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You are invited to join us at
St John the Evangelist, Newbold Parish Church
(in the Parish Room behind the church)

10.00 a.m. – 12 noon

For a Coffee Morning in aid of Church Funds



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Dear all,

February is a month which, if I'm honest, I don't very much enjoy. It is often a month when the weather is bad, the dark nights and dark mornings bookend the day. The excitement of Christmas and New Year has worn off, and we are left with a month which feels like it is desperately waiting for Spring. To top this off we have the ever present talk of Brexit...

I write this piece for the magazine in the week following the rejection of Theresa May's deal, the biggest defeat in the history of Parliament, and it feels to me as though as a country we are sliding further into uncertainty about our future. The Brexit debate seems to get more and more impossible every day, people are verbally and physically attacking MPs and each other as they go about their daily lives and business, anger seems all too prevalent in society with people asking themselves "What is this country coming to?" and "Where is our hope?".

In the midst of this turmoil, a prayer taken from the Book of Common Prayer has been posted widely on social media:

A prayer for the High Court of Parliament to be read during their Session.

Most gracious God, we humbly beseech thee, as for this Kingdom in general, so especially for the High Court of Parliament, under our most religious and gracious Queen at this time assembled: That thou wouldest be pleased to direct and prosper all their consultations to the advancement of thy glory, the good of thy Church, the safety, honour and welfare of our Sovereign, and her Dominions; that all things may be so ordered and settled by their endeavours, upon the best and surest foundations, that peace and happiness, truth and justice, religion and piety may be established among us for all generations. These and all other necessaries, for them, for us and thy whole Church, we humbly beg in the Name and Mediation of Jesus Christ our most blessed Lord and Saviour. Amen.

In these times of uncertainty, it can seem that peace and happiness, truth and justice, are so far from the Government's agenda as to be absent. There is hope, however, and we see it in the everyday stories that aren't often seen on the news, or printed on the pages of our newspapers. We see it in the everyday stories of people working to help each other, neighbours rallying round when tragedy strikes, the incredible work that our local night shelter has been doing, the work of Chesterfield Foodbank and Pathways. We see it in the kindness and care we show for each other in our churches, and more widely in our communities. People visiting one another, doing odd-jobs for others, offering lifts and other numerous small things that have a big impact on the lives of all of us.

I spoke about this at our Christians Together in Newbold service at St Andrew's as we prayed for Christian Unity.

In my talk I recognised that it is easy to feel daunted by the enormity of the task of bringing justice to our world. The sometimes disheartening feeling as we see our congregations ageing, with fewer people able to do what they once did. I recognised that many of us feel overwhelmed by the size of the tasks before us. But as I thought about this I was reminded of the following story:

One day, an old man was walking along a beach that was littered with thousands of starfish that had been washed ashore by the high tide. As he walked he came upon a young boy who was eagerly throwing the starfish back into the ocean, one by one.

Puzzled, the man looked at the boy and asked what he was doing. Without looking up from his task, the boy simply replied, "I'm saving these starfish".

The old man chuckled aloud, "But there are thousands of starfish and only one of you. What difference can you make?"

The boy picked up a starfish, threw it into the water and turning to the man, said, "I made a difference to that one!"

Never underestimate what God can do through the smallest of interactions, through the seemingly inconsequential kindnesses we offer to others, through our attempts to make a difference. Because if we ask God to guide us we will be making a difference which goes far beyond ourselves...

We may not have the answers to the Brexit situation, and we certainly can't do anything about the weather, but we do have the answer to where we find our hope. We have hope because we have hope in Jesus Christ. Isaiah said "... in his name the nations will put their hope." (Matthew 12:21)

We have hope because God has given us the most precious gift - his Son, who paid the ultimate price on our behalf and we live in this awesome and humbling state of grace.

It is this hope, and the Christian values of loving and caring for our neighbour, that we must strive to keep at the forefront of our minds and lives, especially at this time when all around seems fraught with questions and chaos, uncertainty and anger.

May we be bearers of hope and agents of God's love.

Yours in the love of Christ,

Ben



Breaking News!!

Ben writes:

I was delighted to be able to announce in church, on Sunday 20th January, that the Bishop's office has confirmed that we will be getting a curate in the summer of this year. Her name is Rhoda Blackwell and I have asked her to provide us with a brief introduction to herself, so here it is:

'Hello! I'm excited that it can be finally announced that I will be serving my assistant curacy in the benefice of Newbold, and I'm really looking forward to meeting you all.

I'm married to Robin and we have an 18-year-old son, Jacob, who is currently in sixth form. Since we moved to the Chesterfield area about 18 years ago we have worshiped at St Peter & St Paul's in Old Brampton. I was licensed Reader there in 2014, then was accepted for ordination training 2 years ago. I'm currently studying at St Hild, based at Sheffield for week-day modules and at Mirfield for residential weekends, and am due to be licensed to you on Sunday 30th June this year. I am very much looking forward to serving you!'



THE WALKING GROUP

As we were motoring towards Curbur Gap car park, we noticed a long line of vehicles parked on the grass verges and one of our drivers had difficulty finding a space in either place. However, with the help of Steve and mobile phones, we were directed to return to the car park and fitted nicely into a space, recently vacated.

There were many families and couples milling around, all no doubt, taking advantage of the bright, sunny weather on the first Sunday of the New Year.

We set off at 1pm, walking down the road, then turned right along a grassy path, passing a group of youngsters who had just arrived at a large rock for a training session on how to climb it. We had a steep ascent to Curbur Edge with various entreaties along the lines of, "dear Lord, help me", together with complaints directed at our leader, Bob, who retorted "keep going, it will soon be dark".

We then entered a mercifully flat, but boggy area which took us about fifteen minutes to negotiate, but with no mishaps we made our way towards White Edge, where small groups of people could be seen wandering along the skyline. The views from the top were spectacular although the far distance was hazy due to low cloud, the sun having left us earlier.

We walked towards the Sheffield/Calver road and before reaching it, turned right along Baslow Edge and straight into a cold wind.

With watering eyes, sniffing noses and heads bent down, we went towards the Wellington Monument, which was erected to celebrate the victory at the Battle of Waterloo in 1815. Standing alone, a few metres away, was Eagle Stone, a massive boulder. According to legend, it took its name from the god Aigle, who apparently had a habit of throwing boulders around. In the past no local lad was considered fit to marry until he had shown his agility by climbing to the top of the stone.

Half an hour later as daylight was diminishing, we arrived at the car park which surprisingly was still full.

The next walk on Sunday 3rd February will be of 5 miles and led by Steve and Julie from Rowsley and up to Stanton Moor. New members are always made welcome. Please meet at the church gates at 12 noon with suitable walking gear and a packed lunch.

THE MONDAY CLUB

This club continues to grow in numbers and meet for fellowship and socialising.

The programme for FEBRUARY is as follows:

- 4th Social in the Parish Room at 1.45pm
- 11th A meal at The Olde House at 12pm
- 18th Social & Games afternoon in the Parish Room 1.45pm
- 25th Either a visit to the museum celebrating 70 years of The Pomegranate Theatre or a visit to the East Midlands Designer Outlet. Bus No. 54

Please think about joining us, particularly if you are lonely. You will be made very welcome. Contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number appears on the back page of this issue.

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ELECTORAL ROLL REVISION

The Electoral Roll is due for complete revision and a new Roll is to be prepared in 2019. Everyone who would like to have their name entered on the new Roll needs to complete an enrolment form, as no names are carried forward from the old roll and this is needed to ensure that you are included on the new list. Forms will be available and handed out in church during January.

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

All applications should be made by 13th April in readiness for the APCM on 28th April 2019.

Pat Law - Electoral Roll Officer

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HOW TO BE A CHRISTIAN

- Amen - the only part of a prayer everyone knows
- Choir - a group of people whose singing allows the rest of the congregation to lip-sync.
- Holy Water - a liquid whose chemical formula is H₂Oly.
- Hymn - a song of praise usually sung 3 octaves higher than that of the congregation's range.
- Incense - Holy Smoke!
- Jonah - the original 'Jaws' story.
- Kyrie Eleison - the only Greek words most Christians know apart from Retsina and Baklava.
- Procession - the ceremonial formation at the beginning of Mass consisting of altar servers, the celebrant and late parishioners looking for seats.
- Recessional – as above but led by parishioners heading to the car park.
- Relics - people who have been going to services for so long that they actually know when to sit, kneel and stand.
- Ushers - the only people in the parish who do not know the seating capacity of a pew.

BIBLE QUIZ

- 1 Who was the first black bishop of Johannesburg?
- 2 What is the name of the tent housing the Ark of the Covenant?
- 3 What does Lammas Day celebrate?
- 4 Name the white linen vestment worn over the cassock.
- 5 What is the name of the season of Pentecost?

- 6 Who was the son of King Saul and friend of David?
- 7 Which religion was founded by Gautama?
- 8 Before becoming Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby held which bishopric?
- 9 Alphabetically, which is the second tribe of Israel?
- 10 What is the extent of a bishop's jurisdiction?

- 11 What is the name of the mountain on which Noah's ark rested?
- 12 What relation was Jacob to Abraham?
- 13 Who was the companion of Meshach and Abednego?
- 14 What is the abbreviation often found on a crucifix?
- 15 In the Eastern churches, what is the name of an image representing Christ?

- 16 What is the name for the pastoral staff of a bishop?
- 17 What colour was the robe placed on Jesus in Matthew 27?
- 18 What is the chief religion of Japan?
- 19 Who were the three sons of Noah?
- 20 What is the modern name of the river Hiddekel in Daniel 10?

February Quiz Night

Stuart and Ann will be holding a quiz night on Monday 4th February
7pm in the Parish Room with a fish & chip supper

Come and have some fun and test your knowledge

Adults £7 Children (under 16) £5

Tickets now available

All proceeds to the New**BOLD** Building Project



The 11 o'clock service

Join us on Sunday 10th and 24th February 2019.
All are welcome!

23rd December - The Nativity

Heather narrated the story of the Nativity, Ben led the responses, and everyone sang carols and people dressed as Nativity characters paraded around church following our very own 'star' - Josh leading the procession dressed in his serving robe carrying a silver star.

Children made Christmas cards afterwards while everyone enjoyed refreshments.

13th January – The Baptism of Christ

We celebrated the Baptism of Christ with an interactive Bible Story. Jamie and Lesley created waves of water while the congregation splashed. We had doves, made from hands, cooing and the voice of 'God', which the congregation responded to with a large 'WOW' when prompted by Josh. The message was that Jesus' baptism, the big splash, was for everyone. Jamie led the prayers and children coloured in pictures afterwards enjoying shortbread and drinks while the adults chatted.

Forthcoming themes

27th Jan - Jesus' mission (Luke 4.14-21)

10th Feb - Calling the first disciples

24th Feb - Calming the storm

Join us for fun, interactive worship with or without children; all ages are most welcome.

MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group met up for our regular brunch on Saturday 19th January, with bacon butties and sausage butties on the menu. As it was our first meeting after the Christmas break, we had much to catch up on. Also, as the first meeting of the new year we planned the events we would like to do in 2019.

Our next brunch will be on Saturday 16th February at 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Centre. We are looking forward to some of Ben's homemade soup that will be accompanied by homemade crusty bread. Please let us know if you have any allergies or intolerances ahead of time so we can cater for them.

Chris Burrows

FUNDRAISING FOR ST JOHN'S

A Parish Recipe Book

We hope to sell this at the end of the year to raise funds for the parish room.

Do you have an original* recipe that you would be willing to share, OR one which is a variation on a standard recipe such as a scone or cake which is the same in any cookbook, but with your own individual 'twist'?

If so, please see Steph Parkes.

We need to collect and collate them before the end of September 2019. Thank you.

*due to copyright reasons.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

20 Jan Leonora Jane Evison

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

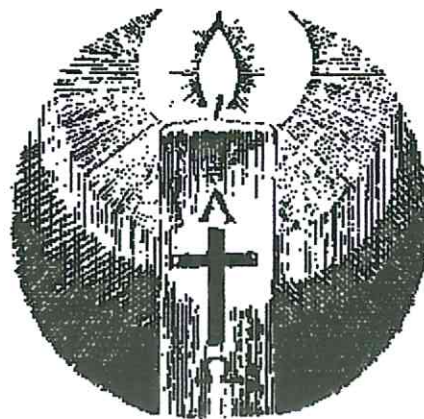
Funerals

11 Jan Iris Parker Moore aged 91
22 Jan Ivan Crowther aged 75

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

11 Jan Jasmine Bontoft
19 Jan Joyce Needham

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



DIARY FOR FEBRUARY 2019

2	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning to 12.00 [PR]
3	S		The Presentation - Candlemas (S1)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		12.00	Walking Group
4	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.00	Quiz Night [PR]
5	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
		19.30	Chesterfield Curate Hub
6	W	19.00	Newbold Women's Group [PR]
10	S		Fourth Sunday before Lent (S2)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
11	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
12	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
15	F		Last Day of Church School Term
16	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Morning [to 12.00]
		10.30	Men's Group [PR]
17	S		Third Sunday before Lent (S3)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.30	Baptism
18	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]
19	T	09.15	Mass [PR]
22	F	19.00	Women's World Day of Prayer Service Rehearsal
23	Sa	10.00	Coffee & Craft Morning (until 12.00)

24	S		Second Sunday Before Lent (S4)
		08.00	Mass
		09.30	Parish Mass
		11.00	11 O'Clock Service
25	M		First Day of Church School Term
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]
		19.30	P.C.C. Meeting [PR]
26	T	09.15	Mass [PR]

COFFEE MORNING

This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, February 2nd 2019

10.00 until 12.00

in the Parish Room

Please invite folks to come!

Everyone welcome

*Items for the March Magazine
to the editors by Sunday, 17th
February 2019, please.*

PRAYER

Compassionate Lord, we pray for those who have been devastated by recent disasters.

We remember those who have lost their lives so suddenly.

We hold in our hearts the families forever changed by grief and loss.

Bring them consolation and comfort. Amen

200 CLUB

The 200 Club completes another year with the draw which takes place on 24th February 2019.

We wish to thank everyone who has contributed since the time of the club's revival back in 1994/5 whether you have been in the draw from the start or have joined in recent years.

The draw which takes place on Sunday 31st March starts the beginning of a new year for the club.

The cost of renewing your membership is still £12 per YEAR, that is £1 per MONTH.

You can pay in cash or by cheque payable to Newbold Income Account.

Richard will be available at the end of the 9.30am service on the following Sundays 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th March.

The income is split 50/50 between the member and the church.

If you are not a member please consider joining, or if you are you can always have an additional number.

Once again we thank you for your continued support.

Stephen Hewitt & Richard Peet (organisers)

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200 CLUB

The Club winners for December 2018 were as follows:-

First prize (£35) Lynn Shepherd (Number 87)

Second prize (£18) Ashley (Number 49)

Third prize (£6) Ann Bennett (Number 98)

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 27th January 2019



THY KINGDOM COME is a movement of prayer, begun by the Archbishops of Canterbury and York in 2016.

It calls people to a focused time of prayer between the festivals of Ascension and Pentecost (May 31st to June 9th 2019), for people to hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

This launch workshop shows you the resources and information for this year's event and describes how you and your church can get involved.

These sessions are open to all, but booking is essential.

We are delighted to say that we are hosting one of these evenings at St John's on Thursday 7th March from 7.00 p.m. to 9.00 p.m. However, you still need to book in one of two ways.

Either: book online at

derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/spirituality-and-prayer.html

Or: ask Heather to book you on.

We also urge people to make a note of 'Thy Kingdom Come-tide' (May 31st to June 9th 2019), in their diaries as we will be putting on opportunities to pray collectively during this time.

PRAYER

Restless with grief and fear, the abandoned turn to you:

In every hour of trial, good Lord, deliver us.

O God most holy, God most strong

Whose wisdom is the cross of Christ.

Amen

HELP WITH WRITING AND LEADING INTERCESSIONS.

Thu 31 Jan 7pm-9pm, St Andrew, Swanwick

Thu 28 Feb 7pm-9pm, St Francis, Mackworth

If you lead (or are perhaps considering leading) intercessions at our 9.30 a.m. and 11.00 a.m. services, you are invited to a short, practical session on how to plan and write intercessions, covering what to include, what to avoid and how to deliver them. The session will include the opportunity to write some intercessions together.

These sessions are open to all, but booking is essential.

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derby.anglican.org/en/training/learning-in-faith/spirituality-and-prayer.html

or: ask Heather to book you on. Car sharing is encouraged and lifts will be available if required.

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The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present Him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus, we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

ANSWERS TO THE QUIZ

1 Desmond Tutu 2 The Tabernacle 3 Lammas marks the annual wheat harvest and is the first harvest festival of the year.
4 Surplice 5 Whitsuntide 6 Jonathan 7 Buddhism 8 Durham
9 Benjamin 10 Diocese 11 Ararat 12 Grandson 13 Shadrach
14 INRI from the Latin 'Iesus Nazarenus Rex Iudaeorum' meaning 'Jesus of Nazareth, King of the Jews' 15 Icon/Ikon 16 Crozier
17 Scarlet 18 Shinto 19 Ham, Shem & Japheth 20 Tigris

PLANTS AND FLOWERS OF THE BIBLE

Spikenard

John 12:1-5 Six days before Passover, Jesus arrived at Bethany, where Lazarus lived, whom Jesus had raised from the dead. Here dinner was given in Jesus' honour. Martha served, while Lazarus was among those reclining at the table with him. Then Mary took about a pint of pure nard, an expensive perfume; she poured it on Jesus' feet and wiped his feet with her hair. And the house was filled with the fragrance of the perfume.

But one of his disciples, Judas Iscariot, who was later to betray him, objected, "Why wasn't this perfume sold and the money given to the poor? It was worth a year's wages."

Mark 14: 3 While he was in Bethany, reclining at the table in the home of a man known as Simon the Leper, a woman came with an alabaster jar of very expensive perfume, made of pure nard. She broke the jar and poured the perfume on his (Jesus') head.

Spikenard which grows naturally in the Himalayan mountains of India and Nepal was used to make a fragrant ointment. It was, from an earlier age imported from India to Israel, in sealed alabaster jars to preserve the perfume. According to the bible this was the expensive balm which Mary lavished on Jesus.

There are several types of Spikenard which belong to the ginseng family. It has small, white flowers which bloom in the summer months, followed by eye-catching purple berries, attractive to birds. It is an herbaceous perennial which grows 2-6 feet tall and is distinguished by its having many hairy spikes shooting out from one root.

The plant can be crushed and distilled into a highly aromatic, amber-coloured oil which has been used for thousands of years and has a strong, musty odour similar to the valerian root, that is both earthy and sweet.

Ancient Egyptians and Romans treated the oil like a luxury item when using it in perfume. It was also used in the mummifying of bodies.

An alabaster jar kept the oil pure and unspoiled and was often sealed or made fast with wax to prevent the perfume from escaping. Alabaster was a strong enough substance to keep the oil or perfume completely contained until the time of its use.

The Rose

Song of Songs 2:1 I am a rose of Sharon, a lily of the valleys.

The word often translated 'rose' in the Bible is not the rose as we know it. The identity of the plant is unclear and is disputed among biblical scholars, but could probably refer to the crocus or a mountain tulip. In spring the hillsides of Galilee are ablaze with brightly coloured flowers, such as the anemone, crocus, poppy, narcissus and yellow chrysanthemum.

Lilies

Matthew 6:28 "And why do you worry about clothes? See how the lilies of the field grow. They do not labour or spin. Yet I tell you that not even Solomon is all his splendour was dressed like one of these."

Hosea: 14:5 I will be like the dew to Israel; he shall blossom like the lily; he shall take root like the trees of Lebanon.

As with the rose, it is no means certain which flower is being referred to. The species must have been brightly-coloured and be growing in abundance for Jesus to compare it to the robes of Solomon.

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For all those readers who will be celebrating their 80th birthdays in 2019

Today Dear Lord, I'm 80 and there's so much I've not done.
I hope Dear Lord, you'll let me live until I'm 81.

By then if I've not finished all I want to do,
Would you let me carry on until I'm 82?

There are many places that I have yet to see,
Do you think that you could manage to make it 83?

The world is changing very fast, there's so much more in store.
On second thoughts I'd like to stay until I'm 84.

And then if I am fit and well and very much alive,
Perhaps you'll let me hang around until I'm 85.

After that I'd like to think that if my heart still ticks,
I'll still be here another year and live to 86.

It must be very nice to know I'll reach the gates of Heaven,
But would you kindly put it off until I'm 87.

Maybe by then I won't be fast and should accept my fate.
I'd really like to battle on until I'm 88.

I will have seen so many things and had a lovely time
So am I asking just too much to make it 89?

And if by chance, at 89, I still feel fairly sprightly
I think I'd like to carry on and live to well past 90!

our Diocese

February 2019

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

The Dean of Derby writes...



Last month, Downing Street announced the appointment of the new Bishop of Derby. After a careful process of discussion, prayer, and discernment, we are thrilled that the Right

Reverend Libby Lane is coming to be our bishop. Bishop Libby was the first woman to be appointed a bishop in the Church of England when she became Bishop of Stockport. Her roots are here in Derbyshire, and we are all very much looking forward to welcoming her home and working with her in the months and years ahead.

The arrival of a new bishop can and should be about much more than a change of personnel. It presents us with an opportunity to think afresh, about who we are and who we hope to be, about the opportunities and challenges that face us as we move forward. These are questions of identity, of purpose, of vision.

Proverbs 29:18 says, "Where there is no prophecy, the people cast off restraint." More memorably, the King James Version renders the same verse, "Without vision, the people perish." In our day and age, almost every organisation has some kind of vision statement. That can be a helpful crystallisation of focus which aids prioritisation, although in and of itself an aspirational vision statement may not accomplish much. And people who work for organisations that have lots of vision but

not much strategy for delivery can soon find vision wearing. But I think Proverbs means more than this. It's not so much whether we have a vision statement. It's more about whether we have a clear sense of who we are and where we are going, the kind of future we are working for. And the modern translation which refers to 'prophecy' reminds us that as Christians our sense of purpose and direction should ultimately be discerned and discovered in God, not created by us out of our own imaginations.

The first months of new episcopal leadership will inevitably entail some kind of reflection together on these things, as we seek to discern where God may be leading us next and what kind of church he is calling us to be for the sake of his mission here. This is important work, and I look forward to seeing how that takes shape.

But the first weeks of a new year provide a spur for me to think through similar questions for myself. Who am I?, and who am I becoming? What is God calling me to do and to be? Where do I sense the work of God in my life? What kinds of practices will enable me to grow in Christlikeness during the coming year? Can I invite you to join me in giving time and prayer to these questions and others like them at the start of 2019, that we might be ready to prayerfully engage with them for our life together?

The Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance
Dean of Derby

Important - Preparation of New Electoral Roll in all parishes

The Church Electoral Roll is the foundation for all Church governance. It contains the names & addresses of everyone who can vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) and is revised every year

Every six years a new Electoral Roll must be prepared, this is the case for 2019.

To be on the Electoral Roll a person must be baptised, at least 16 years old, and either:

- Living in the Parish and a member of the Church of England (CofE) (or a Church in communion with the CofE)
- Not resident in the Parish but a member of the CofE (or a Church in communion with the CofE) and has regularly attended worship in the Parish during the six months prior to enrolment, or
- A member in good standing of a Church which subscribes to the doctrine of the Holy Trinity and they are prepared to declare themselves a member of the CofE, having regularly attended worship during the six months prior to enrolment

A notice of the new Electoral Roll must be displayed near the main door of every Church in the Parish at least two months before the

APCM and must stay up for at least 14 days. Announcements should be made in Church during the 14 days that the notice is up to say that the Roll is being prepared.

The PCC must ensure that reasonable efforts are made to let everyone on the old Roll know that a new Roll is being prepared. It is important to note that members of the previous Roll need to fill in applications (no one is automatically included). New people may also apply by filling in an application for enrolment.

The new Electoral Roll must be complete on a fixed date between 15 and 28 days before the APCM and posted near the main church door at least 14 days before the APCM.

This is only a brief overview to give some general information, however full details (including a downloadable PDF presentation) are available on the Diocese of Derby website under "Church Admin" and then selecting "Church Information".

The Church of England Parish Resources website has guidance information and all of the forms you will need:

www.parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms/

Thy Kingdom Come 2019



On the next page, we are delighted to share a letter from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York, inviting all to pray "Thy Kingdom Come" from Ascension Day (Thursday 30 May) to Pentecost (Sunday 9 June 2019).

Bishop Jan is encouraging churches to consider what one thing they might do in order to be part of Thy Kingdom Come in 2019.

In 2018, many churches in the Diocese held dedicated services, created prayer stations and hosted events to pray "Come Holy Spirit".

We are hosting 2-hour Thy Kingdom Come workshops in February and March in Ashbourne, Swadlincote, Newbold and Littleover, where you can review resources and learn more about how you and your church can get involved. More details on www.derby.anglican.org/training.

We will share more details of Thy Kingdom Come in the coming months, in the meantime, resources are available to download for free from www.thykingdomcome.global.



January 2019

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Thy Kingdom Come – Thursday 30 May – Sunday 9 June 2019

We are writing at this Epiphanytide to invite you to join us in praying ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ in the period between Ascension Day and Pentecost.

After the very first Ascension Day the disciples gathered with Mary, the mother of our Lord, constantly devoting themselves to prayer while they waited for the outpouring of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost. Like them, our reliance on the gift of the Holy Spirit is total – on our own we can do nothing. This is why through the centuries Christians have gathered at that time to pray for the coming of the Holy Spirit.

‘Thy Kingdom Come’ picks up this tradition. Over the past three years more and more worshipping communities have rediscovered the riches of this tradition and have dedicated the days between Ascension and Pentecost to pray ‘Come Holy Spirit’. We are praying that the Spirit would inspire and equip us to share the Good News of Jesus Christ with our friends and families, our communities and networks. It has been amazing how many varied ways there have been in which people from every tradition have taken up this challenge. The effects have been remarkable.

So once again this year we are asking every Christian in every worshipping community to join us in praying for the renewing and empowering presence of the Holy Spirit. It is our prayer that those who have not yet heard the Good News of Jesus Christ and his love for the world will hear it for themselves, and in faith respond and follow Him. Specifically, we again invite each and every Christian across the country to pray that God’s Spirit might work in the lives of 5 friends who have not responded with their ‘Yes’ to God’s call.

Whether you have joined in ‘Thy Kingdom Come’ before or not, we invite you to take part this year – along with churches from over 65 different denominations in 114 countries around the world.

We have produced a wide range of different resources for use at home or at church; alone or with others; for large events or small, to encourage and equip churches with ideas of how this might work in your own context. There are resources for liturgical services and prayer rooms; beacon events or prayer walks; for families or individuals. They are available to download free at ThyKingdomCome.global.

If there is something that you need but cannot find please get in touch with the team and they will do all they can to help you. We want to ensure that there are a wide variety of resources - something to meet the needs of everyone. Equally, if you want to do things in your own way locally, please go ahead. The essential thing is to pray.

Together let us pray ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, trusting the faithfulness of God.

Come, Holy Spirit.


+Justin Cantuar


+Sentamu Eboracensis

Send in your March - June events, photos and news items now for the March issue of Together Magazine

Issue 4 of Together Magazine will be published on 1 March 2019, so now is the time to send us details of any events, flower festivals, concerts, coffee mornings etc, taking place between March - June, along with any photos of recent events and any news items and/or articles for consideration.

The deadline for inclusion in the next issue is Tuesday, 5 February 2019.

How to submit?

Upcoming Events:

Online: bit.ly/parisheventform

Email: Together@derby.anglican.org

Photos, Articles & News:

Email: Together@derby.anglican.org

Note - events will also be added to www.derbyhirechurches.org.uk.

Learning in Faith

16 Feb	Talking Faith for Ordinary People	St Helen, Darley Dale
18 Feb	Stewardship	Emmanuel, Swadlincote
18 Feb	Entrepreneurship in the Church	St Thomas, Brampton
19 Feb	Messy Church for Leaders	St Barnabas, Danesmoor
20 Feb	Everyone Welcome: <i>Welcoming & Integrating New-comers</i>	St Helen, Darley Dale
20 Feb	Mental Health First Aid for Clergy & Youth Leaders	St Barnabas, Danesmoor
27 Feb	Community Engagement - Church & Buildings	St Thomas, Derby

For details of these and all other Learning in Faith opportunities in 2019, please view the Training section of the Diocese of Derby website or look for the brochure in your church.

2019 Flower Festivals

Please let us know your flower festival dates before 31 March 2019 to be included in our 2019 Flower Festival leaflet.

Online:
bit.ly/parisheventform

Email:
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Newbold Building Project Fundraising Group

2019 calendar

Monday 4th February Quiz night
with Ann and Stuart Adams. Fish and Chips supper

Saturday 23rd March make a bag with the Craft Group

Wednesday April 10th Quiz night with Bev Speed.

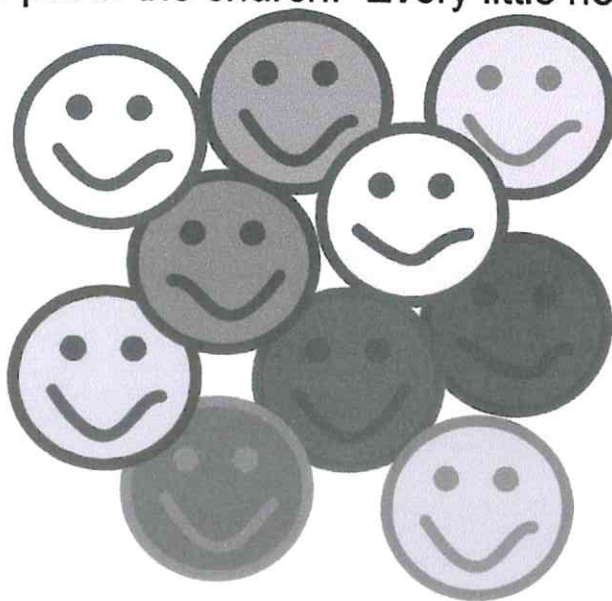
Saturday 11th May Flower arranging workshop with Julie

Friday 14th June 7.30 pm Holymoorside Choral Society
concert in church

Wednesday 11th September Murder Mystery evening with
Michelle and Natasha Hague

December movie night organised by the servers

If you have any old £1 coins you could pop them in the
wooden church model at the back of church. We are still
able to bank these. Also any spare change you have could
be put in the church. Every little helps and is appreciated.



Hope you can come
and enjoy the social
activities planned for
this year.