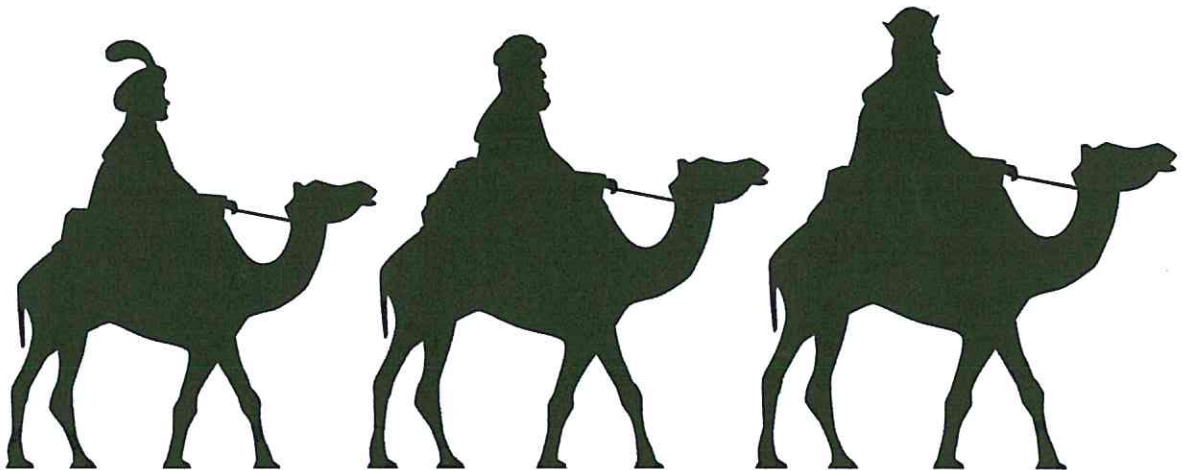




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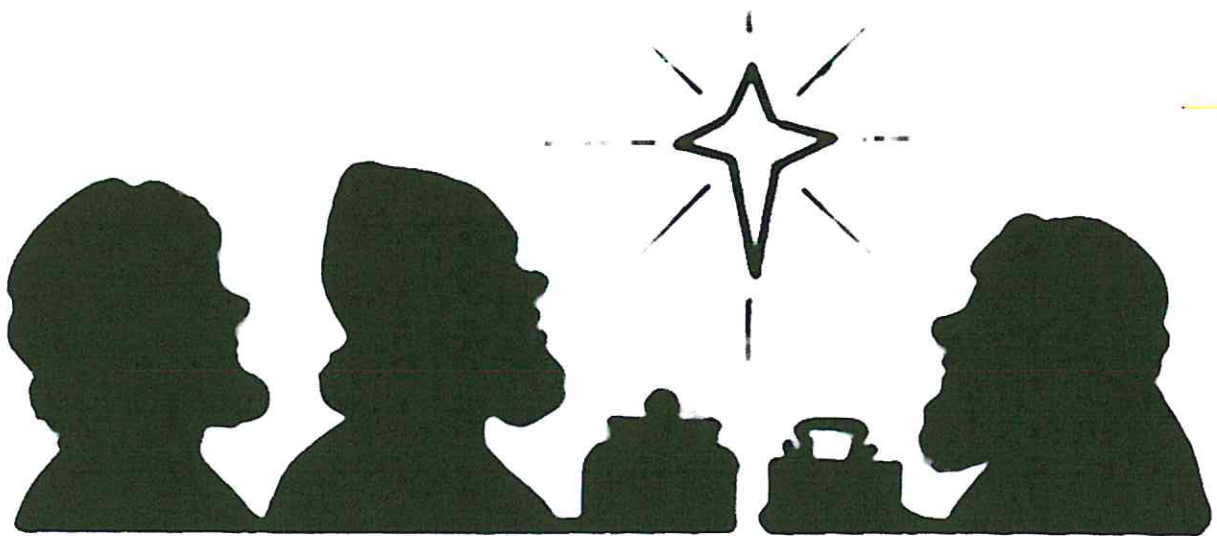
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SO WISE (Matthew 2:1-12)

So wise, those men from the East,
to search for the promised One,
to follow the star.

So wise and so brave
to leave their lands
to follow the star.

So wise and so humble
to kneel in worship
having followed the star
to its and their creator,
the source of wisdom
and life and light and hope.
Having followed the star
to Jesus.



Dear all,

Happy New Year!

As another new year begins I feel a certain sense of anticipation, and also a sense of trepidation, as I wonder what might be in store for us as a church, during 2018.

Last year saw a number of new things.

- We updated our website so that it can now be viewed more easily on a mobile or tablet.
- We moved our 11 o'clock service from once to twice a month.
- We installed new lights inside and outside of the church. I know a number of people appreciate the way the building is now lit up at night.

This year promises to be similar in terms of new things. We hope to complete our new vestry. We hope, and pray, that we will be able to install our new heating system (before the old one gives up!). We are also hopeful that our NewBOLD building project will make some significant progress. We also hope to run a course for people exploring the Christian Faith (or wanting to go deeper in their faith).

With all of these hopes comes the reality of not being able to predict exactly how things will go. Such is life...

I wonder what things you are hoping for in 2018? Are there practical things that need to be done? Do you have significant family events on the horizon e.g. the birth of a new family member, a wedding, a big birthday? Are there books you would like to read, or places you would like to visit, or people you would like to see?

In this months edition of the Evangelist we have a number of things which might take a while to achieve. The first being our 'The Bible in a year' section, which will be printed each month. The second being our pledge section, where you can pledge to help us with the work of Newbold Parish Church. It is important for us to be active with

our faith. To take time to pray, to read the Bible, to volunteer, to welcome...

As we celebrate Epiphany, with the Magi bringing three gifts to celebrate Jesus birth, we are reminded that we also have gifts to bring. The beginning of a new year is a good time to ask God how best we can use what we have been given. Later in this magazine there is information on what gifts would help Newbold Parish Church to thrive in its mission to serve God in our community. Please take time to pray about how you could contribute to the life of our church.

As we consider the year ahead, and how we might make the most of it, I pray that we would have a sense of expectation at what God can do in and through us. My prayer is that we would capture a sense of excitement and anticipation, rather than fear and trepidation, as we look forward.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben

A Prayer for the New Year

God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
whose years never fail
and whose mercies are new each returning day:
let the radiance of your Spirit renew our lives,
warming our hearts and giving light to our minds;
that we may pass the coming year
in joyful obedience and firm faith;
through him who is the beginning and the end,
your Son, Christ our Lord,
who is alive and reigns with you,
in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, now and for ever.
Amen.

What can we pledge for 2018?

How can I help?

What can I give?

What could I volunteer for?

How can God best use my talents?

The dawning of a new year provides us with an opportunity to think about the things we can contribute to our community, to our friends, to our family, and to our church. Obviously, this magazine is for those interested in the work of Newbold Parish Church. So we thought it might be a good idea to let you know the ways you can support your Parish Church.

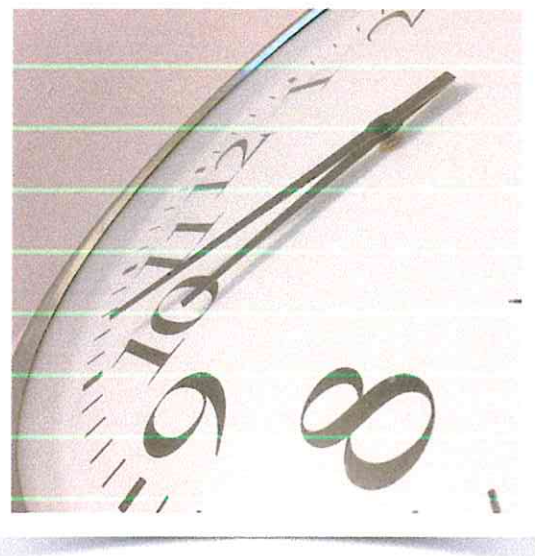
Time & Talents

How can we give time to Newbold Parish Church?

The most important activity we can do with our time is to **pray**.

Anyone can do it! It is important to take time to pray. As a church we pray each Sunday for the needs of the world, for the church here and around the world, for those who are ill, for those who are mourning, and for many other things.

As a church we would really appreciate your prayers for the work we do.



Here are a few other ways of giving our time & talents:

- Refreshments - helping make and serve drinks after services
- Being part of our pastoral visiting team*
- Sides person duties - welcoming people as they arrive in church, giving out service sheets, and helping people feel at home.
- JigSAW & The 11 o'clock service - helping out with our children and young people as they learn about God*
- Joining us for one of our services in our residential homes*
- Helping foster our links with local schools*
- Joining our maintenance team - helping maintain our building and grounds

Volunteering at Church is a great way to serve God and Get to know others!

*training is available and relevant safeguarding checks may be needed.

If you can't volunteer, or you find it difficult to get to church, there are other ways of helping out. Some people donate prizes for our fund raising efforts. Others bake cakes, or send bric-a-brac for our Summer Fayre & Christmas Fayre.

If you would like more information about these activities please see our website, our Facebook page, speak to our church members, speak to our Rector Ben, or email [rector@newboldparishchurch/](mailto:rector@newboldparishchurch.org.uk)
org.uk

Financial giving

Each year, as well as asking people to think about how they could use their gifts and skills, we ask people to re-consider their financial giving to Newbold Parish Church. We know that everyone is able to give through prayer, and some are able to give of their time and talents towards the work of the church. We also recognise that many people like to help support the work of the church financially, through regular giving and one-off gifts.

How much does it cost to run Newbold Parish Church?

Each year our basic running costs are around £60,000.

Some helpful facts about our church finances:

Contrary to popular belief, the church receives no money from the government (local or national). The primary way we fund our activities is through donations and fees. Our church is a registered charity, and so we can claim gift aid (provided people fill out a form).

If you feel able to support us financially, then please contact us to find out more. We have standing order forms, gift aid forms, and other resources available to help you give wisely to the work of Newbold Parish Church.

If you would like to send a cheque, or request a form, please write to our treasurer: Mr David Priestly, c/o Newbold Parish Church, St John's Road, Chesterfield. S41 8QN.

A prayer of offering

Oh Lord, giver of life and source of our freedom,
we are reminded that Yours is "the earth in its fullness; the world and those who dwell in it." We know that it is from your hand that we have received all we have and are and will be. Gracious and loving God, we understand that you call us to be the stewards of Your abundance, the caretakers of all you have entrusted to us. Help us always to use your gifts wisely and teach us to share them generously. May our faithful giving bear witness to the love of Christ in our lives. We pray this with grateful hearts in Jesus' name.
Amen.

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MEN'S GROUP

For the second meeting of the Men's Group, we mixed things up and tried something a bit more sporty. On the 22nd November we met at Chesterfield Bowl for a chance to show off our athletic prowess, with 9 "able bodied" men and an honorary man in attendance. After collecting the proper shoes, we split into two lanes and soon got under way. The lanes got rumbling and it soon became apparent who had bowled before and which of us "gulp" would have done much better with the bumpers up. After a few tips from the more able bowlers the strikes and spares started rolling in. In the second game we all managed to improve on our "warm up" scores, though one individual managed to leave the rest of the pack behind with his consistency. After the end of the second game, we retired to the Bowling Alley's bar for general conversation and a few blow by blow accounts of the two games.

Men's Brunch (name change subject to inspiration) will be starting in the New Year. On Saturday 20th January we will be meeting in the Parish room at 10:30am for Bacon Butties, Hot Drinks and Fun and Games.

We aim to meet every 3rd Saturday of the Month in addition to the planned trips out. All are welcome and if anyone has any special dietary requirements please let us know via the church website, the Facebook page or just flag me down in the street, and we will do our best to accommodate your needs.

Please note that extra bacon is not a special dietary requirement, even if you are the Rector.

Chris Burrows

THE WOMEN'S GROUP CAROL SERVICE AND CHRISTMAS PARTY.

On Wednesday 6th December our annual service was held in church. Everyone was welcomed including Carol and Gwyn from the craft group who were joining us for the first time. Ben said the bidding prayers and concluded the service with my favourite Christmas blessing and we were very grateful for Stuart playing the carols for us and we all enjoyed his Christmas medley of carols and seasonal music. The lessons were read by five members.

Following the service we adjourned to the Parish Room where yet again we enjoyed a delicious buffet to which everyone had contributed. A Christmas raffle took place followed by a Christmas quiz when the room went very quiet for a while. The theme was Christmas carols and songs and most were caught out by this one. The song initials were PTO to which the answer is Past Three O'clock which comes from the Cambridge Carol Book and begins with this verse:

Past three o'clock,
And a cold and frosty morning,
Past three o'clock,
Good morrow, masters all.
Born is a baby,
Gentle as maybe,
Son of the eternal,
Father Supernal,
Past three o'clock (chorus repeated)

Everyone contributed to the success of the evening and we look forward to our next meeting on Wednesday 3rd January at 7pm when Stuart Watkinson will be our guest.

Jean Lee

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club meets each Monday in the Parish Room from 1.45pm - 4.00pm unless visiting places of interest or out for our monthly meal. We do not meet on bank holidays and during the month of August. We are a friendly group who enjoy socialising together and we enjoy having a laugh.

The programme for January 2018 is as follows –

- Monday 1st** No meeting Bank Holiday
8th Lunch at the Saints Parish Centre 12pm for 12.30pm followed by a visit to the Museum: *Chesterfield on tap, an exhibition looking at the history of Chesterfield breweries and mineral water manufacturers in Chesterfield*
15th Parish Room 1.45pm Beetle Drive & Games
22nd Meal out – venue to be decided
29th Parish Room 1.45pm Socialise, games, quiz

If you would like to join us please contact our leader Margaret Beasley whose telephone number appears on the back page of this magazine.

ALL OUR MEMBERS WISH YOU A HAPPY, SAFE AND
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR

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COFFEE MORNING - 6th January 2018

Michelle and Natasha will be doing things a little differently in January. For those of you who have had too much to eat over Christmas and want to detox, we will be providing **Juices and Smoothies** as well as the usual cups of tea and coffee. There will be a selection of fresh fruit juices and smoothies, so please come along and join us for a fresh and healthy start to the New Year.

THE WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

This year the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity runs from 18th to 25th January. The theme of the week this year comes from the churches of the Caribbean, and addresses some of the problems which affect the people there, but also worldwide.

Thus, as abuses of human rights are found across the region, the week will challenge us to consider our manner of welcoming the stranger into our midst. Human trafficking and modern-day slavery continue to be huge issues. Addiction to pornography and drugs continue to be serious challenges to all societies. The debt crisis has a negative impact upon the nations and upon individuals – the economies of the nations and people have become precarious. Family life continues to be challenged by the economic restrictions which lead to migration, domestic abuse and violence.

What are Christians to do, in the face of such vast problems? The Caribbean Churches work together to heal the wounds in people's lives, but also know that reconciliation demands repentance, reparation and the healing of memories. The whole Church is called to be both a sign and an active agent of this reconciliation.

SERVICE OF CHRISTIAN UNITY

Sunday 21st January 2018

6pm

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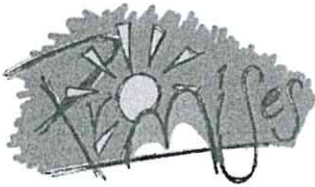
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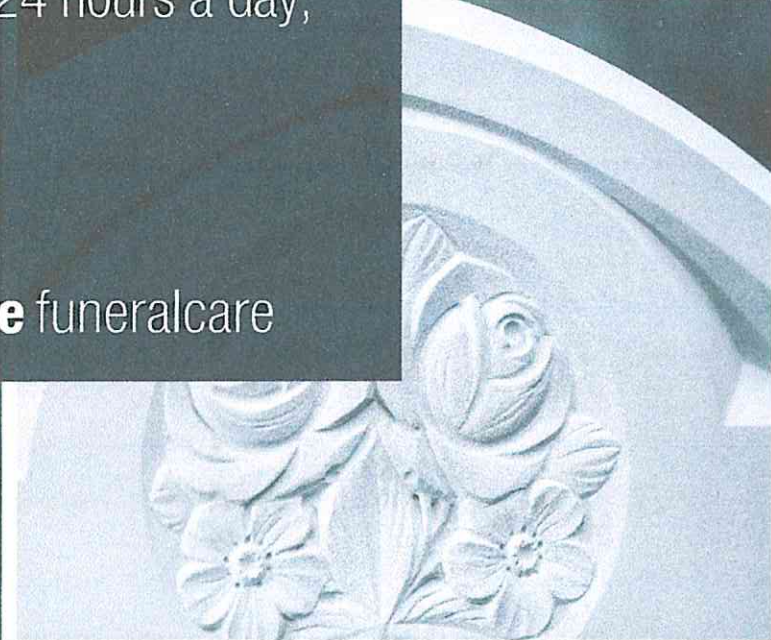


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FLOWER ARRANGING AFTERNOON

On Saturday December 9th, Julie Franks, our churchwarden, made time in her very busy schedule to give seventeen ladies and one man (well done Brian Bennett), some instructions on how to make a Christmas wreath and Christmas table centre decoration.

The parish room tables were loaded with all kinds of greenery and you could hear a pin drop as Julie cleverly snipped pieces of foliage and deftly inserted them into the oasis base. She made it all look very easy and explained as she went along before we all had a go. I must say, when people are experts, it all looks so simple but it is not. I feel strong fingers are a must if only for the wire twisting, my cinnamon coils would not be secured.

Julie went to great deal of trouble with all her preparations, flower arranging uses lots of items, apart from the flowers and foliage, everything we required was to hand.

At the end of the afternoon we all took home our creations, we had a lovely time, learnt a lot and Julie was able to raise £55 for the Building Fund.

Thank you, Julie.

Ruth Cable

A CHRISTMAS PRAYER by Robert Louis Stevenson

Loving Father,
Help us to remember the birth of Jesus,
That we may share in the song of the angels,
The gladness of the shepherds,
And the worship of the wise men.

Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world.
Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings, and teach us to be merry with clear hearts.

May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus sake. Amen

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How to use 'The Bible in a year'

The Bible is broken up into readings for each day of 2018. The idea is to make it more manageable to read your Bible. Each day there is an Old Testament and a New Testament reading.

One of the easiest ways of getting into it is to read each passage slowly, take some time to think about what you have read, pray, and then ask these three questions:

What did the passage mean to those who heard it first?
(what context were they living in and how might it have spoken to them)

What might it mean for me today?
(Consider the themes of the passage. Does it speak to you?)

What am I going to do about it?
(Is there something in the passage that I need to respond to - through prayer, through action, through discussion with someone else)

These three questions are obviously not the only way to read the Bible, but they are a way of helping us to make a start...



A Prayer

Lord God, help me to read the Bible expecting to learn more about You. Give me the desire to keep on exploring the Bible. Help me to find ways to understand how you spoke to others in the past, and how you speak to me today. Amen

The Bible in a year - January

Jan 1: Gen 1-3 ; Matt 1

Jan 2: Gen 4-6 ; Matt 2

Jan 3: Gen 7-9 ; Matt 3

Jan 4: Gen 10-12 ; Matt 4

Jan 5: Gen 13-15 ; Matt 5:1-26

Jan 6: Gen 16-17 ; Matt 5:27-48

Jan 7: Gen 18-19 ; Matt 6:1-18

Jan 8: Gen 20-22 ; Matt 6:19-34

Jan 9: Gen 23-24 ; Matt 7

Jan 10: Gen 25-26 ; Matt 8:1-17

Jan 11: Gen 27-28 ; Matt 8:18-34

Jan 12: Gen 29-30 ; Matt 9:1-17

Jan 13: Gen 31-32 ; Matt 9:18-38

Jan 14: Gen 33-35 ; Matt 10:1-20

Jan 15: Gen 36-38 ; Matt 10:21-42

Jan 16: Gen 39-40 ; Matt 11

Jan 17: Gen 41-42 ; Matt 12:1-23

Jan 18: Gen 43-45 ; Matt 12:24-50

Jan 19: Gen 46-48 ; Matt 13:1-30

Jan 20: Gen 49-50 ; Matt 13:31-58

Jan 21: Ex 1-3 ; Matt 14:1-21

Jan 22: Ex 4-6 ; Matt 14:22-36

Jan 23: Ex 7-8 ; Matt 15:1-20

Jan 24: Ex 9-11 ; Matt 15:21-39

Jan 25: Ex 12-13 ; Matt 16

Jan 26: Ex 14-15 ; Matt 17

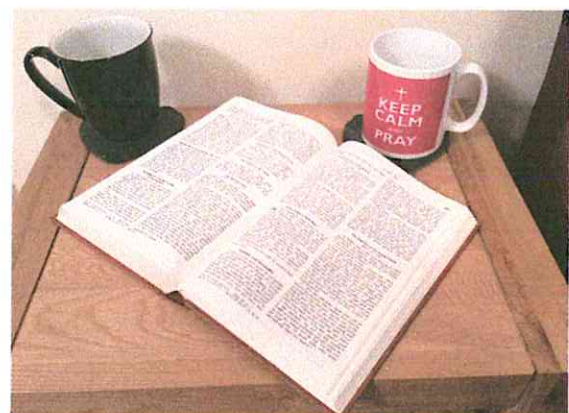
Jan 27: Ex 16-18 ; Matt 18:1-20

Jan 28: Ex 19-20 ; Matt 18:21-35

Jan 29: Ex 21-22 ; Matt 19

Jan 30: Ex 23-24 ; Matt 20:1-16

Jan 31: Ex 25-26 ; Matt 20:17-34



Gen = the book of Genesis
Matt = the gospel of Matthew

QUIZ

- 1 Who was Britain's first million pound footballer?
A Trevor Francis B Kevin Keegan C Kenny Dalglish
- 2 Where would you find Arthur's Seat?
A Edinburgh B Tintagel C Glastonbury
- 3 If you added all the numbers from 1 to 100 consecutively, what would the total be?
A 6428 B 5050 C 4892
- 4 The ancient land of Mesopotamia, with the Tigris and Euphrates rivers, is in which modern country?
A Iran B Jordan C Iraq
- 5 In *The Lord of the Rings*, who is the daughter of Elrond, Lord of Rivendell?
A Galadriel B Arwen C Luthien
- 6 In which year was *Desert Island Discs* first broadcast?
A 1942 B 1952 C 1962
- 7 In which musical is the song '*June is Busting out all Over*' sung?
A Carousel B Oklahoma C My Fair Lady
- 8 What playing card is known as the devil's four-poster bed?
A Four of Spades B Ace of Spades C Four of Clubs
- 9 Ultravox's atmospheric 1981 classic *Vienna* was kept from the number one spot by which song?
A *Shaddup You Face* B *Imagine* C *Making your Mind up*
- 10 Green and orange are two of the secondary colours. What is the third?
A white B brown C purple
- 11 What Shakespeare play had the subtitle *The Moor of Venice*?
A *Coriolanus* B *Othello* C *King Lear*

ECCLESIASTICAL INSURANCE

To celebrate their 130th anniversary of insuring Anglican churches, Ecclesiastical is offering to donate £130 to our church each time a new home insurance policy is taken out with them during the coming year.

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Overheard on the wise men's journey to Bethlehem

"OK, we got the gold. We got the frankincense. We got the myrrh. Think we should also get something more practical, like nappies, maybe?"

"I thought this was supposed to be a weekend trip... my wife is going to be furious."

"All this star-gazing from the back of a camel is making me sick."

"What's so WISE about wandering around the desert for three years?"

"You know, I used to go to school with a girl name Beth Lehem."

AN APPRECIATION

On Remembrance Sunday in 1952 a new chorister was admitted to the church choir at Evensong. The opening hymn was 'To thee our God we fly', the hymn that closed our 9 30 am service on Remembrance Sunday 2017. This marked the day that our organist Stuart Watkinson quietly and without fuss completed sixty-five unbroken years of service to music at St John's.

Sunday by Sunday he sets the tone for our services, and those who listen carefully can often spot a topical reference, a 'Happy Birthday' subtly woven into the music being played, or an occasional touch of humour. At other times in more personal services Stuart's music has helped to celebrate our joys and ease our sorrows.

For all this, and his dedication to Newbold Church, our very grateful thanks.

THE DAILY SERVICE CELEBRATES A BIG BIRTHDAY

Ninety years ago this month BBC Radio broadcast for the first time a short Daily Service at 10.15 – in those days, the start of its daily output. It's half an hour later now, but it's still there, the longest running programme on the BBC, after News and Weather forecasts.

Its appearance in 1928 was, in fact, the result of a tireless and determined campaign by a lady in Bushey, Herts, Miss Kathleen Cordeux. For two years she had campaigned for a short Christian service each morning 'for the sick and house-bound' – 'just some sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and prayer'. Through the letters column in the Radio Times, and then by bombarding the director-general of the BBC, John Reith, after two years she got her way – at first as an 'experiment', to test the demand. The response from listeners was immediate and enthusiastic and ninety years later, I think even she would be surprised to find that it is still there every day on Radio 4. And it still follows her proposed content: sacred music, a hymn, a Bible reading and a prayer, linking together an unseen community who still have their part to play.

From the Registers

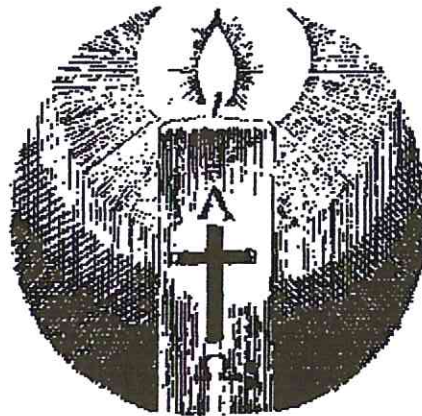
Funerals

1 Dec Kathleen Burrows aged 87

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

1 Dec Ignazio Pinto
9 Dec Kathleen Burrows
11 Dec Derek Franklin
13 Dec Leslie Peter Tattersall
16 Dec Frederick Thomas Parris

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



A PRAYER FOR WISDOM TO REDEEM THE TIME

O Lord God of time and eternity, who makes us creatures of time, that when time is over, we may attain your blessed eternity: With time, your gift, give us also wisdom to redeem the time, so our day of grace is not lost, for our Lord Jesus' sake.

By Christina Rossetti

DIARY FOR JANUARY 2018

1	M		Bank Holiday
2	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
3	W	19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
4	Th		First Day of Church School Term
6	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning (till 12.00) [PR]
7	S		The Epiphany (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Baptism
		12.00	Walking Group
8	M	13.45	Monday Club [Trip Out]
9	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Churches Together in Newbold Meeting [St Andrews]
14	S		Epiphany 2 (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11'O'Clock Service
15	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.00	CNC Meeting [PR}
16	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Pastoral Group Meeting [PR]
		19.00	Littlemoor Charity Meeting [Eagle Club]
20	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning [to 12.00]
		10.30	Men's Group
21	S		Epiphany 3 (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		18.00	Week of Prayer for Christian Unity Service

22	M	13.45	Monday Club [Meal Out]
		19.00	Quiz Night [PR]
23	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		18.30	Deanery Diocese Meeting
27	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)
28	S		Presentation - Candlemas (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
29	M	10.00	Mother's Union Deanery Meeting [PR]
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	PCC Meeting [PR]
30	T	09.15	Mass [PR]

Please check the weekly Pewslip for a more detailed diary.

COFFEE MORNING

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, January 6th 2018

10.00 until 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

*Items for the February Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 21st January 2018, please.*

CHURCH SCHOOL MEMORIES

I began going to the Church School in September 1960. I was looking forward to the building of the new school which would be just around the corner from where we lived. In fact when it was built it could be viewed from my bedroom window.

My first year as a junior was spent in what is now the Eagle Club, My classroom was roughly where the stage is and my teacher was a Miss Jacobs. My next class was at the opposite end of the hall, where the entrance is. My teacher (who will be known to many generations of ex-Newbold pupils) was Mr Dean or 'Dixie' as we all called him. My father had to explain to me the reason for the nickname, there had been an Everton footballer in the 1920s and 1930s known as Dixie Dean. It was whilst I was in this class that the school moved to Cranborne Road.

The building of the school had been watched not just by my own family but also by all the neighbours. First the foundations were dug, then the walls went up, the roof was put on and then windows etc were added. Inside must have been a hive of activity too but we could not see the electricians, painters and other workers.

At last all was finished and the educational stock and equipment had to be transferred to the new school. These days it would have all been meticulously planned and risk assessments filled out but in the '60s it was very different. Lessons were suspended in the afternoon and children (or at least our class) made a couple of journeys down to the new school carrying the contents of various cupboards around school. I know my friendship group vied with one another to see who could bring in the biggest bag and so carry the most to the new school. The best I could do was a duffel bag. I can remember carrying maps that in those days had a lot of pink on them and some old nib pens which I never saw being used.

The big day for the official opening of the school arrived but I can't remember now who did it. There was a service in church and then we were walked via Ringwood Avenue to the new school.

There was a special stand for the children and we were delighted for it seemed that we would be in the front. Then the adults arrived. They all stood in front of us and as it was raining we were unable to see anything over the umbrellas! We listened to the dedication of the school not watched it.

I spent the next two and a bit years at that school and thoroughly enjoyed my time there. However the school has evolved over the years and I really enjoyed visiting it recently for school mass (we had to walk up to church for school mass in my day) and then looking at how the school had been upgraded since, but in several places it was still possible to see my old school!

Christine Wieloch

CHILDREN'S QUESTIONS TO GOD

Dear God,
I read the Bible. What does begat mean? Nobody will tell me.

Dear God,
Are you really invisible or is that just a trick?

Dear God,
In school they told us what You do. Who does it when You are on holiday?

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The Church School plays a very important part in the life of Newbold Parish Church. Our links with the school are good and are set to get better in the months and years to come under the leadership of the headteacher Kerry Marsh.

The school governing body has a majority of Foundation Governors who are appointed by our PCC,

and include the rector (ex officio) and three members of our congregation.

They can testify to the excellent work that is being done at the school.

During the school year a number of services take place either at the school or in church.

The Christingle Service took place on 6th December in Church and a total of 340 people attended the two services. Some parents helped their children make the Christingles in school and then accompanied them to church for the first service followed by 120 pupils and staff at the second service.

On 13th December a school mass took place in school. Ben led the communion service. Bible readings and prayers were prepared and read by children, then we sang two songs and watched a video about a journey to visit baby Jesus.

On 18th December the annual school carol concert took place in church which was a wonderful occasion.

My wish for 2018 is that more members of our congregation and PCC members may take time to join the school services whether at the school or in church.

The children and staff take a lot of time in preparing and delivering the services which last for around thirty minutes.

The church and the school are a partnership where we need to grow and develop together in the future.

Richard Peet

Lighthouse Homes Brimington: Request for furniture etc.

“Lighthouse Homes provide immediate, medium and long term accommodation for homeless men and women, in a safe and structured environment. Our homes are Christian-inspired residential communities providing opportunities for change in both lifestyles and values”.

Lighthouse, which has established centres in Rotherham and Shirebrook, has recently acquired the 36 bed Brockhill Court in Brimington, and has started to take in new residents including those homeless in Chesterfield. They are working closely with other agencies, particularly Pathways, and are a very welcome answer to prayer!

They are in need of further furniture and equipment, as listed below, for this major and exciting project. The items offered should, please, be in good condition and meet current standards (notably fire regulations for soft furnishings). The test should be that you would be very pleased to receive and use them. Items required are:

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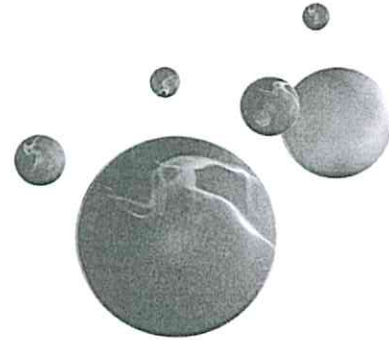
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CHRISTINGLE CELEBRATIONS

On Wednesday 6th December we filled the church, not once but twice, for our Christingle celebrations.

Things were a little different this year with parents and carers invited into school to help make Christingles with their children before accompanying them to church for the celebration service.

The response was so great that we had to do two sittings – well done Year 6 pupils and staff, Mrs Slater (pianist) and Ben for your Christingle endurance!

The service was led by Year 6, interspersed with songs and prayers and an insightful service by Ben. As usual, the children did themselves proud with some superb talking, singing and prayer reading and the moment when the lights were dimmed and the candles were lit was beautiful – a lovely moment to share with family and friends.

In classes, the children spent time learning about the meaning of the Christingle; what the various parts represent and how it originated.

'The orange is the world that God made for us' (Ella, Y2)

'I put some raisins on the sticks to remember the fruits of the earth' (Reece, Y3)

'The candle is for Jesus, the light of the world' (Benjamin, Y2)

'People have been doing the Christingles for years, it goes back in time' (William, Y3)

And we will look forward to celebrating Christingle together for many more years to come!

Angel Express!

The KS1 Christmas Concert was a huge success and well done to the children in reception, Year 1 and Year 2 who worked so hard learning songs, dances and lines for speaking roles. The show told the story of the very first Christmas through the headlines of the Angel Express Newspaper, the best-selling paper in heaven.

The angels decided to visit the baby Jesus and sing a special song to him, only trouble is they can't sing very well! With some help from a very stern choir conductor (played brilliantly by Tyler in Year 2) the choir finally managed to sing their song beautifully to the baby Jesus and the now very busy stable including Mary and Joseph, kings, shepherds, stars, angels and a wonderful variety of animals courtesy of reception class boys.

'I was a shepherd. I had a beard' (Rowan, Y1)

'I was a donkey and I was at the stable' (Tyler, Rec)

'My favourite song was Big Star because I was dressed like a star' (Mia, Y1)

'I was Mary and I had a dress just like hers' (Lexi, Y2)

'I liked being a narrator because I had a black folder with the words in' (Harry, Y2)

The school hall was packed out for our two showings with the audience laughing and clapping and singing along in all the right places (pew!).

Well done to all who took part.

Carols in Church

KS2 children and parents filled the church for carols on Monday night where the Y6 class led a service and prayers with lots of super singing in-between.

The Y3 children took dressed up to take part in the nativity scene which really brought the service to life.

The children in Y6 read confidently and beautifully and everyone involved thoroughly deserved the huge round of applause at the end of the service.

Another huge well done to all who took part. As a very busy term draws to a close here at Newbold Church School, I would like to say on behalf of everyone at the school – 'Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!'

Claire Riley, Y2 teacher.

Be born in us today

Gracious God,
though we have been slow to make our way to Bethlehem:
Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

Though we didn't notice others
who were struggling on their journey:
Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

When we have forgotten the lonely
and thought only of our own feasts:
Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

As we pray in our homes, our churches, our communities:
Lord Jesus, be born in us today.

As we kneel before your crib,
with angels and shepherds,
with Mary and Joseph,
with sheep and oxen:
Lord Jesus, be born in us today. Amen.

A Christmas Day Prayer

Jesus, child of the crib,
with Mary, who gave birth to you,
with the innkeeper, who found a stable for you,
with Joseph, who protected you,
with the animals of the stable, who watched over you,
with the angels, who sang of you,
with the shepherds, who ran to you,
with our brothers and sisters throughout the world,
we welcome you.
Jesus, Saviour of the world, we welcome you. **Amen.**

THE WORK OF CHRISTMAS BEGINS

When the song of the angels is stilled,
When the star in the sky is gone,
When the kings and princes are home,
When the shepherds are back with their flocks,
The work of Christmas begins:
To find the lost,
To heal the broken,
To feed the hungry,
To release the prisoner,
To rebuild the nations,
To bring peace among the people,
To make music in the heart.
And to radiate the Light of Christ
Every day, in every way,
In all that we do and in all that we say.
Then the work of Christmas begins.

Harold Thurman (adapted)

A VENDING MACHINE FOR THE HOMELESS IS LAUNCHED

Action Hunger has installed the first vending machine for the homeless outside the Broadmarsh Shopping Centre in Nottingham and if it proves to be a success further machines will be installed in Manchester in January, then London and Birmingham.

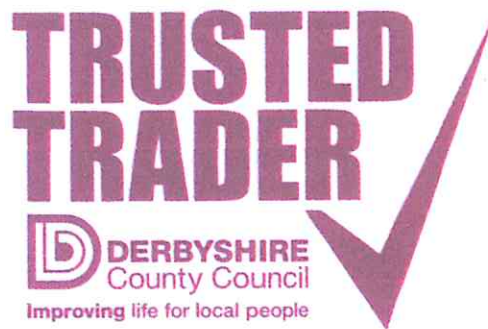
It offers rough sleepers immediate access to sanitary products, clothing essentials and surplus food from local shops up to three times a day. This option could remove delays in accessing everyday essentials and will be monitored over the Christmas period.

Information taken from The Big Issue (December 4th -10th)

I buy my Big Issue on Fridays from a lovely man with a lined face who stands outside Wilco in all weathers. The only English words he seems to know are - "sorry", "Big Issue", "thank you" and "Happy Christmas". Perhaps you could wish him a Happy Christmas when you see him or better still, buy a magazine.

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Walking Group

Eight walkers gathered outside Church on the 3rd December. Steve and Julie led the walk once we had made our way to our starting point at Eyam for our 3 ¾ mile walk.

After parking and eating lunch we walked past Eyam Hall, a Jacobean manor house, currently run by the National Trust but soon to be handed back to its owners, the Wright family, then the village stocks.

We walked by cottages where the plague started in Eyam. In 1665 a bale of cloth from London triggered a chain of events that led to 260 villagers dying from bubonic plague over a fourteen month period – more than double the mortality rate suffered by the citizens of London in the Great Plague. This cottage was where the first victim, George Viccars died on the 7th September.

As more people became infected with the plague and died, the villagers turned for leadership to their Rector, the Reverend William Mompesson, and the Puritan Minister Thomas Stanley. They introduced a number of precautions to slow the spread of the illness including the arrangement that families were to bury their own dead and the relocation of church services to the natural amphitheatre of Cucklett Delph, allowing villagers to separate themselves and so reducing the risk of infection.

Continuing through the village we walked up Lydgate, passing a small enclosure where the graves of George and Mary Darby are located.

One of Mompesson's decisions was to quarantine the entire village to prevent further spread of the disease. We passed the Boundary Stone, a large rock with holes cut in it which allowed villagers to leave coins in vinegar in return for supplies.

Descending we walked into the village of Stoney Middleton.

Our party walked past Toll Bar Cottage, now an award winning fish and chip shop, then the unusual Parish Church of St Martin.

The Church is unique in Derbyshire for its octagonal nave and was originally built in 1415 by Joan Eyre of Padley in thanksgiving for the safe return of her husband from the Battle of Agincourt. The tower is original but the nave was destroyed by fire in 1757 and rebuilt two years later in its present form by James Booth who also worked on the stable block at Chatsworth.

We passed the 'Roman Baths' on our left, misnamed as no Roman artefacts have ever been found, the building actually dates from the nineteenth century.

We then started a steep climb out of the village up a stony lane, pausing to let three off road motorbikes pass us. Crossing a lane we continued up through woodland, stopping to catch our breath and to admire the view down the valley towards Chatsworth House.

After joining a tarmacked lane we passed the Riley graves on our right. So called because they are close to Riley House Farm; the graves contain the bodies of the husband and six children of farmer Elizabeth Hancock. All died within a week of each other and Elizabeth took on the task of burying them herself. She was uninfected by the disease as was the unofficial village gravedigger, Marshall Howe.

Continuing down the lane we re-entered Eyam, pausing to walk through the churchyard of the Parish Church of St Lawrence.

Here we looked at the well preserved Saxon cross and the grave of Catherine Mompesson. She died of the plague on the 25th August 1666 after staying with her husband and tending the sick.

We retraced our steps back to the car park, then returned to Chesterfield where we were treated to hot soup and fruit pie at the home of Bob and Ruth Cable.

The next walk on Sunday 7th January will be led by Eric in the Tapton area. New members will be made very welcome. Come and join us to get rid of any Christmas excesses by walking through our beautiful Derbyshire countryside. Please turn up at the church gates at 12 noon with walking boots and a packed lunch. For more information contact the vergger whose number appears on the back page of this magazine.

Saturday Morning Craft Class

Craft classes begin again for 2018 on the 4th Saturday of each month 10am – 12noon in the Parish Room.

If you want to enjoy a coffee and biscuit whilst creating a work of art, be it embroidery, patchwork, crocheting or knitting please come along on 27th January when Christine Wieloch and Bev Speed will be happy to get your fingers moving. Or just call in for a coffee and a chat to watch what is being done.

200 CLUB

The Club winners for November 2017 were as follows:-

First prize	(£35)	B Platts	(Number	27)
Second prize	(£17)	G Eyre	(Number	20)
Third prize	(£6)	J Howard	(Number	65)

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 28th January 2017

our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Very Revd Stephen Hance, Dean of Derby

At time of writing I have just undertaken a day of safeguarding training, together with other members of the Bishop's senior team. Sometimes people can react to this subject as if it was primarily a bureaucratic or organisational issue. This is, of course, profoundly mistaken. Safeguarding is, for Christians, primarily a theological issue. It flows out of our understanding that every person is made in the image of God, and reflects something of God's light and grace. Every person is therefore infinitely valued, worthy of protection and care and nurture. Furthermore our scriptures teach us that those who are most vulnerable, for whatever reason, merit God's special care and so should be of particular importance to his Church.

The run-up to Christmas is an interesting time to think about these things. God comes to us in the form of a tiny newborn baby, the most vulnerable of creatures. In human terms, one accident, one act of violence, could have finished the whole plan of redemption before it had even begun. Perhaps one of the reasons the Church gives special honour to Mary is because of her role in protecting the Godchild in his most fragile early days. She too is

vulnerable, of course, as a young unmarried mother in those days, as are others in the story: Joseph, the husband of a mother of a child not his own; the shepherds leaving their livelihoods behind in the fields; and so on.

In varied historical and geographic contexts, different groups of people re vulnerable, of course. The vulnerable always include the very young and often the very old; often women; always the poor; often immigrants and people born elsewhere; often those whose sexual or gender identity does not fit with the cultural mores of the time. The Church is called to protect and stand alongside whoever might be vulnerable in any particular context, remembering that every person is someone for whom Jesus died. May his Church always reflect his sacrificial love towards those who need it most.

Look back at 2017



Ashes to go on St Peter's Street Derby



Slavery school's conference



Thy Kingdom Come celebrations



Thy Kingdom Come celebrations



Kolkata school's celebration



Kolkata school's celebration



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God Soaked Life: Discovering a Kingdom Spirituality, Chris Webb

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Congratulations to David Howe who has won a copy of Pam Rhodes' Tidings of Comfort and Joy: A Christmas Feast of Faith and Fun

Launch of new small grants programme for church repair

The Churches Conservation Foundation has opened its new small grants programme. Grants of £250 -£2,000 are available for conservation work to the fabric and contents of historic listed churches, which would not normally be undertaken in the regular cycle of repair and maintenance. Examples include work to listed headstones and monuments, wall paintings, rood screens, fonts, carved stonework, stained glass and altar cloths. More information <http://www.churchesconservation.org>

Data Protection : Parishes and the “GDPR”

The General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. There are useful resources available on www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr including a two page overview designed for use with PCC's and a more detailed guide for the person implementing this in the parish. There is also a checklist which covers the actions outlined in the guides to help you monitor progress, a template for a data audit, sample consent forms and sample privacy notices.

School of Formation

The new year is often a time to reflect on our lives, our work and what we hope to achieve. Perhaps you want to refresh your skills, learn something new or find a new way to discern your vocation? The School of Formation web pages on the diocesan website contains information on formal training courses but also hundreds of workshops, seminars, quiet days, conferences and pilgrimages - there really is something for everyone. The pages are updated regularly with events organised within the diocese and by external organisations around Derbyshire. You can find the pages at www.derby.anglican.org/schoolofformation

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