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# Family Service

## ***What is a 'family' service?***

Family services can take many forms. However, here at Newbold Parish Church, our family services are a chance to worship together in a more informal way. We hope it is accessible to all.

## ***When does it happen?***

Family services take place on the 2nd Sunday of each month at 11am.

## ***What happens?***

We aim to make our family service 'interactive'. This means that the congregation has the opportunity to get involved with the Bible stories we look at and the dramas we perform. The prayers might include a multi-sensory element, and the talk may invite some creative responses.

We also meet afterwards for refreshments while the children have a go at some crafts.

## ***How long is it?***

We aim for each service to be no longer than 45 minutes.

## ***Who is it for?***

Anyone who likes the sound of it really!

**8th January**

**12th February**

**12th March**

**9th April**

**14th May**

**11th June**

**9th July**

give it a  
GO!

**13th August**

**10th**

**September**

**8th October**

**12th November**

**10th December**



Dear all,

As we enter another New Year, I am increasingly convinced that New Year's resolutions are pointless. Every year we are encouraged by TV, newspapers, the internet, to make a change in our lives. This is usually brought about because we have overdone it with the mince pies, or booze, or chocolate, or turkey, or... you get the picture...

We are told that a new year can mean a new you. January sees an increase in gym subscriptions, we might get the scales out (and put them straight away again!), we might consider restarting a new hobby or interest. All of these things could be good for us, they could see us making improvements to our lives...

However, every time I have resolved to change something from the list above I have failed. Why? Probably because my heart wasn't in it... The truth is that any major changes in our lives take a huge amount of energy, commitment, fortitude, stickability... But there is something else that should make me wary of a new resolution. That is: as a Christian, it should be odd for me to make a new resolution to be a better me...

Why? Because all of these changes assume that I have the answers to the question 'how can I be a better me?' I know, deep down, that any worthwhile change in the way I live can only be achieved with the help of God. Because as a Christian my motivation, my reason for being, is intrinsically linked to following Jesus Christ, and to asking the question: 'What does God want to change in me?'

While I am sure that God does care about the state of my health, the size of my gut, the way I spend my 'free' time, I am convinced that if I ask God to help me to be more like Jesus I stand a better chance of real change.

Of course I still have the option to ignore God's way; to carry on regardless. But, as a new year begins, I really want to focus on what God wants for me and for those around me.

I hope that if you are considering to 'resolve' to do something in 2017 that you join me in resolving to invite God to influence your life in a deeper way. Remember, we can't do it on our own! We need God's help at every turn. With that in mind here are a couple of prayers that may be helpful as we enter a new year.

Every blessing,

Ben

Revd Ben Griffiths, Rector.

### **A Puritan Prayer for the New Year**

O Lord,

Length of days does not profit me except the days are passed in Thy presence, in Thy service, to Thy glory.

Give me a grace that precedes, follows, guides, sustains, sanctifies, aids every hour, that I may not be one moment apart from Thee,

but may rely on Thy Spirit to supply every thought, speak

in every word, direct every step, prosper every work,

build up every mote of faith, and give me a desire to

show forth Thy praise;

testify Thy love, advance

Thy kingdom.



I launch my bark on the unknown waters of this year,  
with Thee, O Father as my harbour, Thee,  
O Son, at my helm,  
Thee O Holy Spirit, filling my sails. Guide  
me to heaven with my loins girt,  
my lamp burning, my ear  
open to Thy calls, my  
heart full of love, my soul  
free.

Give me Thy grace to sanctify me,  
Thy comforts to cheer,  
Thy wisdom to teach,  
Thy right hand to guide,  
Thy counsel to instruct, Thy  
law to judge,  
Thy presence to stabilise.  
May Thy fear be my awe,  
Thy triumphs my joy. Amen

*Anon*



## **DISTURB US, LORD**

Disturb us, Lord, when we are too well pleased with ourselves,  
When our dreams have come true  
Because we have dreamed too little,  
When we arrived safely  
Because we sailed too close to the shore.

Disturb us, Lord, when  
With the abundance of things we possess  
We have lost our thirst  
For the waters of life;  
Having fallen in love with life,  
We have ceased to dream of eternity  
And in our efforts to build a new  
earth, We have allowed our vision  
Of the new Heaven to dim.

Disturb us, Lord, to dare more boldly,  
To venture on wider seas  
Where storms will show your  
mastery; Where losing sight of  
land, We shall find the stars.  
We ask You to push back  
The horizons of our hopes;  
And to push into the future  
In strength, courage, hope, and love.





## CHURCHYARD BIRD WATCH 2016

The bird watch in the churchyard has continued over the last year. Trish and I have tried to keep to the first Saturday of each month but other commitments have meant that from time to time we have had to change either our day or week.

As usual my friend Peter came to help us with the nest boxes. As usual the birds that had used them were great tits. The first time he came we were a little too early and there was nothing in the nest boxes. Next time there were three nest boxes in use and when we came back next time a fourth nest box was taken. The earlier chicks were ringed at the end of May and had fledged by the time we ringed the last chicks a fortnight later. In all we ringed twenty great tits but there are probably only about half of those still living as there is a high mortality rate in the early days.

We expected the work being done on the trees in the churchyard to have an adverse effect on the birds. Much to our surprise we found there were just as many birds if not more. We concluded that the birds took no notice of the workmen and found the more open areas of the churchyard much more to their liking and have continued to visit us during the following months.

We still see the same old characters within the churchyard but there have been a couple of new sightings, siskin and raven, plus some not nationally rare birds but rare for us to see in the churchyard eg redwing, tree creeper and nuthatch.

In the churchyard there are places where we almost always see birds but it is amazing some months as you can see a group of birds in a tree that has not been notable for bird life previously. There are some poplar trees on the right hand side of the churchyard and one month these were alive with birds but before and since there has been nothing in them. There is a tree in one of the gardens in the cul-de-sac bit of Dunston Lane which kept us busy for quite a while in December as there was a wren, tree creeper, blue tits and a blackbird all in its branches all at the same time.

We are now looking forward to 2017 to see what that brings us as nothing can be certain. We have a good idea of what we may see but the hope of something unusual or new is always there.

*Christine Wieloch*



## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS



Primary school results were recently made available on Gov.uk showing the progress made between KS1 and KS2. Newbold Church School were in the top 10% (well above national average), for writing and mathematics and in the top 20% (above national average) for reading,

the result of a lot of dedicated hard work by teachers and children. Congratulations to everyone!

It has been a very busy end of term. Year 2 enjoyed a themed Pirate Day to end their pirate topic for the term. This included a treasure hunt, singing pirate shanties and designing pirate faces. Parents were invited along to see the projects, listen to songs, and drink Captain Riley's special grog.....

This wonderful array of cakes was made at the Church School Christmas Cake Club run by our cook, Mrs Beresford, helped by Julie Clark and Susie Pettitt. They were delighted with the results. The children mixed the cakes, applied the marzipan, and finally iced the cakes, and decorated them with either a snowman or a Christmas tree modelled in marzipan and icing.



The standard was very high but the awards for the best decorated cakes went to Poppy and James. Well done star bakers!



Early in December the Christmas Fayre raised almost £1,000. Each year group had produced something to sell (including painted baubles and reindeer poop). Thank you to all who helped and supported the fayre and thanks to the members of the PTA who have raised funds to provide some benched seating with colourful planters outside the main entrance to the school.

This week the pantomime came to school when Lincoln Academy of Performing Arts performed Puss in Boots, described by year 5 students as Spectacular, Amazing and Magnifique(!) and on the last day of term the school was full of elves (large and small) in support of National Elf Service Day. This event raised money for families of children who are too ill to leave the Sheffield Children's Hospital at Christmas.

KS1 children wowed their packed audience with two performances of 'Prickly Hay', a Musical Nativity with a hoedown flavour. Sam is a hardworking stable boy who feels very unimportant until some very special visitors arrive at his stable. Then he realises his worth and that we are all special in some way.

The Christingle Service was held in school, when Mrs Marsh explained that light, and love, are not diminished by being shared. (This is one of her favourite moments when she sees angelic faces in the candlelight.)

Finally, the school carol service took place in church on the evening before the last day of term. This time it was standing room only for those who did not arrive early enough. The Christmas story was retold and children in costume gradually built up a tableau of the nativity scene. All the prayers were led by the children, who also did the readings.

The children sang with great enthusiasm and communicated the messages of the carols very clearly. The service ended after a short address by Fr. Ben and a Christmas blessing.

**CHRISTIANS TOGETHER FOR CHESTERFIELD**  
**(Churches Together in Newbold are members)**

Christmas Greetings from the Secretary..... *Paul King*

We have three significant developments in the affairs of CTFC at present:

1. By stages, delivery to congregations not represented at the last Forum is taking place of the business/calling cards, drawing on our original print-run of 3000. Please play a part in this common outreach to newcomers. More available and a second printing possible.
2. Preparations are taking place for our annual Songs of Praise, this time in Central Methodist on January 22nd at 6pm. There will be good stories and testimony and a terrific sing. A one-rehearsal choir meets on Friday 20th, also at Central, and at 7.30.
3. Did you get wind of the proposed Lent House Groups? I hope so. Hilary Lyndon on 857846 and I on 270936 are needing to hear from volunteer hosts and leaders, please, to use the York course, some copies of which are on order. Ash Wednesday is March 1<sup>st</sup>, we need to get preps made pronto, please. Like....very soon.

And some gossip (sanctified, of course).

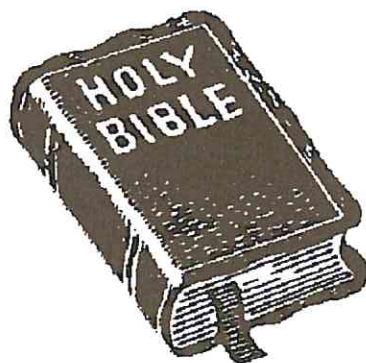
1. John Cook, minister at St Andrews and Holymoorside URC churches, has been appointed chaplain to our part of Derby University in the former St Helena's School. They are holding a winter event on Wednesday Dec 21st from 11-3 in the refectory. A drop-in chance!
2. Revd. Ben Griffiths is finding his feet at St John's Newbold and there will be an ecumenical event in Newbold on Jan 22nd.
3. Fr Adrian Tomlinson is the new priest at Annunciation/Holy Family in the place of Fr Mark Macmanus



4. The Revd. Janet Quick NSM is moving on January 1st from the Whittingtons to Old Brampton, Barlow and Loundsley Green, supporting Revd. Peter Green.
5. As you may know, Grace Chapel has moved house – to 89 New Square, where Yorkshire Bank used to be. Street Pastors have gone with them.
6. Churches Together for Derbyshire are set to revive further after a meeting of denominational Ecumenical officers and the treasurer on December 13th. Watch this space.
7. 'Church on the Bus' is to take a fresh form after January 8th, we hear.
8. St Francis Community centre on Hunloke Avenue has a new roof and some refurbishment. Tim Rourke knows about this. There was a re-opening on Friday 9th Dec.
9. Some further pondering is taking place about how we may assist in improving provision for people with Mental Health Issues. Your views are welcome.
10. Chesterfield's contingent of Syrian refugees has arrived and are settling in. They have a support worker Milad, who is on 0759 904 0031

All of which surely means that Christians Together for Chesterfield is not doing badly in 'furthering the total Christian enterprise in and immediately adjacent to, the Borough of Chesterfield', as the constitution requires....

Love and best wishes to everyone for this season and in to 2017.



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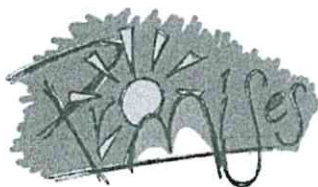


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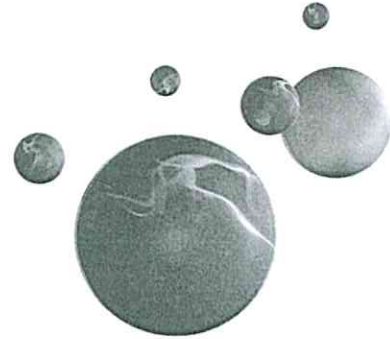
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## PATHWAYS OF CHESTERFIELD

As annual supporters of Pathways our church received a letter of introduction from the new Chair of Trustees, Richard Minns together with their Annual Report, showing the financial position and the continuing support given to the homeless of Chesterfield.

“Our VISION continues to be that everyone in our community has a place they can call home.

Our MISSION is to prevent homelessness, to eradicate rough sleeping in our community and to support those without a permanent home to obtain and maintain one”.

Increasing demand on their services during the past year and restricted funding means that any donations from individuals, businesses or fund raising events would be gratefully received. Pathways have a dedicated team, led by new manager, Emily Gilpin and helped by Housing Support Officers – Linda Ford and Jane Woodward and nurses Sarah Sammans and Laura Newbould Jones. They are determined to continue their work in helping the homeless people of Chesterfield. It is worth mentioning that anyone of us could at any time become homeless – a marriage breakdown, losing a job, a family argument, a mental health issue. See below a letter from just such a person.

### **JUSTIN’S STORY**      *published by permission*

I first came to Pathways in August 2015 and at the time I didn’t really care about anything or anyone.

I got drunk all of the time, got into trouble and didn’t look after my appearance. Sarah couldn’t believe how long my beard was when I first arrived, and when I looked in the mirror neither could I (although it kept my face warm when sleeping outside)!

I had spent many years going in and out of prison and had just been released after my last visit there. Since my first meeting with the staff at Pathways, they made me feel welcome and better. They helped me leave the streets within one week and continued to



support me. The nurses helped me to get myself a doctor and soon after my first visit with him I started on antidepressants.

The housing placement didn't work out too well for me and again Pathways helped me to find somewhere in a more supportive environment which is what we decided I needed. There have been times where it has been difficult and I have thought about going back to my old ways but the staff have always been there to encourage me and to drive me forwards instead of going back. I am proud to say I no longer use alcohol or drugs and have a new love in my life with whom I have lots of long term plans and exciting times ahead.

Without Pathways I know I would be back in prison and leading a very lonely sad life. Without the staff I wouldn't be where I am now. I am doing well and attend the Social Group that Sarah and Laura run on a Tuesday, and I enjoy going there and showing them all pictures of my animals which include snakes, bearded dragons, geckos, duck and guinea pigs etc. I love spending time with my animals as it helps me to take my mind off any worries I may have.

Thank you Pathways"

## PRAYER

Lord Jesus,  
you call me to live every aspect of my life in your presence,  
and so I come before you as I am.

With the myrrh that the wise men carried I bring too,  
the pain and sorrow and suffering that I have experienced.  
I lay them before you because they are all part of who I am.

I ask that good may come from whatever negative things happen to  
me  
knowing that nothing can ever separate me from your love.

Amen

## **SAFEGUARDING AT NEWBOLD**

Safeguarding has been in the news again recently with football in the spotlight. We would like to take this opportunity to keep you informed of what we, as a church, put in place to protect the most vulnerable, the young and elderly.

We have a number of people with a DBS certificate who have contact with children and vulnerable people in our congregation, a number of whom will receive training over the next few months to support this role.

At the last PCC meeting we agreed to adopt the following policy for the taking of photos and their use.

If you have any Safeguarding concerns do not hesitate to speak to Julie Franks, Ena Johnson or Fr Ben.

### **St John's Newbold Photography and Video Policy**

Signed permission by parent /carer must be obtained for under 18 year olds before photographs and videos are taken. Adults may give verbal permission.

Photographs must only be used for the identified purpose and not stored longer than is necessary.

Any photograph used will not directly identify the name of the young person; also their permission will be gained where appropriate before it is used.

Any concerns over images are to be reported to the Rector and/or Parish Safeguarding Link representatives.

Any adults who do not wish to have their photograph taken should make the Rector and Parish Safeguarding Links aware of this.



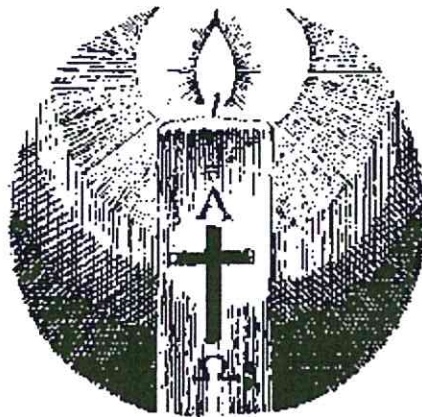
# From the Registers

## Funerals

19 Dec Albert Hardy

aged 90

*May he rest in peace and rise in glory*



## PRAYER

Forgive us Lord when we are struggling with life,  
Searching for answers in vain,  
Relying on our own strength and failing again.

Remind us Lord that you are the strength upon whom we can call,  
The power to endure,  
The answer that we seek,  
The one in whose arms we can safely fall.

Forgive us Lord, when we forget.

Amen

# DIARY FOR JANUARY 2017

<b>1</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>John, Apostle &amp; Evangelist (Patronal Festival) (S1)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		12.00	Walking Group
<b>2</b>	<b>M</b>		Bank Holiday
<b>3</b>	<b>T</b>	09.15	Mass [PR]
<b>4</b>	<b>W</b>		School Returns
		19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
<b>5</b>	<b>Th</b>	18.30	Newbold Creatives [PR]
<b>7</b>	<b>Sa</b>	10.00	Coffee Morning (till 12.00) [PR]
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
		10.30	Parish Office (till 11.30)
<b>8</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>The Epiphany (S2)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	Family Service
<b>9</b>	<b>M</b>	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
<b>10</b>	<b>T</b>	09.15	Mass [PR]
<b>12</b>	<b>Th</b>	18.30	Newbold Creatives [PR]
<b>14</b>	<b>Sa</b>	10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
		10.30	Parish Office (till 11.30)
<b>15</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Epiphany 2 (S3)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & Sunday School
		11.30	Holy Baptism
<b>16</b>	<b>M</b>	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	PCC Meeting [PR]
<b>17</b>	<b>T</b>	09.15	Mass [PR]
<b>19</b>	<b>Th</b>	19.00	Quiz Night with Pie & Peas [PR]
<b>21</b>	<b>Sa</b>	09.00	Churchyard Morning [to 12.00]



		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
		10.30	Parish Office (till 11.30)
<b>22</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Epiphany 3 (S4)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & Sunday School
23	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	CNC Meeting [PR]
24	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Pastoral Team Meeting
26	Th	18.30	Newbold Creatives [PR]
28	Sa	10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
		10.30	Parish Office (till 11.30)
<b>29</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Presentation - Candlemas (S5)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & Sunday School
30	M	10.00	M U Deanery Meeting
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
31	T	09.15	Mass [PR]

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

**COFFEE MORNING**

***This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, January 7<sup>th</sup> 2017***

***10.00 till 12.00***

***in the Parish Room***

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

***Everyone welcome***

*Items for the February Magazine  
to the editors by Sunday, 22<sup>nd</sup> January 2017, please.*

## WALKING GROUP

This 4 ½ walk from Bolsover towards Scarcliffe and Palterton turned out to be a gentle amble along pavements and fields with extensive views at one point where we stopped for some time to scan the various landmarks.

Nine of us stepped out onto the main road to be met by a cold wind biting at our earlobes, to walk past the church of St. Mary and St. Lawrence, in the care of the Reverend Rachel Gouldthorpe.

We all know who St. Mary is but who was St. Lawrence? According to the church's website he was a Roman saint who according to tradition was martyred by being roasted alive on a gridiron. His feast day is 10th August. The church is a Grade 11 listed building and has twice been gutted by fire, the last time in 1960, however many important features were preserved including the 17th century Crypt and Cavendish Chapel and the "Christ the King" east window.

We turned onto a muddy footpath and walked through fields where cereal crops were growing well in neat straight lines. Whilst walking through Scarcliffe village, a Neighbourhood Watch area, we spotted two stone features sitting atop the gate posts. One depicted a wall with a man's face holding binoculars on one side and a burglar with swag bag on the other.

The absence of wild life was noticeable during this walk although we did pass a field where Shetland ponies grazed and along one track there were numerous mole hills which one of our team continually poked his walking pole into.

We ended the walk by ambling along the ridge from Palterton exclaiming at the wonderful view and seeing Sutton Scarsdale Hall and Hardwick Hall in the distance.

We all convened at the home of Ruth and Bob where a log fire burned and home-made wine and cider warmed us up. Victoria did an excellent job of serving us with a choice of soups with rolls, followed by mince pies and stolen bites and all enjoyed a social get-together before setting out homeward.



The next walk will be led by Trish on Sunday 1st January in the Chatsworth area. We meet at 12 noon at the church gates with a packed lunch. If anyone wishes to start the New Year with a fitness programme, then come and join us – you will immediately feel great and eventually lose weight.

## CHRISTMAS CRACKER JOKES

What do elves learn at school?

A. The elf-a-bet

Who is never hungry at Christmas?

A. A turkey; it's always stuffed

Who delivers presents to baby sharks at Christmas?

A. Santa Jaws!

What do you call a snowman in the summer?

A. A puddle

What do you give a person who has everything?

A. Penicillin

What did the scarf say to the hat?

A. I'll hang around here and you go on ahead

Why did the doughnut maker sell his shop?

A. He got fed up with the hole business

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## MOTHERS UNION



Five members met at Ruth's home with a nice log fire burning and tea, sherry and mince pies to enjoy.

We had 3 apologies. Sadly Annette Angus had fallen and was still in the Royal Hospital. A card was sent via Iris, together with the "Roots & Branches" and "Families Worldwide" magazines which were given out. The Treasurer, Margaret Beasley, had brought five raffle prizes so everyone was a winner. Members were told that Dronfield M.U. was to close.

The next meeting will be on February 8th at 2pm in the Parish Room and our guest will be Ben, our Rector.

### THE MONDAY CLUB programme for January 2017

Monday 2nd	No meeting
Monday 9th	Games/Bingo in the Parish Room
Monday 16th	Meal out
Monday 23rd	Organ Recital by Stuart Watkinson
Monday 30th	Lunch at 'The Spires' and a visit to the Museum 'Crime & Punishment' in Chesterfield's past. In the Art Gallery 'Drawing Connections' – a display of contemporary work by the Society of Graphic Fine Artists, along with drawings by local artist Joseph Sydall.

As you can see, we have a varied programme so if you would like to join us please contact Margaret Beasley. The phone number appears on the back page of this issue.



## **Newbold Women's Group Carol service and Christmas party**

Around thirty members attended our annual Carol service on Wednesday 7th December at 7pm followed by our Christmas party in the Parish Room. This was an opportunity for the Rector to meet some members for the first time and we were pleased that Ben was able to open the service with bidding prayers and to close it with a blessing.

As usual Stuart Watkinson played the organ for the carols and we lost count of how many extracts from different carols he played in his musical interlude!

We were pleased that Stuart and Elizabeth as well as Stephen and Julie Franks were able to join us for the evening. The buffet spread was absolutely delicious and was a credit to our members who had all brought contributions.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday 4th January at 7pm in the Parish Room when Stuart Watkinson is doing a surprise presentation.

If anyone would like to join our group they will be made most welcome and my contact details are on the back cover of The Evangelist if anyone would like further information.

*Jean Lee*

### **PRAYER**

Sovereign God,  
Give grace to those who lead our Government and nation that they may use their gifts and abilities to serve the common good, and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will.  
Through him who came not to be served but to serve.  
Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

## Charity Giving

Each year, the PCC approves donations to a number of charities, as part of our Christian duty to support those less fortunate than ourselves. Those currently supported are:

- Church Times TAP Fund
- National Churches Trust
- Friends of Derby Cathedral
- St. Laurence Children's Hospice
- The Peak Centre-Champion House
- Diocesan Clergy Widows' & Orphans' Fund
- Ashgate Hospice; Order of the Black Sheep
- Pathways of Chesterfield

These charities have been supported by us for a number of years and the amount given been around £500 each year, in total.

We now wish to refresh the list and ask if anyone has any suggestions of charities which we could help.

Please write the name(s) and reasons for your choice, where applicable, and give to a Churchwarden or Deputy Churchwarden. The PCC will then vote and thus choose those to be supported in 2017:

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## **200 CLUB**

The Club winners for November 2016 were as follows:-

First Prize	£32	S. Franks	Number 122
Second Prize	£16	K. Witham	Number 130
Third Prize	£6	J. Lowe	Number 6

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 29th January 2017.



## FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEWBOLD BUILDING PROJECT

The coffee morning held on 3rd December raised £107 and £ 277.50 was raised at the recent Christmas Concert held in the church.

On a rainy Saturday evening The Hallamshire Military Band gave a superb performance of continuous Christmas music, songs and well-known carols. The programme featured the music of Irvin Berlin, the Hallelujah Chorus from Handel's 'Messiah' and a gentle arrangement of 'Midnight in Bethlehem'.

'The Nutrocker' gave most listeners an excuse to jig about in their seats as did 'Rockin' around the Christmas Tree'. The band played a brilliant rendition of 'Stop the Cavalry', an anti-war song sung by Jona Lewie, which became a Christmas hit single in 1982. The evening finished with a 'Christmas Festival' of carols and a final playing of 'We wish you a Merry Christmas'.

Thanks to everyone who helped to organise this, designed the poster, made mince pies, provided sherry and raffle prizes and to all who bought tickets and attended.

**Chutneys & Jam** Ruth Cable has some of the following left for sale, proceeds will go towards the NewBold Project –

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**Fundraising Events for 2017** start off with the **7th January Coffee Morning 10am – 12noon**, in the parish room. This will be hosted by June Shaw and Joyce Briddon. Please bring friends along, everyone is welcome.

We are also running a **Quiz Night on Thursday 19th January at 7pm with a pea and pie supper**. Tickets are on sale at £7 adults and £5 for children.

We have now managed to raise over £24,227.00 for the NewBold Building Project

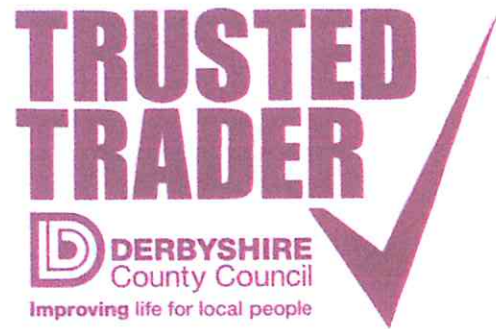
## MUSIC QUIZ

Can you guess the pop/rock bands from the cryptic clues?

1. They gather no moss
2. Children just moved into the neighbourhood
3. Uncomplicated intellects
4. Cinnamon maidens
5. Mr Sinatra is off to make a film
6. Lawmen
7. A desert watering hole
8. Pucker up for one
9. Spring, autumn, summer and winter
10. B.A., BSc and M.A
11. No girls allowed
12. The lads from Bondi
13. Mexican food would be bland without them
14. George, Patrick, David and Andrew
15. Bingo.....
16. You wear them on your wrists
17. Not big countenances
18. You will see them in the zoo
19. Another word for father
20. Quick timber in Scotland
21. The lads in the alley
22. Tasty on toast
23. Desperate for this when in pain
24. Messing about in snow
25. As well as
26. We dread getting this when we are older
27. Crying when frightened
28. Broken
29. HQ is a big house in London
30. This spotted animal can't hear
31. Dark red number
32. Two and seven alphabetically
33. Stump
34. The Revd. Ben Griffiths isn't one of these
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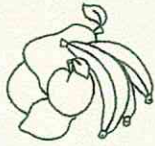
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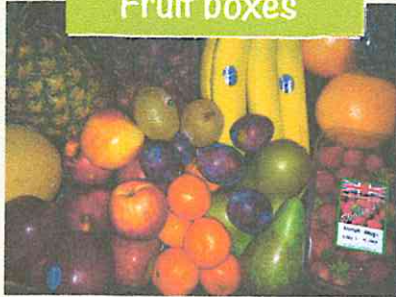


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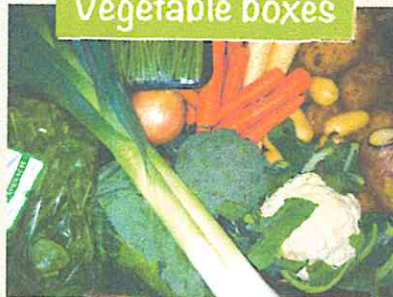
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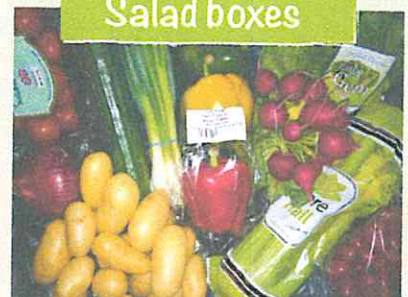
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## **PRAYER**

We pray for confidence to share your world with others  
And for the opportunity to proclaim it.  
Forgive our reluctance, our timidity.

We pray for wisdom to know what should be said  
And the moment in which to say it.  
Forgive our reticence, our anxiety.

We pray for knowledge of the fullness of your Grace  
And the willingness to live it.  
Forgive our ignorance, our self reliance.

Be the centre of all we are  
The Light by which we walk,  
The blessing we bring to others,  
Through Jesus Christ alone we ask.

Amen



## INSCRIPTIONS ON GRAVESTONES AND THEIR MEANINGS

Most of us from time to time have wandered through churchyards and cemeteries. Some use the paths as a shortcut, others to visit a family grave, and many find that wandering among the gravestones, reading the names of those resting there, can be an interesting and rewarding experience.

What we would recognise today as churchyards didn't appear until the eighth century. In past times when people could not read or write very well, pictures or symbols were used on gravestones. It was from the 1700's onwards that inscriptions on stones became more detailed, depicting an occupation or an interest. Music for instance, would be shown as a verse or a couple of lines of a hymn, as musical notes or instruments such as a lyre or a harp.

**Anchor** - hope, faith, often on sailors graves

**Angel** - a guide to heaven. St. Matthew is often represented as a winged man.

**Ants** - Christian Industry

**Anvil** - forging the universe, also found on Blacksmiths graves

**Apples** - represent salvation sometimes sin

**Arch** - passage to heaven

**Arrow** - mortality and martyrdom

**Bee/Beehive** - a long life well spent in useful activities, and the hope of the sweetness of heaven as a fitting reward

**Broken bud/branch** – denotes someone who died an untimely or premature death. Usually a younger person's gravestone

**Book** - Book of Life (recording a name destined for eternity)

**Bugle** - a soldier

**Dog** - dogs often appear at the feet of medieval women, signifying their loyalty and inferior place. Modern dogs imply that the deceased was worth loving.

**Dolphin** - portrays the idea of resurrection

**Dove** - peace, representing the Holy Spirit, the messenger of God

**Hands** - clasped hands signify both the sadness of parting and the prospect of joyful reunion.

**Ivy** - sincerity and faithfulness

**I.H.S.** - the first three letters (iota, eta and sigma) from the start of the Greek spelling of Jesus. Sometimes interpreted as Jesus Christ, Saviour or In His Service.

**Knot** - a tied knot symbolizes marriage and unity

**Labryrinth** - a maze signifies life's difficult pathways, beyond which heaven can be reached.

**Lamb** - Agnus Dei – Lamb of God- represents innocence and found on infants graves.

**Ox** - patience and strength

**Rooster** - awakening to resurrection. Vigilance

**Rope** - emblem of helpfulness

**Snake** - if hooped, means eternal life, no beginning no end, otherwise means health and healing, or sometimes used to remind against temptation!

**Sundial** - passage of time

**Sword** - justice and honesty

**Soldier on a horse** - If the horse has both legs in the air the person probably died in battle. One leg raised, died as a result of wounds. All legs on the ground – natural causes.

Jewish symbols -

**A six-pointed star** – the Star of David – a symbol of divine protection.

**Candelabra** - (Menorah) an ancient symbol of Judaism

**The Scroll of the Pentateuch** - represents the first 5 books of the Old Testament.

**The Ewer of Levi Pitcher** - associated with the Levites who wash a priest's hands prior to a religious service.

**Lion** - symbol of the strength of Judaism, an attribute of David, Hosea, and Samson.

Jewish customs designate specific times as appropriate for cemetery visits indeed visiting isn't allowed during certain times of the year. It is not traditional to take flowers to a grave, but instead to place a small stone there as a sign of respect. The main purpose of visits is to honour the deceased and pray for the elevation of his/her soul.



# our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

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## **Bishop Jan writes...What can I give him, poor as I am?**

In most nativity plays, the three kings enter, stage left, a bit too early. They also feature somewhat prematurely on our Christmas cards. The wise men shouldn't really show up until January. They've seen the star and they know a new king has been born. But they are foreigners from distant lands and, camels or no camels, they have something of a trek to Bethlehem. We mark their arrival on 6th January – the feast of the Epiphany.

The wise men bring gifts. Their gifts are the finest gold, frankincense and myrrh. Their gifts are more luxurious and more expensive than those offered by the shepherds. But the shepherds have given their best lambs. All of them, rich or poor, have given the best they have to the new born king lying in a grubby manger.

We give gifts at Christmas in imitation of the wise men and the shepherd. We give too in imitation of our most generous God, who held nothing back, but gave his own son to live among us and to die for us. This is how much he loves us – that he gave everything for us.

Those shepherds and wise men that first Christmas reflected the generosity of God in their gifts of the very best they had to offer. The challenge of the Epiphany is simple. What do we offer to God? Do we give him our very best – the first fruits of our time, energy, talents and money? Or do we give him what's left over – a quick visit on a Sunday; nothing in terms of helping out at church or volunteering in society; the loose change from our pocket in the collection plate?

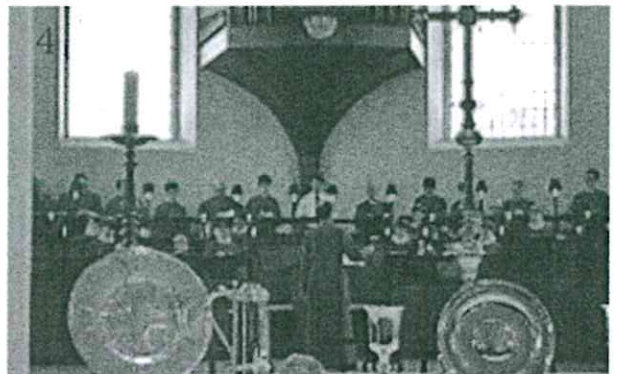
We sing the words of the familiar carol each Christmas. "In the bleak mid-winter" is up there amongst our favourite carols, the mournful and haunting tune echoing something of the beauty of Christina Rossetti's evocative poem. But it's also one of the most challenging.

"What can I give him, poor as I am? If I were a shepherd I would bring a lamb. If I were a wise man I would do my part. Yet what I can, I give him - give my heart."

What might it mean for us to offer our hearts, ourselves, all that we are and all that we have, to God this new year?



# 2016: A year in pictures - just some of our highlights



1. Bishop Jan announced as the new Bishop of Repton
2. Ceramic daffodils installed at Yeavsley Church
3. Diocesan Readers ready for the Blessing of the Oils service
4. Queens Birthday celebration at Derby Cathedral
5. Bishop Alastair visits Peru
6. The Archbishop of Canterbury visit to Derby - at Derby Mosque.
7. Baptism in Glossop
8. Outside the Crooked Spire
9. Meeting those to be ordained at Petertide
10. Many of you joined us for the service at Derby Roundhouse

11. Meeting shoppers and traders in Derby Cathedral Quarter
12. Evening prayer at Peak Forest
13. Archdeacon Christine's leaving service at the Crooked Spire
14. Bishop Jan's Consecration
15. Bishop Jan's welcome service at Derby Cathedral
16. The annual Bishop's Badge service at Derby Cathedral
17. Church House participating in the Freedom Flame
18. Youlgrave village made out of cake!







# Derby Churches Nightshelter 2016

This winter's Derby Churches Nightshelter started on 1 December. The objective is to meet the urgent need for safe overnight accommodation for Derby's homeless. There are again seven church venues in or near the city centre which each open one night per week in rotation. Volunteers will provide a warm welcome and a substantial meal to up to 35 guests. Paid overnight staff then take over. Guests sleep in sleeping bags on mattresses on the church floor.

Guests can also attend a weekly support facility at Ozzy Road church. This is where guests can meet with various agencies and discuss options. The aim is for every guest to have an alternative option to returning to the streets when the nightshelter closes.

Last year there were 217 different guests in a nightshelter venue for one or more nights between December 2015 - March 2016. The gender split was 190 men and 27 women. There was an average of 25 guests each night, an increase from 21.5 the year before. A small group of guests stayed in the nightshelter for the duration but by the end of March only one of the guests was without an option and special arrangements were put in place for him.

Guests can be helped in a variety of ways. They may need to go back into accommodation they had problems with, or move into hostels, private rental or other agency accommodation. Some wanted to return to home cities or home countries and they were given assistance to do that. Some were helped to make contact with family members. Others were given help with ID and other documentation for employment or benefits.

Addiction was again a common problem. There were more guests with pronounced mental health problems and more guests coming straight out of prison. There was an increase in the number of guests aged 18 -24.



In preparation for this year Derby City Mission arranged an extensive training programme for volunteers to make their support as effective as possible. Courses covered getting help for guests with addictions, drugs and alcohol awareness delivered by a GP and member of the police drug squad, suicide awareness (responding to conversations around suicidal tendencies or self-harming), mental health awareness run by a member of the NHS Mental Health Team and understanding homelessness and housing. Recognising the general duty of care to keep the guests safe there is first aid training and courses on fire safety and food hygiene.

There is also a valuable workshop, Sharing faith and listening skills, for those volunteers who are Christians to receive some training on how to share our faith without it being forced or heavy and how to listen to guests and how to offer prayer in a sensitive way.

### **The seven venues this year are:**

Sunday-Friends Meeting House,  
Monday-Cathedral,  
Tuesday-Hope Centre,  
Wednesday-Peartree Baptist Church,  
Thursday-Ashbourne Road Methodist and URC Church,  
Friday New Life Church,  
Saturday-Ozzy Road Baptist Church.

David Brierley



## Quiz Night

Quiz night on Thursday 19th January 7 p.m.  
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Tickets available after Christmas.

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### **ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ**

1 The Rolling Stones 2 Backstreet Boys 3 Simple Minds 4 Spice  
Girls 5 Frankie Goes to Hollywood 6 Police 7 Oasis 8 Kiss  
9 The Four Seasons 10 The Three Degrees 11 Boyzone 12  
Beach Boys 13 All Saints 14 Red Hot Chilly Peppers 15 Wings  
16 The Bangles 17 Small Faces 18 The Monkees 19 Abba  
20 Fleetwood Mac 21 Backstreet Boys 22 The Jam 23 The Cure  
24 Cold Play 25 U2 26 Madness 27 Tears for Fears 28 Busted  
29 Queen 30 Def Leppard 31 Maroon 5 32 Bee Gees 33 Boston  
34 Manic Street Preachers 35 Nirvana