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A PRAYER FOR SIERRA LEONE

God of all comfort we cry out to you,
for and with those affected by the mudslide and flooding in
Sierra Leone.

Comfort our brothers and sisters in the diaspora
whose hearts are aching and longing for news from home.

Comfort all who have missing loved ones
and those who have had their worst fears realised.

Comfort all who have lost their homes
and everything they own in a matter of moments.

Comfort all who, despairing of the future,
moved to Freetown to make a better life for themselves.

And because comfort alone is not enough
we pray for resources, wisdom and strength
for local and international aid agencies,
pulling together once again to respond to extreme need.

God, you once used mud to bring healing to a man's eyes
open our eyes and hearts now to respond as we can to this
tragedy.

In the name of Jesus we pray,

Amen.

Dear Friends,

During the month of August it felt for us as Churchwardens that we had reverted back into interregnum mode whilst Ben took a well-earned holiday.

We gave the notices out before the services and ensured everything was set up ready for the services, but there were no meetings to arrange or attend as most activities close down during August.

On the first Sunday morning we had Revd Mark Broomhead from the Order of the Black Sheep with us and he gave us an insight into what led to the setting up of the Order and what the group was about. This was followed the following week by the Revd Geraldine Pond the Diocesan Director of Vocations and Bishops Office for Clergy Wellbeing who interviewed Ben when he was thinking about his vocation. Finally, Revd Jo Morris, the Rector of the parishes of Old and New Whittington (who are part of Chesterfield North Churches) whose sermon is included later in this magazine. Jo also officiated at the baptism service when two children were baptised.

On Tuesday mornings we had three retired priests. Revds. John Pinder Packard, Ian Falconer and Ian Mitchell, who led us in our worship.

On behalf of our church we thank them for enriching our worship and giving us lots to reflect on.

The faculties have been sent in for the heating, lighting, and South Porch developments.

Steady progress is being made with the Parish Room, and we have received the latest floor plan for the area.

During August there have been a number of sad events we have held in our prayers. The death toll continues to grow in the aftermath of the atrocity in Barcelona and coastal town south of the city.

The prayer Richard read at the 9.30 am service which was produced by the Church of England for Barcelona is printed below

This month groups reconvene after the summer break, as well as the school returning for the new term and other meetings take place. Please remember the children starting school for the first time in your prayers.

We are now looking forward to events in the autumn and a quiz to be run by Mike and Diane on WEDNESDAY 18TH OCTOBER 2017. Further details will be in the October edition of the magazine and on the pewslip.

Yours sincerely,
Julie Franks and Richard Peet – Churchwardens

A prayer for Barcelona
God our refuge and strength,
close at hand in our distress;
meet us in your sorrow and lift our eyes
to the peace and light of your constant care.
Help us so to hear your word of grace
that our fear will be dispelled by your love,
in Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen

Rev'd Jo Morris has kindly sent part of her sermon given on 20th August for you to reflect on.

Gospel Reading: Matthew 14.22-33

The disciples want the woman to be sent away 'for she keeps shouting'. It is a reality for some people that they do not feel welcome in the church because, for whatever reason, they do not fit the idea of what is acceptable. How do we as a church express welcome? Do we welcome as Jesus would? Every church thinks everyone is welcome there, but it is still worth thinking about how that welcome is communicated and experienced. Can the person experiencing feelings of attraction to the same sex talk about it without condemnation? Does the parent who has brought their children for the first time know that it's OK if their toddler is noisy? What about the person who does not have money for the collection plate? Or the young person who speaks of a vocation to leadership?

Is this story about Jesus the learner, an example of a moment when something new opens up for Jesus, and he sees his ministry widening to include those he had not previously considered? Or is it about Jesus the teacher, using the occasion to help his disciples learn about the scope of his mission? (While some may be challenged by the notion that Jesus did not always have all the answers, others are comforted by it: we are not always able to see the bigger picture; Jesus, it seems, shares this experience with us.) Either way, the result is the same. Jesus knows that his message is for all people, that he will gather others to him besides those already gathered. How do we take this message of loving acceptance to those who have not heard it? How do we live it?

Jesus is relating to a woman who is not of his own religious or ethnic background. Yet we see how respectful they are to one another. She acknowledges his background and heritage, referring to him as 'Lord, Son of David'. She does not even deny the rights of the people of Israel as the focus for his message, but she claims something for herself as a person of faith.

He does not try to change her; he engages a pagan woman in a theological discussion and takes her answer seriously. He acknowledges her as a person of great faith. Can we use this as a model for our own dialogue with people of other faiths – or none?

Sometimes a change of heart comes from a change of perspective – seeing things from a different point of view. St Ignatius of Loyola was a great spiritual teacher who lived about 500 years ago. His teachings and insights are still very influential today for many Christians. He advised his followers – who are called ‘Jesuits’ – always to put the best possible interpretation on the words and actions of anyone they were listening to.

The model for this comes from the ministry of Jesus. For example, in today’s Gospel story: the disciples see an annoying woman shouting, but Jesus talks seriously with a mother desperately seeking help for her child. Here are a few more examples: people see a Samaritan woman who has had too many husbands, Jesus sees a capable evangelist (John 4.1-42); people see a woman who is ritually unclean, Jesus sees a woman of great faith (Matthew 9.20-22); children brought to Jesus are considered disruptive, Jesus sees young people to whom the kingdom of heaven belongs (Matthew 19.13-15).

How might our hearts and minds be changed if we see with the eyes of Jesus? How might we see differently people we otherwise find difficult or disruptive? How might we welcome people into our community if we keep reminding ourselves to see them in the best light possible?

A member of our congregation has written a reflection on this sermon. This is printed on the following page.

The editors would like to encourage readers to send us suitable contributions for inclusion in the Evangelist.

LISTENING AND SPIRITUAL CONVERSATIONS

In Jo's sermon she asked us to consider our reactions when a stranger comes into our midst. She suggested that if a 'smelly tramp' or someone of a different faith, dressed differently to ourselves, came into church, maybe our first impulse would be to move away.

This made me think of the book I'm presently reading entitled, "Listening and spiritual conversation", by Sue Pickering, an Anglican priest from New Zealand. In the opening chapter she tells a story that may be of interest.

It begins with her dog barking furiously as a stranger walked past her gate. She went to investigate and met a woman coming out of the business next door.

Sue writes-

"This person was a sari clad woman with long dark grey-streaked hair. As she got nearer she stopped and we began to talk. Beginning with comments about the weather in my country and hers, we quickly moved on to deeper things.

I listened to her story of dislocation, disruption, and concern for her family. She told of her faith in a Hindu deity.

I said I was an Anglican priest and asked if she'd like me to pray with her. She smiled and nodded. So there on the footpath we stood, hands locked, heads almost touching, we prayed for the specific needs of those she loved, words of encouragement and hope, words of trust in God who would be active in the lives of those for whom we prayed.

'Thank you', she said, 'My Krishna has brought you to me'. We hugged and parted. "

The 'woman at the gate' story may raise questions about engaging with someone of a different faith or no faith, someone very different from ourselves, someone whose life experiences are very different from our own - but at its most simplest it can be seen as a God-arranged moment. God is in the conversation - just like Jesus and the Samaritan woman at the well.

We have encounters with people every day. They and we have stories to tell, God- stories, moments of meeting and listening to one another, sharing and 'bearing one another's burdens'. We don't have to talk complex theology, we simply give witness to the impact of Jesus on our lives.

As Sue Pickering writes: "we cannot help others to discover their unique 'God-story' unless we share our own, unless we express who we are in Christ, sharing our struggles and failures and the stories that reflect God's grace as we travel the journey of faith."

Extracts: 'Listening and Spiritual Conversation' by Sue Pickering.

REFLECTIONS

Be faithful in small things because it is in them that your strength lies.

Mother Teresa

You are the only Bible some unbelievers will ever read.

John MacArthur

The best thing about the future is that it comes only one day at a time.

Abraham Lincoln

God is most glorified in us when we are most satisfied in Him.

John Piper

God loves each of us as if there were only one of us. *St. Augustine*

BEAUTIFUL GARDENS

Apart from being blessed with plenty of wonderful scenery to enjoy in our area, we are also fortunate in having numerous historic and beautiful buildings, which are often complimented by equally lovely gardens. Over the past few weeks I have had the opportunity to visit three of these gardens, in different counties, but which are all within fairly easy reach of Chesterfield and should prove suitable for a day out.

Firstly, in Derbyshire, the location was Renishaw Hall and Gardens. The combination of interesting house, the old stables block with café, shop, the Sitwell family museum and the extensive gardens make for an excellent day out. This visit included a house tour, in the hands of a very capable guide, who brought the house, contents and the past Sitwell family to life. The house has been owned by the family for nearly 400 years and is presently occupied by Alexandra Sitwell, daughter of Sir Reresby and Lady Sitwell, and her family.

The garden was largely designed by Sir George Sitwell in 1885 and its many features include an Italianate garden, statues, a fountain and smaller enclosed areas, with a lovely outlook to the lake and countryside beyond to complete the picture. In August there was a wonderful display of hydrangeas, some with fountains of creamy white flowers, as well as the usual flatter blooms with varying degrees of white, pink and blue flowers. There are many impressive trees, carefully chosen for their height and foliage, to frame the gardens. Herbaceous borders held an intriguing mix of well-known and unusual plants of all shapes and colours.

The second destination was to south Yorkshire and the Wentworth Woodhouse Gardens, which are part of the large complex which includes the Wentworth Garden Centre, gift & other shops, café, a family farm and various other business units. This is all situated within the walled garden, which was formerly the kitchen garden and pleasure grounds of Wentworth Woodhouse. The gardens were

originally reorganised in the late 18th century, but fell into total dereliction and have been restored over the last 30 years.

An interesting layout on different levels takes the visitor on a tour to each section, including a rock garden with many ferns, hostas and some duckhouses built along the side of the pond, a canal pond in the low lying Italian garden, with hostas and topiary to add to the effect. This leads to a sunken garden, with a further water feature and yet more lovely hostas. A building houses the remains of a bear pit, which apparently held bears within living memory. For the millennium a yew maze was planted on the site of an older one and is quite a challenge to find the centre. The next stage in the work is to be a rose garden next to the maze.

Finally, to Felley Priory in Underwood, Nottinghamshire, which is easy to reach as it is near Junction 27 of the M1. Another interesting building, parts built in the 16th century on the site of a 12th century priory. Also there is a tea room and plant sales, with special rare plant fairs held here in June and October each year. The main features at this time of the year are the roses and the herbaceous borders, which were full of many interesting plants and colours. As with the other two gardens, there is a lot of topiary work and hedging, much of which was planted for sheltering the site but results in the whole area having shape and dividing the different sections. There is a pond, beautifully surrounded by an array of planting, and pergolas covered in roses and honeysuckle, adding to the overall pleasant surroundings.

All three locations can be recommended for visits, especially as they all have adequate facilities, plant sales and delicious refreshments.



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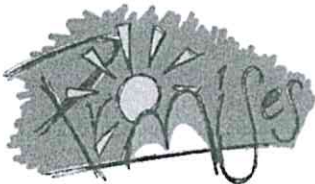
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The 11 o'clock service

The theme for our **11.00 O'clock service** in AUGUST was 'Stepping out in faith'. Heather led the service. 'Here is Love, vast as the ocean'; 'You are Good' (complete with dancing and jumping in the aisle) and 'Shine' (complete with actions). The Gospel Story for the day was Matthew 14: 22-33. Read by Heather; Josh mimed Jesus' actions and the whole congregation provided the wind and the waves, as we heard how Jesus invited Peter to have the faith to step out of the boat onto the water and join Jesus who was walking on it. Our prayers were interactive.

Thanks to the duty worship team Richard, Lesley, Josh, Ann, Bev, Michelle, Natasha, Gwyn, Olivia, Adrian and Brian. While we have a good group of people on this rota, we would welcome anyone who feels they have skills to share in this ministry. Have a word with Heather or Ben who will chat with you about your vocation in serving God in this ministry.

There is a real buzz at this service. At our APCM Heather challenged everyone to come and try it (at least once) quite a few have, (and have returned); it might not be for everyone but God is definitely at work in this ministry.

September's 11.00 O'clock Service Dates

Sundays 10th and 24th September.



We're Stepping out in faith - are you?

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. Men's deodorants are **urgently** required. (Spray or roll-on.)



JiGSaW NEWS

Our first meeting of the new academic year, takes place on Sunday 17th September from 9.15 a.m. in the Parish Room. Application/consent forms are available from Heather (Tel: 07746 840 748 Email: heather.peet@hotmail.co.uk)

Dates we are meeting in September/October:

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

Each meeting includes – an opening activity as children arrive, prayer, bible story, craft activity, perhaps a game.

We may practise something to do at our 11 o'clock service

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



SAT 21ST OCTOBER 2017

DERBY CATHEDRAL 3-5PM

LAST CHANCE TO BOOK 24th September

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.

Money will be required later in the month but please let Heather know now as places need to be booked.

Dates for your diary

September 17th there will be short planning meeting for the Christmas Fayre 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 the Building Project. Details to follow but get the date in your diary.

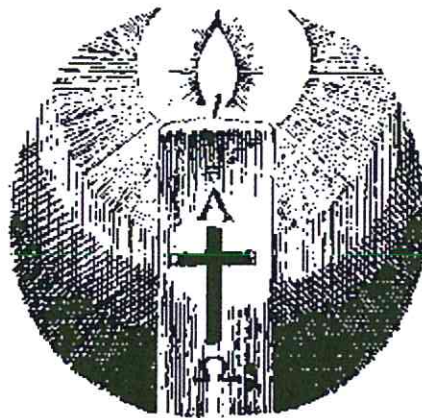


From the Registers

Holy Baptism

20 Aug Phoebe Pearl Gavan
Oscar James Brown

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



A CHILDREN'S SOCIETY PRAYER

Loving God,
In the midst of our doubts and questions help us to have faith.
When we see suffering in the world around us, help us to trust you.
When others overlook the potential each child has, help us to believe in them.
As we face the challenges of bringing life to young people, help us to know that a little faith goes a long way.
When we feel we have nothing to give, help us to know you use us and make a difference.
We make this prayer in the name of Jesus our Lord,
Who takes our fear and doubt and gives us faith and hope.

Amen

DIARY FOR SEPTEMBER 2017

2	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning [PR]
3	S		Trinity 12 (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Holy Baptism
		12.00	Walking Group
4	M		First Day of Term
		13.45	Monday Club
		19.00	Pizza & Quiz Night [PR]
5	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
6	W	19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
9	Sa	10.15	Church Open till 11.45
10	S		Trinity 13 (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
11	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	PCC Meeting [PR]
12	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Churches Together in Newbold Meeting [PR]
16	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning (till 12.00)
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
17	S		Trinity 14 (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass & JiGSaW
		11.30	Holy Baptism
18	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]

		19.30	CNC Meeting [PR]
19	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Pastoral Group Meeting [PR]
22	F	13.00	Wedding – John Parry & Rachel Franklin
23	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (till 12.00)
		10.15	Church Open (till 11.45)
24	S		Trinity 15 (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O’Clock Service
		18.00	CNC Service [New Whittington]
25	M	10.00	Mother’s Union Deanery Meeting [PR]
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
26	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, September 2nd 2017

10.00 till 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

*Items for the October Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 17th September 2017, please.*



CHURCH SCHOOL

The impending demolition of the Wheatsheaf Inn led to many former church school pupils (and others) asking about the engraved stone contained inside which commemorates the founding of the first school in 1785 on that site as follows:

“This School was erected and endowed for the Education of poor Children in Spelling Reading Writing and the three first rules in Accompts by the unanimous consent and voluntary contribution of the Freeholders in general within the Hamlet of Newbold and Dunston in the Year of our Lord 1785”.

According to the plans, the stone is safely stored, and will be on view to the public again when the new building is completed.

The history of the school is well documented, beginning with original letters written by George Milnes Esq and the freeholders. Another original letter indicates that the Duke of Portland gave consent for the land on Newbold Common to be taken in for use and the Duke of Devonshire gave fifty pounds.

The school pre-dates St John’s Church which was built in 1857. The Rector, Richard Knott Bolton set about reorganising the school and in 1863 the old school became the Wheatsheaf Inn and the model Victorian complex of a Church, Parsonage, and School was complete.

That building, now the Eagle Club, has the school prayer “Direct our ways, Lord, all our days.” chiselled in stone over its main entrance, (now replaced by a window) and was home to the school during the Great War. The school logbook records grim conditions throughout this war, and the tragic news, received on 26th September 1917 that the headmaster (and former pupil of the school), Mr R E Clark, had been killed in action. All the children and staff attended a requiem mass in church on the following day. The statue of the Virgin Mary and the Christ Child in the church are a memorial to him.

After ninety-eight years which included a second World War “The Church School” as it had become affectionately known, moved to its present site on Cranborne Road. This time the foundation stone was inscribed in Latin, ending with the prayer: “Dirige, Domine, omnibus diebus vias nostras.” This is also inscribed inside the building (in English) over the main corridor to classrooms.

Former pupils of the time recall themselves transporting books and equipment on foot to the new building, and the very wet day on which the school was officially opened!

One hundred years after the battle of Passchendaele, the events are being marked. The school is grateful to have received an anonymous gift of a plaque in commemoration of its former head teacher, Robert Edwin Clark, Lance Sergeant in the Sherwood Foresters, killed in action 20th September 1917. It is likely to be placed in a space for reflection which is being planned, and the school would be very pleased if the donor came forward.

Now in the third century of its history the school continues to move forward in the family of the Derby Diocesan Academy Trust and looks forward to the arrival in September of the next cohort of pupils to “Nurture and Cherish”

A prayer for all in education:

*God of wisdom,
Give them joy as they start work for this academic year;
Give them love for those they meet,
Give them hope for those whose future they affect,
Give them strength for each day
And the knowledge of your presence by their side.
Amen.*

August Church Walk - Youlgrave

This was an evening walk starting from the village church. We set off from there by descending a narrow lane to Bradford Dale and walked along a pleasant riverside track enlivened by numerous wild flowers in bloom. One of our group was very knowledgeable regarding the names of most of them. Apart from the common flowers, we were shown pineapple weed, ragwort, meadow sweet and cranesbill. Also enjoying this tranquil scene were numerous rabbits, sheep and various water birds including moorhens with chicks, coots and the expected ducks.

We continued the walk along the Dale until we reached Alport. This was where we passed a quad bike with a notice attached to the vehicle stating: 'Is there life after death? Overtake me and you'll soon find out'. The route took us across fields with the imposing Raper Lodge perched on the hillside.

We then crossed the river over the handsome Conksbury Bridge and found a pleasant seated picnic stop and sat awhile enjoying the serenity whilst watching a swan and her cygnets and dippers feeding in the gently flowing river. Continuing our walk along a river track we reached Lathkill Lodge, crossed over the river by means of a footbridge and made a steep ascent up wooded hillside. Once at the top we now found ourselves able to look down on the hamlet of Over Haddon.

As we walked through a field above Meadow Place Grange it started to rain and a group of horned cattle stood watching as we opened the farm gate to go through the farmyard. They were quite entertained by the slow moving umbrellas. After an uphill slog from the farm and the sight of swallows flying above us we began our descent back to the village with the church easily seen on the horizon. We strode back down Moor Lane,

eventually coming to the heart of the village at Fountain Square opposite the old Co-op building,(which must have been much used in its heyday) which is now a youth hostel. This was a relaxing and interesting evening walk with lots of flora a fauna.

Helen & Eric

For anyone wishing to join us on Sunday 3rd September please note that we will be meeting at the usual time of **12 noon** at the church gates. This walk will be in the lovely area of Ladygrove, 5 miles, and led by Evelyn Lowe. Bring a packed lunch and suitable walking clothes and transport to our starting point will be sorted out.

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CANAL CRUISE – by Ann Whitehead

Eight members of the Monday Club with three guests boarded the 'John Varley' for a canal trip on Monday 24th July. The sun was shining down on us as we embarked at Tapton Lock and cruised to Bluebank, also known as Ron's Bend', a round trip of 1 ½ hours including four locks, exciting!

We saw many ducks and chicks swimming alongside the boat with many different plants, flowers and blackberries on the banks.

On the towpath people were walking their dogs with children riding bikes. Everyone was happy, waving to us.....then came the surprise – a chocolate birthday cake complete with candle, we all had a scrumptious piece. A rousing "Happy Birthday" was sung to me.

Thank you to Margaret Beasley, Margaret Hobson and Elaine Gledhill for a wonderful treat.

A birthday to be truly remembered.

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BIBLE SUDOKU

For G4, H1, E2, C6

How many debtors are mentioned in Luke 7:41?

For I5, D4, H7, G2

Of the first nine psalms, which one begins, "Blessed is the man that walketh not in the counsel of the ungodly"?

For A7, F1, E5

How many days were the men of war to march once around the city of Jericho? (Joshua 6:3)

For E4, D7, I2, C1

How many cubits was the wing of one cherub in the most holy house in Solomon's temple? (2 Chronicles 3:10-11)

For D6, F9, B4, E1, C3

How many chapters are in the book of Jonah?

For C4, H5, A1, E8, B7

According to 1 Samuel 17:12, how many sons did Jesse have?

For D8, C5, B3

How many stars are mentioned in Revelation 1:20?

For G3, B2, H9, C8

How many sons did David's sister Zeruah have? (1 Chronicles 2:16)

For G1,

What number times 100 was the number of iron chariots belonging to Sisera? (Judges 4:2-3)

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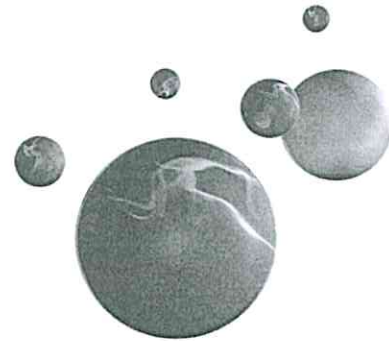
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THE MONDAY CLUB

The Club starts after the August break on Monday 4th September. We are a friendly group who meet to socialise and always welcome new members.

We meet in the Parish Room at Newbold Parish Church on Monday afternoons between 1.45 – 4pm, except for Bank Holidays and during August.

Apart from inviting speakers on various subjects, we also visit places of interest and have meals out in local establishments.

Our programme for September is as follows:

4th Lunch at Saints Parish Centre 12pm followed by watching the construction of the Well Dressing at the Pavements Centre and in the Crooked Spire Porch.

11th Lunch at Saints Parish Centre 12pm followed by viewing the completed Well Dressing.

18th Games afternoon in the Parish Room.

25th Meal out (TBA)

For more information please contact Margaret Beasley, the telephone number appears on the back page of this magazine.

200 CLUB

The Club winners for July 2017 were as follows:-

First Prize	£35	Brian Lee	Number	150
Second Prize	£17	Anne Hartley	Number	48
Third Prize	£6	Ruth Cable	Number	51

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 24th September 2017.

60 Years and Counting

Many thanks to everyone who sent their good wishes to us for our Diamond Wedding anniversary on 17th August.

We'd planned a small family celebration, but, as often happens, things got rather out of hand, and we ended up as a party of twenty-five family and friends, at Hassop Hall. We enjoyed an afternoon's sunshine sitting out in the grounds of Hassop, followed by an excellent, and very convivial, dinner.

Photos are a mixed blessing on these occasions. Comparisons with those of 10 years ago showed some (grandchildren) had grown up and matured, others (offspring, nephews and nieces) hadn't changed much and still looked well, whilst those of our own generation were--- well, still here, at least!

An occasion to remember - we just wish people would stop saying "here's to the next 60!"

Anne and John Duncan



September 2017

Our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Revd Canon Sue Jones writes...

The summer is almost over and many of us will be thinking about a new term. Schools, Universities and Colleges will already be gearing up for a new term. I have worked most of my ministry around academic terms and so September for me has always been about beginning again and starting a new year.

As we start to think about a new academic year, the Diocese is beginning a new partnership with the All Saints Centre for Mission and Ministry, based in Warrington. Over the past year we have been working with All Saints to develop a learning programme for all God's people. This is a programme of study that will enable lay people, in their discipleship, to learn alongside those training for Reader Ministry and Ordained Ministry in the Church. This development is in line with the paper, produced by the Church of England's Archbishops' Council, Setting God's People Free. The report encourages diocese:

- to affirm and enable the complementary roles and vocations of clergy and of lay people, grounded in our common baptism - not to blur or undermine these distinctions.
- to see confident involvement, engagement and leadership of lay people wherever they are called to serve - not to devise lay alternatives to clergy.

Over the next few months we will be developing learning hubs in the deaneries and we will be appointing two people to work in the Archdeaconries, funded by the

Transition Funding, for a fixed period of time. They will be part of the School of Formation and will work with others to develop the vision of the diocese and the report Setting God's People Free.

As a Diocese we are committed to setting God's people free as we affirm that God calls all of us to live out God's mission for the world. In the words from Setting God's People Free:

The Church, as the whole people of God, clergy and laity, gathered and sent, are charged with continuing Christ's priestly work of blessing, mediation and reconciliation on behalf of the whole of humanity, to bear witness to, and participate in the mission of God (Archbishops' Council, 2017 p 1).

Please do look out for the learning hubs and for further information about learning and training please go to

[www.derby.anglican.org/school of formation.](http://www.derby.anglican.org/schoolofformation)

Sue Jones

Freedom week 15 - 22 October

Freedom Sunday is the Church's national day of remembrance for modern slavery and has been marked on the second Sunday in October for a number of years.

This significant crime cuts across all our communities and sectors of our economy. It is important therefore for us to reach out to new partners and encourage everyone to participate in their own context, which might be the 9-5 of working hours or the school day.

Last year, the Bishop of Derby created the 'Freedom Week' initiative, with a chain of light and prayer across the Diocese, to commemorate modern slavery survivors, and those who work to eradicate this evil trade in human beings. There was great support from parishes, ecumenical partners, civic leaders, and also the local authorities, through awareness raising, prayer vigils and two candles passed across each archdeaconry.

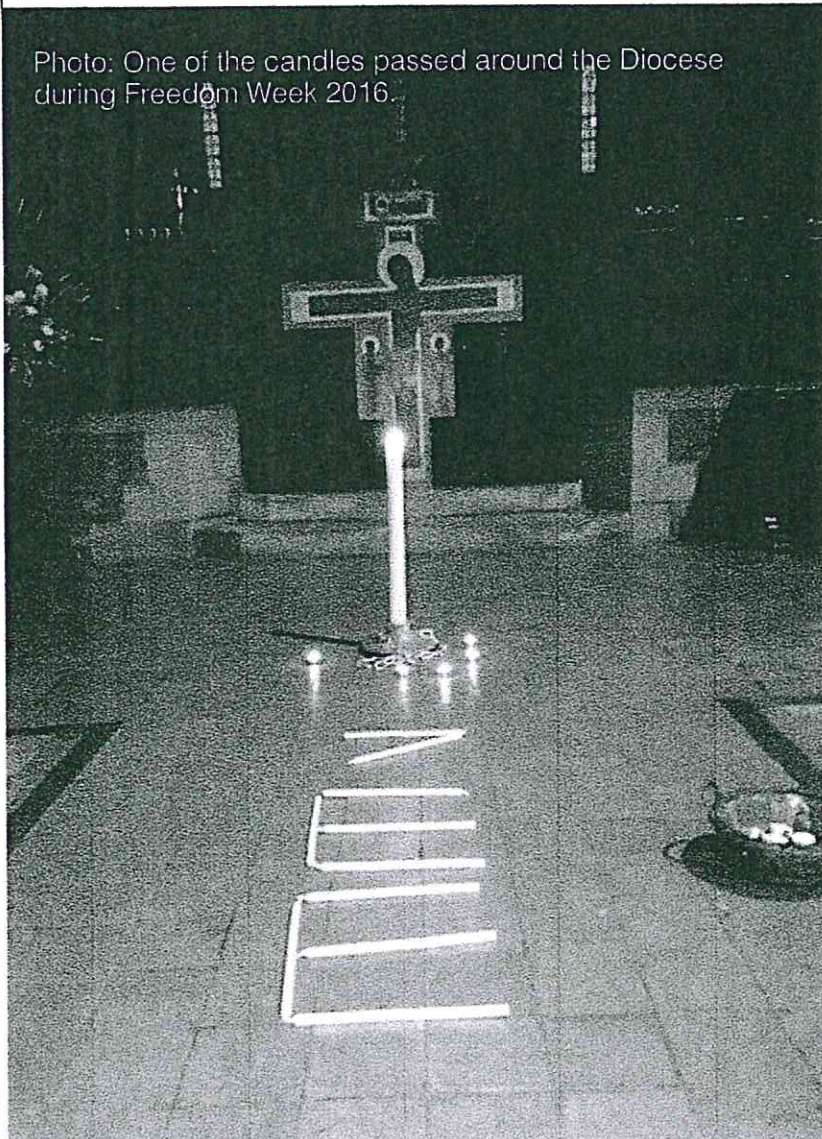
Bishop Alastair would like to encourage even more parishes to take part again this year - 15-22 October

– passing the light around your community connections and also to encourage people to reflect on modern slavery through a paper chain of messages.

A selection of resources for Freedom Week will be available on the diocesan website, www.derby.anglican.org/freedomweek, including worship designed by the Diocesan Worship Advisory Group.

If you are interested in participating in Freedom Week please contact Pippa Rowen in the Bishop's Office chaplain@bishopofderby.org and please share your plans by emailing communications@derby.anglican.org

Photo: One of the candles passed around the Diocese during Freedom Week 2016.



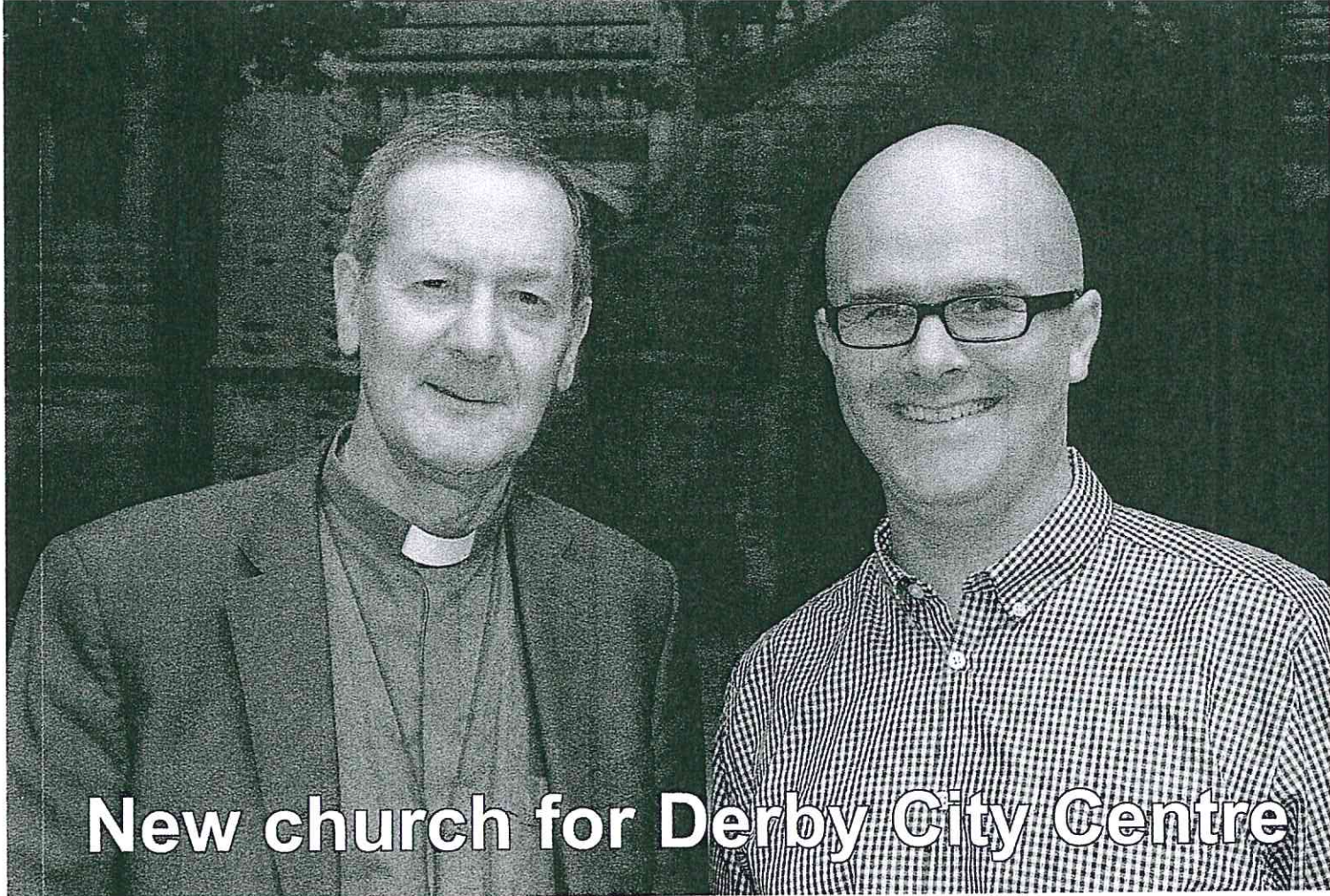
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From the smallest beginnings in a warehouse in Newcastle, this Christian Trading Company now works with over 100 producer groups in over 30 countries and sells for them upwards of £20 million's worth of goods each year. This makes a substantial contribution to the lives not only of the workers themselves, but also to their families and communities. Also, through Traidcraft, the Fair Trade movement began in the 1990's and now has total sales in the UK of over £1 billion a year.

Most of Traidcraft's sales are through 'Fair Traders', individuals or groups who act as local representatives promoting and selling the goods from the twice yearly catalogues. Many Churches have a Traidcraft stall open after Services and at other times. If your Church doesn't have a representative or a stall, please consider starting one. I have been lucky enough to visit a number of producer groups, and can testify to the tremendous difference the Fair Trade Movement and Traidcraft has made to the lives of many small producers. You, and your Church, really could make a difference.

Peter Bird, pabird@gmail.com, (01629 813087)



New church for Derby City Centre

A City centre church is being bought back to life this autumn after having been closed for more than 30 years.

St Werburgh's Church on Friar Gate closed in 1986 after which part of the building became a shopping arcade and later a Chinese restaurant. It is also famous for being the wedding venue of Samuel Johnson in 1735.

The church is now being reopened by The Diocese of Derby with the aim to reach and engage with students and young adults thanks to its location at the heart of Derby's night life.

The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, Bishop of Derby, has invited Revd Phil Mann and his wife Anna to come and lead the new church and they are busy building a team to join them in this new adventure.

Phil, 39, has 17 years' experience in church leadership. He was youth pastor in Guildford for 10 years where he planted and led a youth, student and young adult congregation. He was then Associate Rector at St James Gerrards Cross and for the past year has been at Holy Trinity Brompton, the home of the Alpha course. The new church is a joint plant with St James Gerrards Cross and Holy Trinity Brompton, who have planted almost 40 churches over the past 30 years in London and across the country. Phil and Anna have three daughters. Phil said 'We are so grateful to Bishop Alastair and the Diocese of Derby for inviting us to take on this

exciting initiative. We are thrilled to be moving to Derby and look forward to working together with other churches and organisations in serving the people of this city.

We have a lot to learn and are so grateful to everyone who has offered encouragement and support as we embark on this challenging opportunity. Our vision for St Werburgh's is to build an authentic community, which is Christ centred, that plays our part in transforming the city and beyond.'

Bishop Alastair said:

"The launch of the Resource Church is an exciting occasion, and an important sign. We celebrate a previously redundant church brought back to life in the heart of our city. This is a project based on partnership between the Diocese, and Holy Trinity Brompton, supported by the National Church.

I am delighted to welcome Phil Mann and his team, and look forward to our work together – not least in our outreach to young people and families."

The church is hoping to launch mid-September and is looking forward to welcoming people of all ages and traditions. For more information about the church find us on Facebook @stwerburghsderby

Photo: Bishop Alastair and Revd Phil Mann

Resources and Ideas

The Meaningful Treat Box - A Real Halloween Treat

This new resource is designed to help with mission work on, and leading up to, the eve of All Saints (Halloween). It is suitable for Light Parties, outreach events, schools of for children who call to trick and treat on 31 October. Inside each pack is a bag of Fairtrade chocolate buttons and a Challenge Activity Poster. The poster includes games and challenges, along with a prayer suggestion. Produced by The Meaningful Chocolate Company, each box contains 30 packs and costs £30. To order visit www.therealhalloosen.org



Tearfund - Big Bake, 7 - 14 October 2017

Tearfund work with some of the poorest communities in the world, helping them escape the very worst effects of poverty and disaster. This October you can fundraise for them whilst enjoying a piece of cake by taking part in the 'Big Bake'. To help you organise your own bake sale they have designed an online pack containing customisable posters, bunting and cake labels. You can sign up and download the pack at www.tearfund.org



WaterAid - harvest appeal resources

This year WaterAid have focused their appeal on the devastating effects climate change is having on the world's poorest communities. You can help by collecting change in empty bottles and donating to their appeal. They have produced a range of free resources including a film, poster, Sunday School activities, presentations and an all-age talk. WaterAid will also arrange for a local ambassador to visit your church and give more information about the project. You can find out more at www.wateraid.org/harvest



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The Coffee Morning held in the Parish Room on 5th August raised £128.23. Many thanks to all who helped with baking and washing up and to everyone who attended. Some photos can be seen on Facebook.

The next fundraising event will be the Quiz Night with Pizza, arranged by Leslie and Bethany Howard for Monday 4th September at 7pm. Tickets at £6 are now available.

And another Quiz Night has been arranged for Wednesday 18th October to be run by Diane Peet. Details of which will be in the next issue of *The Evangelist*.

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