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GARDENING GROUP

Do you have a few hours spare each month to help keep the Churchyard tidy?

On the 3rd Saturday of each month we meet to tidy the Churchyard. You don't need to be a gardener to help. Coffee and biscuits help to keep everyone going along with a good chat as we work.

Some of the jobs we do are: sweeping the paths, weeding and tidying the burial of ashes area, clearing leaves and cutting back any bushes that need attention.

Join us for extra exercise and a chat anytime between 9 am and 12 pm on the Saturday 9th August.

The Gardening Group.

*YOU ARE INVITED TO
A QUIZ NIGHT with PIZZA
Monday 4th September
7pm
in the Parish Room
Hosted by Lesley & Beth Howard
Tickets available soon*

The Times They are A-Changing

Dear all

Over the next few months there will be a number of significant changes happening in and around Newbold Parish Church.

Of course in the not too distant future we hope to begin work on our new Parish Centre, however, I wanted to take this opportunity to let you know what we are up to at the moment...

'Let there be light!' Genesis 1:3

The first change is to our **lights**. We will be installing new lighting, both inside and outside the church. All of our internal and external lights will be changed from high wattage halogen lights, to new LED lights. We are confident that this will make a positive difference to our worship and our visibility, as well as being more eco-friendly.

'I will sing to the LORD as long as I live; I will sing praise to my God while I have my being.' Psalm 103:33

The second change is to our **choir vestry**. For many years the choir have prepared for worship in a vestry outside of the main church building. We will be adapting our little used South Porch into a new choir vestry, which will mean that our choir will be able to begin services within the church. It will also mean that the stained glass window, situated within the South Porch, will be viewed every Sunday as our choir put on their robes!

"Ah, I am warm, I can feel the fire!" Isaiah 44:16 (tenuous but heh!)

The third change will be to our **heating system**. Unfortunately our current heating system is well past its best and is in need of replacing. We hope to be able to remove the current system, and replace it with a more up to date and economical system, by the end of the year.

'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth. Worship the Lord with gladness; come into his presence with singing.' Psalm 100

The fourth change involves our monthly **11 o'clock service**. For many years this service has offered an alternative form of worship to our 9.30am service. In recent times it has offered the chance to worship in a more informal way, using multi-media, creative Bible stories, and modern songs, alongside other elements.

Having listened to many of the people who attend this service, it has become evident that offering it more regularly would be a welcome addition to our Sunday activities.

With this in mind, from September this year our 11 o'clock service will be happening **twice a month**, on the **second and fourth Sundays** (see the information about this later in the magazine).

Real Change...

'And all of us, with unveiled faces, seeing the glory of the Lord as though reflected in a mirror, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another; for this comes from the Lord, the Spirit.' 2 Corinthians 3:18

Although the changes to our building, and our pattern of worship, are exciting, what excites me more is that God is at work in Newbold. People's lives are being transformed by the work of the Holy Spirit; and I pray that this transformation would continue as we seek to honour God in all that we do.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben

THE WOMEN'S GROUP VISIT HOPE HOUSE COSTUME MUSEUM

On a glorious sunny day nineteen members plus five friends visited Hope House Costume Museum in Alstonefield. The museum is situated in a former barn in the grounds of a beautiful old farmhouse belonging to the owner Notty Hornblower and her husband. On arrival we looked around the museum starting on the ground floor with a display about the Brontes. The displays continued upstairs with themed costumed displays on Black dresses, the New Look, a Wartime wedding, Suffragettes and a very elegant 1920s themed display.

After we had browsed for a while admiring the beautiful fabrics and other accessories we sat down to listen to Notty talking about how she began collecting costumes and also telling us the history of many of the items. It was fascinating to hear the great lengths she had gone to in collecting artefacts and furnishings for the displays to accurately recreate the respective periods.

We then wandered through the garden into her lovely home for a delicious afternoon tea provided and served by ladies from the village with half of the group sitting in a sunny sheltered courtyard and the other half in her elegant parlour.

We drove home through beautiful Derbyshire countryside and are grateful to the five members who kindly offered to drive and it was obvious from everyone's comments that an enjoyable time was had by all.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 6th September at 7.00 pm in the Parish Room when the musical trio Dream a Little Dream will entertain us on what will be our fundraising event of the year for our chosen charity Good News Family Care. Refreshments will be provided and there will be a Tombola. Everyone including other family members will be welcome to join us.

Jean Lee



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

Summer term 2017 brought about a fabulous production of A.R.N.I.E.

‘Acid Rain, Nature’s Insidious Enemy’

Key Stage 2 pupils were proud and privileged to stage the world premiere of this first full length production.

Staff and children worked extremely hard to create a vibrant and educational performance. Specially written for children by a two man team of talented local retired head teachers, Nigel Turner and Neil Jones, A.R.N.I.E takes a quirky look at the effect of acid rain on our world.



Arnie and his family are in holiday mood, travelling through Europe, along with Arnie’s gang, the Acid Rain Drops. They dance, sing (and yodel) their way through France, Switzerland, Italy and Spain, causing havoc and destruction wherever they go.

Trees die and buildings crumble.

Fortunately, Big Al Ka Li arrives to the rescue with his band of Neutralisers (yee haw!). They trap the Acid Rain Drops and neutralise them into pure H₂O, and save the world.

It was a sparkling performance, full of energy and enthusiasm, and including thirteen toe tapping songs...and the VIP guests, the authors, were delighted!



From then on it was a very busy end of term, as each class put on a homework exhibition, and the whole school enjoyed a festival day to celebrate the school's success. Year 5 had a 'Space Day' at Outward Academy, and the children joining reception in September spent a day in school.

Everyone in year 6 spent a day at the school they were transferring to in September and were given a send-off in style from Newbold Church School. First there was a leaver's mass in school, followed the next day by a graduation event and meal, and a Leavers' Disco and Karaoke. Friday brought the final assembly in Church, when Ben talked about the potential each one had, and the children read their own prayers.

As tradition now demands, year 6 remained behind whilst everyone else returned to line the pathway into school. Year 6 were then 'clapped in' as marched down the path into school for the last time, closely followed by Mrs Slater, Mrs Offler, and Mrs Marsh who also received well deserved applause.



St John's Fete - Well done everyone who contributed in some way! We raised £4,300 for Church funds – a new record!

Thank you to the stallholders; all who came along on the day; those who delivered flyers and displayed posters; everyone who sold and bought raffle tickets; everyone who donated items and businesses that supported us:

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PERFECT LOVE CASTS OUT ALL FEAR

On the last Sunday in June (Trinity 2), our rector, Ben, preached about fear - the fears large and small that we all have.

He reminded us of the terrible tragedies that as a country we have witnessed, terrorist attacks and the Grenfell Tower fire.

These events are perhaps a focus for our deeper fears of strangers, foreigners, those different to us, those who appear to threaten us or events that leave us vulnerable or marginalised and left behind in society.

As he spoke I was reminded of the words "but perfect love casts out all fear". 1 John 4:18.

What shape might "perfect love" take?

One example I found was after the Finsbury Mosque attack. One person was killed and others were injured as they left their place of worship during Ramadan. It was reported in the press that worshippers were met the next day by people bringing flowers as they left the mosque.

Among those bringing roses to the Imam and his congregation were the local people of all faiths and none, including Christians, Hindus and the Rabbi Shulamit Ambalu and her people from the nearby synagogue.

In the BBC report it was said by Rabbi Shulamit that she had previously attended the multi-faith Iftar (a meal taken to break the fast).

When she left the mosque she walked out into a warm summer night, just as another group of worshippers were arriving for the night prayers. She said, "it felt just like Jerusalem".

She went on to say-

"That sense of anticipation, holiness, the sense of the closeness and also the differences between us can be so creative and also uncertain. I simply felt at home"

"It felt like Jerusalem."

When I read those words I felt humbled and excited. As a Christian I immediately wanted to break into a rendition of 'and did those feet, in ancient time' where Jerusalem is 'builded here in England's green and pleasant land'.

I was reminded that the New Jerusalem (Revn3:12, ch 21 and Ezekiel 36) is our hope and promise. The reign of God on earth is to be found where we love one another, where we come together in peace, where we acknowledge our differences but also recognise our common humanity and rejoice in the love we have for one another.

This, for me, is part of the shape of that "perfect love that casts out all fear".

CONGRATULATIONS

Happy 90th Birthday to Iris Moore who will be celebrating on 27th August. Love and Best Wishes from all at St. John's.

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CONGRATULATIONS

TO Anne and John Duncan who celebrate their Diamond Wedding Anniversary on August 17th. With love and best wishes for a very happy day from all at St John's.

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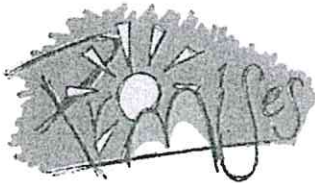
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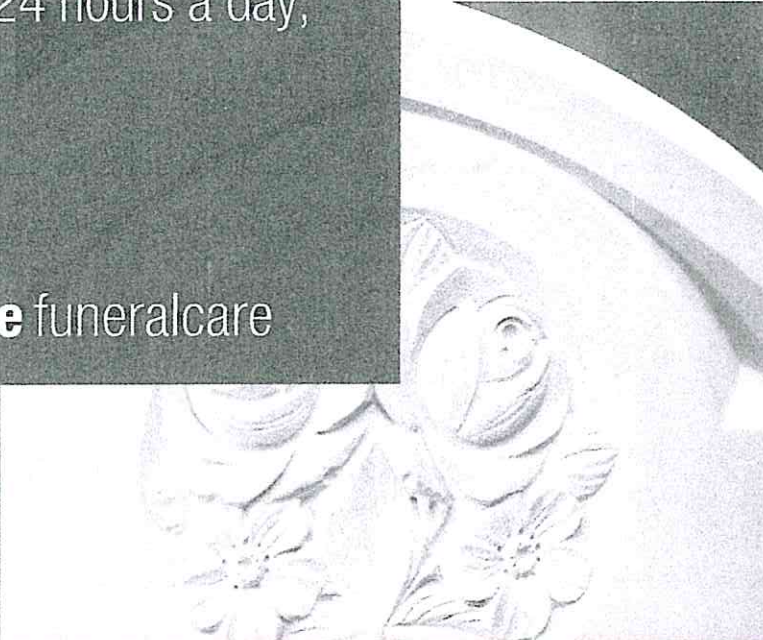


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China Adventure Part 2

The weather in Xi'an on Day 10 of our holiday was hot and sunny. Our first visit was to the Big Wild Goose Pagoda. The 65 metres high pagoda was originally built in 652, rebuilt in 704 and damaged by an earthquake in 1556 which has probably caused it to lean slightly. In the surrounding buildings were many statues of Buddhas.



Next, one of the highlights of the holiday – the Terracotta Army.

The work was commissioned by the emperor Qin Shi Huang in 246BC to guard him in his afterlife. We entered the first pit – a huge hanger that contained 6000 of the warriors in battle formation. Originally, long pits were dug in the ground; the life size warriors were made elsewhere, painted and then taken down ramps into the pit. The pit was then covered with logs and earth. At some point in antiquity the pits were broken into and the 'army' broken into pieces. When they were

re-discovered in 1974 the largest jigsaw puzzle started as the warriors were put back together – the work still continues. Next was the commander's pit, only 68 statues in this one consisting of the generals of the army. The final pit contained the cavalry and archers. Most of these statues have been re-covered or left untouched as once they were open to the atmosphere the paint on them degraded immediately.

On the way back to the hotel we stopped at the North Gate of the city wall. Xi'an has one of the best preserved city walls in China with a total length of 14km. After climbing a long stone staircase we reached the wide top which gave us views over the city. After the hustle and bustle of the traffic it was much quieter on the wall with just a few cyclists.

After our evening meal it was onto the Tang Dynasty show, beautiful costumes including ribbon and feather dancing and interesting music.

Day 11 saw another internal flight from Xi'an to Beijing. Before checking into our hotel we drove past the Bird's Nest, site of the 2008 Olympic Games then visited the Summer Palace.

Now a park, it covers 1.1 square miles, three quarters of which is Kunming Lake. After walking round the palace we strolled along a covered walkway by the side of the lake along with hundreds of Chinese enjoying the May Day holiday weekend. That night we enjoyed a meal of Peking duck – not as dry as the crispy duck pancakes we have at home but just as good.

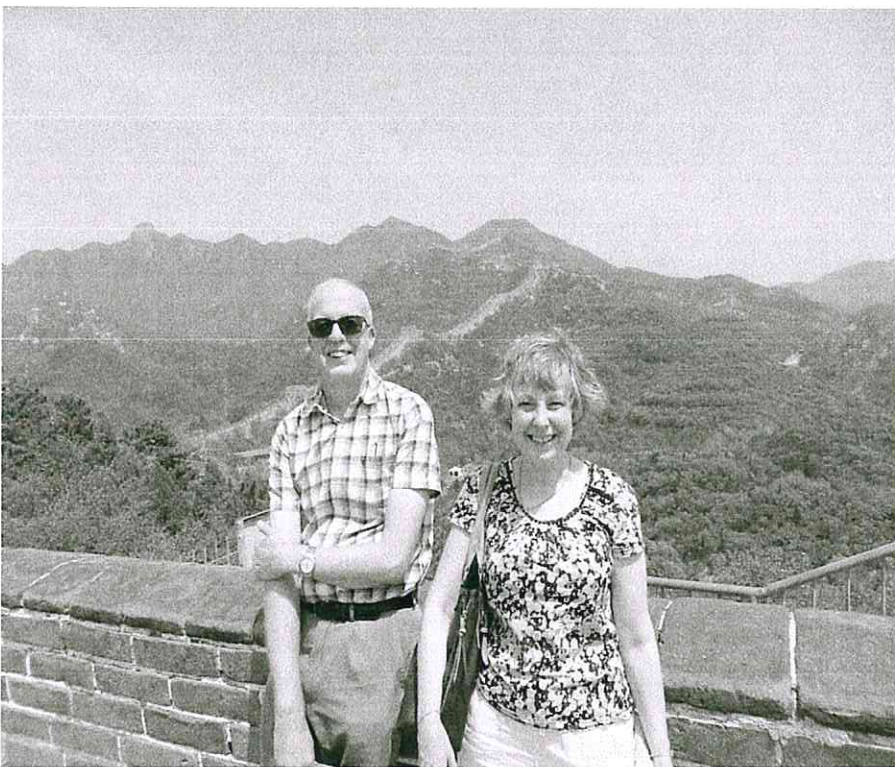
The next day was the warmest of our holiday at 35° C. We visited Tian'anmen Square. Reached by going through an old gatehouse the huge square, 100 acres in size, is bordered by the Great Hall of the People, the National Museum of China and the Mausoleum of Chairman Mao. In the middle is the Monument to Peoples Heroes, commemorating those that have fallen from the Opium Wars to the 1950's.

At the north end of the square we approached the Gate of Heavenly Peace with its portrait of Chairman Mao. Music played and fountains sprayed in time with the music. Through the gate and into the Forbidden City, so called because it was off limits to people for 500 years. Built between 1406 and 1420 it was the home for 24 emperors. Said to contain 9,999 rooms it housed the emperor, their families and their enormous retinues. We walked through courtyard after courtyard. There were lots of decoration; dragons, paintings and many flights of marble stairs. Each hall had huge bronze cauldrons outside – the water supply in case of fire.

Next was a visit to a Hutong – the traditional alleyway and courtyard style of building that is slowly being demolished for high rise.

We climbed aboard a rickshaw and were slowly ridden around the narrow streets; jam packed with parked cars and old bikes. We visited one of the courtyards, where the owner proudly showed us around his home. Finally we had a tea tasting session in the Beijing Bell Tower. No included Chinese meal this evening, so as a change from two Chinese meals a day, we had chips and salmon with a pint of Guinness in an Irish Pub called 'Durdy Nellies' near our hotel.

Our last day in China was another highlight, a visit to the Great Wall. Hot and sunny again we braved the holiday traffic to reach the best preserved stretch of



the wall at Badaling. With hundreds of people taking the easy route, we decided to take the difficult one. Once on the top of the wall it was a mixture of slopes and steps as the wall snaked up the mountain. There were fantastic views of the hills and the wall with thousands of people on it. After a couple of hours on the wall, it was back on the

coach for the journey back to the hotel and the last meal together as a group.

After an uneventful flight with KLM via Amsterdam once again, we returned home, with many memories of our fantastic China holiday.

From the Registers

Holy Matrimony

9 July Daron Martin McGwyre
 Victoria Brown

15 July Matthew James Bennett
 Rebecca Jane Foster

May God bless their married life

Funerals

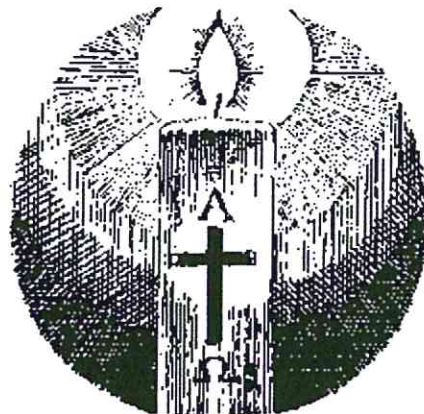
10 July William John Sylvester aged 86

Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

28 June Norman Marsh
13 July Barbara Christine Sturgess
14 July Brian & Linda Lomas

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



DIARY FOR AUGUST 2017

1	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
5	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning (till 12.00) [PR]
6	S		The Transfiguration (S1)
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Holy Baptism
		16.00	Walking Group
8	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
12	Sa	10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
13	S		Trinity 9 (S2)
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
15	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
19	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning [till 12.00]
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
20	S		Trinity 10 (S3)
			<i>No 8am service</i>
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Holy Baptism
22	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
26	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (till 12.00)
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)

27	S		Trinity 11 (S4) <i>No 8am service</i>
		09.30	Mass
28	M		Bank Holiday
29	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, August 5th 2017
10.00 till 12.00
in the Parish Room
Please invite folks to come!
Everyone welcome

*Items for the September Magazine
 FOR SUNDAY 20th AUGUST*

NEWBOLD PARISH CHURCH

8am Service for August

During the month of August there will not be a Mass at 8am.
 Anyone who usually attends this service is welcome to join us at the
 9.30am Parish Mass during this month.

The next 8am service will take place on Sunday 3rd September.

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The 11 o'clock Service

What is the 11 o'clock service like?

Our 11 o'clock service is an all-age service, and these can take many forms. However, here at Newbold Parish Church, our all-age services are a chance to worship together in a more informal way.

When does it happen?

Our 11 o'clock service takes place on the 2nd and 4th Sundays of each month (dates below).

What happens?

We aim to make our 11 o'clock service 'interactive'. This means that the congregation has the opportunity to get involved with the Bible readings we look at and these may be experienced in multi-media.

The prayers might include a multi-sensory element, and the talk may invite some creative responses. The music is a mixture of old and new songs, and the occasional hymn.

We also meet afterwards for refreshments, with the children encouraged to have a go at various crafts based on our theme.

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!

13th August
10th September
24th September
8th October
22nd October



12th November
26th November
10th December

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MOTHERS UNION

The afternoon of July 12th was lovely and sunny so that seven members and one guest could enjoy strawberries and scones in Bob and Ruth's garden. Lots of conversation took place and it was lovely that almost the full MU group were present. The raffle was won by Margaret Hobson. Members were reminded that our next meeting will be the AGM on September 13th. We hope that Fr. Ben will celebrate Mass with us, in the Lady Chapel at 2pm prior to business in the Parish Room.

The committee will meet on August 16th, 2pm at Ruth's house to arrange next year's programme.

Ruth Cable (Committee Member)

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THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club does not meet in August and the next meeting takes place on **Monday 4th September** and will be either a meal out or a meeting in the Parish Room. This will be confirmed when the September programme is arranged.

Anyone is welcome to join the group from the congregation, friends, neighbours and anyone else who may be alone and would welcome the opportunity to meet people in a pleasant atmosphere.

We are a friendly, welcoming group who enjoy being together and have a sense of fun.

We invite speakers, have games afternoons, visit places of interest and have meals out once a month.

If this sounds like a group for you please visit us in the Parish Room on Mondays 1.45 – 4pm or contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number is on the back page of this magazine.

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SAFEGUARDING NEWS

Over the last few months Ena and Julie have been working towards implementation of the new safeguarding policy, introduced by the Diocese at the end of last year.

At the July meeting the PCC agreed a Facebook policy, see below. We also started to look at a letting agreement for the Parish Room for any group outside Church who may wish to use the building; time at the September PCC will be given to discuss the agreement further. All groups who use the Church or Parish Room will be asked to do a risk assessment of the areas they use, this will be used to look at how we can improve the space we offer.

All Leaders and Helpers for children and Parish Visitors will have a Code of Conduct procedure to follow for good practice as they represent the Church in Newbold.

Jigsaw have agreed to produce their own Code of Conduct in September and to display it on the Safeguarding notice board in the Parish Room.

Part of the policy is a self-audit tool; it gives a traffic light summary of where we are, there are 20 green indicators and 10 amber or red, areas to improve.

Over the coming months all the PCC will complete a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) certificate and during 2017/8 complete safeguarding training.

Please take time to look at the Safeguarding notice board in the Parish Room and discuss any concerns with your Safeguarding champions. **Safeguarding is everyone's responsibility.**

Julie Franks - Parish Safeguarding Link for Children

Ena Johnson - Parish Safeguarding Link for Vulnerable Adults

FACEBOOK POLICY FOR ST JOHN'S, NEWBOLD

It is everyone's responsibility:

- To be responsible for the information they post. Only post personal information you are prepared to share.
- Not to use communication/social networking to bring the Church or its members into disrepute.
- Not to use communication/social networking to bully or harass others, cause defamation or use abusive language.
- Think of their own and families' privacy before posting items on social networks.
- Before making a posting take a minute to reread the posting to be sure it will not cause offence.
- Be aware that not everyone has given consent for photographs to be taken. Any photographs posted must be with the persons consent and if under 18 years, parent and young person's consent. Photographs of young persons (under 16 years) can, if necessary, have their first name included in the description, provided we have the consent of a parent or guardian. However, full names must not be included. No 'tagging' is permitted.
- To report any misuse of communication/social networking to the PCC, Adult or Child Safeguarding link or Rector, who will take appropriate action.
- Not to ask for email addresses, mobile phone numbers and social networking profiles of under 18 year olds.

The Rector and Social Network Manager have the authority to take down any inappropriate posting on social media.

CHURCH ON THE BUS

The Orange Bag for your donations will be on the bookcase at the back of church on the last Sunday of each month in 2017.

Thank you to all who have made donations so far.

ITEMS REQUIRED

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

JiGSaW NEWS In our meeting in 25th June, we considered how good disciples remember their teacher's example. We thought how precious we are to God and that our future is secure, because it is nothing less than life with our heavenly Father. Having heard Matthew 10:24-39 the children looked at the passage making annotations on different parts. Interestingly, they were all very similar. They designed a sword and the winner judged by the Parish Breakfast Folks was Chloe.

In our meeting in 2nd July, we prepared our entry for the Mural competition project run by Ecclesiastical Insurance. The subject required was the church in the community and we took our Church fete, held the day before, as our theme. The entry is in the process of being stuck together. We wish JiGSaW good luck with their entry.

There is no JiGSaW during AUGUST due to the school holidays. However, we will be meeting on

September 17th; October 1st & October 15th;

Perhaps you know people with children aged 3 upwards
who may be interested in coming along?



The 11 o'clock service



The theme for our **11.00 O'clock service** in JULY was 'God is Good'. Heather led the majority of the worship and Ben gave the talk and blessing. We sang new songs including 'I will enter his gates with thanksgiving in my heart' (Ps 100) and 'Bless the Lord all my soul'. This worship song is inspired by Psalm 103:1-22; it speaks of how there are (even much more than) 10,000 reasons for our souls to bless the Lord, and encourages us to respond greatly to the greatness of our God. It reminds us of the joy that comes from encouraging our souls to praise the Lord. We used our hands in the confession prayer and we made pipe-cleaner people to use in the intercessions.

Music, in addition to the recording from Matt Redman, was provided by Noah on ukulele, Aaron on bass guitar and Ben on drums. They sounded awesome just like the God we had gathered to worship. We were delighted to welcome new people including Margaret Beasley, Margaret Hobson and David Priestley. David particularly liked the music.

During fellowship and craft the children made tambourines with **Psalm 100** 'Make a joyful noise unto the LORD, all ye lands. Serve the LORD with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the LORD he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name.'

August's 11.00 O'clock Service is on Sunday 13th August.

Please see elsewhere in this magazine for exciting news on this service and pray for us as we move forward in faith.

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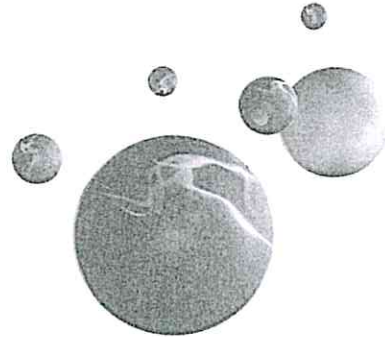
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JULY CHURCH WALK

Six walkers set out for an evening walk to Shilito Woods-between Barlow and Cutthorpe. Before starting to walk we read the notice board at the edge of the car park, at the bottom it read

“The man who never was lost, never went very far.”

Throughout the walk we were all drawn to discuss the unusual cloud formations in the clear blue sky:

- Cotton wool clouds
- Small and large
- Light and fluffy
- Transparent
- Clouds that looked like a paintbrush stroke – Cirrus floccus, composed of ice crystals

The previous week had been wet, would we find mud? Yes, but we managed to go round it and stride over it, this did however mean that a certain tall person, concentrating on his feet, got himself tangled in the branch of a tree.

Whilst we sat to eat our sandwiches we debated what we could see. We could see a spire which appeared to be straight, was it the crooked spire? On our return journey we could confirm it was.

Towards the end of the walk we stood and listened and looked. As we turned 360 ° around we could not see a building or power cable, so peaceful and calm. What a way to end a busy weekend.

The next walk on Sunday 6th August will be led by Eric and Helen in the Youlgreave area. If you can manage 4½ miles the please join us at 4pm outside the church gate with sandwiches and boots.

Transport will be arranged.

Julie Franks.

The Cream Tea held in Hugh's Church recently by Friends of Pevensey Green raised £165.19. This will be used to help maintain the Green by buying petrol for our mowers, and allowing the lawn mowers to be serviced when required. Our volunteers mow the grass every week, tend to the flower beds regularly and do any other maintenance as required. Thanks to all who provided food, goods and raffle prizes and a special thank you to all the people who attended the event.

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200 CLUB

The Club winners for June 2017 were as follows:-

First prize	(£35)	Ruth Cable	(Number 50)
Second prize	(£17)	Jean Oates	(Number 7)
Third prize	(£6)	Pauline Thurgood	(Number 24)

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 27th August 2017

August 2017

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Alastair writes...Enlightenment

August is often associated with holiday – people break their normal patterns to get a different perspective, on themselves, on the world. An opportunity to see, feel and think differently. Everyday life so easily becomes trapped in patterns and routines, tramlines and the tensions of keeping within our normal targets and expectations.

Two anniversaries fall in August, which might throw some light on this dynamic between tramlines and seeking new perspectives.

On 7th August 1784 the Derby Philosophical Society was formally inaugurated by Erasmus Darwin (grandfather of Charles Darwin of evolution fame). The original members included a clergy person, the Revd Thomas Gisborne.

Meetings were at Darwin's House, 3 Full Street, and the Kings Head pub in the Cornmarket.

The aim was to encourage creative thinking. A strong faith that the human ability to reason and analyse could create new insights – enlightenment – which would allow us to understand ourselves and our world better, and also equip us to live more fulfilled lives. A faith in progress, science and the ability of human reason.

Christianity emerges from logos, the word, the power to see, express, understand this life more fully. Perceiving the inner workings of material logic. This approach to the challenge of human living has become a major driver of what we call the modern world.

A very contrasting August anniversary can be observed on 2nd August 1892. The day Bishop Edward King was largely acquitted, by the Judicial Committee of the Privy Council, of charges about certain ritual practices. King was an intellectual, a university professor, a principle of a theological college, and became Bishop of the vast Diocese of Lincoln in 1885. Part of his practice in leading worship was to have candles on the altar, and mix water with the wine of Holy Communion, and to make the sign of the cross at the Blessing and Absolution. These practices were seen by radical Protestants as 'foreign' (Catholic) practices not specified in the Book of Common Prayer and acts of more superstition. King was taken to court and the case heard by the Archbishop of Canterbury at Lambeth Palace. On 2nd August an appeal from the Archbishop's decision to the Judicial Council was rejected. His distinction was recognised – between the importance of written systems and carefully devised formulas (the preferred currency of those termed the 'hotter sort of Protestant') and the value of sign, mystery, a sense of presence pointing to a deeper reality. Both were important. We would be impoverished by only using one of these currencies rather than both perspectives.

We know this wisdom when human ability to assess and explore runs up against its limits – as with a natural disaster or a terror attack. At such deeply difficult moments, we need to value the thoughtful approach of Erasmus Darwin and the Derby Philosophical Society. We always have more to learn, and great gifts to receive further enlightenment.

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School of Formation

As we move towards the end of the summer and the start of the new academic term, why not take some time to consider the range of learning opportunities offered by the diocese?

The School of Formation web pages have lists of courses, quiet days, conferences and workshops, provided by the Diocese and external partners - there is sure to be something to inspire you!

To find out more visit:
[derby.anglican.org/
SchoolofFormation](http://derby.anglican.org/SchoolofFormation)

Below are just some of the events we have listed over the next few months, all details are online

September

- PCC Secretary Training
- Modern Day Slavery Day Conference
- Messy Church Weekend
- Sustaining Joy Retreat (Launde Abbey)

October

- PCC Tonight
- Church Warden Training
- CHN Autumn Retreat

November

- First Aid Training
- How to get your church noticed (London)
- Fresh Expressions Conference (York)



New deacons join parishes

Nine new deacons joined the Diocese of Derby's team of clergy on Sunday 2 July as they were ordained deacons by the Bishop of Repton, the Rt Revd Jan McFarlane.

The six women and three men bring a huge breadth of background and experience to the Diocese. Between them, they have worked in a wide range of sectors, including teaching, accountancy and engineering, before responding to God's call to serve their local communities as Christian leaders.

The eight new deacons will be working in churches across Derbyshire, leading public worship and serving their local communities. Deacons will normally go on to be ordained as a priest a year later.

This year's ordinations will also be marked as the first time a female bishop has ordained deacons at Derby Cathedral.

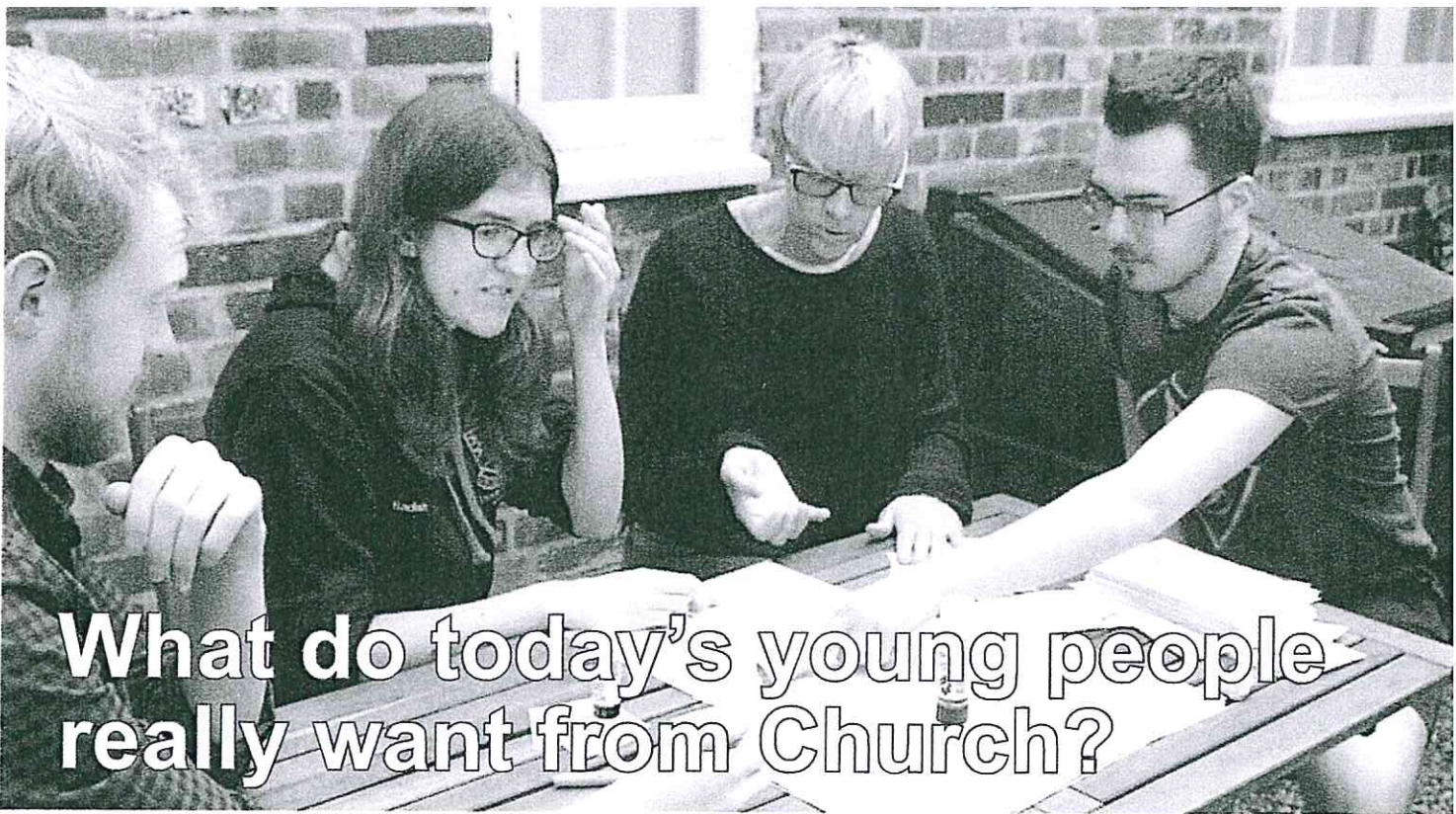
Bishop Jan said: "It is a huge privilege to have ordained eight new members of the clergy this weekend, not least because being a relatively new bishop it was the first time that I have conducted an ordination. Derbyshire will be blessed by the ministry of these newly ordained deacons as they go to work in parishes across the county and it's always encouraging to see God continuing to call men and women to serve him in this way."

The full list of deacons who have been ordained this year is below, together with the parishes they will be serving.

- **Edward Backhouse***: Aston on Trent, Elvaston, Weston on Trent and Shardlow, Barrow upon Trent with Twyford and Swarkestone
- **Kate Buckley**: Walton-on-Trent with Croxall and Rosliston (in the benefice of Walton-on-Trent with Croxall, Rosliston with Linton and Castle Gresley), the benefice of Stapenhill Immanuel, the parish of Coton-in-the-Elms (in the benefice of Seale and Lullington with Coton-in-the-Elms), the benefice of Swadlincote and the parish of Hartshorne (in the benefice of Hartshorne & Bretby)
- **Paul Desborough**: Boulton
- **Stella Greenwood**: Swadlincote and the parish of Hartshorne (in the benefice of Hartshorne and Bretby)
- **Julie Lomas**: Brampton St Mark
- **Anne Phillips**: Matlock Bank and Tansley
- **Frank Startin**: Winshill and Bretby
- **Sarah Watson**: Walbrook Epiphany Team Ministry
- **Linda Webb**: Hulland, Atlow, Kniveton, Bradley and Hognaston

*Edward was ordained on Sunday 9 July at All Saints Church, Aston on Trent by The Bishop of Derby

For more photos from the ordinations visit www.derby.anglican.org



What do today's young people really want from Church?

In June, Sixty young people (aged between 11 and 18) attended a BBQ at the Bishops House. They represented 12 churches from around the Diocese.

During the afternoon they took part in a variety of activities that sought their views on a range of church and faith topics.

These results make for interesting reading. Whilst there is plenty within them to encourage us, there are also some that provide sobering reading that we will need to consider and learn from.

Some highlights include:

- When asked about what encourages them to stay as part of the church young people value friendliness, a non-judgemental attitude, a range of ages and being listened to above other factors.
- The style of worship, whether traditional, charismatic or modern was the least important factor in choosing whether to stay in church.
- Young people suggested independently that being part of a youth group encouraged them to stay within the church, BUT having a congregation that was mainly young was not something they valued.

These three points exactly match the findings of a 2016 report *Rooted in the Church*, published by the National Church of England Board of Education (<https://www.churchofengland.org/media/3775547/rooted-in-the-church-summary-report-nov-2016.pdf>)

When asked about what sort of things they can do to share their faith, young people expressed the view

that talking to people, being friendly and inviting people to events were some of the things they could do.

Young people feel they can share their faith best at church, with their friends and some can share at school.

Most however, struggle to share their faith at school and on the street, with strangers and some with their friends. Sadly they feel that their non-church friends see the church as homophobic, sexist, strange, silly and boring amongst a list of many sobering views.

When asked about the church in the future, most young people drew a picture of a building.

When asked about the church in the future young people pointed to a church that was at the centre of the community, was welcoming, together and strong.

Reflecting on this piece of work, Alistair Langton, Derby Diocesan Youth Adviser, said:

"There is still much to do to reflect on and respond to within these results. I have been in touch with Jimmy Dale, the National Youth Evangelism Officer and will be working with him and a small team from the diocese to enable our churches to equip young people as they engage in mission and ministry in their own churches and local communities. We are planning some events and workshops in the Autumn term."

If you have any thoughts or reactions to the views, please email alistair.langton@derby.anglican.org

Bishop's Harvest Appeal 2017

The Edwardes College School Multi-Faith Education

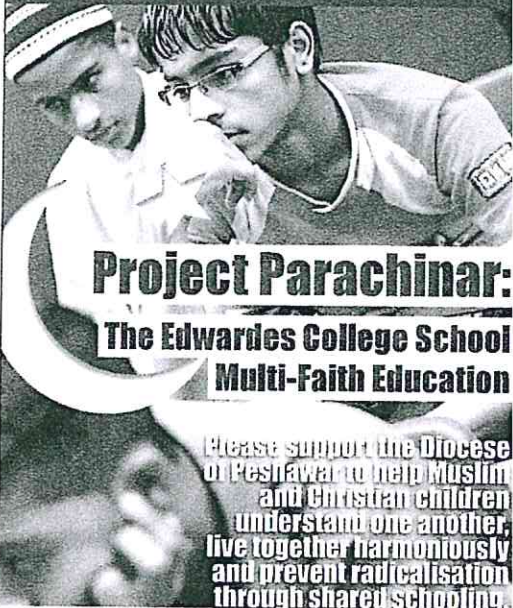
Parachinar in Northern Pakistan is in a tribal area of high radicalisation with many refugees as it lies only twenty-five miles from the Afghan border. The people have suffered greatly because of terrorism and sectarian clashes and they need to experience healing and to discover a better way of living together harmoniously based on understanding and tolerance rather fear and prejudice.

After eight years of negotiation with the government, Bishop Humphrey has been given a disused building and permission to open the first Church School in the area on the understanding that Muslims and Christians, boys and girls will be educated together. This timely project will help prevent further radicalisation and extremism and give children in the area hope and the possibility of a different future.

Through your donations and support, Muslim and Christian children can build a future for themselves free from radicalisation.

Talking about the appeal, Bishop Alastair said:
"This year's Harvest Appeal offers a timely opportunity for us to bear witness to the Gospel of Jesus Christ and to show solidarity with the Anglican Church in Pakistan. Please support it generously - so that God's grace can be a blessing through our commitment."

For further information please contact the Bishop's Office on 01332 840132.



The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2017

**Project Parachinar:
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Please support the Diocese of Pesnawar to help Muslim and Christian children understand one another, live together harmoniously and prevent radicalisation through shared schooling.

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Edward King valued this approach too. But, as a priest, often alongside people facing the poverty of existence and the poverty of being able to understand, he recognised the power of a flickering candle – fragile light in what might otherwise be greater darkness. A feature of contemporary spirituality is the desire of people with little religious hinterland to come into our churches and light candles at times of concern.

As we seek new perspectives in August, think about Erasmus Darwin and Edward King: two kinds of trial – by reason and by candlelight. Can we learn to celebrate both perspectives,

and witness to the fullness of the Enlightenment brought to our world in Jesus Christ: a living word, and a sign of sacrament and salvation – even through the realities of failure and death.

Let light perpetual shine in our hearts and through our lives.

+ Alastair



SAT 21ST OCTOBER 2017

DERBY CATHEDRAL 3-5PM

This will be a fun day for everyone. Please sign up on the sheet at the back of church – opposite the Church Wardens pew.

The afternoon will consist of age related activities (young and old) a picnic and worship in the cathedral.

All are welcome the cost for the Messy Cathedral is £2 per person or £3 per family.

We are hoping to go by coach so there will be a charge for that too.

Money will be required in September but please sign up now as places need to be booked.

Dates for your diary

September 17th short planning meeting for the Autumn Bazaar/Christmas Fayre (whatever we decide to call it) to be held on **18th November**. Bring your ideas. Grab a brew and meet in church at 10.45 p.m.

October 18th Diane Peet and Mike Nuttall are organising a Quiz Night in aid of church funds. Details to follow but get the date in your diary.