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# Memorial Service

**Sunday 11th November 6pm**

A general memorial service for the family and friends of those who have died in recent years. If you would like the name of a loved one to be read out please let us know (this can be done on the day).

# Harvest

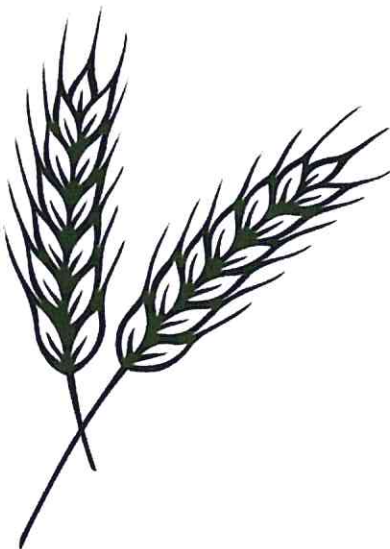
## Sunday 14th October

**9.30am** Holy Communion with a Harvest theme.

(Donations to the Bishop of Derby's harvest appeal & Wateraid. Food donations to Chesterfield Foodbank)

**The 11 o'clock service** - A less formal family friendly Harvest service.

**6pm** - Evensong, followed by a pie and pea supper. (tickets available from the church wardens)



Dear all,

As I write this letter it is now officially Autumn. The incredible, and at times stifling, weather we experienced over the summer appears to be gone. This is always a time of year in which I reflect on the gradual retreat of greenery, and the transition towards the winter months. It also reminds me that things change, that the march of time is unstoppable, and the best reaction is to try to enjoy the variation it brings.

This last month one of our church members, Michael Baker, died. I have included the tribute I gave at his funeral later in this magazine. Over these past few weeks I have been reflecting on losing such a lovely man from the life of our church. Michael died on the day that I returned from my summer holiday with the family. It was a shock and a sadness, but I was able to retain a sense of gladness at knowing something of his story, and being confident of his place in God's nearer presence.

As I reflected on this confident hope during a time of change, I felt that it would be good to share the sermon I gave at Michael's funeral, with the hope that it will help those reading this magazine to have a sense of how we as Christians view death...

'Today is a day of mixed emotions. On the one hand we have a great deal of happy memories, of a life well lived, of a man who as it has been said, was a pleasure to know.

But on the other hand we cannot escape the fact that Michael is gone. For me personally there is a literal space each Sunday morning, where he once stood for our 8 o'clock service, and we miss his presence in this church.

For Michael the walk through this life is over. For Michael, the ups and downs of this world are gone.

But for us left here today, the ups and downs of this life continue.

Michael knew what it was to enjoy life. You could see it in his face as he described the beauty of the things he had seen and heard

throughout his life. About the places he had been, and the music he and so many others had made.

But Michael also knew what it was to face loss. Particularly in these past few years as he struggled to come to terms with the death of both his mother Olive, and his brother David in quick succession.

But what sustained him through these difficult times, and what he described to me also as being there in the joyful times, was his faith in God.

For Michael there were times when God felt incredibly close, sustaining him, giving him a different perspective on life.

As a musician myself I recognised the difficulty in trying to explain what music does to us, spiritually. How it can connect with us on a level that other things simply cannot. Similarly, when we try to describe what faith in God means, and the love which we feel so often as we pray, we run into the problem of trying to define how faith effects us.

No matter how hard you try, you cannot reduce music, love, or faith in God, down to a mathematical equation, or a chemical reaction. It can't be done. But I know that these three areas helped to define who Michael was.

Our Bible reading from Romans 8 encourages us to see that it is God's love, demonstrated through Jesus Christ's life, death and resurrection, that enables us to conquer our fears on a day like today. We are reminded that 'nothing can separate us from the love of God'.

We also have a hope and a confidence, that Michael is experiencing God's love in an incredible way now. That today he is enjoying the nearer presence of God.

My prayer is that all of us here this morning will know the love of God, as Michael did, in a new way. That we would recognise God's presence with us and be sustained by it. Amen.'

A reading from Romans 8:

### **God's Love in Christ Jesus**

**31** *What then are we to say about these things? If God is for us, who is against us? 32 He who did not withhold his own Son, but gave him up for all of us, will he not with him also give us everything else? 33 Who will bring any charge against God's elect? It is God who justifies. 34 Who is to condemn? It is Christ Jesus, who died, yes, who was raised, who is at the right hand of God, who indeed intercedes for us. 35 Who will separate us from the love of Christ? Will hardship, or distress, or persecution, or famine, or nakedness, or peril, or sword?*

**37** *No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. 38 For I am convinced that neither death, nor life, nor angels, nor rulers, nor things present, nor things to come, nor powers, 39 nor height, nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.*

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben

Heavenly Father,  
you have not made us for darkness and death,  
but for life with you for ever.  
Without you we have nothing to hope for;  
with you we have nothing to fear.  
Speak to us now your words of eternal life.  
Lift us from anxiety and guilt  
to the light and peace of your presence,  
and set the glory of your love before us;  
through Jesus Christ our Lord.  
Amen.

## **NEWBOLD WOMEN'S GROUP**

On 5th September Steve Williams, a keen photographer and wildlife enthusiast, gave us an impressive presentation of beautiful wildlife pictures. The main focus was on Scottish fauna, including different angles on red squirrels, mountain hares, pine martens and crested tits, all species either never or rarely seen in England. He also included other creatures more familiar to us, his explanation of the behaviour of the various subjects suitably enhancing the pictorial side.

Our next meeting will be our fundraising event on Wednesday, 3rd October, when local musician Phil Rylance will entertain us with songs and tales of the 1960's, when he was closely involved in the music business. The Men's Group has been invited and anyone will be welcome to join us for what should be a memorable evening. There will be a tombola and all proceeds will go to Pathways, which helps the homeless in Chesterfield, and is our chosen charity for the year.

*Pat Law Committee Member. Tel: 450407*

### **HARVEST SUPPER**

Sunday 14th October at 6 45pm

following evensong at 6pm.

Pea and Pie supper

(vegetarian and gluten free options available by prior request)

Tickets £6.50 adult, £4 child available from the churchwardens

Proceeds to: The Bishop's Harvest Appeal

Chesterfield Foodbank

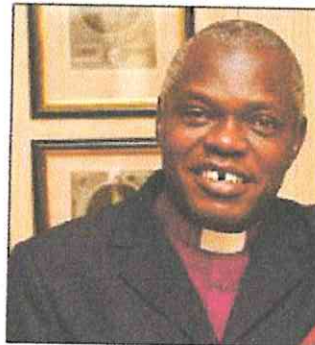


## SAVE THE DATE

Next year's Thy Kingdom Come will take place from **May 30th - June 9th 2019** so put put the dates in your diaries now!

### 'WHAT'S THE STORY SO FAR?'

Now in its third year, Thy Kingdom Come has gathered millions of Christians worldwide to pray for more people to come to faith.



*“Thy Kingdom Come invited us to pray for five people. I asked God who should I pray for ... and sure enough, lots of people came to mind but five particular people stood out in my prayers. I have been praying for these five people for the last year. This Thy Kingdom Come my prayer for them was fervent: ‘God you know them and love them. Holy Spirit fill them.’ I asked God to help me to be a witness to His life in all its fullness in Jesus Christ. Two of them have come to faith in God through Jesus Christ! They came to the beacon celebration and I rejoiced with them. Life is transformed and so rich and deep! I’m praying for the other three and have added two more so I am still praying for five people. Who should you pray for? Start praying!”*

*Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu*

## WALKING GROUP

The 2nd September was yet another hot day as eight of us set off for our walk at Hathersage. We were particularly pleased to welcome Lyn Shepherd who used to walk with us some time ago.

Suitably booted up and wearing an assortment of sun hats, we began walking down a wide, grassy path beside the river Derwent. After a short while we hunkered down to eat our sandwiches beside the weir, where the water rumbled over to the rocks below. A sheep wandered tentatively towards us wanting to drink from the river; her fear of us was overshadowed by her thirst and she drank her fill. We enjoyed the feel of the hot sun on our backs and a gentle breeze moving the leaves on the trees beside us but much as we would have liked to stay there forever, we had a walk to complete. We continued under the gentle shade of Goose Nest Wood (no sign of any geese) with the path bordered by ferns and pathetic blackberry bushes although further into the walk we passed many blackberry bushes full of fruit. Most of us pulled the fruit and tasted as we passed.

We had been warned by our leaders, Eric and Helen, that when we came to the stepping stones we wouldn't be able to cross as a big tree had fallen into the water and workmen had removed some of the stones temporarily. We found this sight intriguing as we reached the spot and stood for a while deciding how and if we should negotiate this obstacle, even suggesting that Steve as our VHP (very helpful person) should have the first try. He declined.

Out of the woods and back under the clear, blue skies – immortalised in song by ELO – we arrived at the main road where a discussion was held as to the quickest way back to the cars. The plan had been to walk back the way we had come but on a higher level, but as some of us were feeling the effects of the heat it was decided to walk along the main road through Bamford towards Hathersage. This was a slog and very noisy with heavy traffic but we made it.

Bob Cable will lead our next walk on Sunday 7th October on the Five Pits Trail, starting from Timber Lane and going towards Astwith. This is a 5 mile walk on mainly flat paths so quite easy for anyone who hasn't walked for a long time. You are welcome to join us. We meet, as usual, at 12noon at the church gates with a packed lunch, transport is sorted and off we go!

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O God, we thank you for this earth, our home, for the wide sky and the blessed sun, for the salt sea and the running water, for the everlasting hill and the never-resting winds, for the trees and the common grass underfoot.

We thank you for our senses by which we hear the songs of birds, and see the splendour of the summer fields and taste of the autumn fruits, and rejoice in the feel of snow and smell the breath of spring.

Amen

**Shirland Brass Band** were asked to hold a concert in our church to raise funds for our community project and they did a superb job. The music resounded around the walls as various marches and songs were played. The conductor, Marie delivered amusing quips between each performance and even managed to get the audience to participate for the final item. Julie worked hard to arrange this and to provide the refreshments and thanks are given to her and to Steve, both of them serving the food and drinks and clearing everything away afterwards. One band member said they loved being invited to play at different venues and would like to return, unfortunately the event came in at a loss as few tickets were sold so this is unlikely to happen. If anyone has any ideas for fundraising in the future please let the churchwardens or Julie know.

# 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.

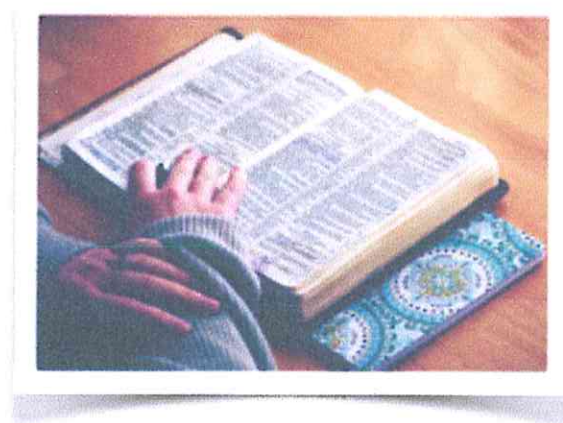
One of the easiest ways of getting into it is to read each passage slowly, take some time to think about what you have read, pray, and then ask these three questions:

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 - October 2018

Oct 1: Is 11-13 ; Eph 4

Oct 2: Is 14-16 ; Eph 5:1-16

Oct 3: Is 17-19 ; Eph 5:17-33

Oct 4: Is 20-22 ; Eph 6

Oct 5: Is 23-25 ; Phil 1

Oct 6: Is 26-27 ; Phil 2

Oct 7: Is 28-29 ; Phil 3

Oct 8: Is 30-31 ; Phil 4

Oct 9: Is 32-33 ; Col 1

Oct 10: Is 34-36 ; Col 2

Oct 11: Is 37-38 ; Col 3

Oct 12: Is 39-40 ; Col 4

Oct 13: Is 41-42 ; 1Thess 1

Oct 14: Is 43-44 ; 1Thess 2

Oct 15: Is 45-46 ; 1Thess 3

Oct 16: Is 47-49 ; 1Thess 4

Oct 17: Is 50-52 ; 1Thess 5

Oct 18: Is 53-55 ; 2Thess 1

Oct 19: Is 56-58 ; 2Thess 2

Oct 20: Is 59-61 ; 2Thess 3

Oct 21: Is 62-64 ; 1Tim 1

Oct 22: Is 65-66 ; 1Tim 2

Oct 23: Jer 1-2 ; 1Tim 3

Oct 24: Jer 3-5 ; 1Tim 4

Oct 25: Jer 6-8 ; 1Tim 5

Oct 26: Jer 9-11 ; 1Tim 6

Oct 27: Jer 12-14 ; 2Tim 1

Oct 28: Jer 15-17 ; 2Tim 2

Oct 29: Jer 18-19 ; 2Tim 3

Oct 30: Jer 20-21 ; 2Tim 4

Oct 31: Jer 22-23 ; Titus 1

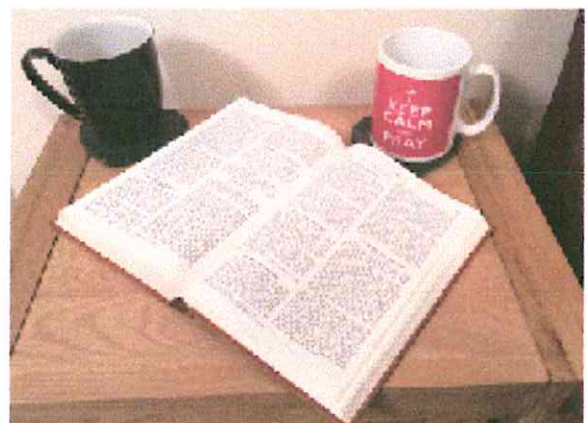
Eph = Ephesians

Phil = Philippians

Col = Colossians

Thess = Thessalonians

Tim = Timothy





## The 11 o'clock service

Join us on Sunday 14th and 28th Oct.  
All are welcome!

### Our September 11 o'clock service:

On **9th September**, we thought about treating the rich and poor equally. James Chapter 2.

We sang Lord, the Light of your Love is shining; Nothing is too BIG BIG BIG for his power and Our God is a Great Big God.

Once again, our friends 'The Little Misses and Mr Men' helped us with our confession.

Heather became 'Pauline Carter' in a sketch to illustrate how we act differently when engaging with the rich and important people rather than the poor and unimportant.

Jamie and Heather led the prayers and Ben encouraged folks to think about someone we had not contacted recently and to make the effort to talk to them in the coming week.

On **23rd September**, the theme was "Who is the greatest?"

Children from our church school read the bible reading and led the prayers. Heather and Jaimie did some drama (Well done, Jamie!) explaining that God wants us to be happy with nothing and content to serve others and it is that which makes us great.

We sang 'Bless the Lord O My Soul', 'Jesus Loves Ya' and 'Shine'. Fellowship, crafts and refreshments followed in the Parish Room afterwards.

**Next Services** October 14th (Harvest) and 28th (Newbold Church School will be taking part) **ALL ARE WELCOME**

## LOCAL EVENTS

**Come to our Coffee Morning** in the Parish Room at St. John's Church on Saturday 6th October, 10am – 12 noon. Carol and Gwyn will be hosting it so there will be plenty of delicious cakes.

Then perhaps you could -

**Visit the Art Exhibition** held for the fourth year in St. Andrew's Church, Newbold Road. The work of students from nine senior schools in the Chesterfield area will be on display on Saturday 6th October, 10-4pm and on Sunday 7th, 1-4pm. Entry is free.

## NewBOLD Building Project October Quiz Night



On Tuesday 16th October, Diane and Mike will be hosting a quiz night! They will be going old school, this time, reverting back to good old pen and paper! Doors will open at 7.00pm where you will be able to have a drink, buy raffle tickets and fire up the brain cells with a warm up quiz.

The main quiz will begin at 7.30pm, followed by a supper of jacket potatoes (various fillings) and a selection of mini puddings (please shout up about any dietary requirements when you buy your ticket).

Tickets priced at £6.50adults/ £4.50 children are available from Churchwardens and Heather Peet.

All are welcome! See you there!

## CHURCH CHRISTMAS FAYRE

The Christmas Fayre takes place on **Saturday 17th November** in church with refreshments in the Parish Room.

We have a good selection of stalls Books, Cakes, Crafts, In the Box, Lucky Stocking, Name the Doll's House, Personalised Baubles, Pick-a-Card, Preserves, Raffle and Tombola.

Please take a list, available at the beginning of October detailing what donations are required. **Please speak directly to the person running the stall to arrange when to bring.** With work, to the heating system, taking place we have nowhere to store anything.

Raffle tickets will be available soon and there is a list at the back to sign up to donate one of the prizes required.

Please take your tickets from the back of church and sell to friends, neighbours, family. Look out for the posters being available in addition to flyers to publicise this fundraising event. However, as always the best publicity is by word of mouth so do encourage others to come along with you.

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### 200 CLUB

The Club winners for August 2018 were as follows:-

First Prize	£35	Gwyn Eyre	Number	60
Second Prize	£18	Lyn Shepherd	Number	87
Third Prize	£6	Chris Witham	Number	131

The next draw will be held on Sunday 28th October 2018. New members are always welcome. Please contact either Richard Peet, Tel: 520697 or Stephen Hewitt Tel: 275225 for more information.

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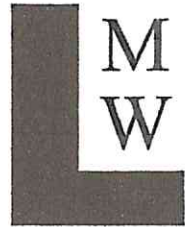
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## **Michael Baker**

4th April 1946 - 25th August 2018

The following is a copy of one of the tributes delivered at the funeral of Michael Baker which took place on Tuesday 18th September.

'Michael began life in Halifax where he lived with his mother Olive and brother David. He also spend a lot of time with his maternal grandparents, and the family would enjoy outings to Morcambe and the lakes.

Life was never very straight forward in those days, with Olive bringing up two boys on her own.

At the age of 11 Michael suffered from osteomyelitis which meant that his transition from primary school to secondary education was put on hold while he had his leg in traction for the best part of a year. Visiting hours were very restricted in those days, but twice a week Olive would make the journey from the school where she was teaching via two buses to spend as much time as she was allowed with him.

Michael was a very bright child and his musical ability became apparent early on and would become a huge part of who he was. After spending a year at the Royal School of Church Music College, at Addington Palace, and working as a jobbing organist for a year, he gaining an organ scholarship to Jesus College Cambridge. During his time there he became friends with number of kindred spirits including Richard Hickox, and also noted choral composer, conductor and organist David Willcocks,

Upon leaving Cambridge he was offered several posts around the country as organist and choir master, but settled at Chesterfield Parish Church in 1971. He spent the majority of his working life there, directing the choir, organising incredible concerts, and tours including several to the twin cities of Darmstadt in Germany and Alkmaar in Holland, also to Venice, and on one occasion to New York where the choir performed in the great St Thomas' Church on Fifth Avenue.

Michael also delighted in taking the choir on tours around England's great cathedrals as well as the famous choir camps at Pickering. They also made several recordings. Michael recruited choir members from all over the local area and from a great variety of backgrounds.

He was also chorus master of Bradford Festival Choral Society for many years, during which time he conducted many major works. He played continuo with the Northern Symphonia, making several recordings over the years, he established Chesterfield Bach Choir, which I know a number of folk here today sang in, and was an examiner for the Associated Board for 40 years.

Although Michael never married, he is survived by his son Alex, who like Michael has a great love of music and has become a talented musician in his own right. Although their relationship was sporadic during Alex's early years, in more recent years they were able to spend time together, with Michael often accompanying Alex's singing and violin, and I know that Alex was grateful for the care and attention he showed in preparing him for exams and performances. I also know that Michael was immensely proud of Alex, and their bond through music was incredibly strong.

Alongside all of his musical activities, Michael enjoyed watching tennis, he's known for having a portable TV in the vestry at the crooked spire during wedding season so that he could keep up with Wimbledon!

He also very much enjoyed travelling around the sites of Derbyshire and beyond. Regularly visiting cathedrals, and I know he also loved to visit Walsingham.

For the past 13 years Michael and Cathy (Longstaff) have shared their lives together. They very much enjoyed visiting historic churches together, holidaying in the Welsh Borders and Norfolk, as well as numerous days out to Whitby, Scarborough and most recently Grantham. They also enjoyed time in Yorkshire. One particular memory Cathy shared with me was of an early morning phone call when Michael, knowing her fondness of the countryside and in particular for sheep, held the phone out to a field of sheep so that all she heard on the other end of the line was their bleating and bawling! An example of his at times playful sense of humour.

Visiting cathedrals, churches, and shrines was for Michael far more than simply a tourist endeavour. He often spoke with me about the impact these places had on him spiritually. He had a quiet but strong faith, regularly attending our early morning mass here, and he would often comment afterwards on the parts of the sermon which had resonated with him and about his upcoming trips. He was also a regular reader at our 9.30 service, and I know that a lot of folk here this morning appreciated the way he read the scriptures for us and will miss his voice.

Michael will be remembered for a great many things. Words and phrases that have been shared with me recently include: A real Gentleman, humorous with a gentle sarcasm, at times intensely focussed, happy with his own company, but also someone who had a warm and calming presence. I will miss him, as I am sure you all will.'



May he rest in peace and rise in glory!

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

16 Sept Oscar Luke Hutchinson  
Emilia Lilly Hutchinson

30 Sept Albie Jack Evison

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

## Funerals

18 Sept Michael Baker aged 72

26 Sept Marian Marshall Woodhouse aged 74

## Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

23 Aug Doreen Furness

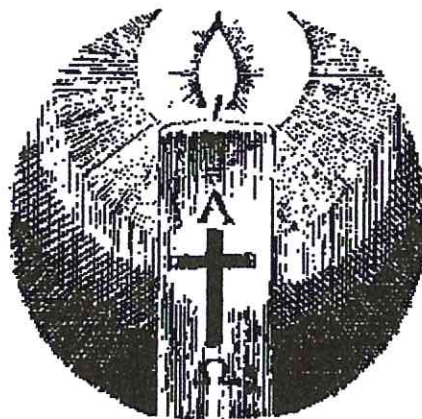
15 Sept David John Beresford

20 Sept William Hancock

28 Sept Marian Marshall Woodhouse

29 Sept Dorothy Mary Muddiman

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



## DIARY FOR OCTOBER 2018

1	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
2	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
3	W	09.30	Church School Harvest Service
		19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
6	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning (till 12.00) [PR]
<b>7</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Dedication Festival (S1)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Holy Baptism
		12.00	Walking Group
8	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
9	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
10	W	10.00	Cavendish Harvest Service
<b>14</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Harvest Thanksgiving (S2)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
		18.00	Harvest Evensong
		18.45	Harvest Supper [PR]
15	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
16	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		19.00	Quiz Night [PR]
20	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning (till 12.00)
		10.30	Men's Group Meeting [PR]
<b>21</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Trinity 21 (S3)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Baptism
22	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]

		19.30	PCC Meeting [PR}
23	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		14.00	Pastoral Group Meeting [PR]
27	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)
<b>28</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>The Last Sunday after Trinity (S4)</b>
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
29	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
30	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		19.00	Littlemoor Charity Meeting [Eagle Club]

**COFFEE MORNING**

***This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup> 2018***

***10.00 until 12.00***

***in the Parish Room***

***Please invite folks to come!***

***Everyone welcome***

***Items for the November Magazine  
to the editors by Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup> October  
2018, please.***

*Here we reproduce Heather's sermon delivered on Sunday 26th August, you may like to read it slowly and thoughtfully.*

It's hard to believe that before Ben went on holiday he read the Gospel from John chapter 6 and today I have read from that very same chapter, as have David, Julie and Geraldine in his absence. The chapter has had a reoccurring word – BREAD.

As Geraldine said last week, in this chapter Jesus declares 'I am the bread of life.' I don't know what your choice of fast food is – there are so many - Ronald McDonald gave us the Big Mac and Colonel Saunders, Kentucky Fried Chicken; but God feeds the world, not with fast food, but with gourmet food - that gives life, real life, and as we heard last week, eternal life.

Uncompromising teaching follows the feeding of the multitude. Amazed at what Jesus had done with just a few scraps of food, Jesus literally had them eating out of his hand; surely, they would be responsive to his message. Yet some complained it was too difficult to accept and turned their backs.

Being a disciple demands a response and if we dumb down discipleship, we sell people short. Jesus sets out in plain stark terms, what following him entails. He faced the painful consequence of losing some of his followers, even asking his closest disciples whether they would stay or go. This was the turning point in their commitment to Jesus, and to God.

Some left, but Peter remained strong in the Lord, standing firm, with just a bit of a wobble later, fearing his own fate as they arrested Jesus. Too committed to go back to his old life, with nowhere to run, Peter clung to his absolute belief that Jesus had the words of eternal life and that Jesus was the Holy One of God.

'We have come to believe and know that you are the Holy One of God' points to John's explanation (20: 30-31) that he wrote this Gospel so that others might come to believe that Jesus is the Messiah.

Discipleship requires being in relationship with Jesus; this relationship grows through continual learning and study. The role of a disciple is to make Jesus visible through our encounter with him and spreading the Good News of the love of Jesus. This is not a role just for clergy and readers but every disciple of Christ.

Society is desperately seeking meaning to life. Christianity is one of a myriad of things to follow, along with football, political parties and soaps to name but a few. Disciples of worldly things will have their traits. The football fan may have a season ticket, and perhaps a shirt and scarf in club colours. The political follower may subscribe financially to the Political Party, being a party member and they will oppose whatever the other parties say. The soap fan will never miss an episode and may even believe the characters are real.

Christian disciples receive a calling, not only to follow Christ but also to learn his teaching and live by it.

A true disciple's life has the teaching of Jesus as the firm foundation of their faith. Faith is more than believing God exists. Faith is more than coming to church on a Sunday. Faith comes through true discipleship which entails commitment and a willingness to learn.

God changes each of us as disciples from the inside out and at our 11 o'clock service, we often sing 'shine, from the inside out, so the world will see, you live in me.'

Being a disciple is never easy. We will face many battles, they may be spiritual, material, juggling time; daily choice even battles of commitment. Jesus called his disciples and us to be with him, but he is willing to let us go our own way, because he loves everyone and respects their freedom. This freedom, to choose other things comes up time and time again. It presents itself in many guises. Thankfully, we are not alone in these battles. We are not without armour as we assess and reassess our commitment, our discipleship. We should look on these battles as opportunities to mature as disciples.

Writing from his prison cell, Paul urged the church in Ephesus and each of us to 'Take up the whole armour of God, in order to withstand evil.'

Paul lists the individual elements of the spiritual armour.

The belt of truth holds everything in place. It shows a soldier is ready for action. We need to allow God's truth to surround us like a belt. The bible tells us Satan is the 'father of lies,' but can never defeat us if we hold on to the truth that Jesus Christ is Lord.

A breastplate of righteousness, guards against Satan's attacks. It covers major organs against attack, including the heart. Satan can never harm us when we choose to obey God's laws. Isaiah 59:17 tells us that God himself put on righteousness as a breastplate.

Next comes footwear, many armies have gone on to win battles being well shod. This enables them to undertake long marches at incredible speed over rough terrain.

As we march along the Christian path, Satan tries to confuse and worry us but with our feet wearing the Gospel of Peace, he is soon defeated.

Next comes the shield, as Satan will try to plant seeds of doubt in our hearts and minds, but those seeds of doubt never take root when we have this shield of faith in Jesus trusting in God's power to deflect the arrows of the evil one.

Jesus, entering humanity, dying and rising again is our helmet of Salvation. When we accept salvation in Jesus' name, we will win our battle against Satan.

So we have armour, all we need now is a weapon. These weapons are in our homes and dotted around church. As Hebrews 4: 12 says,

'The sword of the Spirit is the word of God. The word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing until it divides soul from spirit, joints from marrow; it is able to judge the thoughts and intentions of the heart'.

This sword will not stay sharp on its own. The sword will need sharpening and focussing through regular Bible Study.

As we study the bible, in particular the Gospels, we learn about how Jesus lived and we begin to understand what it is to be Christ-like.

The bible equips us to listen to the Holy Spirit who dwells in us and helps us to overcome trials and to resist temptations.

Jesus himself used scripture against the Satan in the wilderness. He brought to mind the scripture, which dealt with each situation. Once again, we have that word bread, Matthew 4:4 'One does not live by bread alone but by every word that comes from the mouth of God.' V 7 –'Do not put the Lord your God to the test'. Also in v 10 'worship the Lord your God and serve only him'.

As we study our bibles, we begin to understand what it means to abide in Christ; we begin to love people through our actions.

St Paul in his second letter to the church in Corinth 4: 6-15, writes that we might not be perfect but when Jesus abides in us, he shines the light of his Gospel through the cracks.

As we grow in faith we long to share our faith with others, family, friends, neighbours, colleagues, anyone who will listen when we tell how Jesus is active in our lives. We should never underestimate the personal invitation to others to come and see.

A word of warning though, yes this contains the words of eternal life, but if left unopened it may as well be a Mills and Boon romance or the Beano comic. Our bibles are a major part of our spiritual toolkit acting as vehicles to take us along the road of faith; prayer is our fuel; true repentance and turning to Christ is like the MOT and Holy Communion keeps everything well oiled.

Paul urges each of us to offer heartfelt prayers for each other, and ourselves for the work of the church in spreading the Gospel, which contains the words of Eternal Life. I pray that we too may declare boldly with Peter, 'We have come to believe and know that Jesus is the Holy One of God'

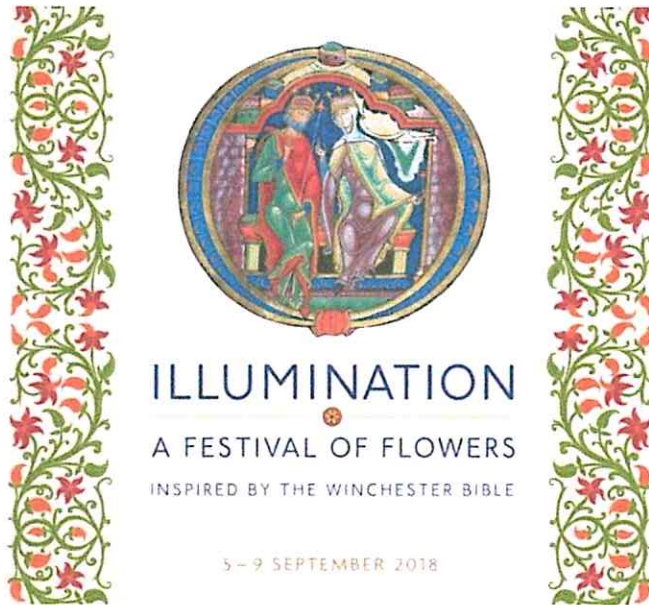
I am aware that I have quoted quite a bit of scripture. I have a list for anyone who wants to study these passages further.

LET US PRAY:

Lord, we give you thanks that you call each of us to follow you as disciples. Equip us to be faithful servants who respond wholeheartedly without counting the cost. When we stumble, raise us up. Protect us with your armour as we serve you in our world proclaiming the Good News of Jesus Christ, the Holy One of God. Amen.

## Winchester Cathedral Flower Festival 2018

The Winchester Bible was produced over 850 years ago and is lavishly decorated. It is in four parts, one was on display during this year's flower festival in the Cathedral. Work is underway to display all four parts in a new exhibition space. The bible's patron was Henry of Blois, however due to his premature death the bible was never completed.



The flower festival takes place every two years and for the last two years Angela Turner has been the Artistic Director with 300 volunteer flower arrangers from the Wessex and Jersey Area of NAFAS (National Association of Flower Arranging Societies) arranging the flowers.

There were 50 themed areas depicting the illumination of flowers through the Winchester Bible. Here are a few of the themes depicted in flowers:

Ink and the medieval artist palette - nine palettes showed the colours used both in the bible and the flowers arrangements.

The scribes - ribbons and feathers along with 300 red gerbera flowers were used to show the importance of the scribes work on the bible.

English oak – oak was used as the cover of the bible.

Historic craft - book binding is depicted using traditional items with flowers coming from the pages of the book.

Parchment - the bible is the largest known 12<sup>th</sup> Century bible. Over 250 calves were used to make the pages of the bible. Parchment was hung in waves from the roof with seasonal garlands.

Story telling – the picture shows how flowers and foliage are used to indicate a book, inkwell and quill. The cross represents faith, the book, the story to be read.



Spreading the word - captures today's methods of communication.

Missing initials - a number of initials were cut from the bible over the centuries, only one has been recovered.

Hope -the bible was used as support in times of trouble and unease giving hope and encouragement to those who heard its word.



Unfinished – Fresh plant material is here used to show the process of illuminating the bible. Orchids show one of the colours to be used if it had been completed.

Contemplation - a circle of chairs with seats of pastel coloured flowers placed around a table with floral tapestry bookmarks placed on each bible.

Each time I relook at my photographs and the programme I see so many arrangements and think oh yes that was good and how did they do that, it is difficult to believe it is only on display for 5 days.

Which was my favourite I was asked as we went around for a second time? I still don't know as there were so many to choose from.

If you are interested in seeing my photographs or programme please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Julie Franks

### **CEFAA- Church of England Flower Arrangers Association Prayer**

O Lord the creator of all things of beauty, grant to those who serve you with their gifts of floral art, a sense of your majesty and a desire to heighten the worship of the Holy Church by the dedicated use of their gifts.

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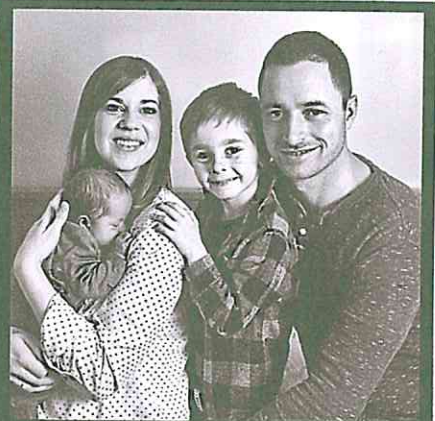
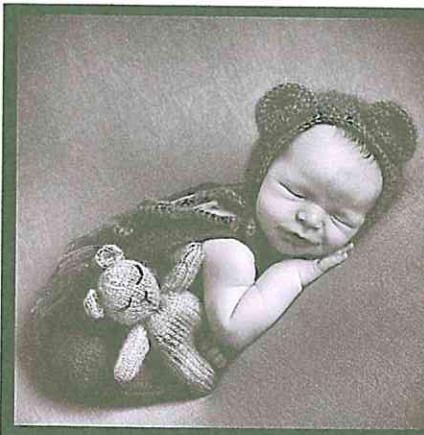
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## MONDAY CLUB

The club meet on Monday afternoon in the Parish Room between 1.45 pm and 4.00 pm. Each month we go out for a meal and visit places of interest, and also sometimes arrange for speakers to come to the club.

MONDAY 1<sup>ST</sup> MEAL OUT WHITE HART CALOW

MONDAY 8<sup>TH</sup> TRIP OUT TO BE ARRANGED

MONDAY 15<sup>TH</sup> PARISH ROOM SOCIAL AFTERNOON 1.45 pm

MONDAY 22<sup>ND</sup> MEAL OUT TO BE ARRANGED

MONDAY 29<sup>TH</sup> PARISH ROOM SOCIAL / GAMES 1.45 pm

New members are welcome to join this friendly, fun group.

If you are interested contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number is on the back of the magazine.

## **THE DISCOVERY CLUB - Volunteers needed**

Discovery Club is the name of the after-school group which meets most Thursday afternoons during term time at 3.30 in the Church School. There are approximately twenty children involved. The session starts with a bible-based craft and the volunteers walk around the tables helping where needed. The teacher from ValleyCids then tells them a bible story associated with the craft as they sit cross-legged on the carpet while the volunteers look for attentive pupils, the best one getting a small prize and the accolade of "Star of the Week". A game follows which is always good fun and the children are collected at 4.45 by their parents or guardians. At the moment we have 3 volunteers – Marie Whitham, Brian Smith and Evelyn Lowe and we would ideally like more, even if only once a month.

If you are at all interested, then please speak to one of the above or come along one Thursday afternoon to join in the fun. If you decide it's not for you after that, then you just need to say so.

## **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 3x3 shaded areas within the larger puzzle.

For A1, H3, I4 ,D7

How many branches were to extend from the candlestick in the tabernacle?  
(Exodus 25:32)

For B1, E3

In the prophecy of Jeremiah, how many winds will be brought against Elam?  
(Jeremiah 49:36)

For B2, C9

How many things did the psalmist desire of the Lord? (Psalm 27:4)

For D2, F4, B5

How many oxen did Moses give to the Merari Levites? (Numbers 7:8)

For E2, H4, C6, F7, I9

How many hundred iron chariots did Sisera have? (Judges 4:13)

For F1, A6, B7, H9

How many times over would the slayer of Cain suffer vengeance?  
(Genesis 4:15)

For F5, H6, E7, B9

How many years after his conversion did Paul go to see Peter in Jerusalem?  
(Galatians 1:18)

For G2, D9

How many commandments did Jesus say the Old Testament law and prophets hang on? (Matthew 22:40)

For I1, E5, B6, H7

How many hundred years old was Noah when he had his three sons?  
(Genesis 5.32)

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4	White	White	White	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	White	White	White
5	White	White	White	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	White	White	White
6	White	White	White	Shaded	Shaded	Shaded	White	White	White
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October 2018

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

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## Archdeacon Christopher writes...

### The Great Hesitation



It is said that when the Buddha achieved enlightenment he hesitated. Was what he had experienced uniquely personal, unintelligible to anyone else, or was it something that could be shared with

others, that had some content? Eventually he decided that he couldn't just keep it to himself and so he started teaching, which is why we know about Buddhism.

Buddhist scholars have debated the significance of the Great Hesitation, as it is known, ever since and in great detail. As we know too well, it's very easy to become transfixed by the minutiae of religious argument and to miss the main point. The Great Hesitation suggests to me something profoundly important about the nature of religion and, indeed, about political and social debate more generally. Is the way to salvation just a private affair, which you have to achieve under your own steam; or is it something you are told about and sign up for?

We seem to live in a world where it's much easier to communicate with people but, ironically, much harder to have a proper conversation with them about the things that matter, because we lack a shared starting-point. The risk is that therefore give space

for two kinds of infallibility to flourish. One is the infallibility of the individual.

My experience, my outlook on life, is the norm and everyone else needs to conform to it. The other kind of infallibility is that of the system or organisation which imposes its authority, whether that is a church, a political party, or a government.

Both of these stances express an important truth. Any system, religious or otherwise, needs to be able to mark its boundaries and continue itself in time. And it is important that individuals have the freedom to respond to what is on offer and to make sense of it for themselves. It is perhaps the genius of the Anglican way that it holds a mutually creative balance between the system and the individual.

Yet it is perilously easy for that balance to be disrupted, as some of the discussions in the Church of England and the Anglican Communion are warning us. 'Look before you think', the philosopher Wittgenstein used to say. Maybe the story of the Great Hesitation can help us engage more creatively and productively with each other.

**The Venerable Christopher Cunliffe**  
**Archdeacon of Derby**

## Giving in Grace - A Useful Resource for a Stewardship Programme



*Geraldine and Joy -  
Members of St John's,  
Mickleover write...*

In 2017, the request to increase our giving to the Common Fund was received as our Parish MAP suggested it was time to focus on Stewardship. Our PCC was invited to a presentation on "Giving in Grace" as a possible approach to this subject.

We were inspired - "Jesus talks about money almost as much as he talks about God and His heavenly kingdom, so we should not shy away from raising finance and giving with a congregation." We were appointed as a working group to research the resources and present a potential programme to the PCC.

We discovered a wealth of resources to explore. Not all samples or suggestions were appropriate for our situation but they provided a template and a baseline to work from. We were particularly inspired by the constant references to quotes in the Bible. We were encouraged to pray and preach on the subject of giving and discipleship, review giving trends, gather facts, create literature to present the situation to the congregation, ask for responses, follow up these responses and provide an opportunity for thanksgiving.

Giving in Grace is not a programme that can be rushed - it is by no means a "quick fix" but a way to encourage a culture of discipleship and stewardship to grow and develop. It involved three months of preparation and planning (prayer and research), two months to present (preaching and literature) and one month to allow for responses and follow-up. It recommends that we focus on financial giving every three years and use the interim years to offer opportunities to consider the giving of time and talents with a gentle reminder to feature and review our finances annually.

We received an overwhelmingly positive financial response to our Giving in Grace Stewardship programme, exceeding the targets we had suggested. However, we must also highlight the practical ways that members of the Church can respond through offering time and talents to assist with the mission and ministry in our Parish.

In 2018, we are focussing for one month on the opportunity to respond to God's love with time and talents to further the mission and ministry of the church in our community.

Overall we have found the resources and approach suggested through the Giving in Grace website very helpful and would recommend that other churches take time to look at it -

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## 2018/2019 Diocesan Directory to be published

The Diocesan Directory was last published in 2015 and, whilst currently out of date, remains a stable tool for clergy, readers, diocesan staff and PCC's.

We are pleased to confirm that the 2018/2019 Diocesan Directory is currently being prepared which we intend to publish before the end of the year.

In the coming weeks, all clergy, readers, PCC secretaries and treasurers will be contacted

in respect of their details for the directory and your swift response and support would be hugely appreciated.

As you can imagine, with over 300 churches across the diocese, this is by no means a small task but we hope that the end result will help all churches and parishes to work closer together and provide relevant contact information to help build relationships and bonds for the good of church.

## The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2018

Whilst churches and parishes are celebrating Harvest Festivals and Suppers across the Diocese, we ask you to support and pray for The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal.

This year's appeal is supporting Serenga Hospital in Durgapur, India, a joint project between USPG and CNI.

The Serenga Hospital was founded in 1914 and has 125 beds. Its name means 'The House of Christian Service'. The hospital also operates a community health programme in local villages that seeks to educate, offer preventative advice and care and create relationships between the hospital, the church and the community which will encourage

patients to come to the hospital when they need medical help.

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Cheques should be payable to The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal.

More details, including a short video, are available at [www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org)

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## Readers Licensing Service, 8 September 2018

On 8 September 2018, the Diocese celebrated the ministry of Readers during a special service where Abbey Emery, Claire Hobby, Richard Maltby and Mike Pilling were Admitted and Licensed as Readers, and Marie Ashmore, Emily Brailsford, Lisa Ollerenshaw, James Taylor, Alison Wells and Gillian Wells were Licensed as Readers.

The service was led by Bishop Jan, and Professor Hugh Rollinson, Course Director at the Faraday Institute for Science and Religion (and formerly a Reader in the Diocese of

Derby) gave the sermon.

This was a really special and memorable service, which highlighted the great work and dedication of Readers across the Diocese. View photos at [www.derby.anglican.org](http://www.derby.anglican.org).

If you have interest in finding out more about Reader Ministry, please contact:

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## “From the Pews” - share your stories / quotes

We know that members of our congregations throughout the diocese have many stories, many moving and inspirational, to tell and we would really love to feature some of them in our quarterly magazine “Together”.

If you have been moved by the power of christ, inspired others with your faith, or even have a funny story to tell of something that happened in church - or maybe a quote or saying then please share it with us by emailing us at: [Together@derby.anglican.org](mailto:Together@derby.anglican.org).

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## Freedom Week, 14 - 21 October 2018

Freedom Week is a time to remember those trapped in modern slavery and people – professionals and volunteers – who try to tackle this abhorrent crime.

There will be a Chain of Light and Prayer across the diocese once again with a candle for each Archdeaconry. Freedom Week bookmarks will also be available.

We would like to encourage all who are interested to participate either through worship, hosting the candles, prayer stations or vigils. New types of remembrance are also welcome.

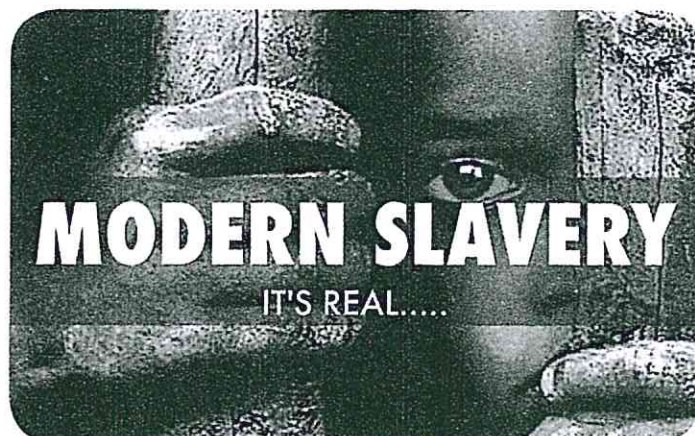
18 October 2018 is Anti-Slavery Day which may offer an opportunity to coordinate events across the Diocese or in deaneries.

Freedom Week is ecumenical and non-diocesan organisations are welcome to take part in their own context.

To register an interest, please email:

Pippa Rowen

[chaplain@bishopofderby.org](mailto:chaplain@bishopofderby.org)



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## Churches Together for Derbyshire

Pastor Geoff Pickup will be the keynote speaker at the next Churches Together for Derbyshire event. “Working Together is worth it” on Saturday 6 October 2018 from 10am - 3pm at Matlock Methodist and United Reformed Church. Free entry, drinks provided but please bring your own lunch.

He will draw on over 40 years ministry experience to show how traditional denominations and less traditional congregations are collaborating when and how the Spirit leads.

Reserve your place - [ian.sant@ntlworld.com](mailto:ian.sant@ntlworld.com)

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## **100 days of Prayer for Peace**

On 4th August churches around the country began 100 days of Prayer for Peace to mark the centenary of the First World War. The original National Day of Peace was called by King George V who attended a special service in St. Margaret's, Westminster with members of the Houses of Parliament. This was held on 4th August 1918 – 100 days later Armistice Day occurred.

The six presidents of Churches Together in England have called upon six congregations to join the days of prayer, the Archbishop of Canterbury being one of them said "From 4th August 2018, in churches across this country, let us mark 100 days with prayers for peace, hope and reconciliation".

The Revd. Nims Obunge, Deputy Lord Lieutenant of London and the CEO of the Peace Alliance said, "As part of Remembrance 100 we are encouraging communities across the country to organise peace prayers events, community peace talks, peace festivals, peace arts and poetry competitions, peace projects and many more community building activities. In London we are praying for peace, particularly in the light of rising knife crime".

In Chesterfield, St. Mary and All saints have set up a display of 1574 handmade poppies on their south wall. Revd. Patrick Coleman, who blessed the cascade said, "This display is an important remembrance of the ultimate sacrifice made by over 1500 people from this town - around one in seventy of the local population at the time. It gives us the opportunity to pledge to redouble our resolve to pray and work for peace, so this disastrous loss of life isn't repeated."

St. John the Evangelist, Newbold will be unveiling their own altar cloth decorated with hand knitted poppies by the ladies of the craft class on 11th November. 150 poppies represent the number of men from this area of Newbold who sacrificed their lives in the First World War.



Newbold Parish Church



*Remembrance*  
*Sunday 11th*  
*November 2018*

**9.30am**

Holy Communion with an act of remembrance.

**The 11 o'clock service**

Informal service with act of remembrance.

**12.00pm Churches Together in Newbold**

Service of Remembrance at the War Memorial.



*WW1 Act of  
remembrance*

with the Mayor of Chesterfield

**Monday 5th November**

**11am**

**Littlemoor War  
Memorial**