 30 a.m. to 11 30 a.m. and will cater for about 12 children'*

It was a requirement that each mother who had a child attending should take a turn as a regular helper at the group. There were requests for other volunteer helpers, for toys in good condition, and for large toys (a rocking horse and a wooden train). The cost for a child for one morning would be 2/6d to cover running costs and the purchase of equipment.

Thus from these origins in the playgroup, Newbold Parish Church Pre-school formed and been held at The Eagle Club for 50 years in February 2017. It has a long and continuing association with St John's Church and Newbold Church School. Nowadays it caters for up to 40 children from the age of two years in an inclusive setting, with a ratio of one staff member to four children, and opens each weekday. Staff offer a warm and friendly welcome, and work above and beyond for the children in their care. (Cost per session has increased over 50 years and is now £8.50.)

**To celebrate the 50th anniversary and these 50 years of success, the Pre-school will be holding an open day on Wednesday 22nd February 2017 from 10:00am until 2:00pm.**

Refreshments will be available, and everyone is welcome to come and support the day.

The Pre-school is open Monday – Friday, 9:00am - 11:30am and Monday, Wednesday and Friday 12:30pm - 3:00pm.

If you would like any further information contact 01246 451141 or call in. No appointment necessary.

## WALKING GROUP

Ten people – yes TEN! Arrived for our walk on New Year's Day, led by Trish Law, from Calton Lees towards Edensor. Mary hadn't walked with us for a while but brought her friend, Heather, who was visiting from Bingley.

There had been heavy rain all morning but it had almost stopped as we set off along a surfaced track, which led us up a long winding way to Calton House and a row of new, stone-clad holiday cottages. Further on we passed Russian Cottage over on our right and at a bend were rewarded by a panoramic view of Derbyshire with Chatsworth House below us and Edensor Church rising above the tree line. The grassland was dotted with sheep and a small herd of fallow deer were grazing amongst them.

One part of the House is again covered in tarpaulin for the final phase of the Masterplan. This work began in 2005 and is expected to cost £32.7 million, made possible by visitor admission revenue and the Friends of Chatsworth programme through the Chatsworth House Trust. This work is scheduled to be completed in November 2017 when the stone will have been cleaned, repointed and repaired. Rotten stone will have been removed and replaced with new from the Burntwood Quarry. By the end of the year every roof will have had work done including replacing lead coverings, installing hundreds of roof vents and thermal insulation, joinery repairs and rebuilding chimney stacks. *(information taken from the internet)*

We walked towards the river Derwent where a dipper was spotted and later on we had a sighting of numerous jackdaws. It was good to get out and breathe the fresh air, see the beauty of our delightful county and exercise our legs.

Bob Cable will lead the next walk on Sunday 5th February from Birchover towards Stanton in the Peak. This is a 4 ½ mile walk, all are invited to come along and swell our ranks. We meet at 12 noon at the church gates with a packed lunch. Transport is arranged to the starting point. Steve and Julie Franks will arrange the following month's walk.

## **NEWBOLD WOMEN'S GROUP QUIZ**

The Women's Group had a very enjoyable meeting on January 4th when Stuart Watkinson presented us with his "Believe It Or Not Quiz".

In spite of many answers being multiple choice none of us scored very highly but we were all rewarded for our efforts by receiving a brand new pencil complete with rubber on the end! There were many groans and gasps when the answers were revealed but no one worked out that the answer to an algebra sum was a limerick!

We also welcomed a new member who has recently moved to Littlemoor and who had been given information about our group from Newbold Library so a big thank you to Rachel Laban and her team.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 8th February at 7pm in the Parish Room when Margaret Amour will demonstrate how to make hessian figures and accessories and will have some for sale afterwards.

Our annual AGM will take place on Wednesday 1st March when members will be given our programme of events for the coming year. This will be followed by cheese and wine. All ladies are welcome.

*Jean Lee*

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## **JANUARY QUIZ NIGHT**

We all gathered for a mind stretching evening for the January quiz night. As usual Stuart Adams had put together questions to challenge us. We had a good laugh and a few 'oh yes' and 'oh's' along the way. The pie and peas supper was plentiful and good. We raised £169 for the NewBold Building Project.

Bev Speed has volunteered to run the next quiz night sometime in March. Look out for the date.

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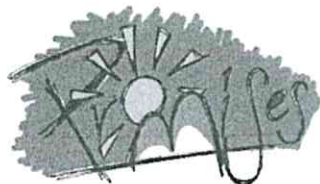
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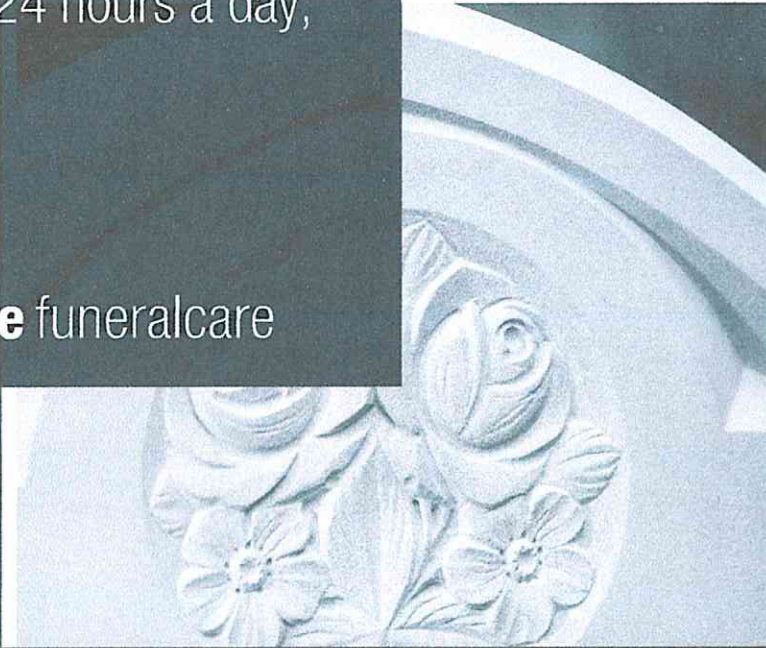


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## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

### Street Detectives!

Year 2 class have started their new topic 'Street Detectives' with a walk to the local shops to explore the facilities on offer. We wrapped up warmly and braved the rain to visit the shops on Littlemoor where we were greeted warmly by many shopkeepers and staff

who were keen to find out about what we were doing.

The huge washing machines and dryers in H.E.M dry cleaners were fascinating!

*'We saw a massive machine that used chemicals to clean the clothes not water'. Rosa*

*'The lady was hanging up people's clothes for them to collect. I saw a fancy dress waiting to be collected'. Katherine*

*'I could smell clean washing in the laundrette'. Darcie*

We stood outside the chip shop (which was closed!) and discussed what we could buy in there.

*'I would have had a kebab if the shop was open'. Sam*

*'The menu on the window said you can have a mini fish and chips at dinnertime and I've had that before'. Reece*

We enjoyed it inside Café Selin where some of us got to sit on the very comfy leather sofas! A customer told the children about her lunch and how much she had enjoyed it.

*'Café Selin smells of bacon'. Archie*

*'I would say it is a five star café because it sells delicious food. A lady told me that'. Lucas*

*'The lady who works in the café is very nice and she let me sit on the sofa'. Grace*

The children had to make notes about what we can buy in each shop or what service they offer.

*'Motormania helps you look after your car. The shop was very tidy and smelled of air freshener'. Esme*

*'I once got a bike from Motormania'. Darcie*

We took lots of photographs of the shops and will do more work about them in class before comparing them to the shops on Whittington Moor which is our next destination to visit. Shop keepers prepare yourselves – Y2 are on their way!

### After School Clubs

After school clubs are a very popular part of life at NCS and I have been dropping in to see what's happening!

On Thursday I spent some time with Mrs Slater and her hand bell ringers. They are learning to use the hand bells and are preparing a short performance for their parents at the end of term. They were very focussed and trying extremely hard when I popped in and I am looking forward to seeing their performance in a few weeks' time.

Discovery club, also on a Thursday and run by volunteers from Valley Cids, as well as volunteers from church, were busy exploring the story of the Good Samaritan. Ellie from Y1 gave a great performance of being the poor person who was robbed and beaten (very gently by some Y3 boys may I add!) before being helped by Jessica in Y3 who took the role of the good Samaritan. There was a great deal of enthusiasm during the retelling of the story in such dramatic fashion followed by some peaceful artwork and a snack – perfect!

The newest addition to our after school club list is 'Starbooks' where parents can join their children in the ICT suite which gets converted into a cosy café. Parents and children can read together while enjoying a drink and a biscuit (latte and cappuccino proving to be the most popular choice!). It really is nice to see parents and children sharing a book together and making the most of some 'quiet' time.

I will report on more after school club action in the next issue!

*Claire Riley*

## **BIBLE SUDOKU**

First you answer the scripture-based questions to determine the numbers for each puzzle and place them in the squares mentioned. Then proceed as normal, placing numbers 1 to 9 in each row, each column and each of nine 3 x 3 shaded areas within the larger puzzle.

For E2, G6, A4

How many golden lampstands are mentioned in Revelation 1:20?

For A2, E1, G3, B5, H9

How many young men refused the king's meat?  
(Daniel 1:11-12)

For B1, F5, A6, I7

How many verses are in Psalm 100?

For C2, E5, D7, A8

How many coins did the Good Samaritan give the innkeeper?  
(Luke 10:35)

For C1, I2, D4, A5, B8, F9

In the ten plagues visited on Egypt, what number plague was locusts?  
(Exodus 7:14-10:4)

For B3, H7

How many friends initially came to comfort Job? (Job 2:11)

For H2, I4, F6, B7

How many fingers on each hand did the man of stature in 2 Samuel 21:20 have?

For I1, B4, H5, D6, C9

How many sheep did the shepherd lose in Matthew 18:10-14?

For F1, E4, H8

How many sons did Shem and Aram have? (1Chronicles 1:17)

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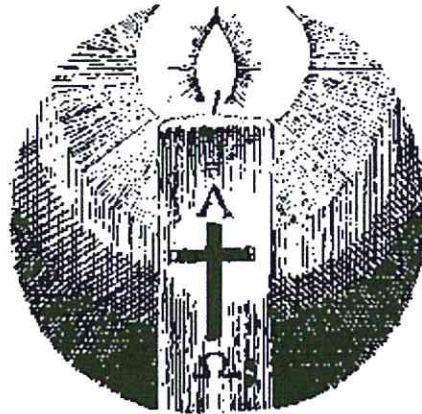
# From the Registers

## Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

20 Jan Joan Martin  
20 Jan Geoffrey Breeze  
28 Jan Harold Laughton

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



### DOROTHY AND ALAN BREWER

would like to thank everyone for the cards and kind wishes received on the occasion of their 60th Wedding Anniversary.

We had a wonderful day with all our family around us.

God bless you all,

Regards, Dorothy and Alan.

# DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2017

|           |          |       |                                       |
|-----------|----------|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 1         | W        | 19.00 | Newbold Women's Group [PR]            |
| 2         | Th       | 18.30 | Newbold Creatives [PR]                |
| 3         | F        | 14.00 | Funeral & Burial – M McDonell         |
| 4         | Sa       | 10.00 | Coffee Morning to 12.00 [PR]          |
|           |          | 10.15 | Church Open (till 11.45)              |
| <b>5</b>  | <b>S</b> |       | <b>Fourth Sunday Before Lent (S1)</b> |
|           |          | 08.00 | Mass                                  |
|           |          | 09.30 | Parish Mass & Sunday School           |
|           |          | 11.30 | Holy Baptism                          |
|           |          | 12.00 | Walking Group                         |
| 6         | M        | 09.30 | Funeral – Fanny May Marsh             |
|           |          | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                      |
| 7         | T        | 09.15 | Mass [PR]                             |
| 8         | W        | 12.00 | Clergy Chapter Meeting [PR]           |
|           |          | 14.00 | Mothers' Union Meeting [PR]           |
| 9         | Th       | 09.15 | School Assembly in Church             |
|           |          | 18.30 | Newbold Creatives [PR]                |
| 10        | F        |       | End of School Half Term               |
| 11        | Sa       | 10.15 | Church Open (till 11.45)              |
| <b>12</b> | <b>S</b> |       | <b>Third Sunday Before Lent (S2)</b>  |
|           |          | 08.00 | Mass                                  |
|           |          | 09.30 | Parish Mass                           |
|           |          | 11.00 | Family Service                        |
| 13        | M        | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                      |
| 14        | T        | 09.15 | Mass [PR]                             |
| 16        | Th       | 18.30 | Newbold Creatives [PR]                |
| 18        | Sa       | 09.00 | Churchyard Morning [to 12.00]         |
|           |          | 10.15 | Church Open (till 11.45)              |

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| <b>19</b> | <b>S</b>  |       | <b>Second Sunday Before Lent (S3)</b> |
|           |           | 08.00 | Mass                                  |
|           |           | 09.30 | Parish Mass                           |
|           |           | 11.30 | Holy Baptism                          |
| <b>20</b> | <b>M</b>  |       | School Returns                        |
|           |           | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                      |
|           |           | 19.30 | PCC Meeting [PR]                      |
| <b>21</b> | <b>T</b>  | 09.15 | Mass [PR]                             |
| <b>23</b> | <b>Th</b> | 18.30 | Newbold Creatives [PR]                |
| <b>24</b> | <b>F</b>  | 13.30 | Women's World Day of Prayer Rehearsal |
| <b>25</b> | <b>Sa</b> | 10.15 | Church Open (till 11.45)              |
| <b>26</b> | <b>S</b>  |       | <b>Sunday Next Before Lent (S4)</b>   |
|           |           | 08.00 | Mass                                  |
|           |           | 09.30 | Parish Mass & Sunday School           |
| <b>27</b> | <b>M</b>  | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                      |
| <b>28</b> | <b>T</b>  | 09.15 | Mass [PR] <b>Shrove Tuesday</b>       |
|           |           | 19.30 | Getting Ready For Marriage [PR]       |

*Please check the weekly Pewslip for a more detailed diary.*

**COFFEE MORNING**

***This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, February 4<sup>th</sup> 2017***

***10.00 till 12.00***

***in the Parish Room***

***Please invite folks to come!***

***Everyone welcome***

*Items for the March Magazine  
to the editors by Sunday, 19<sup>th</sup> February 2017, please.*

## **GREETINGS FROM CAPE TOWN**



The photograph is of the interior of St George's Anglican Cathedral in Cape Town. It was here that in the 1980's the cathedral was a centre for political protest and the site of clashes between police and protesters. Desmond Tutu was the first black Archbishop of Cape Town and during his tenure the church was an important Centre of the anti-apartheid movement.

At first sight the cathedral is quite plain but as your eyes adjust to the natural light of the interior and you walk towards the altar you notice the magnificent stained glass windows and in a corner a wooden sculpture of the black Madonna.

Today there are no signs of apartheid and first impressions are that South Africa is like any mixed race society. Perhaps I am being a little naive and it is just the beginning of our holiday but so far everyone we meet is friendly and helpful, irrespective of the colour of their skin, and Afrikaans work alongside their black cousins with no sign that one considers themselves superior of the other.

Of course there is a big divide between those that have and those that have not and on a tour of the Cape Peninsula on our second day in South Africa we drove past several townships where men were hanging about street corners hoping to be chosen for a day's work. In the city there is a fair share of men sleeping in parks in the middle of the day but no more than we have seen in other cities around the world.

Our tour yesterday took us to the Cape of Good Hope and it was explained that early explorers were seeking a sea route to open up trade with the orient, especially for its spices. Finding the Cape gave good hope that a passage through had been found, as indeed it had.

We had our first experience of some of the wild life, seeing antelope and ostrich, the carcass of a dead whale washed up at the Cape but the highlight of the day out was a visit to the Penguin Colony at Simonstown on False Bay, which is part of the Indian Ocean.

Weather is of course very much better than at home!!

*Brian and Jean Lee*

Brian also sent a photograph of The African Madonna which was carved in lignum vitae wood by Leon Underwood. Alongside the work, an information panel states: 'the work has been described as monumental and brutally powerful. A work of ominous beauty, the Madonna stands aware of who she is, with enormous strength and serenity combined.'



The work was purchased under a Chantrey bequest for works of fine art executed within the shores of Great Britain. Such purchases are normally housed in the Tate Gallery. A former director there said that no comparable artist had been so little honoured, indeed so neglected.

## **A *Super Kitchen* for Newbold...**

As a church, we are in the process of thinking about ways in which we might better serve our community.

One of the ways in which other communities have come together is around social eating...



With this in mind we are hoping, with the help of other churches and the backing of the local council, to be involved in the setting up of a ***Super Kitchen*** at the Eagle Club.

What is 'Super Kitchen'?

*'Super Kitchen is a network of members who run social eating spaces; cooking for their communities with love. Social eating spaces are there to feed the whole person; belly and heart. And so much good stuff happens when we eat together; everybody is 'hungry' for this type of true nourishment. We call it #socialeating because we all eat a delicious meal together and by #socialeating people can make a positive impact on food waste, food poverty and social isolation.'*

*Super Kitchen is an inspiring idea combined with a tried and tested model; eating together at a mealtime, from one menu, like a family to maximise social benefit, using surplus food to provide environmentally-friendly and affordable, freshly-made meals.'*  
(information courtesy of [superkitchen.org](http://superkitchen.org))

If this sounds like something you would be interested in attending then watch this space...If this sounds like something you would like to be involved with running or volunteering for, then please contact our Rector, Ben Griffiths: [revbengriffiths@gmail.com](mailto:revbengriffiths@gmail.com) 01246 450374

## **MONDAY CLUB**

The Monday Club meets in the Parish Room at Newbold Parish Church on Monday afternoons between 1.45pm-4.00 pm. The group have visiting speakers as well as speakers from church, visit places of interest, enjoy meals out, games afternoons and is always looking for new activities.

We are a friendly, welcoming group and anyone is welcome to join us whether church members or not.

There is the opportunity to meet new people and make new friends. So if you are looking for somewhere to go and find something to do please consider joining us.

The first meeting in February will be in the Parish Room where we will discuss further meetings.

We go out for a meal each month as part of the programme. We are currently waiting for the 2017 brochures to come into the Tourist Information Centre.

As the weather gets warmer, come April, we are looking at going further afield to Bolsover Castle, Matlock, or Sheffield. We go to the museum when there is a new event happening and are always looking for places of interest to visit.

In the summer we may go on the canal from the Tupton Lock Visitor Centre as this was very popular last year.

Other ideas are to visit the Mayor's parlour at the Town Hall and arrange a visit to the Crooked Spire for a conducted tour. We listen to ideas from members and will do them if at all feasible.

So if you are interested please contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number appears on the back of the magazine.

*Richard Peet*

## QUIZ

### TV

- 1 On the TV quiz show, what do the initials QI stand for?
- 2 In which year did 'Casualty' air for the first time?
- 3 What is the first name of Mrs Brown of 'Mrs Brown's Boys'?
- 4 Which British actress played Susan Wright in the Detective Drama 'Broadchurch'?
- 5 What is the name of the butler played by Jim Carter in 'Downton Abbey'?
- 6 What is the first name of the detective Foyle in the TV drama 'Foyle's War'?

### FILM

- 7 Who played Legolas Greenleaf in 'The Lord of the Rings'?
- 8 In the 'Toy Story' films, what sort of object is Hamm?
- 9 Who wrote the novel which was adapted for the film 'The Shawshank Redemption'?
- 10 Which brothers shared the Best Director Oscar for 'No Country for Old Men'?
- 11 In which film was this line spoken – 'Wax on, right hand. Wax off, left hand. Wax on, wax off.'?
- 12 Who played the lead roles in 'The Bodyguard'?

### BOOKS

- 13 Whose autobiography is entitled 'Spectacles'?
- 14 Who wrote 'The Gruffalo' and 'The Snail & The Whale'?
- 15 Which famous detective appears in 'The House of Silk', a novel written by Anthony Horowitz?
- 16 Who wrote the poem with the line 'Oh to be in England, now that April's there' and what is the title?
- 17 The musical 'Les Miserables' is based on a work by which French author?
- 18 The book 'Bradshaws' is associated with which type of transport?
- 19 In which Jane Austen novel does Fanny Price appear?

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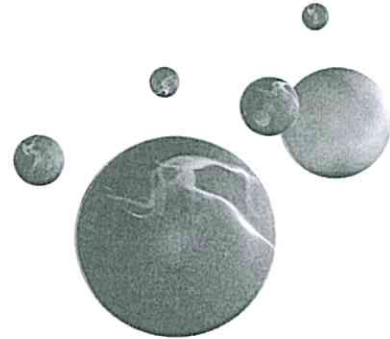
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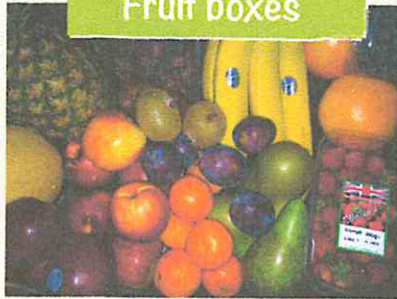


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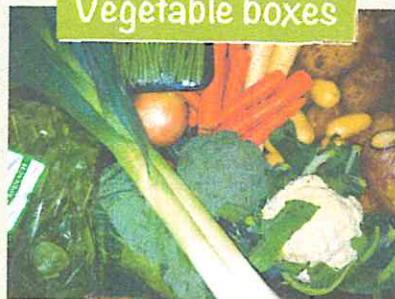
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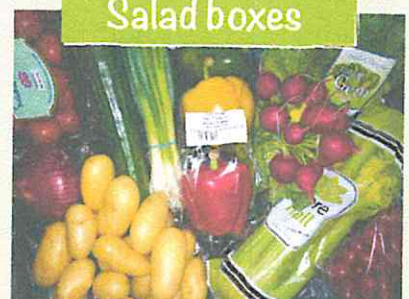
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## SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

Sunday school now starts in the Parish Room from 9.15 a.m. and the children return to church in time for the Eucharistic Prayer.

15th JANUARY's theme was 'What are you Looking For?' based on John 1: 29-42.

Members made an invitation to talk to a friend or neighbour inviting them to 'Come and See.' Heather and Natasha gave them to Discovery Zone members. Please pray that others will come. Members looked for things that they normally didn't see in the parish room.

The Gospel was presented as a jigsaw puzzle with members removing part of the jig-saw to reveal the word MESSIAH.

Members were asked to solve  $123 \times 5$  to explain that the story today was about stages John the Baptist went through in coming to understand Jesus as MESSIAH.

22nd JANUARY's theme *would have been* 'The Promise of the Kingdom.' Sadly, only Josh turned up and is now helping me set things up etc. Please pray that others will come and encourage those you know locally with children, to give Sunday School a try.

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Countdown to the FETE has begun.

There will be a meeting on **Sunday 26th February** after the 9.30 service in church at **10.45 a.m.** Grab a brew and biscuit and bring it through. If you are not here on that day please speak to or contact Heather beforehand.

Our **January All Age Family Service** was on Change and Choosing. Ben led the service and Heather did the talk and presented the story, 'The Good Samaritan' using drama. Heather led the prayers. We sang 'Our God is a Great Big God' and 'Shine'. Afterwards, during fellowship time, children coloured in pictures.

Please note this service is **not** just for children or folks with children. **Anyone can come.** Please encourage those you know locally with children, to give it a try. Perhaps you could accompany them?

**WANTED** folks from the 8.00 and 9.30 services to form a welcoming committee and perhaps help with refreshments. Numbers are growing. We need **your** help. Please see Heather or Ben.

**February's family service** is on **Sunday 12th at 11.00 a.m.** All are welcome.

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### **Flower Arranging Workshop**

There will be a flower arranging workshop in the Parish Room on **Saturday 8<sup>th</sup> April 10 am.**

Your arrangement can then be used by you at home as a focus for meditation for Easter. There will be a list of items to bring on the day. Please see Julie to book a place.



February 2017

# Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

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## Bishop Alastair writes...Getting in to Shape

We live in a world where many people place a high premium on 'getting into shape'. Dieting, training, exercise – there are plenty of paths and numerous advocates. The aim is to be fit for purpose – in body and mind: that is, externally as we present to others, and internally in terms of mental wellbeing.

This important endeavour by individuals also applies to institutions – families, groups, businesses – even the Diocese of Derby!

As a Diocese we need to take seriously the challenge to be in good shape.

Externally, in our own ways of operating to offer worship and witness, we have to assess the effectiveness of our own efforts. In our current thinking we are considering an 80/40 dieting and exercise regime! That is, of the 120 full-time incumbency type posts that account for much of our budget and of our resource for public ministry, we are looking to earmark 80 to maintain the parochial system – which is the backbone of how we offer worship and witness in every community.

However we want to free up 40 of these core posts to be deployed in more imaginative and flexible ways, so as to offer ministry and mission in the networks and changing groups that contemporary people live within. It will be for each Deanery to look at possibilities. Some of the 40 posts may be kept to provide parochial ministry and mission, but it is our hope that most of them can be used to increase the range of our offer of the Gospel – to enable us to get into better shape.

But – none of this external reshaping will be blessed and fruitful unless we work equally hard to find the right diet and exercise for our inner lives – our sense of God's presence and power and our commitment to the way of Jesus Christ.

Lent provides a special opportunity for a renewal of spiritual discipline and training, in our own lives, and in our church groups too. I have produced a small book to encourage this vital aspect of our getting into shape. *The Challenge of Our Christian Calling*. It is designed to help us seek renewal in our inner lives, to better enable our public worship and witness to be more effective. It is available from the Cathedral Bookshop for £5 a copy – proceeds go to our Harvest Appeal. The book can be used by individuals or small groups.

We all need to renew our efforts to get into shape. Externally and internally. I hope that as we prepare for Lent, and then observe this holy season of shaping, we can think, pray and act radically, going an extra mile to enable God to bless our worship and witness anew, and to renew the inner sense of call and commission upon which the work of our Diocese depends.

+ Alastair

## Post-Christmas funding boost for St Thomas, Derby

St Thomas, Derby, on the Historic England 'Heritage at Risk Register' is set to benefit from a rescue funding package from the National Churches Trust, the UK's church repair and support charity.

The church has been awarded a £15,000 National Churches Trust Community Grant to help fund a project to install kitchen and toilet facilities to increase community activities to engage with the local deprived neighbourhood.

Broadcaster and Journalist Huw Edwards, Vice-President of the National Churches Trust said: "I'm delighted that this Christmas the future of St Thomas, Derby, is being safeguarded by a National Churches Trust grant to help fund a project to install a kitchen and toilet.

"The funding will help ensure that the church can continue to serve local people for many years to come. Churches and chapels are some of the UK's best loved buildings. But their future is not guaranteed.

"Everyone can make a contribution to the future of the UK's church and chapel buildings. That could be by helping to clear drains and gutters to help keep churches watertight or by keeping an eye out for vandals or thieves."

"Churches and chapels may be historic buildings, but they can be part of our future, too."

St Thomas' was founded in 1881 through financial support of the Revd and Mrs Alfred Olivier and is dedicated to Mrs Olivier's father Archdeacon Thomas Hill. The Olivier family is related to Sir Laurence Olivier. The church was designed by the London architect Joseph Peacock.

The building is an important landmark in Normanton and Pear Tree. Following an initial repair grant from the Heritage Lottery, further work is now underway to raise funds for the St. Thomas building to be used not just for worship but also for charities and organisations working with those in need.

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## Children Ring Church Bells for Christmas at Old Brampton

Six primary-school-aged children rang all six church bells at St Peter & St Paul's Church at Old Brampton for the Crib Service on Christmas Eve.

This is an impressive achievement for the young bell ringers, aged between 9 and 11, as the largest bell weighs 12cwt (over 600kg). The children have fun at bell ringing practices and enjoy ringing for church services.

The Crib Service, held every Christmas Eve at Old Brampton Church, is a bustling family-friendly nativity play with carols and songs, where children and young people are invited to dress up and join in.

As well as children, there are teenagers and adults in the Old Brampton Church bell ringing team. All ages (9+) are taught in a friendly and lively environment, and taster sessions are available for anyone who is interested to see what ringing is about.

Everyone is welcome to the services and activities at Old Brampton Church: visit [www.oldbramptonchurch.org.uk](http://www.oldbramptonchurch.org.uk).



Bell ringing is an enjoyable activity and great exercise: visit the Discover Bell Ringing website at [www.bellringing.org](http://www.bellringing.org) for further information. For bell ringing at Old Brampton or anywhere else in Derbyshire email Sue Hall at [PRO@derbyda.org.uk](mailto:PRO@derbyda.org.uk).

# Parish Buying: The five big drains on parish finances

The start of the new year is a great time to take stock and look at how you can find ways to release more financial resource for your church mission.

Parish Buying have identified FIVE big drains on church finances, and suggested how you can tackle each one. The Parish Buying service has a proven track record in helping churches in these areas and may be able to help your church too.

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## Lent Resources

### Water Aid - Jars of Change Lent Appeal 2017

The 40 day journey through Lent can be long and testing. But for some children, the arduous journey to collect dirty water every day is a test they shouldn't have to endure.

This Lent could your church help end their tiring walks to collect dirty water? By giving something up this Lent and collecting the money you save for WaterAid, your pennies can become life changing clean water for children all around the world.

Its easy to get your whole church involved by ordering a fundraising pack from [www.wateraid.org](http://www.wateraid.org). The pack contains a Sunday School activity sheet, poster, fundraising tips and jar sleeves to help your congregation collect their change.



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### Send a Cow - Lent Resources

This Lent Send a Cow has created new and inspiring Bible reflections including an Easter reflection by the Right Reverend Paul Butler, the Bishop of Durham.

Each of the six studies is supported by a case study of people with whom we work in Africa to illustrate the difference our work can make in people's lives. These culminate in an Easter reflection by the Bishop of Durham.

This year they are also running a Sweet Swap appeal asking you to swap sugar for healthier options through Lent. By raising £215 you could support a family of six in Ethiopia for a whole year. You can find our more on their website [www.sendacow.org](http://www.sendacow.org)



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### Church Urban Fund - the Big Pancake Party

All across the country there are families who struggle to put food on the table; children are going to school hungry and parents are skipping meals so that their kids can eat an evening meal.

We want to continue our work to stop this and so we're calling on churches, schools, families and individuals throughout England to stand up to food poverty and have some fun in the process. CUF have also created a Lent course, more information is available at [cuf.org.uk](http://cuf.org.uk)



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### Your church

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## ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1 Quite Interesting 2 1986 3 Agnes 4 Pauline Quirke  
5 Charlie Carson 6 Christopher 7 Orlando Bloom 8 A piggy bank  
9 Stephen King 10 Joel and Ethan Coen 11 The Karate Kid  
12 Kevin Costner & Whitney Houston 13 Sue Perkins 14 Julia  
Donaldson 15 Sherlock Holmes 16 Robert Browning ' Home-  
thoughts from Abroad 17 Victor Hugo 18 Railways 19 Mansfield  
Park

### 200 CLUB

The Club winners for August were as follows:-

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| First prize  | (£32) | Tony Witham    | (Number 127) |
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| Third prize  | (£6)  | Brian Speed    | (Number 14)  |

New members are always welcome. Please contact either  
Richard Peet (Tel. 520697) or Stephen Hewitt (Tel. 275225)  
for more information.

The next draw will be held on Sunday 26th February 2017

*A question for Julie and Richard, our churchwardens.*

*Are you like air raid wardens, always looking up to see what's  
being dropped on you next?*