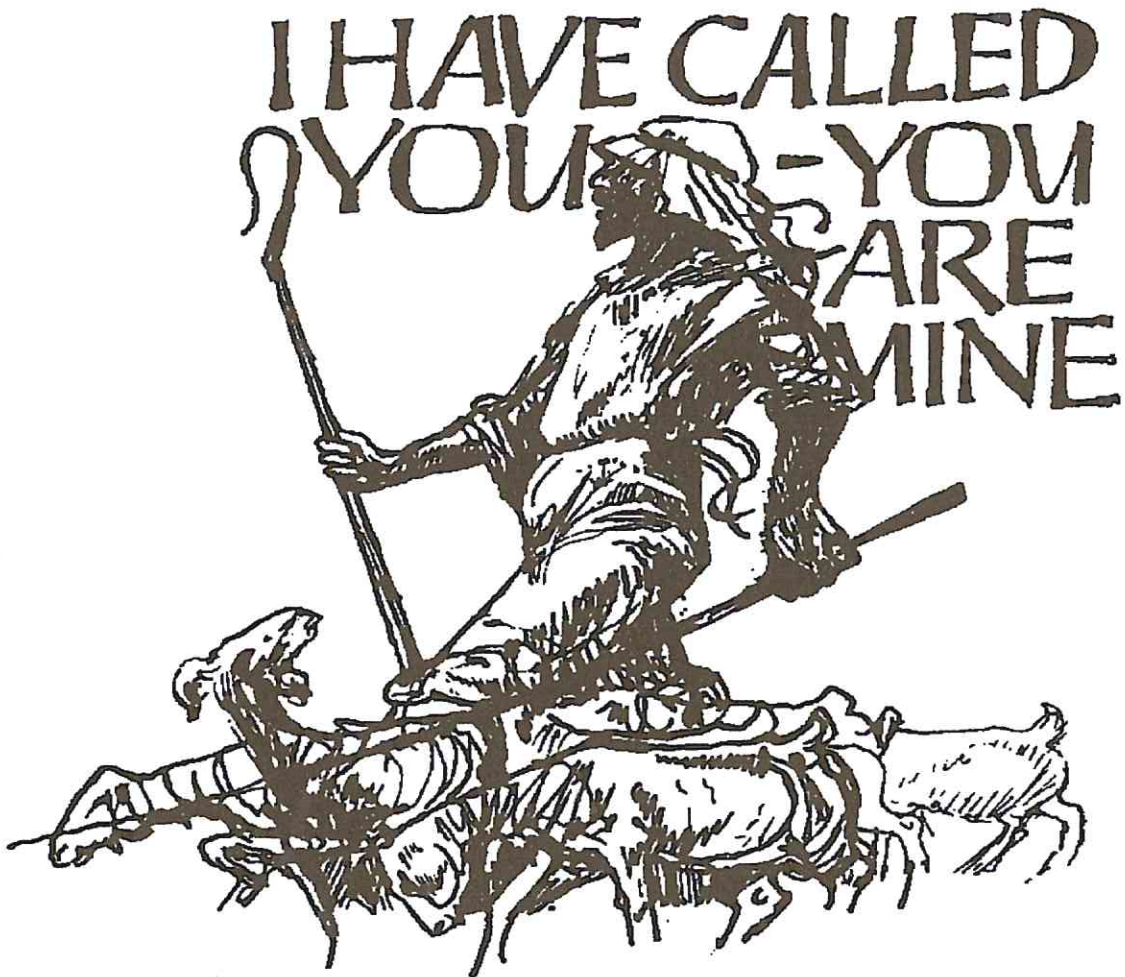


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Bishop Alastair's Lent Talks 2017

A series of talks around the theme 'The way of the Kingdom and the Challenges of Today'

**Taking place in the North East Derbyshire Deanery
on Tuesday evenings through Lent.
Start time 7.30pm**

Venues:

March 7th: St. Mary Magdalene, Elinton Rd, Creswell S80 4ES

**March 14th: St. John the Evangelist, St. John's Rd, Newbold,
Chesterfield S41 8PA**

**March 21st: St. James' Church, Church Street, Barlborough
S43 4ER**

**March 28th: St. Michael's and All Angels, Church Street,
Brimington, S43 1JG**

**April 4th: St. John the Evangelist, Main Road, Ridgeway Derbys
S12 3XX**

The Bishop's talks will be given in the context of prayer and Lenten reflection. There will be refreshments at the end to enable informal discussion or, if you prefer, to leave in order to reflect quietly on your own.

Detailed titles for each evening coming soon.

You are welcome to attend all, or one, or as many as you can.

LENT

Lent can be a time of change for many. Perhaps a season for considering the effects of the wrong things we think, and say, and speak, on our lives. A time when many of us make a concerted effort to try to be more disciplined. We might choose to do this by giving up something like chocolate, TV, or moaning(!). Or we may take up something, like supporting a charity through prayer and giving, or making something special for someone we know. Lent is a time to find different ways of focusing more on God as we prepare for the joy of Easter.

Sundays during Lent are feast days. The traditional 40 days of fasting does not include Sundays. Sunday's are a time to celebrate, to party, to be thankful for what we have.

Lent is a season for letting go of sin, and disciplining ourselves to draw closer to God. But it is also a season to celebrate God's desire to have us come closer to him...

Being right with God is more than just getting rid of the things that drag us down. It is about taking up the things which God has for us.

The tension of this season lies in between these two things. The things that we would do well to get rid of, and the things we would do well to take up. So whether we enter Lent feeling close to God, or miles away, there are things for us to learn throughout this season. There are things we need to allow God to say to us which require space and time.

As Watchman Nee put it:

“His finger will touch, point by point, everything that is not of him, and he will say; ‘This must go.’ Are you willing? It is foolish to resist God, and always wise to submit to him... it is a blessed

thing just to hand ourselves over to him and let him have his way with us.”

(The Normal Christian Life, Watchman Nee)

If you are giving up things to help you focus on God, Great! If you are carving out time in your week to spend time in prayer, brilliant! If you are ignoring Lent because maybe it doesn't apply to you, then can I encourage you to have a rethink?

Try to find time to talk to God in prayer, or perhaps take some time simply to listen. Either way, I hope that Lent is a time of growth for us all.

Lent Lunches

During Wednesdays in Lent we will be having a light lunch followed by a time of reflection 12pm - 1.30pm

COMING SOON TO A CHURCH NEAR YOU.....

After many years of plans, hopes, and dreams we are now entering the final design phase of our Parish Centre Building Project!

We are excited to be able to unveil our plans, and look at how our buildings might impact Church life and worship, as we engage with our community. We would love to share our excitement with you...

WHERE? Annual Parochial Church Meeting - Newbold Parish Church

WHEN? Sunday 30th April at 10.45 a.m. following our 9.30am service

WHO IS IT FOR? Everyone welcome!

Refreshments will be served

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Ben
Ben Griffiths MA
Rector of Newbold
01246 450374

THE WAY OF THE CROSS.

As Lent approaches and we consider the ways in which we can deepen our time with God we have a number of choices on offer to us.

You may like to consider attending a Stations of the Cross service each week at St. Hugh's church and meditations on the Way of the Cross in Holy Week at St. John's.

The Stations of the Cross are an ancient Way of walking and meditating on the last few days of Jesus' life and then his death.

In his book 'Finding God in Mark', Rowan Williams suggests that in the last couple of chapters of his gospel Mark mentions specific places where each part of the passion story is played out- "the upstairs room where the Last Supper takes place; the garden on the Mount of Olives; the High Priest's house; the Roman governor's residence; the path to Golgotha; 'the place of the skull', where executions are performed; and the tomb". And this has suggested to some readers a theory which has a good deal of persuasive force, to the effect that the kernel of this narrative began as a kind of liturgy in Jerusalem-something a little like the Stations of the Cross. "

From this we can imagine the early Christians walking reflectively in the footsteps of Jesus in his own city, to each geographical point or 'station', with perhaps some Old Testament quotations to show these events were foreseen, perhaps some prayers- concluding at the tomb with the announcement -'He is not here, he is risen!'

Down the centuries it became impossible for Christians to make a pilgrimage to Jerusalem. The Stations of the Cross evolved so that anyone could make that journey without leaving home. Anywhere in the world from Tokyo to Chicago, Edinburgh to Newbold, we can walk with Jesus, see him take up his cross, meet his mother, be crucified and buried.

This is the core of our faith, which is that Jesus embraced the dramas of every human life, our triumphs and failures, our joys and our sorrows.

In the Stations of the Cross we remember how the Lord is with us, especially when we have lost our way forward. He walks with us, and trips up with us when we stumble and helps us to our feet again-Jesus is close to us.

We may be halted by illness or failure, by grief or despair. But Jesus carries on making his slow way to the Cross and to resurrection, and brings us with himself in hope. Let us set out on this journey!

Stephanie Parkes

NEWBOLD WOMEN'S GROUP

For the February meeting we were treated to a very impressive talk and demonstration on making hessian figures by Margaret Armour. Her dexterity was admired, but the skill and imagination used made a bigger impact when we saw the wide range of figures which she had made and were for sale. These included nativity figures, adults and children in different poses and with a variety of accessories, plus several animals, of which the sheep were particularly good.

Our next meeting will be the Annual General Meeting on Wednesday, 1st March, at 7pm, when the programme for the coming year will be available. This will be followed by cheese and wine for the social part of the evening.

All ladies are welcome to join this friendly group. Contact details are on the back of the magazine.

Pat Law, Committee Member

WALKING GROUP

Our little group is expanding! This month we were joined by Mary, Lyn Shepherd, Natasha Hague, Audrey Powell, and Victoria Cable who loves walking with us each time she comes over to visit her parents.

Three of the cars managed to find parking places on the main road in Birchover, but one of the drivers felt she had been all over Derbyshire before eventually coming to a stop.

Whilst eating our sandwiches the occupants of the lead car were engrossed in watching two men clear an unoccupied cottage of a fridge, 6 dining chairs and table, a nest of tables and various cardboard boxes, one brimming with trophies. We were reluctant to leave as we had played a guessing game as to what item was coming out next.

We started the walk from the Brimsbury Well, 1826, originally used by horses in the surrounding area, many of which carried stone and lead from the quarries. It was relocated from the Ashbourne to Bakewell road in 2001 and is now full of sedum plants and quite a few weeds.

We ascended stone steps onto a muddy track (the first of many) and into a wood, before entering an almost empty car park and crossing the road for a broad path across a heather moor and glancing at the Cork Stone as we passed. This is a large wind-eroded, pillar of sandstone used by novice rock climbers. With the Nine Ladies Circle on our right we stopped to read the information board, as some of our team hadn't been there before. Owned by English Heritage it is an early bronze age, stone circle possibly 4000 years old. It is believed to depict nine ladies turned to stone as a penalty for dancing on the Sabbath. The King Stone, nearby, is said to be the fiddler and the graffiti carved on its surface includes the name "Bill Stumps" which is mentioned in the Pickwick Papers written by Charles Dickens.

After jumping over a stile and travelling along the high wooded edge of the moor we approached the Earl Grey Tower, dedicated to the Reform Act of 1832, when Earl Grey was then the Prime Minister of the UK. His government saw the abolition of slavery in the British Empire and he is also associated with Earl Grey tea, named after him.

Whilst trekking through a particularly boggy field, two of our company almost lost a boot each, being sucked down further than they expected. Thankfully we soon arrived at a grassy field and were able to walk steadily and purposefully towards our next point.

As we reached a farm we were treated to the sight of four white peacocks on an outbuilding, one displaying his feathers to our delight. Natasha took a photo of cushions of snowdrops and plenty of daffodils in bud, just waiting for the warm sunshine to bring them into bloom.



Towards the end of the walk we could see the main road where the cars were parked, but we just needed to find our way out of a field. Sharp-eyed Steve found the gate and after just over two hours we were back where we started, at the Brimsbury Well.

Thank you Bob for an adventurous walk. We look forward to next month when Steve and Julie Franks will be leading us on a 5 ½ mile trek from Carsington village to Brassington. We will meet at 12noon at the church gates with our packed lunches and arrange transport in our usual way.





CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Y3 visit to Creswell Crag

On the last day of the half term, Y3 had a trip to Creswell Crag to extend and support their learning about the Stone Age. It was a cold, wet day but spirits were high as the

coach pulled into Creswell Crag where a day filled with activities and adventure began!

'We went into the Robin Hood cave and it was dark and scary.'
(Bradley)

'There were cave spiders and they were massive and I saw one!'
(Kieran)

'Our guide took us in the cave and made us turn our lights out. It was pitch black so we only kept them off for a second or two'.
(Jessica)

After a trip down the cave it was time to become hunters with an activity that tested our tracking skills.

If you could identify your creature and follow its tracks and droppings you were a good hunter!

'I followed the bear's footprints and they led me a tree with a bee hive in it'. (Ben)

'I was in wolf tribe and my wolf was killer that hunted other animals'. (Peter)

The children were then challenged to make spears, harpoons and fire before catching fish (that tasty, blue-tac kind) for dinner.
Yum!

After a proper dinner, the children were given the task of putting back together an animal's skeleton.

'We had to wear white gloves so we didn't damage the bones'.
(Devon)

'Richard helped us put the skeleton of a hyena back together and he told us all about the bones'. (Cameron)

It was a very busy day which we really enjoyed and we found out lots of facts about life before and during the Stone Age.

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Y2 Street Detectives

Y2 had visitors to their class last week in the form of Miss Ena Johnson and her friend Margaret who came to talk to the children about life in Newbold when they were little girls. You could hear a pin drop as Y2 listened to tales of outdoor toilets, wash day Mondays and the cane at school! It really was interesting to hear about the changes in Newbold over the years and start to imagine what life was like without Ipads, mobile phones and TV!

'Miss Johnson brought in some sewing she did at school, it was beautiful'. (Isla)

'Margaret showed us her school books when she was our age. She did neat joins and hard sums'. (Hollie)

'I asked Miss Johnson what she liked to eat when she was little. She liked chicken'. (Sam W)

'Miss Johnson and Margaret have been friends for hundreds of years'. (Ricco)

(Disclaimer: Ena and Margaret have been friends for decades but not for centuries!)

The children will now do follow up work based on the visit and would like to thank Miss Johnson and Margaret for coming to talk to us and helping bring our topic to life.

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NCS visits

Our NCS children visited the fire station last half term and were delighted to see the fire engine speed off to deal with an emergency situation – for real!

Korey in Y2 explains... 'we were looking at the fire engine and putting on the clothes when suddenly an alarm went and the fireman said they had to go to a bus which had crashed into a garden wall and the firemen told us to take off the clothes and they put them on really quickly and drove off to the bus. It was exciting!'

NCS children have also had a visit from Mark Wilbourn (otherwise known as Levi and Lexi's dad!) who is a community first responder (part of East Midlands ambulance service) who came to give the children a basic first aid talk as well as an opportunity to practise CPR on dummies. Thank you for your time and expertise Mr Wilbourn!

Claire Riley

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ELECTORAL ROLL

The Electoral Roll was re-written in 2013. If you have moved home since then or if any other details have changed please let me know so that I can amend your details.

If you are not on the roll and would like to be, please take a form from the table at the back of church or see me.

All amendments should be made before the
APCM on 24th April 2017.

Pat Law

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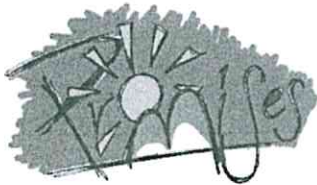
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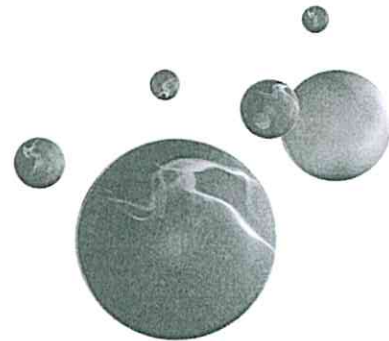
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SUNDAY SCHOOL NEWS

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

19th JANUARY's theme was Candlemas.

The children began to make baskets for Women's World Day of Prayer.

We looked back and we looked forwards, as the old Simeon and Anna drew on the riches of their ancient faith to look forward with Mary and Joseph to the future for their infant son, Jesus, our Messiah.

Heather read the story while Josh used puppets to illustrate the main characters.

The children made a Nunc Dimitis / Candle picture.

5th FEBRUARY'S theme was salt and light.

The children continued making the baskets for Women's World Day of Prayer.

The children did a taste test with salted and unsalted crisps. Three out of four preferred the salted crisps. Heather's desk lamp was not shining and the children had to work out why. They discovered that it was not switched on; that it was not plugged in and that the socket was not switched on. These illustrations got the children thinking about the bible story and how we can be light and salt in the world.

Prayer: Heavenly Father, our prayer is that we may be the salt of the earth by showing the love of Jesus in all that we do. In Jesus' name we pray. Amen.

Dear Lord, we want our light to shine. We ask you to help us to remember that we need to be plugged in to your power and we need to be turned on for Jesus. In Jesus' name we pray, amen.

Let us go as salt, to improve the lives of others.

Let us go as bright lights, shining with the love of God.

(Wind up) Amen.

One of our Sunday School members, Esme, aged 9, has submitted her poem for our magazine.

SAVE US SAVIOUR

He brings back memories of when we were sad.
He brings back memories of when we were bad.

He shines a light upon us, showing us the road.
He will never leave us even though we're a heavy load.

He's the Shepherd, we're the sheep;
He'll save us, when we get the creeps.

He knows we're there. He knows we love Him.
He'll always know us better than anything.

Oh God the Father
Oh God the Son
Oh God the Holy Spirit
Be with us now and forever, now and forever, always.

Thank you Esme for this very thoughtful poem. I hope our readers will give you good feedback on this. If anyone else, young or old, wishes to submit an appropriate article to the editors it will be willingly accepted.

PRAYER

Forgive those things we have done which have caused you sadness, and those things we should have done that would have brought you joy.

In both we have failed ourselves and you.

Bring us back to that place where our journey began,
when we said that we would follow the way that you first trod.

Lead us to the Cross

And meet us there.

Amen



St John's Fete – Rectory Gardens and Eagle Club

Saturday 1st July 2017 2.00 – 4.00 p.m.

As this magazine goes on sale on the date that the planning meeting is taking place in church, all we have to report on at present is the date and time to put in your diary.

Two of our regular stall holders are unable to help this year, so we urgently need volunteers to take over from them. Perhaps for you, as for the Griffiths family, this will be your first St John's Fete. Please speak to Heather to see how you can help. Heather is the one who comes in halfway through the 9.30 service with children and the one who helps to lead the family service.

There will be the usual lists etc out in the next week or two.

CHILDREN'S WORK MEETING

A meeting will take place for folks interested in the work we do with our children and young people. Ben and Heather will be inviting folks along but would welcome anyone who is interested in this ministry. There is scope for anyone and everyone including leading worship and teaching, to welcoming and providing hospitality. Perhaps you play an instrument or are craft orientated? Some roles may require a DBS certificate but we can arrange this in addition to any training you may require/be interested in. What we need is enthusiasm to join us on this journey.

Please speak with Ben or Heather or just turn up on Monday 6th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Parish Room.

200 CLUB

The 200 Club has successfully completed another year. The first draw of the new year will take place on Sunday 26th March.

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed and supported the club once again, this is greatly appreciated.

This year we had a member who won in her first draw, a family who won three times (different members each time) and others who have been members for years and won for the first time. It is now time to renew membership and we hope that you will do so.

The cost is £12 per year which equates to just £1 per month.

Richard will be available to collect renewals on Sundays 5th, 12th, 19th and 26th March after the 9.30am service and will also be around after the 8am service.

If paying by cheque please make payable to **Newbold PCC Income Account**.

We have lost a few members this year so are always on the look out for new ones, please speak to Richard if you are considering joining.

As they say; " Don't Delay, Join or Rejoin Today"

Stephen Hewitt & Richard Peet

200 CLUB

The Club winners for January 2017 were as follows:-

First prize	(£32)	Maureen Ashton	(Number 1)
Second prize	(£16)	Rachael Witham	(Number 116)
Third prize	(£6)	Tony Cox	(Number 29)

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

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

12 Feb Jensen Aleczander Ezekial Hunt

*May all things belonging to the Spirit
live and grow in them*

Funerals

3 Feb Mavis McDonnell aged 79

6 Feb Fanny May Marsh aged 94

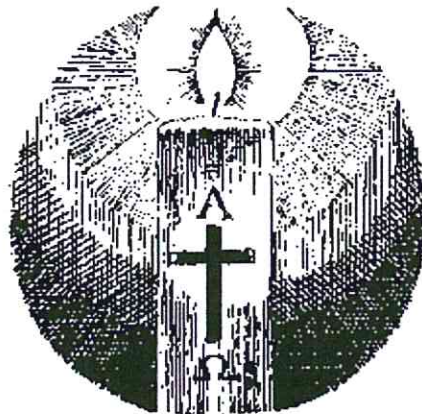
Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

14 Feb Christine Mary Dye

17 Feb Marjorie Troth

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



DIARY FOR MARCH 2017

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| 1 | W | 19.00 Newbold Women's Group AGM [PR]
19.30 Sung Mass & Imposition of Ashes <i>Ash Wednesday</i> |
| 3 | F | 13.30 Women's World Day of Prayer |
| 4 | Sa | 10.00 Coffee Morning [PR] (till 12.00)
10.15 Church Open (till 11.45) |
| 5 | S | <p style="text-align: center;">First Sunday of Lent (S1)</p> 08.00 Mass
09.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School
11.30 Holy Baptism
12.00 Walking Group |
| 6 | M | 13.45 Monday Club [PR]
19.30 Children's Work Meeting (till 21.00) |
| 7 | T | 09.15 Mass [PR]
14.00 Stations of the Cross [St Hugh's] Ch Tog in N.
19.30 Bishop Alastair's Lent Talk 1 [Creswell] |
| 8 | W | 12.00 Lent Lunch [PR] |
| 11 | Sa | 10.15 Church Open (till 11.45) |
| 12 | S | <p style="text-align: center;">Second Sunday of Lent (S2)</p> 08.00 Mass
09.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School
11.00 Family Service |
| 14 | T | 09.15 Mass [PR]
13.45 Monday Club (Outing)
14.00 Stations of the Cross [St Hugh's] Ch Tog in N.
19.30 Bishop Alastair's Lent Talk 2 [PR] |
| 15 | W | 12.00 Lent Lunch [PR] |
| 18 | Sa | 09.00 Churchyard Group till 12.00
10.15 Church Open (till 11.45) |
| 19 | S | <p style="text-align: center;">Third Sunday of Lent (S3)</p> 08.00 Mass
09.30 Parish Mass & Sunday School
11.30 Holy Baptism |
| 20 | M | 13.45 Monday Club [PR]
19.30 Finance Committee Meeting [PR] |

- 21 T 09.15 Mass [PR]
14.00 Stations of the Cross [St Hugh's] Ch Tog in N.
19.30 Bishop Alastair's Lent Talk 3 [Barlborough]
- 22 W 12.00 Lent Lunch [PR]
- 24 F 18.30 Wedding Rehearsal
- 25 Sa 10.15 Church Open (till 11.45)
10.00 Craft & Coffee (till 12.00)
15.00 Wedding
- 26 S **Fourth Sunday of Lent (S4) *Mothering Sunday***
08.00 Mass
09.30 Mass & Sunday School
- 27 M 13.45 Monday Club [PR]
19.30 PCC Meeting [PR]
- 28 T 09.15 Mass
14.00 Stations of the Cross [St Hugh's] Ch Tog in N.
19.30 Bishop Alastair's Lent Talk 4 [Brimington]
- 29 W 12.00 Lent Lunch [PR]
19.00 Quiz Night [PR]

Please check the weekly Pewslip for a more detailed diary.

COFFEE MORNING

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, March 4th 2017

10.00 till 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

*Items for the April Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 19th March 2017, please.*

PRAYER

It is customary, Lord to give something up during the season of Lent.

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much

Chocolate? Cream cakes? Cigarettes? Sweets? Swearing?

The list is endless

I could give up all those things for the span of 40 days
quite easily and almost painlessly.

But what difference would it make
other than making me feel 'holier' than my friend
who makes no such sacrifice?

What would you have me do without?

I who have so much

Selfishness Conceit Envy Pride

I feel before I ask, that the answer might be 'yes'
and the giving up would be all too real, Lord.

It would be difficult,
painful, sacrificial.

A real cross to carry for 40 days,
and more?

John Birch www.faithandworship.com

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QUIZ - Can you find the towns and cities?

- 1 What we breathe
- 2 McGuigan
- 3 Emu's friend
- 4 Replacement ship for Noah
- 5 DJ Tony
- 6 Fruit skin
- 7 Carry on Barbara
- 8 Sausage
- 9 Tub of water
- 10 Toilet
- 11 Ship's complement
- 12 Dionne
- 13 Where milk comes from
- 14 Creepy
- 15 Battle town
- 16 Monarch's girl
- 17 Date on most perishables
- 18 Sauce
- 19 Fawltly professor
- 20 Continue tearing

WOMEN'S WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

Friday 3rd March at 1.30pm

St. John the Evangelist Church, Newbold

“AM I BEING UNFAIR TO YOU”?

Focusing on the people of the Philippines

Situated in the western Pacific Ocean, the Republic of the Philippines is a sovereign island country. The islands are located on the Pacific Ring of Fire close to the equator. Climate change has brought many severe storms, droughts and typhoons in the last decade, notably Typhoon Haiyan in November 2013 which claimed thousands of lives and left one million people still homeless one year later. Pope Francis visited the country in 2015 and spoke of the need to tackle climate change. We all have a responsibility to respond to this.

Filipino women often take on the roll of breadwinner, by going abroad to work as domestics, office workers, as ship's crew or in hospitals. The Philippine Constitution provides for equal rights, but in practice Filipino women are discriminated against and treated as subordinates in the home, in the church and in society. However, women study theology and can be ordained in several Protestant churches. They also serve as bishops and in other high ranking roles. In 2011, Sister Mary John Mananzan, a Benedictine nun, was nominated as one of the 100 inspiring people in the world for her work in integrating feminism into faith in the Philippines and for co-founding a coalition of women's organisations to promote women's rights.



MOTHERS' UNION

Our February meeting was held in the Parish Room. There were six members present and one apology. Mrs Anne Hartley, branch leader, said prayers and we remembered Mrs Annette Angus, who has recently had a bad fall. We all joined in to say the Mothers' Union prayer. Following the business, dates were given out for future services.

Women's World Day of Prayer, Friday 3rd March at 1.30pm here in St. John's Church.

The Lady Day Service (Feast of the Annunciation), will be on Friday 24th March in St. Giles Church, Matlock at 2pm. There may be a bus arranged by the Deanery for this.

A Diocesan Festival will be held on Friday 23rd June at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale. This will be in the evening and again a bus may be arranged.

We then welcomed Ben our Rector. As requested he spoke of his life in a band as a drummer, the fastest in the country, prior to his calling to enter the Ministry. He had travelled extensively and many questions were asked over tea and cakes. Ben drew the raffle for us and the winners were Margaret Beasley and Maureen Ashton. There is no meeting in March and the next one will be on **12th April 2pm** in church to start with, as Stuart Watkinson, our organist will give us a recital. Everyone is welcome to join us.

Ruth Cable, Secretary

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PRAYER

Remind us often Lord, when we are feeling proud, arrogant, beyond reproach, pleased with ourselves, self sufficient in our ways,
That for such as us and better and worse you walked a road that took you to a cruel cross,
And rose again to show us where we might look for rescue
As from this lofty perch
We fall. Amen

FUNDRAISING FOR THE NEWBOLD BUILDING PROJECT

The Coffee Morning on Saturday 4th February raised £160. Thanks go to all who provided refreshments and raffle prizes and to Eileen, Ruth and Ann who hosted the event. The next one will be run by the Flower Ladies on 4th March.

A programme of fundraising events is being compiled and will appear in a future issue of The Evangelist.

The amount raised so far for the NewBOLD Building Project is
£25,720.15



Flower Arranging Workshop

There will be a flower arranging workshop in the Parish Room on
Saturday 8th 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.



CONGRATULATIONS

To Ann and Brian Bennett who will be celebrating their Golden Wedding Anniversary on 18th March. Best Wishes from all at St. John's.

Our **February All Age Family Service** was on Love and included a baptism. Jenson, who has been attending the service on a regular basis with his mum and her friend, was baptised. He looked very smart in his little suit. Ben led the service showing that you don't have to be a 'Super Hero' you just need to be able to LOVE. After the baptism, Heather led the prayers. We sang 'Shine' and a beautiful hymn 'Here is love vast as the ocean' (number 45 in Sing Praise). Afterwards, during fellowship time, children made heart pictures. Smaller children played with Duplo.

Please note this service is **not** just for children or folks with children. **Anyone can come.** At February's service we welcomed our Churchwarden Richard. Please join us.

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.

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

CHURCH ON THE BUS

The WI Heather goes to has elected to support our local Church on the Bus. In addition to fundraising, they are also collecting items that are useful in their ministry to the homeless.

If you would like to contribute, Heather will happily collect items from congregation members in church on the last Sunday of each month in 2017.

ITEMS REQUIRED

Clean clothing, new socks, toiletries, scarves, mittens, hats, sleep mats (preferably thermal) vacuum flasks, biscuits, ladies sanitary products and men's trainers.

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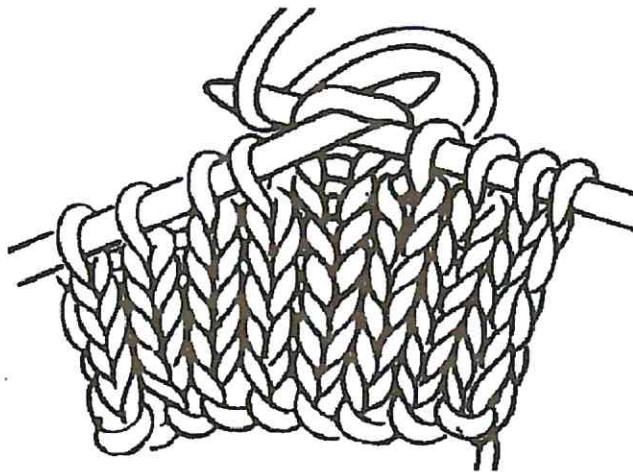
Have a cuppa and a biscuit and a chat.

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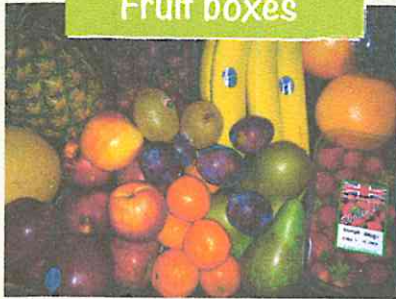


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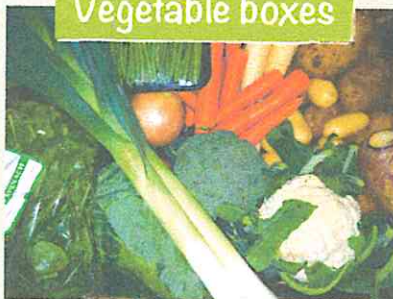
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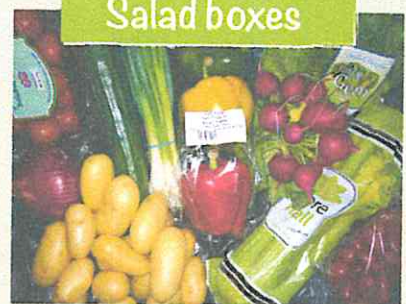
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The entrepreneurs are considered poor within their own countries and need loans to grow their businesses in order to support their families. More than 50 per cent of SME lack access to finance which hinders their growth. Many disabled or transgender people are denied finance and these are trained first before receiving a loan.

Small businesses can be grocery or sweet shops, handicraft or clothing stalls, agriculture, water drainage and sanitation projects. In Vietnam, for example, a loan can be given to install a biogas plant which uses animal manure which rots and is piped into the house for electricity for cooking and lighting, thereby eliminating the need for collecting firewood.

Every single loan is screened by LWC to ensure the recipient business is socially responsible, ethical and not damaging to the environment. They will not give loans that involve poor animal care. The loan gives these people decent work, a responsibility to repay the money and dignity and stability to the family.

What happens -

The entrepreneurs approach a local MFI that is a LWC partner and if their ideas show promise, they get the go ahead they need to begin their business. The MFI uploads their profile with LWC, who place their details on the website. Anyone wishing to lend as little as £15 in total can choose which person and business to lend to. The borrower pays back their loan in small instalments to the MFI, which is passed to Care International and your account is credited each month. When your loan is repaid, you decide whether to donate it to Care International towards their running costs or make another loan to a different person.

If you are interested in seeing a small amount of your money going towards helping a family in a far off corner of the world, then go to <https://www.lendwithcare.org>

A New Year Message from Tracey Horner from LendWithCare

2016 started with a new microfinance partner in North Ecuador – Cooperative Santa Anifa.

Last November, 21 lenders and Tracey Horner set off from Laos and cycled 650 km to meet LWC entrepreneurs in Cambodia and raised £100.000.

I am delighted to draw the year to a close by starting lending in our 12th country – The Occupied Palestinian Territories and by celebrating lending £12 million to over 50,000 entrepreneurs. Thank you so much for the loans you have made, lives you have changed and new lenders you have recruited. We could not reach as many entrepreneurs around the world without the support of lenders like you.

This Christmas we have sold more gift vouchers than ever before. A huge thank you to everyone who bought a voucher and helped spread the word about LWC.

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A Reading for Lent from Isaiah 58:6-7

Is not this the fast that I choose:
To loose the bonds of injustice,
To undo the thongs of the yoke,
To let the oppressed go free,
And to break every yoke?

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry,
And bring the homeless poor into your house;
When you see the naked, to cover them,
And not to hide yourself from your own kin?

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7 Windsor 8 Bangor 9 Bath 10 Looe 11 Crewe 12 Warwick
13 Cowes 14 Crawley 15 Hastings 16 Kings Lynn 17 Selby
18 Worcester 19 Basildon 20 Ripon

APPEAL FOR HELP

As our readers will already know, the work of Street Pastors, School Pastors and with the youth of our town is very important and run by dedicated volunteers, but extra staff is needed, particularly on Friday evenings at Grace Chapel (now in new premises at **89 New Square**). At the end of January, 91 young people signed in for table tennis, pool and sociability, with some interest in prayer and faith matters.

At least 6 new people are needed to volunteer and train as **Street Pastors**.

School Pastors are needed in the present work at Parkside. Because of the excellent work being done with the pupils here, other schools are anxious to participate and more people are needed to begin this stage.

Anyone having an interest in any of the above can contact:-

jacky.kendrew@live.co.uk or 0784 907 3078
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our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Canon Geraldine Pond writes... Vocation

I have just returned from the Church of England's national Vocations Conference which was excellent and despite the narrative that the church is in decline there are some great signs of hope.

We need to work together to engage everyone to become more conscious of their own call and vocation. In Derby Diocese we have a number of people training for Reader ministry and six began ordination training in September. Six new priests will be ordained in July along with eight new deacons. There are a further twenty people who are testing their call to ordination. All this is very exciting and a sign of God at work calling people into His service.

But it's not just about ordination or Reader ministry, it's about being the person you are - known and loved perfectly by God, who created you and knows you by name.

"I have called you by name you are mine"
Isaiah 43:1

As we enter this season of Lent we are called to pay attention to our inner lives. It's a time for renewal of spiritual discipline and personal preparation to meet the risen Christ at Easter. It has long been a tradition to renew baptismal promises on Easter Eve and I suggest that this Lent might offer us an opportunity to use some time to reflect on our own baptism (and confirmation.) The moment when we are called to be followers of Jesus Christ; to be his disciples in a lifelong journey. It is in common baptism as Christians that we are all made disciples and full and equal members of the household of God.

"You did not choose me, but I chose you and appointed you so that you might go and bear fruit, fruit that will last"
John 15:16

We are all called. We all have a vocation. We are all equal.

Vocation is about "call", and for Christians is specifically about call by God to a particular area of ministry or work that is not understood as just a "job"; it is a way of being and living.

We are called to be a fully human. Jesus came to show us what it is to be a human being. Being human is about being able to live in relationship with each other and with God who created the world and loves us. It's especially about being able to love and be loved.

Vocations come in many shapes and sizes, as many and varied as the people who are called and gifted do them; too many to include all of them here; some called to use gifts of hospitality and welcome, others music, poetry, mathematics, sport or the arts.

Our way of being and doing is expressed as a people of prayer. We are called to pray for the vocation of the church, for ourselves and our vocation to be realised and for courage and strength to fulfil this call. Let us reflect this Lent on our baptismal vows, our discipleship and pray to listen well to the God who calls us

We are all called to be the best we can be for God in the place and with the people He has given us to live and work among.

"I have called you by name you are mine"
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For consideration this Lent...
What is your vocation?

New Honorary Canons at Derby Cathedral

The Bishop of Derby, The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern has appointed two new Honorary Canons for Derby Cathedral. They are:

The Revd Karen Hamblin - Priest-in-Charge of Brampton St Mark and Assistant Curate of Chesterfield St Mary and All Saints, Chesterfield SS Augustine and Chesterfield Holy Trinity and Christ Church and Area Dean of North East Derbyshire Deanery.

The Revd Peter Walley - Vicar of All Saints Micklegate and St John the Evangelist Micklegate.

The new Honorary Canons will be collated at Derby Cathedral by The Bishop of Derby and installed by the Acting Dean of Derby during Evensong at 6pm on Sunday 19 February 2017.

Bishop Alastair says,: " I am delighted to be able to appoint these new Honorary Canons in recognition of their distinguished service. I am grateful that they are willing to bring their gifts and skills to help promote the work of the Cathedral and strengthen partnerships more widely in the Diocese.

The Revd Dr Sue Jones, Acting Dean of Derby Cathedral commenting on the appointments said,: "The Chapter is grateful for the work that our Canons undertake as ambassadors for the Cathedral and welcome the appointment of Karen and Peter and very much look forward to working with them."

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Bats and churches to benefit thanks to National Lottery

The Heritage Lottery Fund (HLF) has approved the development stage and initial funding of £3.8million for the 5 year "Bats in Churches" partnership project, bringing together wildlife and heritage conservation and church organisations to save bats and protect churches.

The ground-breaking project will:

- trial and perfect new techniques to enable bats and church congregations to live together
- build up professional expertise and volunteer skill to share the best solutions with hundreds more churches
- bring together church communities and bat enthusiasts to create a shared understanding and appreciation of England's historic places of worship and our rare flying mammals

You can read the press release from here <https://www.gov.uk/government/news/bats-and-churches-to-benefit-thanks-to-national-lottery>.

You can find out more about the research on the Bats and Churches Partnership website <http://www.batsandchurches.org.uk/latest-developments/>



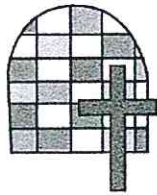
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Launch of Workplace Chaplaincy in Sports Direct, Shirebrook

On 6th February, we launched our chaplaincy initiative in the Sports Direct Warehouse and Head Office based in Shirebrook. Across the warehouse and office site there are some 5000+ workers, providing us with an amazing opportunity to build relationships and to reach out and support members of our local community. The initiative is an ecumenical one and we have partnered with the Methodist Church and the Catholic Church in Shirebrook. We have also been supported by the Derby City Centre Chaplaincy who have funded publicity and jackets for the team. Please will you pray for us as we visit the site each Monday. Pray for openness, for good and trusting relationships, for language barriers to be negotiated, for the welcome we have received from Mike Ashley and his team to stay open. Please also pray for the people who work in Sports Direct and for those who are in positions of management there. If you would like to know any more about this work, please contact Rev Karen Bradley on 01623 748577



Photo from left to right: Rev John Draycott, Rev Karen Bradley, Rev John Yarrien



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Flower Festivals and Well Dressings

As the nights start to get lighter and spring bulbs start blooming our thoughts turn towards the wonderful tradition of flower festivals and well dressings. This year will see the return of the diocesan flower festival poster containing details of festivals taking place throughout Derbyshire.



If you would like your event featured on the poster please send information about your festivals and well dressings to communications@derby.anglican.org, complete the online form via our website, www.derby.anglican.org or post to: **Lucy Harrison, Derby Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR**

Lent Resources

Reflections for Lent is designed to enhance your spiritual journey through forty days from Ash Wednesday to Holy Saturday. Covering Monday to Saturday each week, it offers reflections on readings from the Common Worship Lectionary, written by some of today's leading spiritual and theological writers. It is ideal for individuals and groups seeking Lectionary-based reflections for use during Lent and Holy Week, or for anyone wishing to try Reflections for Daily Prayer before committing to a year's worth of material. £4.99 from Church House Publishing www.chpublishing.co.uk

For each day of Lent, **Live Lent with Christian Aid** invites you on a journey of discipleship, bringing Scripture to life in today's world and offering small practical actions to build God's Kingdom where you are. Each day offers: a short Bible quotation, a reflection to help you walk through the disciplines of prayer, simplicity and generosity, a simple action for transforming yourself, your community and the world. Illustrated throughout with colour photography featuring Christian Aid's work around the world, this is the perfect pocket resource for anyone seeking to deepen their discipleship this Lent. This a single copy with new actions for 2017. It is updated and may be used in any year. £2.99 from Church House Publishing, www.chpublishing.co.uk

Living Water is a series of daily devotions to help you get the most from the season of Lent. Sign up and you'll receive an e-devotion every day throughout Lent. Each one contains a reflection from around the world and a short prayer. It's a great resource to help you engage with God, not to mention your seven billion neighbours. Sign up at www.tearfund.org

Stations of the Cross Quiet Day

1 April, 10.30am - 4pm
Convent of The Holy Name

A quiet day for Passiontide led by Sister Theresa Margaret CHN. Suggested donation for the day £15. Booking and more information 01332 671716 or assistantprovincialchn@yahoo.co.uk

Bishop of Derby's Lent Lectures

Tuesdays in Lent, 7.30pm - 9.30pm

7 March: Calling a personal path
St Mary Magdalene, Creswell, S84ES,

14 March: Context - Finding a place
St John the Evangelist, Newbold S41 8PA

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St James, Barlborough, S43 4ER

28 March: Companionship - Spiritual Resourcing
St Michael and All Angels, Brimington, S43 1JG

4 April: Connecting - Mercy Unlimited
St John the Evangelist, Ridgeway, S12 3XX

These lectures will explore the revival of the religious life in the Church of England, and its part in the response to sexual exploitation and gender discrimination - offering reflections about lessons for today. Each talk will be followed by refreshments and time for discussion. No booking required, any enquiries contact pa@bishopofderby.org



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