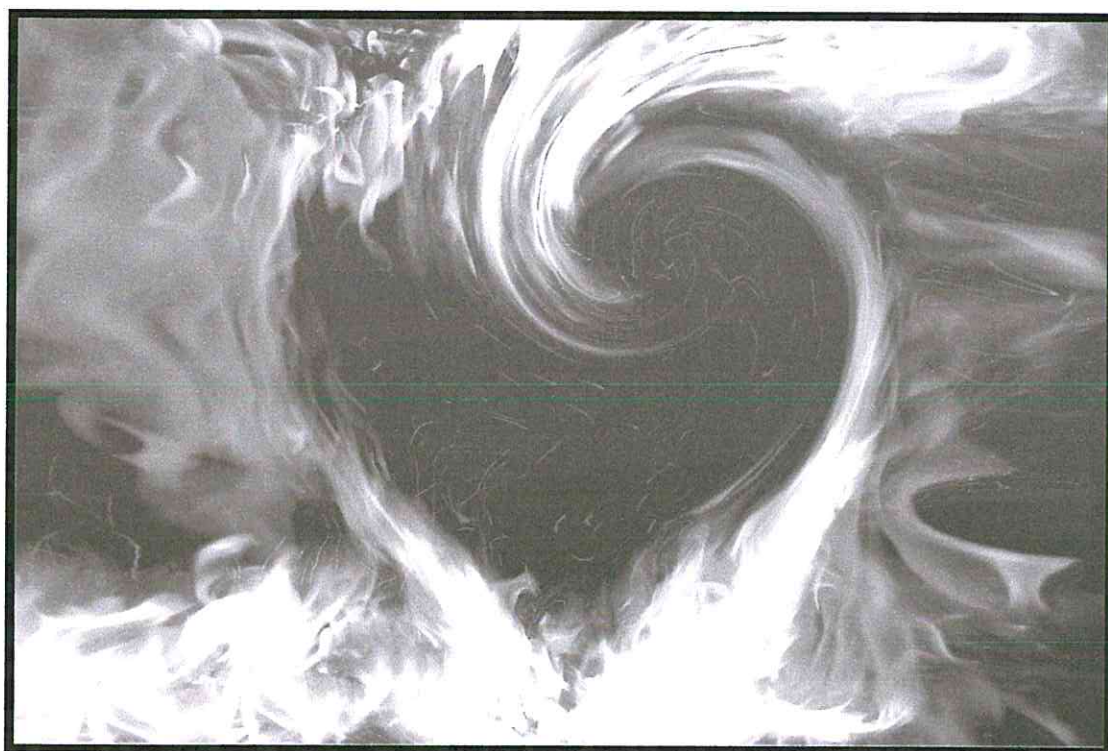




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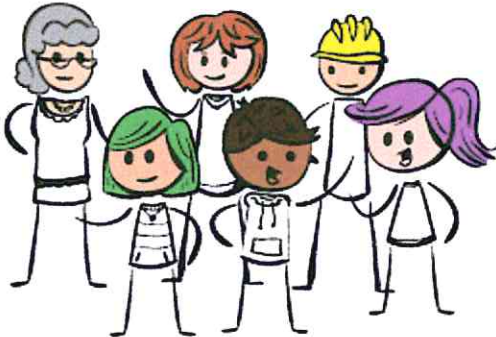
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Dear all,

As mentioned in last months 'Rector's letter', this year Easter Day falls on 1st April, otherwise known as *April Fools Day*, for the first time since 1945. Celebrating Easter on a day when people traditionally play pranks on each other, while unfortunate, leads me to reflect on the fact that Jesus is quoted as saying that some people were 'fools', something that I don't think I have ever written about...

The difficulty is that the word *fool* is not the best translation from New Testament Greek into English.

On the one hand Jesus warns against people calling others a fool:

*'But I say to you that if you are angry with a brother or sister, you will be liable to judgement; and if you insult a brother or sister, you will be liable to the council; and if you say, "You **fool**", you will be liable to the hell of fire.'* - Matthew 5.22

...and yet he himself calls people fools:

*'Then the Lord said to him, 'Now you Pharisees clean the outside of the cup and of the dish, but inside you are full of greed and wickedness. You **fools!** Did not the one who made the outside make the inside also? So give for alms those things that are within; and see, everything will be clean for you.'* - Luke 11.39-41

The problem is that there are several words which are translated as 'fool'.

'raca' is the word Jesus uses in Matthew 5 and says people should not say it to each other. 'raca' means 'empty', 'senseless', 'thick', 'idiot' and would have been used as a harsh insult when judging someone.

'aphron' is the word Jesus uses in Luke 11 when he is castigating the Pharisees for not understanding that God is interested in what goes on below the surface, not the outward appearance of being a good person. It means 'senseless', 'without thought or understanding', or acting 'rashly'. He is saying that the Pharisees do not understand what he is saying to them.

In this day and age a lot of people consider Christianity to be foolish. Some people think that it does not make sense, that it 'sounds like a fairy tale', that only 'idiots' could believe that a teacher from 2,000 years ago was the son of God.

And yet for all those who would like to relegate Christianity to simply being foolish, according to recent research, there are still around 2.3 billion people (31% of the world's population) who follow Jesus. 2.3 billion who hold fast to the claims that Jesus Christ is the Son of God who takes away the sin of the world, the one who broke the power of death and made a way for us to have a relationship with God.

During our 'Start' course, which took place over the past six weeks of Lent, we talked about the claims Jesus made about himself, and how people have followed his teaching for the past two thousand years. We thought about what the cross means, reflecting on how an instrument of Roman torture can become a symbol of God's love for us. On the face of it it can seem like foolishness, but for those of us who find in the cross a way of God dealing with our guilt and shame and the messiness of our lives, the cross becomes a symbol of the lengths God has gone to in order for us to be able to come close to him.

Paul, in his first letter to the church in Corinth recognises the difficulty people have in wanting signs or proof, rather than faith and trust:

'For the message about the cross is foolishness to those who are perishing, but to us who are being saved it is the power of God. For it is written,

*'I will destroy the wisdom of the wise,
and the discernment of the discerning I will thwart.'*

Where is the one who is wise? Where is the scribe? Where is the debater of this age? Has not God made foolish the wisdom of the world? For since, in the wisdom of God, the world did not know God through wisdom, God decided, through the foolishness of our proclamation, to save those who believe. For Jews demand signs and Greeks desire wisdom, but we proclaim Christ crucified, a stumbling-block to Jews and foolishness to Gentiles, but to those who are the called, both Jews and Greeks, Christ the power of God and the wisdom of God. For God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom, and God's weakness is stronger than human strength.'

1 Corinthians 1:18-25

So as we celebrate Easter this year I pray that we will come to know the power of God to turn what some think foolish into the very thing that matters most.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben

*Lord of all life and power,
who through the mighty resurrection of your Son
overcame the old order of sin and death
to make all things new in him:
grant that we, being dead to sin
and alive to you in Jesus Christ,
may reign with him in glory;
to whom with you and the Holy Spirit
be praise and honour, glory and might,
now and in all eternity.
Amen*

THE PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL

A.P.C.M. Meeting Sunday 29th April at 11.00 a.m.

After the success of our well attended, APCM meeting last year in church, many suggested it would have been nice to spend time in fellowship afterwards.

Jesus loved parties, so following our APCM there will be a 'bring and share' lunch. Heather has offered to co-ordinate this.

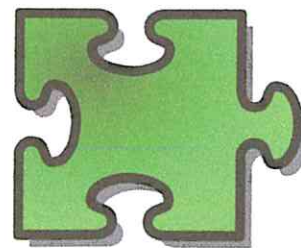
All attendees at this meeting require, in advance, an information pack. This will enable the meeting to run as smoothly as last year, with short upbeat presentations from various areas of church life. Please see Heather after the following services to order your pack and for her to make a note of what food you will be bringing.

Sunday 8 April – 8.00 a.m. & 9.30 a.m.

Sunday 15 April 9.30 a.m.

Sunday 22 April – 11.00 a.m.

JiGSaW NEWS



Due to low and irregular attendance by members, and after discussion with the PCC, we have decided to suspend JiGSaW.

We must stress that children of all ages are welcome at all of our services.

However, we recognise that we have a number of Christian young people connected to our church family and wish to explore what provision, if any, they would welcome.

Heather has written to these young people with a questionnaire to find out what is required.



CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS WONDERFUL WHITEHALL

All our children eagerly await their turn to take part in the Y6 residential trip to the Whitehall activity centre in Buxton and this year's bunch were certainly ready for action! A hall full of excited faces with bulging suitcases and bags gathered

together to say goodbye to mums and dads as Whitehall 2018 began! They had a fantastic time and experienced so many great things.

Here are some of the comments the children had to make about their adventure:

"I found the abseil really challenging but I eventually overcome my fear of heights and completed this once in a lifetime experience!" Adam

"The most exciting part of Whitehall was the rock scrambling and abseiling because I was very excited when I looked over the edge and saw how high it was!" Alfie

"I quite enjoyed caving because it pushed us to our limits and we saw a baby bat hanging from the ceiling which our instructor didn't even see at first - it was so funny!" Regan

"The rock scrambling was AWESOME because when we got to the top I did the floss with all of my classmates." Harvey

"I didn't like the zip wire..... I loved it!" Jasmine

"I really enjoyed the high ropes because when I did it I wanted to do it again and again!" Jude

"I enjoyed going down on the zip wire because when I came back I felt like royalty!" Paige

"I liked how the staff were respectful and understanding when or if you couldn't do something!" Megan

"I loved the cave so much that I could do it all over again!" Tiana

"The food there was delicious and I would rate it a ten out of ten!" JJ

Claire Riley

NEWBOLD MOTHERS UNION – 1914 – 2018

Ruth Cable - Secretary

I have to thank Ena Johnson for sourcing the following article which was displayed in church as part of the exhibition 'Newbold in World War 1' held in 2014.

'The Mothers Union was founded by Mary Sumner in 1876 in the Church of England parish of Old Airesford, near Winchester, where her husband was Rector. She wanted to bring mothers together to provide support for one another and be trained in motherhood, something which she saw as a vocation. Although 'mothers meetings' are recorded in the church magazine, it was not until early May 1914 that a group of ladies held a meeting at Newbold House, in order to form a local branch of the Mothers Union. Those present each agreed to work a district by taking out magazines and notices of meetings. In order that they could begin work, Fr. Cutlack arranged an admission service on Wednesday 27th May at 7.15pm. By the next meeting sixty names had been submitted for membership! They met regularly throughout the year. During 1915 many members attended weekly sewing meetings, making warm clothes and knitting for our troops. In 1916 they agreed to set apart Tuesdays in Lent for special prayers for the war. Branches gathered for festivals even during the war.'

The Newbold branch has now sadly, had to close. From over seventy members we have shrunk to four this year. There are many reasons for this, mainly I feel, due to changing lifestyles over the years. In today's world most young women work, together with raising their families. The spare time they have is used for family activities. Years ago women may have worked until they became parents and then stopped to concentrate on the business of motherhood.

The remaining four ladies have been most warmly welcomed into the Loundsley Green M.U. increasing their membership to twenty four. This is a more viable solution.

The banner so generously given by the Blanksby family, in memory of Dorothy, who ran the branch for twenty plus years, will remain in St. John's Church. It is displayed for all to see and will be paraded at the Service of Closure which will take place on Wednesday 11th April at 2pm in church. This would have been our normal meeting for April.

Anyone with past connections to Newbold M.U. will be most warmly welcomed. However in order to ensure sufficient refreshments are provided, could you please ring me on 01246 450797 **BEFORE 4th April** – we would hate to run out of tea!

Our Branch would like to give thanks to all who have supported us over the years, our Rectors, Fr. Nigel and recently Fr. Ben who has been most helpful to me with the arrangements of and for the Service of Closure. Thank you also to Stuart Watkinson, our organist, who has played for us on many occasions; all the long standing members who for reasons of old age, infirmity or illness, can no longer attend meetings, and thanks too to our Vergers, previously Melvin, and now Steve who prepares the Parish Room for our meetings.

The end of an era.

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THE MARY SUMNER PRAYER

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for thee; and every life I touch, do thou by thy spirit quicken, whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe, or the life I live. Amen.

WALKING GROUP

Our circular journey from St. John's Road via back lanes and tracks

Only three of us were able to experience walking through slushy snow (myself wearing wellingtons) on a mild, sunny Sunday in March, after the bitterly cold winds and snow drifts sent to us by the "Beast from the East", and it was well worth it.

We made our way towards Hotel Casa, Chesterfield's only independent 4 star hotel, which opened in October 2010, before turning right onto the cycle track which runs at the side of the A61 by-pass to Sheffield. The Chesterfield bypass was built in the 1980s on the alignment of the former Great Central Railway.

One member of the team (with tongue in cheek) remarked that it was a quiet walk. The traffic was thundering past as if the drivers were desperate to get some speed up after experiencing days of disruptive travel through the snow. The paths were thawing quite quickly and the going was very easy with no worries about slipping on ice.

There was a hazy mist throughout the walk so we were unable to see the Crooked Spire or the Observational Wheel in the market place even though we were close enough. However, we did observe a wren poking about in a pile of leaves at the foot of a tree, near to graves in a churchyard.

Our journey took us to the rear of the Waterside Development Site, eventually arriving at Chesterfield Railway Station. Further cycle paths led us over the A61, past B&Q and the Ravenside Retail Park through to Queens Park where we were rewarded with the sight of a robin and were passed by a few dog walkers on our way towards Lidl. Here we paused to read the plaque on the wall next to an archway – "Chains were drawn through these openings across the road to stop traffic and allow trains to cross from the brewery sidings to the gas works". The remains of these gas works are still to be seen. We continued through Monkey Park before crossing Ashgate Road.

We passed to the rear of Brockwell Infants and Junior School where Julie once worked and where my son was excellently educated for the first ten years of his life. Julie was able to list all the teacher's names and memories were evoked and discussed. We walked down the paths and the sparsely wooded area of Loundsley Green then uphill towards the Barnett Observatory, completed in 1960. Horace Barnett, his family and friends had the vision for this building and were known as the *Newbold Nutters* at the time. According to the *Sky at Night* magazine this observatory houses the 9th largest amateur telescope in the UK.

As we passed the newly built Co-op store, on the site of the now demolished Wheatsheaf Inn, we were informed that the opening day is scheduled for 28th April.

We parted ways at Littlemoor Shopping Centre with Julie and Steve collecting their car from the Rectory and continuing their journey home to Hasland.

For much of this circular walk we had the Holme Brook to our left, sometimes the road, other times railway tracks and always the town of Chesterfield remained on our right. This proved a very enjoyable ramble with areas being linked up by paths, many showing the rear of well-known buildings.

Evelyn Lowe

The date for our next walk has been changed from Easter Sunday to the following Sunday 8th April. If anyone wishes to join us, we meet at 12 noon at the church gates with our packed lunches before getting into the available cars and setting off for the start of our walk. Everyone is welcome.





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The 11 o'clock service

Join us on Sunday 22nd April.
All are welcome!

On Mothering Sunday, we looked at how God cares for each of us just as a parent cares for their children. Members of the congregation had either a coloured chick or chicken. The 'mother hen' had to find her 'chicks' and vice-versa.

Heather spoke about how mothers support their young and how the church supports those within and nurtures those outside. We also thought about Jesus' mother Mary.

Afterwards, during refreshments, children created impressive Mothering Sunday cards with 3D tulips.

On Palm Sunday, the liturgy centred on the Experience Easter stations. We sang 'Build Your Kingdom Here' and 'Here is Love Vast as the Ocean.' Afterwards we all had a go at the Palm Tree craft led by Christine Wieloch. This is on display in the parish room. It was great to see people of all ages enjoying the crafts.

Palm Sunday was a good advert (not that regular 11 o'clockers needed it) that this worship is for every one of every age. If you have yet to experience this service, we urge you to come along and try it!



N.B. No 11 o'clock on Sunday 8 April



Experience Easter

On Sunday 18 March, a handful of folks braved the heavy snow and after the 9.30 service set about transforming the church into an Easter experience. There were six stations to experience in total, three of these assembled on Sunday, and the further three on Monday after Ben went round the parish collecting various items including a bright pink exercise ball and a volunteer from the craft group to assist assembling the final three stations. Can you guess what that ball became?



The Easter Experience Stations were as follows:

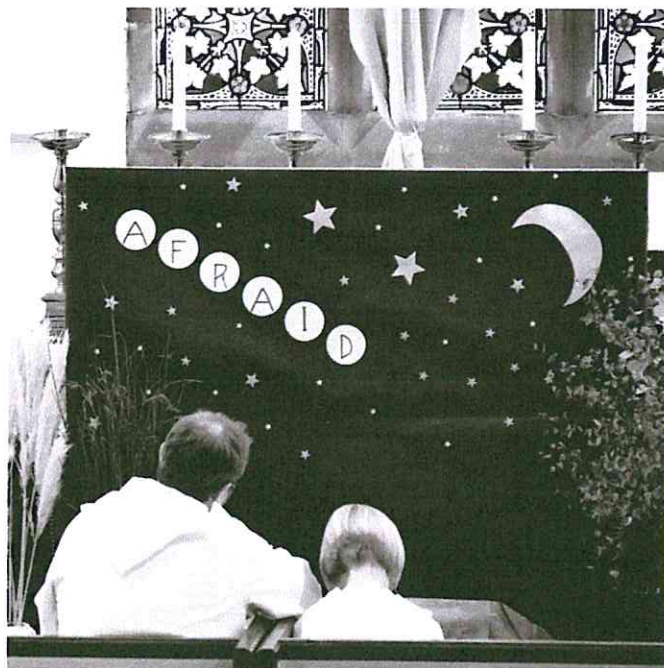
1. Hopes and Dreams – (Palm Sunday)
2. Servant King – (Jesus washed his disciples feet)
3. Remembrance – (The Last Supper)
4. Afraid – (The Garden of Gethsemane)
5. Cross – (The Crucifixion)
6. Tomb – (Resurrection)



On Monday afternoon, the Church School children came and in small groups went around the stations with their teachers (see enclosed report from the Church School). Pupils, staff and governors had a good time. The children absorbed the information and the true meaning of Easter and eagerly waved their hands to answer Ben's questions during school Mass in school on Wednesday.

On Saturday, the church was open for four hours for folks to come and Experience Easter for themselves. Many commented on how moving they found the scenes before them and the activities they undertook:

1. Writing their Hopes and Dreams on a Palm Cross
2. Washing one another's hands
3. Eating bread and drinking blackcurrant juice
4. Making something with air-dry clay – please collect items
5. Threading beads to use in prayer
6. Writing the disciples reaction to Jesus rising from the dead on a post it and sticking it on the tomb.



Church was very quiet, peaceful, prayerful and serene on Saturday as twenty visitors, aged 9 – 90+ visited the stations and experienced Easter. We hope to do this again next year!

From the Registers

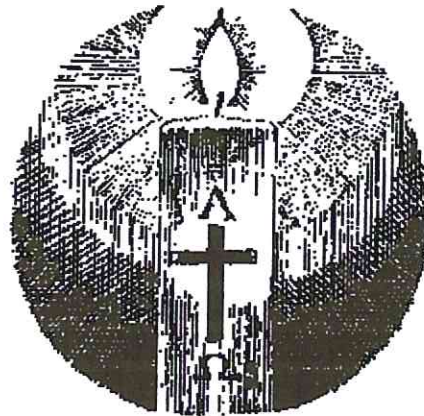
Funerals

23 Mar Beryl Varley aged 78
23 Mar Joyce Weston aged 97

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

14 Feb Sheila Maskrey

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Remember Lord,
Those who have died and have gone before us,
Marked with the sign of faith, especially those for whom we now
pray.
May these and all who sleep in Christ, find in your presence,
light, happiness and peace.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen

DIARY FOR APRIL 2018

1	S		EASTER DAY (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
2	M		Bank Holiday
3	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
4	W	19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
7	Sa	09.30	Fete Stall Holders' Meeting [PR]
		10.00	Coffee Morning [PR] (till 12.00)
8	S		Second Sunday of Easter (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		12.00	Walking Group
		18.00	CNC Service [LEP Loundsley Green]
9	M		First Day of Church School Term
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
10	T	09.15	Mass
11	W	14.00	Service of Closure for Newbold Mother's Union
15	S		Third Sunday of Easter (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Baptism
16	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
17	T	09.15	Mass
		14.00	Pastoral Group Meeting [PR]
		19.00	Littlemoor Charity Meeting [Eagle Club]
21	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Group till 12.00
		10.00	North East Derbyshire Deanery Day (St Johns, WALTON)
		16.30	Men's Group Tea

22	S		Fourth Sunday of Easter (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
23	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
24	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
28	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)
		12.30	Wedding – Samuel Elliot & Sarah Marlow
		16.00	Wedding – Rhys Aubignac & Rebecca Higgins
29	S		Fifth Sunday of Easter (S5)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		10.45	APCM
30	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]

Please check the weekly Pewslip for a more detailed diary.

COFFEE MORNING

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, April 7th 2018

10.00 until 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

*Items for the May Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 22nd April 2018, please.*

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 - April

Apr 1: Jud 13-15 ; Luke 6:27-49

Apr 2: Jud 16-18 ; Luke 7:1-30

Apr 3: Jud 19-21 ; Luke 7:31-50

Apr 4: Ruth 1-4 ; Luke 8:1-25

Apr 5: 1Sam 1-3 ; Luke 8:26-56

Apr 6: 1Sam 4-6 ; Luke 9:1-17

Apr 7: 1Sam 7-9 ; Luke 9:18-36

Apr 8: 1Sam 10-12 ; Luke 9:37-62

Apr 9: 1Sam 13-14 ; Luke 10:1-24

Apr 10: 1Sam 15-16 ; Luke 10:25-42

Apr 11: 1Sam 17-18 ; Luke 11:1-28

Apr 12: 1Sam 19-21 ; Luke 11:29-54

Apr 13: 1Sam 22-24 ; Luke 12:1-31

Apr 14: 1Sam 25-26 ; Luke 12:32-59

Apr 15: 1Sam 27-29 ; Luke 13:1-22

Apr 16: 1Sam 30-31 ; Luke 13:23-35

Apr 17: 2Sam 1-2 ; Luke 14:1-24

Apr 18: 2Sam 3-5 ; Luke 14:25-35

Apr 19: 2Sam 6-8 ; Luke 15:1-10

Apr 20: 2Sam 9-11 ; Luke 15:11-32

Apr 21: 2Sam 12-13 ; Luke 16

Apr 22: 2Sam 14-15 ; Luke 17:1-19

Apr 23: 2Sam 16-18 ; Luke 17:20-37

Apr 24: 2Sam 19-20 ; Luke 18:1-23

Apr 25: 2Sam 21-22 ; Luke 18:24-43

Apr 26: 2Sam 23-24 ; Luke 19:1-27

Apr 27: 1King 1-2 ; Luke 19:28-48

Apr 28: 1King 3-5 ; Luke 20:1-26

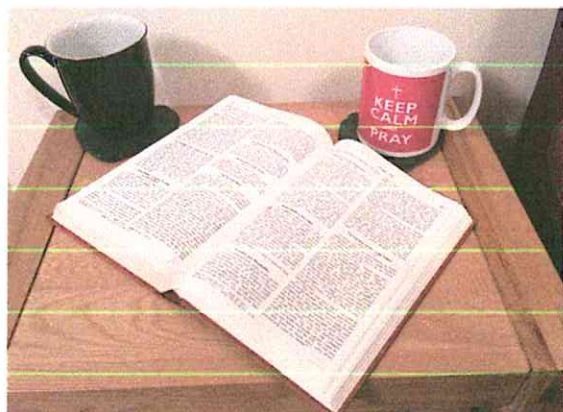
Apr 29: 1King 6-7 ; Luke 20:27-47

Apr 30: 1King 8-9 ; Luke 21:1-19

Jud = the book of Judges

1Sam = 1 Samuel

2Sam = 2 Samuel



EASTER EXPERIENCE



Years 4, 5 and 6 spent an afternoon in church taking part in an Easter Experience that taught the Easter story in exciting and engaging ways.

Each part of the story was told separately with a follow up activity that really helped our children dig that little bit deeper and gain a greater

understanding about this very important time in the Christian year.



Activities included a focus on Good Friday and suffering where the children had time to look at a cross and reflect upon the crucifixion. What followed this was a bead threading activity where the children chose 3 beads to represent 3 different people who are suffering in some way. One was to be a person a close to them; a loved

one or a friend, the next someone familiar to them; a neighbour or someone in the school community and the final bead was for a person far away, maybe a starving child in Africa, an injured soldier in a faraway land or someone living with the destruction of flooding, fire or earthquake. The thread was then tied and the children could keep their threaded beads as a reminder of the suffering of Jesus and the suffering in the world today.

Another activity focussed on Jesus as a servant and a king and told the story of Jesus washing the feet of his disciples. The children were given time to discuss this and draw conclusions from Jesus's example. The activity that followed involved the children taking turns to wash their hands and have them dried by a friend and then experience drying the hands of others.

While doing this they made the connection with how they could help other people in their daily lives and an opportunity to share examples was given

The children were exceptionally well behaved and for all involved it was a very interesting, exciting and thought provoking experience. Thank you to Ben and all at church for your hard work and support.

Claire Riley



We, as governors, would also like to send our thanks to all those who prepared the stations and to the school staff for all their careful preparation and sensitive delivery of an impressive and awesome experience at each station.

Witnessing this event and the attentive and responsive way in which it was received by the children was a privilege, and personally inspirational.

Ena Johnson, Brian Smith

THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday Club meets on Monday afternoons in the Parish Room between 1.45 pm - 4.00 pm except on Bank Holidays and during August. The group enjoy being together, to socialise, and have fun.

The programme for APRIL is listed below:

- 2nd NO MEETING BANK HOLIDAY
- 9th SOCIAL & GAMES AFTERNOON
- 16th MEAL OUT - VENUE TO BE ARRANGED
- 23rd SOCIAL PARISH ROOM 1.45PM
- 30th VISIT TO SHEFFIELD (there is a Communion Service at 12.30pm which members may like to attend).

New members are always welcome to join the group. Please contact Margaret Beasley to find out further details about the group the telephone number appears on the back page of this magazine.

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Children's Letters to God

Dear God,
I bet it is very hard for You to love all of everybody in the whole world. There are only 4 people in our family and I can never do it.

Dear God,
Maybe Cain and Abel would not kill each other so much if they had their own rooms. It works with my brother.

Dear God,
Instead of letting people die and having to make new ones, why don't You just keep the ones You have now?

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Members of the Monday Club, and our readers, may like to read the following letter received from Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice.

Dear Newbold Parish Church Monday Club,

I am writing to say a huge thank you for inviting me to the Monday Club to talk to the group about Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice. Furthermore, I want to say thank you for your very generous donation of £81.50, which will make a difference to our children and families. As I mentioned at the talk, fundraising is vital for the hospice, but raising awareness is equally as important, making sure people know we are here.

Your support will help families like Beth who is the Parent Trustee at Bluebell Wood. Her son, Dougie, has an undiagnosed neurological condition, which means he has to use a ventilator at night to help him breathe, and is fed directly into his tummy. There are few people who can give him the specialist support he needs, but he loves coming to Bluebell Wood. It's one of the rare places where he knows he feels relaxed.

To Beth, there's nothing more important than seeing Dougie laugh and feel happy, and Bluebell Wood gives them that chance to laugh together. Even on those really bad days, she knows she can bring him in or ring up to speak to someone who can give her advice, which is just brilliant.

Without the hospice, - and your amazing support – Beth and her family just couldn't live the way they do now. That's why Beth wants to help the hospice reach even more families, and raise awareness of how important their services are. Thank you so much for your support!

Kind regards,

Lucy Rathbone

Community Fundraiser

THE WOMEN'S GROUP ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING

Twenty-six members met on March 7th for our AGM which was led by the Secretary, Jean Lee who reported on a successful year, especially as several new members have been welcomed into the group. A recap was made of the varied programme of events held throughout the year and the fact that we are keen to welcome more ladies to join us.

Pat Law, our Treasurer, presented the accounts and gave her report and again was pleased to record a successful year, highlighting the fact that we raised £140 for the Good News Family Care based at Buxton which was our nominated charity for the year.

Maureen Macdonald and Marion Robertshaw stood down from our committee and we were pleased that Anne Lee and Diane Badger volunteered to replace them. After the AGM next March Jean Lee (Secretary) and June Shaw have indicated that they wish to stand down from the committee and we hope that they too can be replaced.

The members were given a detailed programme of events planned by the committee for the next year which was enthusiastically received and was chatted about whilst enjoying the cheese and wine that followed the AGM.

Our next meeting is on Wednesday May 2nd at 7pm in the Parish Room when we will be entertained by "Three Talented Ladies." First of all Ruth Cable will demonstrate meringue making, with samples of "some made earlier" which will be followed by Christine Wieloch talking and showing examples of patchwork making and then by Beryl Malcolm who will show examples of how she makes lace.

We do hope that any ladies who are not members of the group but are interested in these skills will join us for what should prove to be a very interesting and enjoyable evening.

Jean Lee (Secretary)

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group met on 17th March for an Irish themed brunch to commemorate St Patrick's Day. Brian Lee provided us with a delicious Irish stew and homemade soda bread. The food tasted so good, everyone went back for seconds and the contents of both large stew pots were quickly devoured. As usual, conversation soon sparked up as we consumed our meal together.

Unfortunately, the group outing to Brampton Brewery had to be cancelled due to the treacherous conditions caused by "The Beast from the East". The brewery tour has been rearranged for Thursday 12th April.

The next Men's Brunch would be on Saturday 21st April in the Parish room. However, due to a clash with the Church away day, this will be a Men's Tea at 4.30p.m. There will be a St George's theme with it being so close to the patron saint's day, so expect some good old English grub. If you have a food allergy, an intolerance or moral qualms of the food nature, please don't hesitate to contact us and we'll do our best to accommodate your needs.

Chris Burrows

ELECTORAL ROLL

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

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

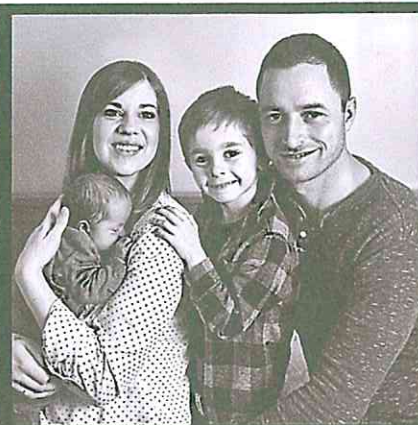
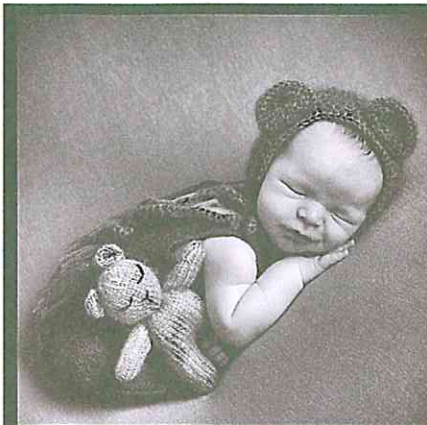
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Pat Law

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CHURCH FETE

Saturday 7th July 2018

Will all stallholders please note there is a planning meeting on Saturday 7 April at 9.30 a.m. before the coffee morning. We will meet in church.

New ideas are always welcome please give these to Heather.

There should be a list of requirements for the fete available mid-late April.

The following stalls still require people to run them.

Cold Drinks and Ice Creams (ideally two people). One person to help Marilyn James on the Jumble Jar stall. If the scouts are unable to man the gate, I will require two pairs of people to take admission money and hand out the programme. We hope the plant stall has someone to run it, however, an assistant or two, preferably with green fingers would be welcome.

One last important vacancy - we need a couple of folks to make and serve drinks to the stallholders.

We will require volunteers to deliver flyers. To help with ordering, it would be helpful to know which establishments will display an A4 poster - please ask wherever you shop or visit. It would also be helpful if you could ask if they are willing to donate a prize. We can provide a letter for this.

A quick reminder - everyone can play their part by buying and selling raffle tickets before the day.

On the day itself, a team of volunteers will be required to set up, with others prepared to clear away at the finish.

The countdown has begun – if you are reading this on Easter Day the fete is only 13 weeks on Saturday.

Heather Peet – Fete Co-Ordinator.

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LEP LOUNDSLEY GREEN,

ST. JOHN'S NEWBOLD.

We meet quarterly to discuss what has taken place in our churches, what is going to happen in the coming months and what is planned in the diocese which may relate to us all.

The next joint service will take place at LEP LOUNDSLEY GREEN ON SUNDAY 8th APRIL AT 6.00pm and will be a communion service. Please join us for a time where we come together to worship and socialise.

As British summer time started on 25th March the evenings will be lighter and hopefully more members of our congregation may be able to join us.

Richard Peet

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200 CLUB

The Club winners for February 2018 were as follows:-

First prize	(£35)	Rachael Witham	(Number 116)
Second prize	(£17)	Chris Witham	(Number 131)
Third prize	(£6)	Margaret Hobson	(Number 36)

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 29th April 2018

our Diocese

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Alastair writes... The Parish of the Future: The Future of the Parish

In a world where organisational shapes and approaches to leadership change rapidly, it is important that we evaluate the parish as our key unit of operation for mission.

Place

The enduring strength of our parish system is the importance of place. As human beings we have a deep sense of needing to be 'placed' – able to belong, feel secure with a setting that is familiar. The church building is often the minister of the centrality of place. The parish take this sense of place seriously.

People

Parishes are people – in an increasingly mixed and changing cocktail. There can no longer be a single offer or a simple formula. If the Gospel is to be proclaimed and witnessed to, then there will need to be variety, and a toughness regarding the choices of what might be possible with limited resources. Who are those most in need of the generous witness of God's loving care?, and how might this offer be made?

Processes

God's children live and grow through engaging with processes of formation. Public worship and the Occasional Offices have been one of our key contributions. Now the invitation has to be crafted more flexibly. Messy Church for young families, schools as structures for nourishing young people, breakfasts for men, festivals..... and moments to enable meeting others and sharing the love of God, made manifest most powerfully in appropriate worship and witness.

Parsons

The genius of the Church of England is the parson, our commitment to providing pastoral care that gives leadership for such formation. Rarely in our history has every parish had its own resident 'vicar'. But always, each parish is embraced by the gospel caring and teaching organised by the Church. We all contribute to the work of being parson in our own communities. There are three classical models of parsoning:

- The priest, who uses the worship and teaching of the Church to mediate the Good News of Jesus Christ into everyday lives.
- The prophet, through whom the light of Christ proclaims a challenging critique of present failings, while proposing radical new possibilities.
- The prompter, who gathers and enables others to make creative responses to our challenges and opportunities, embracing those within the Church and those beyond our borders, in a common and connecting formation in goodness and grace. Calling all sorts and conditions of people to grow together as children of our Heavenly Father.

As the season of annual meetings is underway, we might like to consider in our own particular context how we can best be called to craft a parish for the future, and thus work seriously together on the future of the parish.

+ Alastair



Up in the Air activity day

Wow! What a wonderful time we had on Monday 19th February 2018 when Pulse Ministries came to St Helen's and gave us the ride of our lives on the airlines Easy Jet and Ryanair! What? I hear you say I don't understand, how can this be!?

Well it all started with booking into the Departure Lounge at St Helen's Airport (Church Hall). We were split into two teams, Easy Jet or Ryanair. I was on the Easy Jet team. I had about 10 in my team. The flight took off at 10.00 am and we landed at 3.00 pm. On our journey we sang songs which involved actions and dancing.

We heard about Hannah and how she trusted God for a son and discovered what it means for us to trust God and how we can get closer to Him through knowing Jesus.

We even had a visit from a huge carrier pigeon called Pat who brought us a message from the bible. Pete and his team took us to places where we could do craft, modelling, colouring, making bracelets and we took part in Prayer Stations which helped us understand who God is, that we are not journeying on our own, Jesus is there too.

Pete used an illustration of the naughty step to show how Jesus took all our punishment for us

so we can be free from guilt and to help us understand His Sacrifice on The Cross for all of us.

We were shown how to ask Jesus to be our Friend, Saviour and Helper and shown what it all means - what it is all about.

We all agreed we had a brilliant time, then at the end of the journey we all sat down, they laid a cross on the floor and we were all given two sweets in the shape of a heart, one pink the other white, the choice whether to eat them or lay our sweets on the cross to show we were friends of Jesus. With no pressure nearly everyone put their sweets on the cross. At the end of all the activities and games the scores for the day were shared.

Boo Hoo! Ryanair won the most points over the day even though EasyJet were winning at lunchtime but never mind Pete had the custard pie in the face and not our team leader Amy. I really hope that Pulse comes again because great fun was had by one and all!

Dea Ayling (Sunday Kids Leader)

Saint Helens Church Darley Dale

Appointment of a new Bishop

As you will be aware, Bishop Alastair will be retiring as Bishop of Derby on 31/8/18. When there is no bishop, the vacancy is known as a Vacancy-in-See. The process to appoint a new diocesan bishop will be led, on behalf of the Diocese, by the Vacancy-in-See Committee, the members of which can be found on our website.

The Archdeacon of Derby, the Venerable Dr Christopher Cunliffe, has been elected as Chair of the Committee by Bishop's Council, and the Registrar, Mrs Nadine Waldron, has been elected Secretary. They will be the ones primarily involved in organising the process following guidance from the Archbishops' Appointments' Secretary, in this instance Mr Brad Cook, and from the Prime Minister's Appointments' Secretary, Mr Edward Chaplin. Below are details of the consultation process, including an open meeting which people will be very welcome to attend to express their views.

The dedicated e-mail address by which people will be able to write to the Vacancy-in-See Committee is vacancyinsee@derby.anglican.org No individual responses will be made but views and comments will be considered as part of the process of appointing a new bishop.

Informal meetings across the diocese. All welcome.

All meetings 7pm for 7.30pm until 9pm

20 March: Crooked Spire, Chesterfield

26 March: Ashbourne Church Hall

11 April: Chapel-en-le-Frith Primary School

23 April: Derby Cathedral

Public Consultation with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointments' Secretaries. All welcome

15 May: St Thomas' Church, Brampton

The Vacancy in See Committee will meet on 17 March and 16 May 2018

The Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 26 September and 1-2 November 2018

Please pray for the process of finding a new Bishop

Almighty God,
the giver of all good gifts,
guide with your heavenly
wisdom those who are to
choose a faithful pastor for
this diocese:
that we may receive one who
will speak your word and
serve your people according
to your will;
through Jesus Christ our
Lord

Amen.

New Diocesan magazine 'Together'

We are excited to announce that from May 2018 the Diocese of Derby is launching a brand new diocesan magazine called 'Together'.

The quarterly, glossy magazine will showcase the work of the church in every community, from Glossop to Repton and everywhere in between, and provide thought-provoking, relevant and accessible articles to our church leaders and congregations.

The magazine will be available in churches from the beginning of May - look out for your copy! If you would like to receive a copy direct to your door you can subscribe by paying just the cost of postage - that's just £5 for four issues. To subscribe please complete the form on our website www.derby.anglican.org/together, email together@derby.anglican.org or call 01332 388680.

We'd love to hear what your church has been doing! Please send photos, letters and comments to together@derby.anglican.org and we will include as many as we can in future issues of the magazine.

Due to the work involved with creating a new magazine this will be the last issue of 'Our Diocese'. The Diocesan Cycle of Prayer will still be available to download each month from the publications page of our website www.derby.anglican.org and there will be a message from senior staff on the homepage of the website every month.

Thank you for all the support you have given 'Our Diocese' over the years and we hope that you enjoy the new magazine.

The Communications Team - Lucy Harrison, Dave King and Sian Kellogg

Hold the Date! Bishop Alastair's Farewell Service

The Bishop of Derby, The Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, is retiring at the end of summer this year. There will be a farewell service in Derby Cathedral on Saturday 14th July at 3.30pm. An invitation with further details will follow in due course.

Spiritual Freedom: the Gospel for the Parish and its Future Flourishing

Dates 10, 17, 24 April; 1,8 May

Venue: St Helen's Darley Dale. 7 for coffee for a 7.30pm start. For more information contact the Bishop's Office on 01332 840132

School of Formation training calendar

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

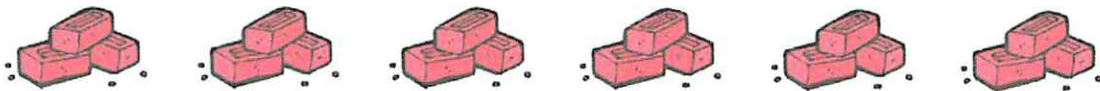
FUNDRAISING EVENTS FOR 2018

A number of events have been booked for the year with more to come.

19th May 7.30 Barlow Choir Concert – tickets available from April

11th August 3 - 5pm Salmon & Strawberries
with music from Dream a Little Dream

21st September 7.30pm Shirland Welfare Band



CHESTERFIELD FOOD BANK

Chesterfield Foodbank is part of the Trussell Trust network and the new manager, Jim Hopkins, info@chesterfield.foodbank.org.uk wants us to know that many more people in crisis are now using the foodbank, so please continue to support this necessary mission. Please keep up with your donations of food and toiletries and if shopping in Tesco Metro and Tesco Extra there are drop-in bins with extra benefits for the foodbank or you can continue to leave your donations in church as usual.

Cash donations are also welcome to cover the foodbank overheads.

Thank you for all your past help, it is much appreciated.

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