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PRAYER FOR GRENFELL TOWER

God Almighty,
hear our prayer for those
who have agonised and died
suffered and been scarred
are bewildered and bereaved
at Grenfell Tower.

We give thanks for our emergency
services and all who are offering
care and support.

We pray that new homes will be
quickly found for those affected,
and that your healing Spirit will be with
them in the days ahead

Through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Amen

David Thomson, Bishop of Huntingdon

Dear all,

This past month seems to have been a time of change, of challenge, and of shock. The election results seem to indicate a country that is divided, with rising levels of uncertainty over where we are heading. The aftermath of the terrorist attack in Manchester, and the attacks in London, have left many of us feeling vulnerable. The horrendous fire at Grenfell tower caused untold heartache and anger.

And yet, despite the darkness, we have to hold on to hope...

The Bible is incredible in its level of honesty when it comes to the difficulties that people face in life. It never 'papers over' the cracks of life. It shows people at their best, and at their worst. Time and again it demonstrates that God hears us, and is with us, whether we are in the depths of despair, or are overcome with joy.

At our deanery confirmation service, on 18th June, one of our candidates, Emma Burnett, spoke powerfully about her life. She talked in an incredibly honest way about her personal struggles, her path to faith, and about the difference her new found faith has made in her life. Her testimony, her witness to what God has done in her life, was a timely reminder that whatever we are facing, we do not face it alone. Our other candidates, Luke Burnett and Elaine Gledhill, also demonstrated their commitment to faith in God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit, and have experienced something of what it means to be transformed by God.

Transformation is something that we prayed for at our Pentecost service, where we celebrated the gift of the Holy Spirit as a catalyst for change and transformation. It was also this gift which some members of our Parish trip to Walsingham experienced when they were prayed for at the healing service there.

Our Church School has undergone something of a transformation over the past few years, as evidenced by the wonderful Ofsted report which has just been released.

It has been a joy to see the hard work and energy, which the staff and governors have put in, come to fruition. They have faced a significant time of change and challenge, and have met that challenge with enormous resilience, innovation, and hope. I look forward to seeing where this wonderful result takes them next.

In other news, it was with sadness that I recently learnt of the announcement to close St Hugh's Roman Catholic Church. It has been a joy to work with them on various projects in the past, and I pray that their congregation might find some sense of peace during this time of change and transition. Their final service is to take place in November.

By the time you read this we hope to have had a successful Church Fete (weather permitting). This and other events are places of connection between church and community. It is my sincere hope that these links will be fostered and that God will help us to see our community reveal signs of His transformation at work within it.

For now I leave you with some words of encouragement from St Paul's letter to the Ephesians (3:14-21):

For this reason I bow my knees before the Father, from whom every family in heaven and on earth takes its name. I pray that, according to the riches of his glory, he may grant that you may be strengthened in your inner being with power through his Spirit, and that Christ may dwell in your hearts through faith, as you are being rooted and grounded in love. I pray that you may have the power to comprehend, with all the saints, what is the breadth and length and height and depth, and to know the love of Christ that surpasses knowledge, so that you may be filled with all the fullness of God.

Now to him who by the power at work within us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine, to him be glory in the church and in Christ Jesus to all generations, for ever and ever. Amen.

Every blessing

Ben

OUR CHURCH SCHOOL IS A GOOD SCHOOL



An Ofsted Section 5 Inspection took place at Newbold Church School between 23rd and 24th May 2017.

Over the course of the two days the inspection team judged the effectiveness of the provision in school under a number of different headings, and made the following judgements:

Effectiveness of leadership and management	Good
Quality of teaching, learning and assessment	Good
Personal development, behaviour and welfare	Good
Outcomes for pupils	Good
Early years provision	Good

The main findings were that:

- Pupils are receiving a good standard of education of this rapidly improving school.
- The experienced and knowledgeable governing body is a strength.
- Leaders have an accurate view of the school's strengths and areas for development.
- Pupils behave very well when learning in classrooms or playing outside.
- Pupils experience a broad and balanced curriculum
- Teachers plan lessons carefully to interest and challenge pupils in a wide range of subjects.
- Pupils enjoy a wide range of extra-curricular activities
- Outcomes at the end of Key Stage 2 are strong.
- Disadvantaged pupils and pupils with special educational needs make good progress from their different starting points. Teachers ensure that the most able pupils are suitably challenged.

- The early years foundation stage in a strength. There are good links with local nurseries. The early years environment is exciting, bright, stimulating and appropriate both inside and out.
- The learning environment is safe and stimulating.
- The school has a caring ethos, and 'Nurture, Cherish, Succeed' is at the heart of its work.
- Pupils' social, moral, spiritual and cultural development is strong
- There are strong systems in place to monitor pupils' attendance

In order to improve the quality of teaching learning and assessment the school needs to ensure that

- Pupils have increased opportunities to practise spelling, punctuation and grammar skills by writing at length in subjects across the curriculum
- Teachers have high expectations of pupils and challenge them to present their work to the best of their ability in all subjects
- Teachers give more opportunities to develop problem solving and reasoning skills in mathematics.
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Mrs Marsh, Headteacher, said

“We are delighted with the comments that the inspectors have made, and feel that the report is a true reflection of Newbold Church School. This is not the end of our journey - we will continue to strive to make Newbold Church School the best it can be on our Journey to Outstanding!”

Pam Lister, Chair of Governors said

“The Governing body want to thank Mrs Marsh, her staff and all the pupils for their hard work and dedication in this achievement. We are proud to be a part of the journey.”

NURTURE, CHERISH SUCCEED



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

CREATION DAY

Friday 19th May was an RE focus day in school with classes exploring the Creation Story.

There was a range of activities taking place throughout school

ranging from drama and singing to newspaper report writing. Each class had an opportunity to showcase their work in a whole school collective worship at the end of the day. The children enjoyed their Creation Day experience and as usual, had to lots to say about it!

In Year one, Mrs Mellor organised a different activity for each of the seven days. Day seven, the day of rest, was particularly popular and Joel's favourite!

'God had a rest on that day so we got to have a rest too. I had a rest under the table. I liked it' (Joel, Year 1)

'God created light and dark and we created light and dark in a shoe box. When we shine the torch inside the hole it's day. When we turn it off its night' (Andrew, Year 1)

'He was so clever making the world and everything in it' (Ellie, Year 1)

Year two performed a song in the collective worship called 'The Music Maker'.

'The song tells the story of the music maker and that means God because he made everything' (Reece, Year 2)

'It is a nice song and we did the chorus in sign language' (Esme, Year 2)

'The song makes me want to say thank you to God for making our wonderful world' (Rosa, Year 2)

Mrs Passarelli and her Year 3 class spent time considering what happened after God created the world. Mrs Passarelli asked her class to draw a picture on their whiteboards, taking their time to make it something to be proud of. She then walked around the room and rubbed some of them out! This opened a whole discussion about how it feels to have one of your creations ruined. She was impressed with the maturity her class showed and how thoughtful and insightful their ideas and opinions were.

'I would think that God was really disappointed when his wonderful creation was spoiled. I felt like that when Mrs Passarelli spoiled mine but mine was a picture not a world' (Ruben, Year 3)

'It made us think about how we should look after God's world. I will look after it by recycling and turning off the lights' (Devon, Year 3)

'Come and talk to us about caring for the world. We have lots of ideas' (Bradley, Year 3)

In Year 5, the children talked about Adam and Eve and the fall, following creation. They then took on roles as roving newspaper reporters writing articles based on the goings on in Eden!

'I wrote about the serpent and the forbidden fruit. It was this that led to the fall' (Molly, Year 5)

'All that had been created was very quickly undone when Adam and Eve bit that apple' (Bailey, Year 5)

'I think the newspapers would have gone crazy if they had them back then!' (Owen, Year 5)

Our first RE focus day was a huge success and as a result of this, a second one is pencilled in for autumn term.

NCS SINGING SUPERSTARS!

It's not only the children that are talented at NCS, there are some talented staff members too! Two of them are due to appear on your television screens soon...our very own Mrs Slater (Y6 teacher) and Mrs Passarelli (Y3 teacher). Both ladies sing in the Chesterfield Philharmonic Choir and, along with other local choirs and churches, members of their choir were invited to sing at Tideswell Church where Songs of Praise was filming. The programme is due to be aired on July 2nd so set your boxes to record!

'It was a great opportunity and a very memorable experience' said Mrs Slater. 'My highlight was singing my favourite hymn, Jerusalem'. Mrs Passarelli added 'It was a long day with a three and a half hour rehearsal before filming began but it was exciting and I am looking forward to hearing what it sounds like and looks like on theTV!'

Well done Mrs S and Mrs P – we will be watching!

YEAR 2 GO ON THE TRAM!

Year 2 class had an exciting day out in Sheffield visiting the Winter Garden, to support their learning about plants and flowers that grow in contrasting conditions to those in the UK. Staff drove the excited class to Halfway tram stop, from where they enjoyed a 40 minute tram ride into the city centre. Super tram laid on a chaperone to make sure we were all ok and he was a big hit with the children!

'Patrick was funny and kind. He showed us his ticket machine and he made sure we knew where to get off' (Grace)

'The tram was amazing' (Lewis)

'I liked being in Mrs Riley's car' (Sam)

The children spent time reading about and sketching plants and flowers in the winter garden before having a picnic lunch in the Peace Gardens. The weather was on our side so there was even time for a splash in the fountains!

'We had a picnic and watched a wedding in the big garden. I liked the bride's dress' (Isla)

'There's these big fountains and we got to go in them. Even Mrs Kirk had a go' (Reece)

'I liked the plants but the best bit was ice-cream in the garden and going in the fountain' (Stuart)

We really did have a fun day and the children behaved wonderfully making the day a real pleasure for all involved.

Claire Riley.

THE CHILDREN'S SOCIETY

I am very pleased to report that the house boxes have this year raised a record £315.30 for the Children's Society. The society campaigns for laws and policies that make children's lives happier and safer. It runs local projects helping children and young people when they are at their most vulnerable and have nowhere else to turn. Their project workers listen.

Thank you to our generous donors, both old and new. If anyone would like more information, please contact me.

Ena Johnson

QUEEN VICTORIA'S DIAMOND JUBILEE

One hundred and twenty years ago, in July 1897, Newbold was celebrating in fine style as the Evangelist reported....

The Queen's Diamond Jubilee festivities, for which we had so long been preparing passed off most happily. Thanksgiving services were held on Accession Sunday both at the Parish and Mission Churches, when large congregations assembled to thank Almighty God for the long reign and noble example of our gracious Queen.

Tuesday was given up to feasting and merrymaking. Early in the day large numbers of willing helpers were busy decorating the tables at the two Schools to be used for the occasion. Queen's weather shined upon all and brightened all efforts. The thoughtful Secretary had arranged for waggonettes to bring the less active ones from distant parts and at 12 30 p.m. the old people of 60 years and over to the number of 297 sat down to a first rate dinner which was capitally served by Mr Allen of the Railway Hotel in the Girls' School. Before grace the National Anthem was sung and then all dutifully "set to". The loyal toast was afterwards given by the Chairman and enthusiastically honoured with three ringing cheers and "Rule Britannia".

After the dinner the women were given a packet of tea each, and the men a packet of tobacco. At 4.30p.m. tea was provided in the Edmund St. School for 1500 children; the Newbold scholars assembled in their playground and marched down in procession. Before entering the Schools they sang the National Anthem and the Jubilee Chorus, "Victoria, Victoria".

During tea each child was presented with a Jubilee medal; a mug each was also generously provided by Messrs. Pearson. Tea was followed by sports, in a field kindly lent by Mr Riggott, until 9 p.m. when most of the company wended their way to Sheepbridge for the fireworks.

The profit on the festivities, £39-0-10, was given to the Churchyard Extension Fund.

WALKING GROUP Treasure Hunt

Our walk was a little different this month as we combined it with a Treasure Hunt in the area of Queen's Park. With our list of clues, we walked along Boythorpe Avenue and entered the park, where the business of finding the answers began. We were blessed with a sunny, mild day so were able to stroll along, admiring the flower beds, the geese with goslings walking in line and at one point, eating a welcome ice cream whilst sitting on a bench enjoying a rest. With the detective work done to our satisfaction, we perched ourselves on benches in front of the pavilion and were able to watch the closing strokes of the cricket match taking place on the pitch as we ate our sandwiches. There was the usual heckling as the answers were called out but on the whole it was all taken in good spirit and the winners of the bottle of wine were Julie and Steve.

Our next walk on Sunday 2nd July will be in the area of Shilito Wood, a 5 mile walk led by Trish Law. We will be meeting outside the church gates at 4pm with our packed tea and walking gear before piling into two of the cars and driving to our destination. We would be pleased to welcome any new members, just turn up or for more information contact anyone on the reverse of this magazine.

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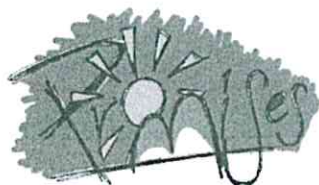
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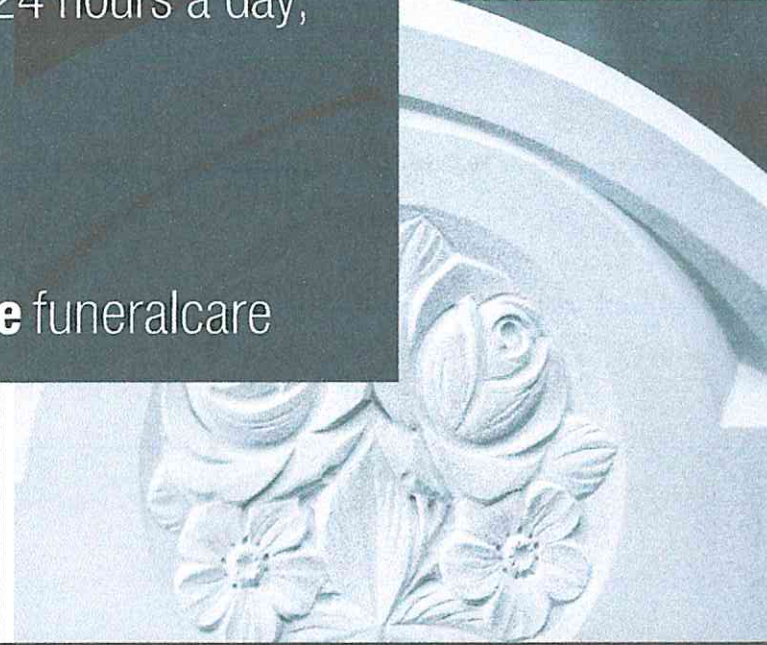


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My First Experience on the Pilgrimage to Walsingham by Natasha Hague

I firstly would like to thank Richard Peet for organising this wonderful weekend away and ensuring everything went to plan and made everyone feel a part of the group.

Pilgrim Service at St Johns

During this service I thought it gave me a good understanding of what was to come over the weekend and set us all on the right path for our pilgrimage journey and ensured that we had a safe arrival.

Arriving at the Shrine

We arrived at the Shrine on a gloriously sunny afternoon and I thought the grounds were beautiful. They are well kept and I felt peaceful and tranquil while walking around. The rooms are all well-kept and clean.

We were also made to feel that we could take part in the services but there was no obligation to do so and we could come and go as we pleased, which put me at ease.

First visit to the Shrine followed by the Stations of the Cross

When I first visited the Shrine I thought that there was a lot of interesting architecture all over and that they have used every available space to ensure that it was made to feel like a Holy place for people to come and worship.

I thought the Stations of the Cross Service was well placed around the Shrine and garden, (although number four was well hidden) and while walking around I got a good understanding of the journey that unfolded on those days before and after Jesus died on the cross.

Social time together

I thought this was well organised thanks to Richard and I thought everyone had an enjoyable evening taking part in quizzes and sharing refreshments bought by all and enjoying each other's company and getting to know each other better.

Visit to the Slipper Chapel

I walked down to the Chapel with others on a very scenic route, down flat country lanes, and on our arrival we went into the Chapel. It was so peaceful to sit there giving me time to clear my mind and take some time to work on what may be troubling me.

The Roman Catholic Church was nice too and they have a lot of people coming from afar to their services, and there was even an outside area where services take place, which I thought was nice. They show Mary's views on the day Jesus died which was insightful.

The visit to Sheringham

Sheringham is a lovely place to visit. They have a nice market to walk around and look at and there are lots of shops, and cafes to have breaks in. Although I didn't go down, I heard that the beach was nice to walk along and the sea cool and calming to paddle in.

Address, Procession of our Lady and Benediction.

I thought this service was well planned and enjoyed the procession walking around the gardens and it gave me a good insight into Lady Richeldis of Walsingham and of the day Mary the mother of God came to her in a vision asking her to build the church.

Mass in the Shrine

I made myself get up for this early morning service and I thought that it was in a traditional keeping and was run by an interesting vicar.

Parish Intercession in the barn Chapel

This service was held by Father Ben and Richard and it was a lovely service to get everyone together and pray in unison for those in difficult times and our local and church community.

Sprinkling at the well and Ministry of Healing and Reconciliation.

I thought that this service gave us chances to give thanks and to help us to restore ourselves from any worries we have, or for others who need help and guidance at the moment. I could see people around looking more at ease, after this service.

To conclude

I had a lovely time on the pilgrimage to Walsingham and got to know others within the congregation better and enjoyed their company. I would recommend to those who haven't been, to come next year because it is a fantastic opportunity and you can pick and choose how much you want to be involved in, and have a good weekend with great company and sightseeing in Norfolk.

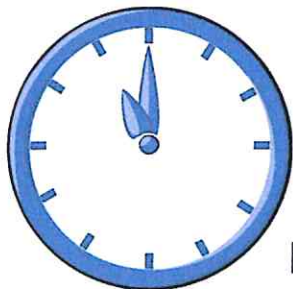
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PRAYER

May we learn from each other how to give, how to receive;
how in joy, to celebrate, and how in pain, to grieve;
how to fight for what is right yet not do any wrong;
how to be a family to which we all belong.

Amen

THE 11 O'CLOCK SERVICE



The theme for our **11.00 O'clock service** in JUNE was The Trinity. Heather led the worship. We sang The Peruvian Gloria, Holy, Holy Holy is the Lord and Our God is a Great Big God.

Esme read the Gospel. Olivia, Jamie and Esme read prayers written by JiGSaW. These were also read out on the Pilgrimage at Walsingham.

We were delighted that Pat Law, Ann Adams, and Anne Bennett joined us. Thanks to you all for your hospitality and serving refreshments.

Afterwards the children made a Trinity Poster from three green hearts, a red heart, a cross and a dove. These symbolised one God, with three parts [as in a cloverleaf] the red heart represented God the Father, with the Cross for God the Son and the dove for God the Holy Spirit.

Please note this service is **not** just for children or folks with children. **Anyone can come.** Please consider joining us. Numbers are growing. We need **your** help too. Please see Heather or Ben for further details.

**July's 11.00 O'clock Service is on Sunday 9 July.
All are welcome.**

Kevin Groves is making a steady recovery following his knee operation. He hopes to join us at the fete and maybe our service in July.

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.

STILL URGENTLY REQUIRED – Ladies knickers in small sizes

JiGSaW NEWS Only one meeting to report on due to school holidays.

We met on 18th June. The memory verse was Matthew chapter 10 verse 16:

Jesus said 'I am sending you out like sheep into a pack of wolves so you need to be as wise as a snake and as innocent as a dove.'

The colouring competition was won by Chloe. Pictures were the animals in the memory verse.

We considered how Jesus equips us for the spiritual journey ahead without the need for the normal things we take on our daily travels.

We wrote concerns and worries on slips of paper and laid them at the foot of the Cross for Jesus to deal with.

JiGSaW meets in July on 2nd and 16th

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

18 June Isla Chloé Niamh Cooper

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

Holy Matrimony

18 June Lee Michael Coupe
Silvana Rosetta Gould

May God bless their married life

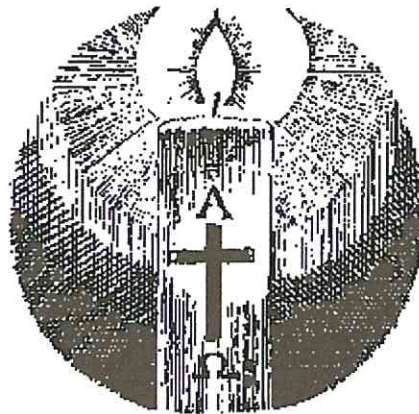
Funerals

5 June Dennis Wagg aged 83

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

26 June Muriel Everson

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



DIARY FOR JULY 2017

1	Sa	14.00	Church Garden Fete
2	S		Trinity 3 (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & JiGSaW
		16.00	Walking Group
3	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
4	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		18.30	Treasure Hunt
5	W	19.00	Newbold Women's Group Outing
8	Sa	10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
9	S		Trinity 4 (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock service
10	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	PCC Meeting [PR]
11	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
12	W	14.00	Mothers' Union Meeting [The Spinney]
15	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning (till 12.00)
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
16	S		Trinity 5 (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & JiGSaW
		11.30	Holy Baptism
17	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
18	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
21	F	14.00	Church School Leavers Service
			Last Day of Term
22	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (till 12.00)
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)

23	S		Trinity 6 (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
24	M	13.45	Monday Club [Outing]
25	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
29	Sa	10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
30	S		Trinity 7 (S5)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
31	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]

Please check the weekly Pewslip for a more detailed diary.

COFFEE MORNING

There is no Coffee Morning this month because of the Fete

*Items for the July Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 23rd July 2017, please.*

PRAYER

Father of all mankind, make the roof of my house wide enough for all opinions, oil the door of my house so it opens easily to friend and stranger, and set such a table in my house that my whole family may speak kindly and freely around it. Amen

Prayer from Hawaii

St John's Fete – Rectory Gardens and Eagle Club

Saturday 1st July 2017 - gates open at 2.00 p.m.

Stall holders may arrive from noon onwards

Please support this social occasion where the whole of Newbold comes together for fellowship and fun.

N.B. Plants and Cakes may be brought to church between 6.30 and 7.00 p.m. on Friday 30th June. Please use old porch door.

STOP PRESS!

There are fabulous prizes to be won on the Dice2deals stall, from chocolate bunnies to family passes to local attractions (including Chatsworth House), tickets to local shows (including Bakewell) and to Bramall Lane. As we go to press, the prizes on this stall alone are valued at over £1,200!

Thank you to everyone involved in running stalls and helping to set up and clear away. This year, members of all our three Sunday congregations in addition to pre-school and the uniformed organisations are helping to stage this annual event.

A huge thank you goes to the businesses who have supported us so far by donating prizes.

Ashover Show, Bakewell Show, Chatsworth House, Chesterfield Bowl, Chesters Fish and Chips, Classique Cuts, Co-Operative Funeral Care, Crich Tramway Museum, Denby Pottery, Kelham Island Museum, Fothergills, Gulliver's Kingdom, Heavenly Hands, Lifestyle Fitness, Lincoln Cathedral, Matlock Farm Park, Midland Railway, Queens Park Sports Centre, Sheffield United Football Club, Sheffield International Venues, Tesco, The Co-Operative, The Flag Shop, Thornton's, Treak Cliff Cavern, Younique.



SATURDAY 21ST OCTOBER

DERBY CATHEDRAL 3-5PM

This will be a fun day for everyone.
Please sign up on the sheet on the

table at the back of church

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.

Please speak to Heather if you require further information.
Numbers need to be in by the end of the month.

Charity Race Night

The Charity Race Night organised by Jo Whiteley made the grand total of £2310 to be split between three charities. Thanks to those who supported. A wonderful night was had by all. Delicious food and lots of fun.

China Adventure Part 1

For those in the congregation that missed the Verger and one of the Churchwardens at the end of April – Steve and Julie Franks were on holiday in China. Why China you may ask – we both wanted a special holiday and we decided on Titan Travel's 'Treasures of China' tour.

Our adventure started when applying for visas, Julie got hers in less than a week but the Chinese did not like your Verger's application form. An interview and the taking of fingerprints at the Chinese Embassy in London was required before it was granted.

Luckily that was the only problem encountered getting into China. We were picked up from Hasland Monday morning, transported down to Heathrow Airport and had a 50 minute flight to Amsterdam where coming into land we could see the tulip fields in bloom. Our onward flight in a Boeing 787 Dreamliner took 9 ½ hours, we arrived in Chengdu at our hotel at 3.00pm on Tuesday.

After a brief rest in our hotel room on the 31st floor our Tour Guide, Frances, took us to Jinli Old Street. It was a vibrant mix of gifts and street food, with our group of 37 westerners walking in a crowd of mainly young Chinese. We were then taken to a local restaurant where we enjoyed our first Chinese meal – consisting of dishes from the local Szechuan cuisine.



Early Wednesday morning we were taken by coach to the Chengdu Research Base of Giant Panda Breeding. We saw pandas perched in trees or spread out asleep on decking in the many enclosures. There were some 7 month old young pandas with their parents as well as red pandas (which are not closely related to pandas) Throughout the park there were crowds of people taking pictures, as well as school parties of young children all wanting to try out their knowledge of English on us. In the afternoon we visited the Shu Brocade Museum

where we marveled at the intricate embroidery pictures and the two men looms producing brocade by hand.

All during our stay in Chengdu we were astonished by the varied traffic on their road network. There seemed to be lots of new modern cars – Volkswagen and Mercedes amongst them. These cars mingled with the pedestrians, motorcycles and push bikes, especially at cross roads. The best way to explain the driving is controlled mayhem – very few cars had signs of accidents. Bikes can also be rented – using an app on your phone you can pay and get a code for any of the bikes left in special parking areas or just on the side of the road.

That evening we were taken to the Shu Feng Ya Yun Teahouse and Opera where after being served jasmine tea we were entertained with singing, music, stick puppets, shadow puppets, acrobats and the famous changing faces show where the actors changed their costumes and face masks in front of your eyes.

The next day turned out showery. We visited Huanglongxi old town. The town is in the shape of a dragon with water running down the main street, stepping stones carved as turtles, bridges and water wheels. Numerous shops lined the streets selling food, silks and toys. Men were dancing to music as they cooked noodles, transferring them from one large pot to another. Around each corner we were hit by new sights and smells. Julie bought a flower head garland for about 25p. After lunch we had a river cruise to visit the Giant Buddha at Leshan. Carved out of the hillside between 713 and 803AD it is 71 meters high and is the largest carved stone buddha in the world. From the river we could see a long line of people making the 2 hour trek to see the carving. On the way back to the hotel we had a delay when a woman crossing the road with her motor cycle took a dislike to our coach. She would not move, and after kicking and breaking a headlight, the police were called but she even had an argument with them before finally riding off.

On the morning of our last day in Chengdu we visited the Bamboo Park. Local people were practicing Tai Chi, ball room dancing and martial arts; children were painting, and adults playing Mahjong, all enjoying the warm morning. After a refreshing cup of jasmine tea Julie had a back massage and I had an ear massage, I was not amused by the way he showed the rest of our party my earwax!

The afternoon was taken up by a long drive to our next stop – Chongqing, a vast city on the Yangtze river with an urban population of 34 million.

Chongqing was much hillier than Chengdu so there were fewer pushbikes. Our first visit was to the local guildhall – built in 1759 and a cultural, business and social centre for more than 200 years for the different local peoples. Then onto downtown Chongqing with its mix of modern skyscrapers. We visited Peoples Square, one side of which was Chongqing's Peoples Hall which can seat 4200 people and opposite was the Three Gorges Museum. We visited a display of the history and geography of the Yangtze River and rooms containing pottery from the main Chinese dynasties – many Ming vases were on display.

Later that evening we embarked on the MV Century Sky, the cruise ship that was to take us down the Yangtze River. Due to the huge differences of water levels on the Yangtze permanent boarding facilities are difficult to build so we had to walk down many steps and cross many temporary pontoons before we could get onboard. As we set sail at 10pm we admired the brightly lit buildings of Chongqing's waterfront.

The next day we woke up to low cloud and drizzle, moored near Fengdu. During the morning Julie went to a scarf tying demonstration then we both watched a video of the Yangtze Three Gorges. Further downstream we disembarked for a visit to the Shibo Pagoda. Once the Three Gorges Dam was built, the level of the river rose, flooding the village at the foot of the Pagoda. The villagers were moved higher up the hill but the bottom of the pavilion would have been under water. A dam was built round the hill with a bridge connecting it to the bank. The pavilion is built like a pagoda, but is butting up against the rock face. Nine floors climb up the side of the hill, over 99 steps, and at the top is a Buddhist Temple. That evening the ship's crew put on entertainment for us after the evening meal.

Day 8 of our holiday turned out to be rainy. In the morning we stayed on the boat for a demonstration of the art of painting inside glass bottles. Julie tried her hand using a brush made of fox hair and black ink. It was difficult as you could not see where the brush was.

Later we sailed through the short 8km Qutang Gorge, then after lunch the much longer 45km Wu Gorge. Both were impressive with tree - covered mountains, the occasional waterfall and mist and low clouds. We stopped at an inlet to go up the Shennong Stream in a Pea Pod boat. Before the building of the dam the river was only 10m wide with villagers living at its edge, now there is no river bank with the sheer rock faces on either side. Our day ended with the Captains' farewell banquet and champagne.

Day 9 was a busy travelling day – first we had to walk through 3 other cruise ships to get to the landing stage, then onto a cable lift to get to the coach park. Local porters carried cases on bamboo poles to our coach. First stop was the Three Gorges Dam.

The dam is 2.3km in length and the whole project was completed in 2012. The project consists of the dam, dual ship locks and a smaller ship lift. There are five locks, each one can hold four large cargo ships and it takes over 3 ½ hours to pass through the locks. The dam itself was controversial, involving the relocation of 1.3 million Chinese, but it has controlled the periodic flooding of the Yangtze River which has killed many thousands of people in the past and produces 85 Tera-Watt hours of clean electricity a year.

Our day continued by coach to the train station at Yichang. There we nearly lost one of our party when she locked herself in a disabled toilet. After frantic pulling of the door and scratching of heads a workman took the lock apart and she was freed. We travelled by bullet train to the city of Wuhan. We passed many rice fields and fish ponds, plenty of water around in this flat area. Once in Wuhan it was onto another bus to the airport followed by a flight to our next city – Xi'an.

More of our adventure will follow in next month's magazine.

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club meets every Monday afternoon 1.45 – 4pm and members enjoy being together to socialise, to visit places of interest and to invite speakers. Our programme for July is as follows:-

Monday 3rd July	A social afternoon in the Parish Room
10th	A visit to Derby Cathedral
17th	A talk by Ben, our Rector
24th	A canal cruise starting at Tapton Lock
31st	A social afternoon in the Parish Room

These meetings are open to anyone who wants to be part of a friendly and welcoming group. So if you live alone and need some company give us a try. For more information please contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number appears on the back of this magazine.

Note: If anyone has an interest that they could talk about please contact either Richard Peet or Margaret Beasley.

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FRIDAY 21st JULY

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NEWBOLD PARISH CHURCH PRE-SCHOOL

One member of Newbold M.U. was able to attend the Archdeaconry Festival at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale. Our banner was proudly paraded into church and on show during the service. About 50 members attended and tea and coffee and wonderful home-made cakes were consumed afterwards. It was a most pleasant evening and St. Helen's is a very pretty church.

The June meeting of Newbold M.U. was held in the Parish Room on 14th at 2pm. Six members attended and there was much discussion on the future of our little group. Young women are all at work now, and could certainly not attend any daytime meetings. The present membership (our youngest member is 70!) do not wish to go out in the evenings. Over tea and cake and biscuits we talked out this problem. We have two other members apart from the six present, however, one of these is in a nursing home and another lady is extremely muddled and forgetful. Eventually it was decided that we meet only in the summer months, commencing in 2018.

We cannot afford expensive speakers and so we will arrange a programme accordingly, to suit our age group, abilities and budget. Rather than close, we felt that this solution would be better.

We held our raffle and prizes were won by Margaret Beasley and Iris Gill.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 12th July, 2-4pm and will be a Strawberry Tea at Ruth's home, The Spinney, 150 St. John's Road. We hope for a warm afternoon so that the garden can be used.

Please do pray for us all.

Ruth Cable (Committee Member)

THE WOMEN'S GROUP HOLD A QUIZ EVENING.

On Wednesday 7th June a quiz night was held at the Women's Group meeting. It was in two parts and played by teams of four members including a guest for the evening, Ann Mosley's sister in law. It was also good to welcome back Maureen Ashton.

The first quiz was about Derbyshire and was won by Pat, Beryl, Gail and Annette and the second was a picture quiz of everyday advertisements and was won by Ruth, Claire, Hazel and Maureen.

On Wednesday 5th July we are having an outing to Hope House Costume Museum at Alstonefield followed by afternoon tea. We leave from Church at 12.45 pm.

Jean Lee

200 CLUB

The Club winners for May 2017 were as follows:-

First prize	(£35)	S North	(Number 67)
Second prize	(£17)	M Radford	(Number 103)
Third prize	(£6)	D Peet	(Number 120)

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 30th July 2017

ST LAWRENCE CHURCH BARLOW

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Sunday 2nd July 2017

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REFRESHMENTS

at Church from 12 30 - 5pm and some gardens from 10 30 am.

Tickets including map, £5 from the car park just beyond the church,



Stephen and Julie

We would like to thank everyone who sent cards and good wishes to us as we celebrated our Silver Wedding Anniversary.

CEFAA

What is CEFAA?

Church of England Flower Arrangers' Association.

I attended the AGM in on a hot Saturday in June at St Michael and All Angels, Bramcote, Nottinghamshire. This was the first time I had attended one of their AGM's. Once the usual business of the AGM had finished around thirty of us had a three course meal before watching a flower arranging demonstration given by a local florist. We watched as four different arrangements appeared in no time at all. I learnt how to turn two palm leaves into a church window and how to bend the leaves into all sorts of shapes. Mesh was used to make a screen, adding a new dimension to an arrangement. I hope to use some of these new ideas in Church at different festivals.

Ada Fawthrop our Chairperson represented CEFAA at Chatsworth RHS Flower Show this year. I understand she was interviewed showing Aled Jones how to construct a pedestal arrangement. This will be part of Songs of Praise to be shown on 2nd July from Tideswell Church.

Julie Franks

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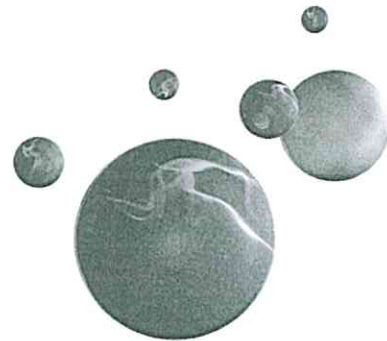
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WALSINGHAM 2017

We set off on our pilgrimage after communion in our church which sets the tone for the weekend.

We had four new pilgrims, Father Ben, Elaine, Natasha and Lesley and some returning pilgrims, Annette, David, Eileen, Carol, June, John and Iris.

We arrived and were issued with our room keys and then thirty minutes before the First Visit to the Holy House & Stations of the Cross, the heavens opened and the wind dropped; but before we all met the weather totally changed to warm and sunny and this remained the pattern for the weekend.

We visited each Station but all noticed that one of the Stations appeared to be missing, so we had to improvise. This then became *The Mystery of Station Four* which had to be solved. After we had completed the final Station, David and I did some detective work and there it was. The mystery was solved - the Station is now inside a small room where there is an area to pray and the door had been closed whether by accident or perhaps someone was taking the opportunity to pray.

The weekend gave us the opportunity to attend services, sit in the gardens, pray in the chapels, socialise, spending time together as a group and with other pilgrims as well as having time to be alone. We missed Mavis and Melvyn and Maureen as they have always been present for this pilgrimage over many years and we prayed for them at our Sunday morning service in the Barn Chapel.

I wish to give a big thank you to all the pilgrims for making my job as organiser very easy; it is a privilege to arrange the weekend.

Richard Peet

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A PRAYER FOR VICTIMS OF TERRORISM

Loving God,
Welcome into your arms the victims of violence and terrorism.
Comfort their families and all who grieve for them.
Help us in our fear and uncertainty,
And bless us with the knowledge that we are secure in your
love.
Strengthen all those who work for peace,
And may the peace the world cannot give reign in our hearts.

Anon

FUNDRAISING

The June Coffee Morning hosted by the Altar Team raised £200 for the NewBOLD Building Project. The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday 5th August. Please support us if you can.

An Evening **Treasure Hunt** has been arranged for **Tuesday 4th July** which involves a stroll around the village of Barlborough followed by sandwiches and chips at the Rose & Crown. The walk will start from the car park behind the pub at 6.30pm. This is a flat walk of about one hour and suitable for everyone. We haven't held a Fundraising event for a while, so do come along and join in. Tickets are now on sale £6 adults £5 children, please see the churchwardens or Evelyn Lowe.

Christian Aid Week

Thank you to everyone who donated to Christian Aid. £199.69 was raised and has been deposited into their bank account by our treasurer.

July 2017

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Archdeacon Christopher writes...

Beyond the Barricades

I am writing this on the day before the General Election and in the aftermath of the terror attacks in Manchester and London. Never has the contrast between peaceful democratic process and ideological violence been more striking. Yet we need to take seriously the roots of such violence.

This year is the centenary of the Russian Revolution, or rather Revolutions. The events of 1917 had a massive impact not only on what became the Soviet Union but on the whole world. Unsurprisingly perhaps, the centenary is unlikely to be celebrated much in today's Russia. But we might have something to learn from it and from the Revolution's driving force and presiding genius – Lenin.

In 1970 the Scottish Anglican theologian, Donald MacKinnon, wrote a fascinating essay on 'Lenin and Theology', reflecting on the lessons the twentieth century's greatest atheist might teach us. If the church claims to be about transforming the world, might it be worth looking at the example of someone who actually did transform the world? And we pride ourselves as having grown from an obscure sect in an out-of-the-way corner of the Roman Empire into a shaper of world history and culture. Might it be worth pondering where the next generation of movers and shakers are gathering, and taking them seriously? For, in MacKinnon's words:

The future of the world was being shaped by obscure men and women, living on the periphery of society, meeting in dingy halls to discuss matters which must have appeared meaningless to those who felt placed securely at the centre of society.

Is the world today being changed by people we have never heard of? And, if so, where is the church?

Lenin transformed ideas into action; he made a difference in the real world. Towards the end of his essay, MacKinnon writes:

If the Christian faith is true, its truth is constituted by the correspondence of its beliefs with the harsh, human reality, and with the divine reality, and with the divine reality that met that human reality and was broken by it, only in that breaking to achieve its healing. At the foundation of the faith there lies a deed done, an incarnating of the eternal in the stuff of human history.... By that deed the very foundations of our human world were laid. What was it, what is it, this revolutionary act? At least let us

be sure that it is act; for unless it is act, if it be no more than satisfying spiritual idea, it is vacuous and the world remains unshaken.

Are we able to shake the world? That is the call to all who are called to follow Jesus Christ. It is a call which will lead us to challenge the prevarications of politicians, of whatever political hue, and to be steadfast in the face of violence.



The Venerable Dr Christopher Cunliffe
Archdeacon of Derby

How the faith of retired people is helping transform lives

Tens of thousands of volunteers support social action projects in England run by churches including winter night shelters, lunch clubs, credit unions and food banks. Many of these volunteers are retired people, whose skills and experience are crucial to the success of this work. We spoke to six Church of England worshippers who are retired or describe themselves as in 'phased' retirement and are involved in work from street pastors groups to helping people in debt.



George Martin, in his 70s, a worshipper at Southwark Cathedral, who formerly worked in international sales and at Buckingham Palace, is chair of the trustees of the Robes Project, the churches' winter night shelter in the

boroughs of Lambeth and Southwark.

The shelter started in 2007 with seven church halls and has grown over the past 10 years to 30 church venues of all denominations, supported by 800 volunteers. The project has a major fund raising drive every year with a Sleepout at Southwark Cathedral, raising £97,000 for its work last November with the organisers hoping this total will rise to £100,000. Over the past six years, the sleepout has raised almost £500,000 towards the running costs of operating the shelter. "I have done all the voluntary jobs, cooking, washing up, meeting and greeting, I have stayed overnight, I have done the breakfast run. I joined the team at Christ Church Blackfriars for their night shelter and I will doing the cooking once for 20 guests over the next 10 weeks – that number rises to 28 or more because we all sit down together to eat, the

guests and the volunteers," he said. "Some people say that as chair I am too hands on but I feel that is my role. I do it from the heart, because I believe that what I am doing is what the church should be doing. Robes has saved lives over the past 10 years. As chair, I go round as many of the venues as possible."



Avril Loveless, 61, in 'phased retirement', works part-time as Professor of Education at Brighton University.

A worshipper at All Saints Church, Hove, she acts at coordinator of the night shelter at the church,

part of a network of churches in the area hosting the shelter over 18 weeks between November and January. "I coordinate one day a week of the shelter. We have around 40 volunteers on our books and provide a hot meal and overnight accommodation for around 15 people who need it. Four people take turns to stay awake overnight in pairs in four-hour shifts. It is quite a precious time, just sitting quietly as the guests sleep. Some of the guests in the shelter go to work the following morning, so they have to get up early and freshen up. We serve them with a light breakfast and other guests then go off to a place called First Base which is a charity in Brighton that offers a full breakfast, showers and housing advice. The voluntary work is inter-generational and across all walks of life. We have energetic younger people who also volunteer for the lifeboats and people in their 80s who volunteer to do the overnight shifts. Over the last year, I have learned about the power of volunteers to come together as communities and keep a light burning during dark times."

Dr Andrew Miller, 69, a retired NHS consultant in respiratory medicine and a worshipper at St Aldates Church in Oxford, has worked voluntarily as a street pastor since 2010 and is chairman of the Oxford group.

"We are a group of 19 trained volunteers from across the Christian denominations. We are in partnership with the police, night clubs and the council. We try to work in a group of at least three every Saturday and one Friday a month – especially after pay day when many people go out and celebrate. We leave our base at around 1045pm and we finish usually around 3.45am the next day. Our motto is 'caring, listening, helping' and we help people in a range of situations – handing out water and a space blanket for warmth, flip flops where clubbers have abandoned walking in their high heels, or lollipops as a way of defusing tensions. There are people who want to talk – I recently met somebody who had just been to a friend's funeral and was pretty distraught and just wanted someone to listen, as do some rough sleepers. We don't tell people what to do, we don't preach, we let them talk and we listen. We walk six to eight miles a shift and we walk slowly, if you walk at normal speed people don't tend to stop and talk to you. People are often curious and baffled as to why we do this work for nothing but they are glad we are there as a presence on the streets. We are a range of different people working as street pastors. In south London, where I worked as a street pastor before, we had two 83-year-old team members; one was so famous for her work that she was known on the streets as 'The Legend'."



Jewel Ahumibe, 67, a specialist neonatal nurse, from Birmingham, retired after nearly 40 years in the NHS in 2012.

A worshipper at St John's Sparkhill since 1980, she began work as a volunteer helper at the Good Companion lunch club, part of the Narthex centre, in Birmingham last August. The lunch club meets on Tuesdays with around 16 elderly people attending. The Narthex

Centre provides community facilities and services from the church, including a food bank, a resource store for refugees and asylum seekers and a youth club. "I am healthy and I know that there will come a time when I need help as well. I thought 'why not give my time when I can?'" she said. "The clients arrive before the lunch and we have a bit of a chat, and then they play Bingo. They do some exercises and then they have lunch before they get picked up by the Ring and Ride. Last week we had a trip to the Pantomime and saw Dick Whittington. The people who come along are really appreciative."

Phil and Christine Bromwich, from All Saints Church, Murston, Sittingbourne, Kent, work voluntarily at Murston Community Bank, based in the church and a savings club at Sunny Bank Primary school in Sittingbourne.

Phil, 68, worked previously in costing and estimating work for a manufacturing company and Christine, 70, is a former school office manager. The couple, who first met when they were working at Barclay's Bank, were able to use their expertise to help set up the community bank, a branch of Kent Savers credit union, three years ago. They now work for the bank a morning a week, and help administer a branch through a savings club at Sunny Bank Primary School in Sittingbourne, Kent, two mornings a week. They are planning to set up a debt advice centre at All Saints Church. "People come to the bank in all sort of situations. It is very satisfying to meet people who have come to us severely in debt, knowing that you may not have solved all their problems, but you have been the catalyst for change for the better in their lives," Phil said.

Martha Linden Senior Media Officer,
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Derby Cathedral School on schedule to open at Midland House September 2018

Derby Cathedral School, the City's first Church of England co-educational 11-19 secondary school is on track to open in September 2018.

The school will have a curriculum specialism in Music and Mathematics and is being established by Derby Diocesan Academy Trust (DDAT) and Derby Cathedral to help meet the need for additional high-quality secondary places in the Derby area and to give local families more choice.

The school will open with up to 180 Year 7 places in temporary accommodation in central Derby at Midland House in Nelson Street, DE1 2SA, whilst the brand new state-of-the-art facilities are being developed on a permanent site. Works on preparing Midland House for occupation by a secondary school will commence shortly to ensure that all the facilities required are in place to facilitate a high standard of education from day one.

David Channon, CEO of Derby Diocesan Academy Trust, commented: "We are making excellent progress and our search for an exceptional and inspirational leader is already under way. Discussions with the City Council and Education & Skills Funding Agency are continuing positively to identify a permanent site in and around the

City Centre. Strong links will be forged with the family of schools across Derby and our state-of-the-art facilities will be shared with the community."

Consultation for Derby Cathedral School runs until Monday 24th July 2017 and drop-in Consultation Events will be held on Tuesday 27th June from 1.00pm - 3.00pm and Wednesday 5th July 6.30pm - 8.30pm at Derby Cathedral, Iron Gate, Derby DE1 3GP. More information about the consultation can be found at www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/consultation.

The Rev Dr Elizabeth Thomson, Canon Missioner at Derby Cathedral, commented: "This consultation gives us the chance to continue to seek the views of prospective parents, students and stakeholders, giving them the opportunity to help shape the secondary school so that it meets the needs of the Derby community. I look forward to working with members of the local community to further develop our plans for this exciting new school which will deliver a first-rate education, ensuring that pupils reach their maximum potential and access world-class jobs in our vibrant City."

Thy Kingdom Come Feedback

Thank you all so much for all you did to make Thy Kingdom Come such a success! We've been deeply encouraged by the stories we have received so far, and we are very grateful for all that you did to play a part. Nationally we want to make next year even better so we'd appreciate if you could share the feedback form, it takes about five minutes to complete and we'd value all opinions

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/TKC2017#>





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