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### Dear all

September is a month when many people think about going 'back to school'. Of course the supermarkets, M&S, and other shops, have had the 'back to school' range in stock well before the children have even left. As a Dad I often spend the last few days of August making sure my two boys have all the things they need, such as P.E. kit, shoes, school trousers, geometry sets, etc. When I was teaching percussion in schools there was always a build up to going back. Making sure I had the right teaching materials, going over timetables, working out what my teaching week was going to look like. These days September is in many ways like any other month. I still have to make sure that the boys are ready to go back to school, but church life continues in much the same way as in previous months.

However, this got me thinking about the things we might need in our metaphorical 'back to school' bag as a church. What things might help us to grow in faith? What things might we have lost which need renewing? What things might we need to prepare for or allow for? What is the theological equivalent of a broken geometry set...?

It's often easy to see the practical things which need renewing: The church sign which has gone rotten, the heating system which has stopped working properly, the roof which is leaking... it is much harder to see the things in our lives which need renewing or challenging: our prayer life which has become stale, our friendships which have waned, our Bible which is covered in dust...

In the past there have been initiatives like 'back to church Sunday' which have been quite successful, but the focus is often on the hour or so we spend in worship on a Sunday. If it were more focussed on what happens in between Sundays we might well find more to renew. Perhaps 'back to a regular pattern of daily prayer' might be a good initiative, or maybe 'talking to friends about faith' might be another? September might be a good month to consider how we might make time to work out what God is asking us to do, or where God might want us to be. Personally I will be looking for ways to encourage folk to explore their faith with others, and

looking for signs of growth in the many activities we are currently undertaking as a church.

For me September is often a time for preparing for the festivals: Harvest, Remembrance, Advent, Christmas, to name a few. The challenge being to approach each with fresh eyes, seeking to hear what God has to say through each season.

So my prayer for September is that, whatever it brings for you, you may be able to see the things which need renewing and be ready to ask God to help you renew them.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben

## A Prayer for growth and transformation

Almighty God,
in Christ you make all things new:
transform the poverty of our nature
by the riches of your grace,
and in the renewal of our lives
make known your heavenly glory;
through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

'I believe in Christianity as I believe that the sun has risen: not only because I see it, but because by it I see everything else.' C.S. Lewis

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This is currently an incredible opportunity... a course like this undertaken at university would be £9,250 per student ... it's high quality learning - that will have significant benefit to participants and parishes alike. Any questions/interested see Ben a.s.a.p. It is equally suited to those who recently finished their education, those who have recently retired and everyone in between.

If this is not for you a more 'open access' style course will be rolled out soon, together with a full programme of 'stand-alone' training opportunities, which respond to needs we identified through deanery consultation! Look out for further details.

## THE PASTORAL CARE GROUP Richard Peet

What is and what does our pastoral group do here in Newbold?

A definition of pastoral care is to provide, relevant, effective and accessible care to people in the community, in particular to past members of our congregation. The care of our congregation and people in the Parish is a very important part of church life.

We visit people at home, in nursing homes or in hospital and sometimes people confide in us during church time.

Ben and I, sometimes assisted by Carol, take communion out to members of the congregation in the nursing homes in the parish at Ridgewood House and Elm Lodge. Ben also visits members in their own homes who request communion.

It does not matter where we have communion. In Ridgewood House we usually use one of the bedrooms where we have had up to 6 people, which is sometimes quite cosy !!!! At Elm Lodge we have had communion in the downstairs dining area at our last two visits, which has proved to be very successful.

The most we have had for communion at Elm Lodge is 18. We always have two hymns which are chosen from a list of 10 and we hope to add to this soon. Many people have dementia but they know the Lord's Prayer, and the hymns and one lady loves to say 'AMEN' and 'God is good'. Sometime members of their family take part in the service. We always feel uplifted when we take communion to anyone's home whether it be residential, care, or nursing in nature.

Our small group of pastoral carers visit people who are ill or housebound and often feel lonely. Some just need a friendly face to talk to and when visiting church members we sometimes see other family members there which is very important too.

Unfortunately in this day and age many more people are suffering with different forms of dementia, but they are full of life and have many memories to recall.

Group members visit 8 people in nursing or care homes and we currently take communion to 4 church members, with a possibility of visiting others in the future.

We have 6 members on the pastoral group with Ben to guide us as required and we meet four times a year to discuss our visits and the information talked about is kept confidential.

The opportunity to do this vital work in the Parish is rewarding, as to share the joys and sorrows of local people is one of our greatest privileges as it mirrors the love of Jesus for all those he met.

We would welcome new members to our group, so take time to think if this group is for you and let me know. Also, if you know of anyone who may require a visit or if you wish to know more about this work, which is a very important part of church life in our community then please contact Ben or myself.

## A Day Out for people with Memory Loss

The Glen Miller Story will be shown at the Winding Wheel on Wednesday 12th September at 1pm.

This is for people with memory problems and includes tea/coffee and cake as well as activities.

Tickets are £3 and each person with dementia is able to take a carer along free of charge.

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## The Church Walk by Julie Franks

Once everyone had arrived at the starting point on the edge of South Wingfield with hats, suncream and insect repellent as well as the usual foot wear we set off, no need for coats as it was hot and sunny with no sign of rain.

We went through the churchyard of All Saints South Wingfield where a church has stood for over 1000 years, initially a wooden building of Saxon origins now a Grade II listed stone building. The first stone church on the site is thought to date from around 1269.

We headed across fields towards Oakerthorpe. We walked alongside and crossed a number of busy roads with traffic which included a steam roller and old tractors all heading for home after attending Cromford Steam Rally. At one point we nearly caught the steam roller up as it chugged up the hill with a long line of traffic following it.

Four friendly horses wanted to get to know us better as we tried to get over a stile into their field, some of the group were not happy as one horse nuzzled up to us as we each climbed the stile. "Farmer Steve" befriended the horse to distract it as we got over the stile and on our way across the field.

We stopped to have our sandwiches on the edge of Alfreton golf course. As we carried on our walk through the golf course we did not see one single golfer playing on the lovely sunny evening.

We walked beside Oakerthorpe Brook on our way back and passed South Wingfield cricket ground. The ground was hard

and the grass crunched under our feet, because of the long spell of hot, dry weather.

We had three walk leaders, each waiting for the other to make a decision as to which direction and not always helping if one started to go wrong! There were occasions when they all appeared to have to think which way to go. But were we worried about them leading the walk? No, we knew they would get us back safely.

Next month's 5 mile walk on Sunday 2nd September will be led by Eric and Helen in the area of Hathersage. Any newcomers will be most welcome, just turn up at the church gate with a packed lunch and walking boots when transport will be arranged.

Will everyone please note that we will be reverting to our usual time of 12 noon starting from September until May of next year.

### **COFFEE MORNING**

## THE WOMEN'S GROUP INVITE YOU

to this month's coffee morning on Saturday September 1st 2018 From 10.00 until 12.00 in the Parish Room. Everyone welcome Reader Quiet Day On Thursday 16th August, I joined another 40 Readers from our Diocese at St Oswald's, Ashbourne.

The drive of an hour was accompanied with grey skies and rain. We began with refreshments in the church hall allowing us thirty minutes to greet friends old and new. Fellow Readers, John and Bruce, whom I trained with were there. The three of us, find it hard to believe that we, along with others, were licensed just under 20 years ago (19 September 1998) in Derby Cathedral. Other Readers, I knew by sight and I met Readers from our Diocese that I had not met before.

Rev Geraldine Pond, Warden of Readers, introduced the day. First, there was to be opening prayer and a First Reflection. Silence followed with a second reflection at 11.15, again followed by silence. The day would conclude with a Eucharist at 12.15 followed by lunch at 1.00 p.m. Unfortunately, I was unable to stay for lunch.

In Church, we were asked to be quiet but we were allowed to talk in the hall where there was a bottomless cup of tea/coffee available. We were also free to wander into town with our thoughts. The church is open to the public and there were many visitors to this church that has been there for going on 800 years.

Bishop Jan led our opening prayer and reflections. We sat in the choir stalls for these. Bishop Jan quoted Jim Cotter, 'Methinks there is in God a well of laughter very deep'.

Bishop Jan spoke on Philippians 4:4-7, reading initially from the version of the bible we have in church and later The Message.

Celebrate God all day, every day. I mean, *revel* in him! Make it as clear as you can to all you meet that you're on their side, working with them and not against them. Help them see that the Master is about to arrive. He could show up any minute!



Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayers, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of God's wholeness, everything coming together for good, will come and settle you down. It's wonderful what happens when Christ displaces worry at the centre of your life. (The Message)

We were offered suggestions on how to use our time, including

curling up and going to sleep. While I did not do this, I did sit on a very large chair, more suited to Ben's stature than mine! And I must confess to sitting there in God's presence quietly praying and swinging my legs back and forth as they were not touching the ground.

Our second reflection from Bishop Jan came with another Jim Cotter quote. 'Because we are loved unconditionally, we do not have to take ourselves too seriously ...'

We are urged to 'Let go and let God' a lesson to us all rather than clinging on to what we think we should be doing.

While I did not come back with the answers, God seemed to be asking me questions, which I hope you may prayerfully consider too.

Where are we going?

How do we engage with the non-worshipping community?

What are our barriers?

How do we embrace traditionalism and modernism at the same time?

What is my role in all this?

Bishop Jan presided at the Eucharist assisted by Geraldine, who incidentally led the 9.30 service at St John's a week ago. Bishop Jan decided to, in her words, 'dress down' and wore just and alb and stole; a gesture, warmly received by all present.

At the end of the Eucharist Bishop Jan urged us to pray for those we know in our congregations who may well have a vocation to the ministry of Reader. We were encouraged to attend the licensing of new Readers in September and to take others along. While I am not available to go, I hope you will pray for those being licensed and for my ministry too.

Heather Peet

## THE MONDAY CLUB

The Monday club meets each Monday and the programme for **September** is listed below.

3rd Parish Room A Social Afternoon at 1.45pm

10th The Spire by Stephensons Coffee Shop at 12pm followed by A visit to the Chesterfield Museum

17th Parish Room A talk by the Community Fire Officer 1.45pm

24th A meal out (time and venue to be arranged)

If anyone would like to join our friendly group please contact Margaret Beasley for further information. Her number appears on the back of this issue.

### SALMON AND STRAWBERRY TEA

Many appreciative comments

have been received by the team who supplied and delivered the Salmon and Strawberry Afternoon Tea. We are very pleased that everyone enjoyed the event, it makes the hard work worthwhile and the resulting amount of £267 will go a long way towards helping the NewBold Building Project get off the ground.







The recent Cream Tea event held in Eyre Chapel by Friends of Pevensey Green was very well attended and raised £392 for the Chesterfield branch of Tinnitus Support Team. Thank you to everyone who helped on the day and to all who attended and made it such a success.



## The 11 o'clock service

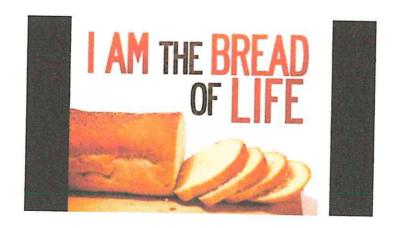
## Join us on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> and 23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. All are welcome!

## Our August 11 o'clock service:

On 12 August we heard about Jesus the Bread of Life

We sang 'Give me oil in my lamp, keep me burning'; 'You are Good' and 'Our God is a Great Big God'. Our friends 'The Little Misses and Mr Men' helped us with our confession.

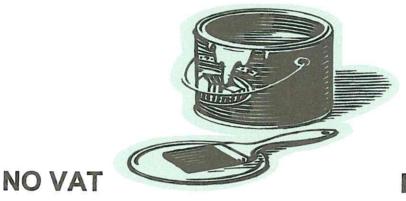
Heather told us about an amazing picnic where Jesus fed 5000 people with only 5 loaves and 2 fish. She went on to explain how the miracle points to Jesus filling a much deeper hunger in us. We may have money, clothes, holidays, gadgets and friends but none of these satisfy like Jesus does. Jesus is the Bread of Life and only he can satisfy our hunger. We are made to live in relationship with God through Jesus. God loves us unconditionally and in Jesus we find security. Deep down each of us has a hunger and thirst for this life. As food and drink/bread and water are necessary for our physical being, Jesus is essential for our spiritual being. Heather encouraged us to make Jesus a priority in our lives.



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| 1  | Sa | 10.00 | Coffee Morning [PR]                                |
|----|----|-------|--|
| 2  | S  |       | Trinity 14 (S1)                                    |
|    |    | 08.00 | Mass   |
|    |    | 09.30 | Parish Mass  |
|    |    | 12.00 | Walking Group                                      |
| 3  | M  | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                                   |
| 4  | T  | 09.15 | Mass [PR]  |
|    |    | 14.00 | Churches Together in Newbold Meeting [St Andrew's] |
| 5  | W  | 19.00 | Newbold Women's Group [PR]                         |
| 9  | S  |       | Trinity 15 (S2)                                    |
|    |    | 08.00 | Mass   |
|    |    | 09.30 | Parish Mass  |
|    |    | 11.00 | 11 O'Clock Service                                 |
| 10 | M  | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                                   |
| 11 | T  | 09.15 | Mass [PR]  |
| 15 | Sa | 09.00 | Churchyard Morning (till12.00)                     |
|    |    | 10.30 | Men's Group [PR]                                   |
| 16 | S  |       | Trinity 16 (S3)                                    |
|    |    | 08.00 | Mass   |
|    |    | 09.30 | Parish Mass  |
|    |    | 11.30 | Baptism  |
| 17 | M  | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                                   |
|    |    | 19.30 | PCC Meeting [PR]                                   |
| 18 | T  | 09.15 | Mass [PR]  |
| 20 | Th | 10.30 | Mother's Union Deanery Meeting (until 12.30) [PR]  |
| 21 | F  | 19.30 | Concert in Church - Shirland Welfare Brass Band    |
| 22 | Sa | 10.00 | Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)               |

| 23 | S  |       | Trinity 17 (S4)                                   |
|----|----|-------|---|
|    |    | 08.00 | Mass  |
|    |    | 09.30 | Parish Mass                                       |
|    |    | 11.00 | 11 O'Clock Service                                |
| 24 | M  | 13.45 | Monday Club [PR]                                  |
|    |    | 19.30 | Chesterfield North Churches CNC Meeting [PR]      |
| 25 | T  | 09.15 | Mass [PR]   |
| 26 | W  | 18.30 | Lindale Rd Neighbourhood Watch (until 20.30) (PR) |
| 29 | Sa | 09.00 | Coffee & Cake Morning for Guide Dogs for Blind    |
|    |    |       | Association (until 12.00) [PR]                    |
|    |    |       |   |
| 30 | S  |       | Trinity 18 (S5)                                   |
|    |    | 08.00 | Mass  |
|    |    | 09.30 | Parish Mass                                       |
|    |    | 11.30 | Baptism   |
|    |    | 18.00 | Chesterfield North Churches CNC Service           |

### **COFFEE MORNING**

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, September 1<sup>st</sup> 2018
10.00 until 12.00
in the Parish Room
Please invite folks to come!
Everyone welcome

Items for the October Magazine to the editors by <u>Sunday</u>, 23<sup>rd</sup> <u>September</u> <u>2018</u>, please.

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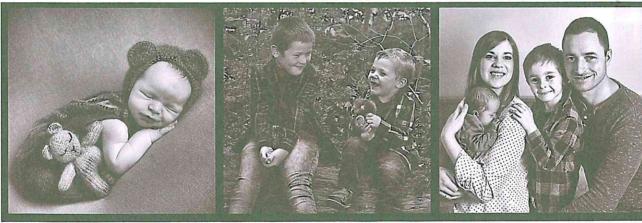
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## **TUESDAY MORNING MASS**

On Tuesday mornings at 9.15 am a said mass is held in the Parish Room which is the building around the back of the main church, and the service lasts for thirty minutes.

The mass is set in an informal setting and enables us the opportunity to enrich our faith.

At the present time we have between 15 – 19 people attending on a regular basis and if everyone came each week we could have up to 26. There are at least 5 people who attend who do not come to a mass on Sunday morning. We have a great team who serve, read, intercede, and administer the chalice, and we thank the ladies who provide the cuppa after the service.

If anyone is unable to attend mass on Sunday morning this is an opportunity to worship at a midweek mass. After the service we gather together in a semi-circle to socialise together with a cup of tea (biscuit optional).

We look forward to seeing you at this service in the coming months.

Richard Peet

## FOR YOUR DIARIES- PRAYER TASTER MORNING!

Prayer taster morning will be held at St Helens Darley Dale, on Saturday September 22nd. It starts at 9.30 am (with breakfast!) and an act of worship.

There will be workshops of half an hour each to choose from 3 per person- on different types of prayer, such as Celtic prayer, charismatic prayer, prayer journaling, Ignatian prayer, centring prayer and Lectionary Divina.

The morning will end with a Eucharist, finishing at approximately 1 pm.

Please see Steph Parkes if you're interested in coming along, if there are enough we can organise transport.

## 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.

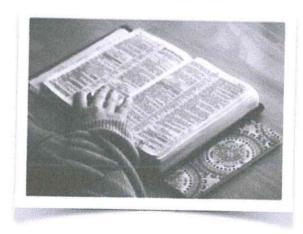
One of the easiest ways of getting into it is to read each passage slowly, take some time to think about what you have read, pray, and then ask these three questions:

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 - September 2018

Sep 1: Ps 135-136; 1Cor 12

Sep 2: Ps 137-139; 1Cor 13

Sep 3: Ps 140-142; 1Cor 14:1-20

Sep 4: Ps 143-145; 1Cor 14:21-40

Sep 5: Ps 146-147; 1Cor 15:1-28

Sep 6: Ps 148-150 ; 1Cor 15:29-58

Sep 7: Prov 1-2; 1Cor 16

Sep 8: Prov 3-5; 2Cor 1

Sep 9: Prov 6-7; 2Cor 2

Sep 10: Prov 8-9; 2Cor 3

Sep 11: Prov 10-12; 2Cor 4

Sep 12: Prov 13-15; 2Cor 5

Sep 13: Prov 16-18; 2Cor 6

Sep 14: Prov 19-21; 2Cor 7

Sep 15: Prov 22-24; 2Cor 8

Sep 16: Prov 25-26; 2Cor 9

Sep 17: Prov 27-29 ; 2Cor 10

Sep 18: Prov 30-31; 2Cor 11:1-15

Sep 19: Ecc 1-3; 2Cor 11:16-33

Sep 20: Ecc 4-6; 2Cor 12

Sep 21: Ecc 7-9; 2Cor 13

Sep 22: Ecc 10-12; Gal 1

Sep 23: Song 1-3; Gal 2

Sep 24: Song 4-5; Gal 3

Sep 25: Song 6-8; Gal 4

Sep 26: Is 1-2; Gal 5

Sep 27: Is 3-4; Gal 6

Sep 28: Is 5-6; Eph 1

Sep 29: Is 7-8; Eph 2

Sep 30: ls 9-10; Eph 3

Cor = Corinthians

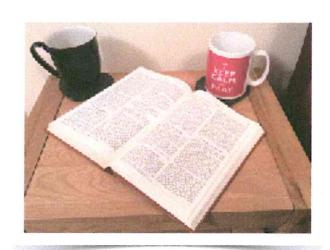
Prov = Proverbs

Ecc = Ecclesiastes

Song = Song of Songs

Is = Isaiah

Eph = Ephesians



## THE LITTLEMOOR CHARITY

The Littlemoor Charity committee manages the Eagle Club building and meets four times a year.

The centre is a great place to hold a birthday party, and different groups meet there with a variety of activities available.

There is also a thriving pre-school based at the Eagle Club which has been there for 50 years and they have an advert in the church magazine which gives information as to what they offer.

This is a place for the community of Newbold to make use of, and we hope this building will be here for many years to come.

At present there are vacancies on the committee and we are looking for enthusiastic people to join us and be involved in supporting the needs of the community.

If you are interested in joining the committee or require further information please see Richard Peet.

## **200 CLUB**

The Club winners for July 2018 were as follows:-

| First prize  | (£34) | Mavis Radford | (Number | 103) |
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| Second prize | (£17) | Evelyn Lowe   | (Number | 78)  |
| Third prize  | (£6)  | Diane Peet    | (Number | 61)  |

New members are always welcome. Please contact either Richard Peet (Tel. 520697) or Stephen Hewitt (Tel. 275225) for more information.

The next draw will be held on Sunday 30th September 2018

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

A committee is being formed to run the Christmas Fayre (November 17) and the Church Fete next year. Interested people should see Heather, Ben or the Church Wardens as soon as possible. Offers to run stalls at the Christmas Fayre are also welcome.

We currently have the following stalls being organised and run by volunteers.

Refreshments, Raffle, Pick a Card, Books

### **CHARITY RACE NIGHT**



Friday 21 September at 7pm
In aid of Nenna Kind Bus,
Weston Park & Feed a Friend
Tickets £6 – Pie and Peas
Chesterfield Rugby Club
Tickets from Jo Whiteley
(via the Speeds or Heather)

### **BIBLE SUDOKU**

First you answer the scripture-based questions to determine the numbers for each puzzle and place them in the squares mentioned. Then proceed as normal, placing numbers 1 to 9 in each row, each column and each of nine 3 x 3 shaded areas within the larger puzzle.

For I2, E7, H4

How many chapters are in the book of 1 John?

For G7, F4

What number commandment says, "Thou shalt not bear false witness against thy neighbour"? (Exodus 20:16)

For F6, C1

How many times was Paul shipwrecked? (2 Corinthians 11:25)

For B6, G9, D2

How many lionlike men of Moab did Benaiah slay? (2 Samuel 23:20)

For H6, C5

Of the first nine chapters of John, which one has Jesus talking to the woman at the well?

For E5, F7

Which verse of Proverbs 15 says that a soft answer turns away wrath?

For F5, B1, E2, A4

To how many churches in Asia did John address the book of Revelation? (Revelation 1:4)

For F2, G4, C7

What was the youngest age, in days, of an animal that could then be sacrificed, per Old Testament law? (Leviticus 22:27)

For B9, E8, D6, H7, G5

During what month of Elizabeth's pregnancy did the angel Gabriel appear to Mary? (Luke 1:26-27, 36)

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|   | Α | В | С | D | Е           | F | G | Н | 1           |
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| 1 |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |
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| 9 |   |   |   |   |             |   |   |   |             |

### CHESTERFIELD NORTH CHURCHES

The CNC group which is made up of the following churches, St Bartholomew, St Barnabas, St Peter and St Pauls, St Lawrence, Loundsley Green, and St John's will be holding a service on SUNDAY 30<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER AT 6.00pm IN NEWBOLD PARISH CHURCH.

There will be refreshments in the Parish Room after the service.

We believe this is an important group in our church life and I encourage members of our congregation and friends, to come and join us, especially as the service is at Newbold Parish Church.

|  | Richard Pe |
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### GUIDE DOGS FOR THE BLIND

Diane Peet wishes to announce that on Saturday 29th September there will be a Coffee Morning held in the Parish Room between 9.30 – 12.30pm.

This is in aid of The Guide Dogs Association and will be hosted by Jonathan Blanksby (Adrian's brother). There will be refreshments (including hot and cold drinks, buns and cake), a "Sweet Pup Sweepstake", music and singing from Adam McCulloch, a raffle, a visit from a guide dog and his/her owner plus the opportunity to buy official Guide Dog merchandise.

We hope you will come along and dig deep for this worthy cause. If you are unable to attend but would like to make a donation we have set up a JustGiving page

http://www.justgiving.com/fundraising/jonathanblanksby

September 2018

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

## Bishop Jan writes...

## Mind the Gap!



September 1st we officially begin our Vacancy in See.

The 1st September is also Bishop Alastair's 70th Birthday so please do remember him in prayers as he your

celebrates this milestone and takes his first official day of retirement. We wish him and Caroline every happiness in their new life in Bath.

So what happens next? Well, pretty much business as usual! I will cover some of Bishop Alastair's duties and legal and pastoral responsibilities, and so will be sharing out some of what I might usually do with colleagues. But I trust that we will, all of us, continue to pray and to ponder and to grow in our discipleship and tend to our churches and reach out to our communities - business as usual - as we wait to see whom God will send to be our next diocesan bishop.

Please pray for the process and for our representatives on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC):

Canon Mark Titterton Kat Alldread Molly Andrews Revd Alicia Dring Revd Julian Hollywell Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance They will be meeting with members of the national CNC at the end of September to draw up a shortlist of candidates, and interviews will take place at the end of November.

The chosen candidate will then have to go through a medical and a safeguarding check, get the Prime Minister's approval and pay homage to the Queen, and if they're not already a bishop, be consecrated. So it will be a good while yet before we plan the welcome services, and until then it's full steam ahead.

My hope and prayer is that we will support, encourage, challenge and love one another as we 'mind the gap' so that we are ready to greet our new bishop, on our toes with our lamps lit, ready and expectant of all that God has in store for us.

Almighty God, giver of all good gifts, guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a faithful pastor and leader for our 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.

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane Bishop of Repton (Acting Bishop of Derby)

## THE BISHOP OF DERBY'S HARVEST APPEAL 2018



SARENGA: A hospital and community health project in Durgapur

As we in the UK celebrate 70 years of our NHS, please support the Church of North India and USPG to promote community health care and support the 125 bed hospital in Sarenga so more people can experience the healing power of God.

Please send donations to: Edward Latham, 64 Birkinstyle Lane, Shirland, Alfreton, DE56 6BS. Cheques should be payable to The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal

www.derby.anglican.org

Diocese of Derby USPG<sup>†</sup>

## Study for a Certificate in Theology, Mission & Ministry

The Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission gives you opportunity to go further, deeper & broader in your understanding of the Christian faith.

The course is designed primarily for participants preparing for, or already involved in, licensed Christian ministry or service. However, the programme is equally suitable for all students wishing to learn at an advanced level for whatever reason.

This is a vocational award offered by the University of Durham (Common Awards) through the All Saints Centre for Mission & Ministry (ASC) in partnership with the Diocese of Derby. This part-time course is available in Derby & (subject to numbers) Chesterfield.

### Entrance Requirements

Entry to the programme is flexible, depending on your experience and education.

Study towards the Certificate requires the preparation of assessed work. You are most likely to flourish if you already have study skills at 'A' level. That said, support and advice is available to all students and a passion to learn is clearly the most important requirement.

You will need to demonstrate your potential to benefit from study at this level.

There will be a low-key interview with ASC at the beginning of the course to help you decide which route to take: 'audited' (no formal assessment) or 'for credit'.

Only 'for credit' students will be awarded the Certificate, which is the first step towards a Bachelor's degree.

Credits earned through study for the Certificate can be used towards further advanced study that could lead to a BA.

Much of the learning material used in the course is available online and so basic IT skills and access to the internet would be a distinct advantage.

## Learning Programme

Candidates for the Certificate need to attend learning hubs where facilitated learning is delivered.

These groups will be in Derby and, subject to the minimum number of participants joining the course, also in Chesterfield.

To gain a Certificate, you must complete 120 credits.

Termly modules follow the same format: a combination of online study through an e-learning site, discussion groups once a week, 'Study Days' (Saturdays) led by the Module leader, independent reading, learning and reflection and two written assessments.

You should be prepared to commit 100-120 hours of study per module.

### Modules

2018-2019 (20 credits each)

- Theology & Practice
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Call & Vocation

2019-2020 (20 credits each)

- Mission & Evangelism
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Christian Doctrine and History

## Apply

For more information or to apply to join the course contact:

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Fiona Bennett Lay Ministry Administrator fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org 01332 388670



With heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity as we start the next stage of our journey.

It has been a great privilege to work for the Gospel in partnership with people across the Diocese.

Every blessing,

+ Morton

Carrie



**GUIDE DOGS** 

SUID!

# The Great Guide Dogs Tea Party

## You're invited

Refreshments,

"Sweet Pup Sweepstake",

Male vocalist Adam McCulloch,

Raffle, Guide Dog and owner,

Official Guide Dog merchandise.

Come along

& dig deep to support this worthy cause!

In the Parish Room

9.30am - 12.30pm.