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# The Evangelist

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# Holy Week Services

## **Monday 15th April**

**7.30pm** Holy Communion (said)

## **Tuesday 16th April**

**9.15am** Holy Communion (said) Parish Room

**7.30pm** Lent Course (Faith Pictures last one)

## **Wednesday 17th April**

**7.30pm** The stations of the cross

## **Maundy Thursday 18th April**

**7.30pm** Holy Communion (with foot washing)

**8.30pm** The Watch (a time of silent reflection & prayer)

## **Good Friday 19th April**

**9.30am** A service contemplating the events of Good Friday.

**11.00am** Hot Cross Bun Service.

A walk with Jesus followed by hot cross buns, Easter egg hunt and craft activities.

**2.00pm** The Last Hour at the Cross. A meditation with readings and hymns.

## **Easter Eve Saturday 20th April**

**8.00pm** Easter Vigil & Service of Light.

This begins in darkness. The Paschal Candle is lit from the new fire of Easter. The Resurrection is proclaimed.

## **Easter Day Sunday 21st April**

**10am** Holy Communion - Easter celebration!

Dear all,

We are in the throes of the season of Lent. I was asked the other day if I would be willing to share my sermon from the beginning of the season, so here it is...

### Jesus' temptations in the wilderness (Luke 4:1-13)

The three temptations of Jesus in the wilderness give us a window into the psychology of sin, a unique viewpoint on key areas of human weakness. And so we will be considering them with the following headings in mind:

1. The desire to be in control
2. The desire for personal gain
3. The desire to be known

#### **1. The desire to be in control**

Jesus is hungry... or as the scripture says, 'he was famished'.

Talk about stating the obvious. 40 days of fasting will do that to you.

But this reminds us that hunger is a powerful force. Have you ever been Hangry? This is combination of hungry and angry which my teenage boys have referred to.

I wonder how much time we spend thinking about food, preparing food, eating food. It is a primal driver. A necessity which people will fight for, it has a hold over us like nothing else. Here Jesus has the power to control the situation, he could have freed his body from the pain of hunger, but in order to do this he would have had to rely on his divinity. Which is what the accuser wants...

Jesus' response is to quote scripture. Deuteronomy 8v3

**One does not live by bread alone.** He makes it clear that his relationship with the Father is more important than his ability to control a situation. We are to acknowledge where real life comes from, that God is the source of real sustenance.

It is also about recognising that if any of our urges and desires are stronger than our desire to seek God then they are a problem.

The temptation to be in control of every aspect of our lives is huge. But the temptation to be in control leads to self reliance, self importance, and a general selfishness which leads us away from the sustaining power of God's word, God's presence, God's guidance.

## **2. The desire for personal gain**

The second temptation in Luke's account sees Jesus shown the kingdoms of the world, and he is told that he can have them, but there is a catch... he must bow down and worship Satan.

Of course we know that the kingdoms of the world are rightfully his... by virtue of his divinity. Indeed we read in Psalm 24: **The earth is the Lord's and everything in it, the world, and those who live in it.** But this temptation taps into the human desire for personal gain. To take possession of all that we can.

The desire to rule, to hold sway over the kingdoms of the world, is one which surrounds Jesus for his entire earthly ministry. But we know that God does not rule in the way humans rule. He does not force His will on us, or make us swear allegiance to Him.

As we look at the world around us, we see a world obsessed with the acquisition of stuff. A world which appears to revolve around greed. We are told that it is our right to have a good life, it is our right to be wealthy. Our default setting if you like, is the desire to acquire. This is the same desire that has fuelled the expansion of empire after empire, kingdom after kingdom, and yet the kingdom of God seeks to subvert our view of what it means to own stuff and, in turn, what it means to have power. Jesus was a servant, he lived among the poor, he shunned privilege and status. In the same way, we are to serve God with humility, recognising that the acquisition of stuff is not what life is about.

## **3. Our desire to be known**

Finally, Jesus is tempted to reveal who he is through an extraordinary act. He is taken to Jerusalem where the devil dares him to jump off the temple. To have the angels catch him.

Jesus is being tempted to reveal his identity. But this time it is not through using his divinity to control or change the situation - to rid himself of hunger, or to command armies of followers... but to reveal who he is through a supernatural sign for all to see.

The tempter is desperate for him to confirm his divinity and in doing so deny his humanity. The desire to be known, to be respected, to be revered; the desire to have all eyes on him is one Jesus is at pains to avoid. We see this in Mark's gospel:

**1:34 and Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.**

Jesus did not come into the world to be famous. He came, amongst other things, to reveal the heart of God. To show us how to live. How on earth could Jesus have demonstrated how we are to live if he had been a superstar, if he had been a huge celebrity? If he had not really been one of us?

The temptation to be known, to be popular, was not the plan. Neither is it the plan for us. Jesus said: "Let your light so shine among men that they may see your good deeds and give glory to your Father in heaven" (Mt. 5:16) Not giving glory to ourselves, but giving glory to God.

And so, as we have reflected on how each temptation might affect us...

1. The desire to be in control
2. The desire for personal gain
3. The desire to be known

We can battle these things by declaring that:

1. God is in control
2. God will provide us with the things we need
3. We are known by God

All of us are tempted to be more in control, or to have the things we want, or to want more attention, but we can be set free from these things by worshipping God and serving Him only.

Lent can be a time for us to reflect on our desires. To look at who we are in light of who God wants us to be and to be reminded that we do not face these challenges alone, we face them with the help of the Holy Spirit. I pray that we will take time this Lent to ask God to reveal the things that tempt us, and ask him to put us on a different path as we seek to serve him.

Yours in the love of Christ,

*Ben*

*Almighty God,  
whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness,  
and was tempted as we are, yet without sin:  
give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit;  
and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save;  
through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.*

*Amen*

## **WORLD DAY OF PRAYER.**

The World Day of Prayer is a global ecumenical movement led by women. Each year the service is put together by a different country, this time by the Christian women of Slovenia. The service held in Newbold Church was part of a wave of prayer encircling the globe, and shared with over one hundred and twenty countries and islands around the world, beginning as the sun rose over Samoa and ending thirty-eight hours later in the Pacific as the sun set over American Samoa.

The theme 'Come – everything is ready!' was an open invitation to come to God's table. A table was set with symbols of Slovenia, including a jug of wine representing the grape growing regions and salt, a symbol of the Piran salt pans found on the Slovenian coast. Seated around it, five women gave accounts of the lives of different women of Slovenia, their stories reflecting the political and economic situation of Slovenia from the time it was a socialist-communist state to the present day.

We heard Slovenian folk tunes and sang Slovenian songs (in English translation!) written for the occasion, as well as some well-known hymns. An important part of the service was a reflection using a piece of artwork specially created by a Slovenian artist Rezka Arnus. It was based on the story in St Luke's Gospel where those invited to a feast made excuses, and the poor and needy were then invited instead. It depicted a plate decorated in the style of Slovenian embroidery, figures at the top wearing national dress for celebration and below, the people who are side-lined.

At the end of the service sprigs of rosemary and red carnations, symbols of celebration in Slovenia, were given to the congregation.

The service was well attended, and many people stayed behind afterwards to enjoy a cup of tea, and some honey biscuits, traditionally given as gifts and as an expression of love.

Thanks to the craft group who provided the paper carnations, to Stuart Watkinson and Stephen Franks for the musical contributions, but especially to Ruth Cable for her splendid organisation, and for baking lots of the traditional Slovakian honey biscuits which were much appreciated!

Donations received at the service amounted to £132.10 plus some gift aid. The money raised globally provides grants to specific charities involving mission, and grants to charities for specific projects, largely but not exclusively benefitting women and young people.

*Some of this information is from the service booklet which also provided background information about Slovenia*

## **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

## **INVITATION TO A FUNDRAISING GAMES AFTERNOON.**

On 15th APRIL 2019 the Monday Club will be holding a fundraiser as their contribution to the building fund for this year. Many of the other groups are holding their own fundraiser during the year.

The afternoon will consist of a games afternoon including dominoes, cards, beetle drive, and a game called close the box. It should be an afternoon of fun and laughter.

Anyone is welcome to join us and contributions from the participants will go towards the fundraiser.

Refreshments will also be served. So come and join us on

**MONDAY 15th APRIL 2019 at 1 45pm in the Parish Room.**

## **CHURCH FETE RAFFLE**

Heather has received/been promised the following prizes.

£100 in cash;  
a food hamper;  
2 tickets for Reeds Health Spa  
Presentation Box of Laithwaites Wine.

We are looking for eight more prizes.

There will be a list asking for specific donations from Easter.  
Tickets will be available in May.

# Flower Arranging Workshop

Saturday 11th May 10 am to 2 pm  
in the Parish Room.

Julie will demonstrate how to do a  
church pedestal arrangement  
and a table arrangement.

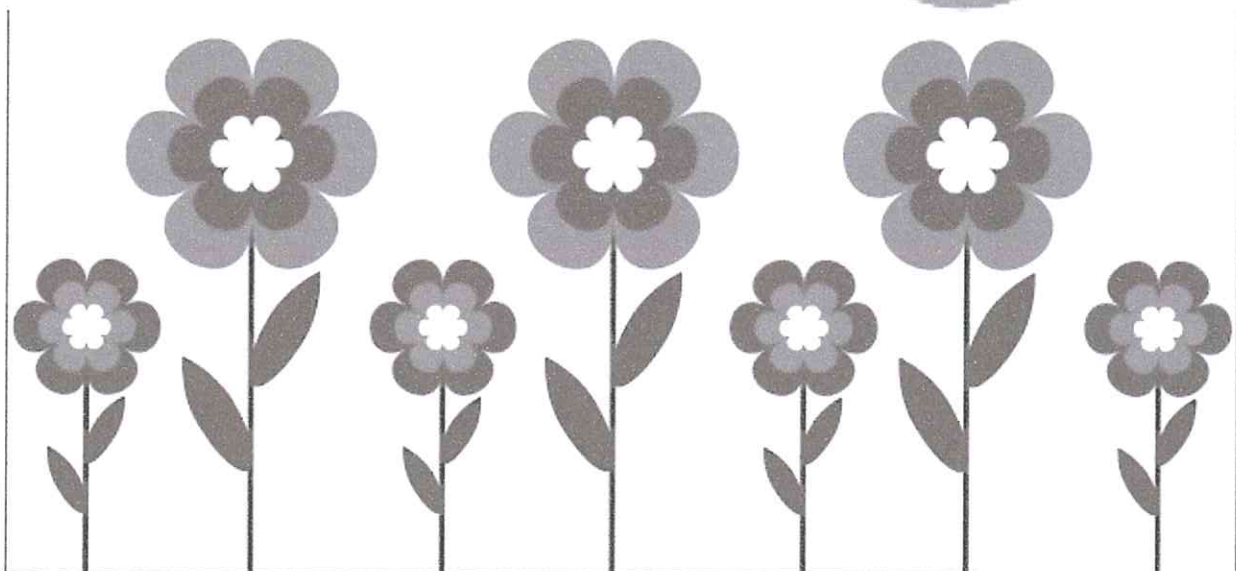
You will then have the opportunity to make your  
own table arrangement.

Flowers and accessories will be provided.  
£10 per person.

To reserve your place book early.

You will be given a list of things you will need to  
bring when you book.

All proceeds will go towards the Newbold Building Project.  
Coffee, tea and biscuits provided, bring your own lunch.





## CHURCH SCHOOL NEWS

One of the Key Focus areas for Newbold Church School over the past two years has been to foster a love of reading for all those who come to our school - be that reading non-fiction about sporting events or celebrity lives, or getting lost in the pages of a fantasy adventure book. We have

redecorated our library to create a calming, cosy space for our readers, as well as developing the use of 'Accelerated Reader' across the Junior department. This allows children to complete internet based 'quizzes' on the books they read, and challenge themselves to read a million words and become a 'millionaire reader'. More recently we have started investing in more books to support our topic areas - a recent donation to the school of £400 really helped get things moving there.

An annual event that we always enjoy taking part in is World Book Day. This year the children were invited to come to school dressed as a character from a book they had read - even the staff came dressed up! As such, we spent the day surrounded by the weird and wonderful - from Gangster Granny (David Walliams) to Red Crayon (Drew Daywalt) - what Newbold Church School didn't have wasn't worth having! Parents were invited into school to begin the day sharing a book with their child, and then the school met in the hall for a World Book Day Parade.

In every classroom there were lots of activities based around books. It was lovely to hear the staff sharing their favourite books (where appropriate!) and children discussing the strengths and weaknesses of different authors in our school library. The day was rounded off with a coffee afternoon, which not only gave a chance for parents and pupils to meet in the school hall and enjoy stories together, but also raised money for our chosen charity.

As we move on, our plans are not only to increase the number of books available for the children to enjoy, but also to concentrate on developing a rich vocabulary with the children, that will prepare them well for life outside of school. Next year's World Book day will reflect this - we are hoping that the children will come to school dressed as a word - no ordinary word though, maybe something like 'Monochrome' or 'Discombobulated'. For those with children at the Church School this gives you plenty of time to get your thinking caps on!

*Kerry Marsh, Headteacher*

## **EASTER EXPERIENCE**

**SATURDAY 6 APRIL**

**10.00 a.m. – 2.00 p.m.**

Please encourage friends and family to come along to the six stations in church. These take people of all ages, with or without any faith or religious knowledge, from Palm Sunday through to Easter Day.

Refreshments will be available in the Parish Centre:

– coffee, tea, squash and cakes 10.00am – noon

being sold in aid of

**Bluebell Wood**

and soup and toasties from noon – 2.00pm

being sold in aid of

**the NewBOLD Building Project**

for our new Parish Centre.

## **MEN'S GROUP**

The Men's Group met up for our regular brunch on Saturday 16th March, this time with an Irish twist. We were treated to Brian's delicious Irish stew with lamb and sausages. Most of our conversations revolved around the Six Nations matches later that day and other suitably Irish themed topics.



Our next outing will be to the familiar venue of The Chesterfield Arms to take part in the pub quiz on Wednesday 3rd April, meeting at 20:30 with the quiz starting at 21:00.

Our next brunch will be on Saturday 18th May at 10:30 am in the Parish Centre. This is because an April brunch would clash with Easter weekend. Please let us know if you have any allergies or intolerances ahead of time so we can cater for them.

*Chris Burrows*

## **THE CRAFT GROUP**

The Craft Group met as usual on the fourth Saturday in February. We had a visitor, Ruth Cable, who called by to thank us for the flowers we had made for her for 'Women's World Day of Prayer'. We had to confess that we had been too busy getting ready for our fund raising day and that Carol had enlisted some of her other 'crafty' friends to help. It was good to see Ruth and she stayed for a chat and a drink of tea.

We did some more cutting out of flowers etc to decorate the totes, decorating one as an example and taking a photo of another to show an example of how pieces could be arranged. When we came to leave most of us took fabric with us to make the linings for the bags so they have a much more professional finish.

*Christine Wieloch*

## **NEWBOLD WOMEN'S GROUP**

On 6th March the group held its Annual General Meeting. As it was Ash Wednesday some members left to attend the service in church after the first part of the meeting. Those remaining in the Parish Room made a start on the cheese, wine and soft drinks, which were the refreshments for the evening and were prepared by the committee. The main meeting resumed on their return and all the business was completed as planned.

The new committee consists of: - Diane Badger, Mavis Chambers, Anne Lee, Trish Law and Yvonne Townsend, who is a new member to the group and the committee. Thanks were expressed and presentations were made to June Shaw and Jean Lee, who both stood down from their posts. As Secretary, Jean had worked very willingly and efficiently over several years and this was much appreciated.

Subscriptions were paid and the new programme for the year was circulated.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday, 3rd April, when a community fundraiser from Bluebell Wood Children's Hospice will talk about their work and the hospice.

*Trish Law, Committee Member. Tel: 450407*



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## **EYRE CHAPEL FRIENDSHIP GROUP**

### **Forthcoming events in April**

Wednesday 17th April An outing to the Cutler's Hall, Sheffield

An hour and a half conducted tour of the Cutler's Hall in Sheffield with free time for lunch and shopping in the afternoon.

Leaving the Olde House, Loundsley Green at 10am and returning at approximately 3.30pm.

Cost £16, to include transport and coffee and biscuits at the Cutler's Hall.

All enquiries to Margaret Frost Tel: 01246 558381

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## **PASTORAL CARE COURSE**

I have attended a six week course exploring pastoral care, heart of mission and discipleship. It was led by Reverend Julie Lomas assisted by John Gascoigne. Twenty one people attended, representing a number of churches in the North East Derbyshire Deanery.

Some churches had no pastoral care in place and were looking into the possibility of starting a group, whereas others have had a pastoral care team for many years.

In small groups, people were encouraged to expand their understanding of the nature, purpose, and missional potential of pastoral care, and consider how they might apply this in their pastoral care work with church and parish.

Each week a different person led the worship and prayer at the beginning and ending of the session. The sessions covered were as follows:

1. A CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVE, what makes Christian pastoral care distinctive.
2. DIMENSIONS AND DEFINITIONS, how do we describe pastoral care.
3. WHO CARES, who is called to care and who do we care for.
4. CARING QUALITIES, what do these look like and how did Jesus care.
- 5 LISTENING, why is it important to listen to others, ourselves, and God.
- 6 CONFIDENTIALITY AND RESOURCES, why is confidentiality important and what resources can we use.

Reverend Julie was a leader who made you feel at ease to ask or answer questions. There was the opportunity to share our own experiences, within agreed parameters of confidentiality from the outset. After a lot of discussion in small groups, we then came together to bring our thoughts to the whole group.

At the end of the course we may want to consider what we have learned about pastoral care, and how we can apply the ideas in our own churches.

If anyone is interested in joining the pastoral care group please speak to me.

Richard Peet.

## WALSINGHAM

St. John's pilgrimage takes place from Friday 7th – Sunday 9th June, just eleven days after the Archbishop of Canterbury preaches there at the National Pilgrimage. He first visited Walsingham in 2014 to take part in the Shrine's Youth Pilgrimage.

Since our last visit there, the ceiling paintings in the Blessed Sacrament Chapel have been cleaned and restored. The *Agnus Dei*, which is based on a mosaic in the Church of Santa Maria Maggiore in Rome, can now be clearly seen. The Lamb of God stands on a golden throne with a blue background. There are two pairs of angels with six wings each and a single angel above. The two side paintings – *The Last Supper* and *The Crucifixion* – have also been cleaned; something that many of us may want to look at when we sit quietly in the chapel.

## PRAYER

If we want to leave an indelible mark on the world, there is no more powerful way to do it than by joining in God's purposes through prayer.

Our prayers can go where we cannot.

While many things may seem impossible from a human standpoint, in the realm of prayer there are no impossibilities.

*Brother Andrew*

## **SILENCE, STILLNESS, AND SIMPLICITY.**

Steph Parkes, a worshipper here at St John's, led a session on contemplative prayer at a Prayer Taster Day led by the Diocesan Spirituality Group. The day offered people an opportunity to experience different types of prayer.

Steph was interviewed for the Diocese of Derby quarterly magazine, *Together*, and said "God loves variety and there isn't one single way to pray. As we pray we grow and develop and our ideas and concepts of God grow and change. Our relationship with God through prayer grows and changes just like any other relationship. We need to be open to transformation, which is the essence of the Gospel. Exploration of prayer is so important - what fits us at thirteen is very different from what is right for us at sixty. If we aren't growing and changing we aren't really alive."

The keys to contemplative prayer are silence, stillness, and simplicity. For most people the pace of life is frenetic and there is a longing for quiet, stillness, and reflective time, which can be seen in the increasing popularity of mindfulness and adult colouring books. Steph sees the busyness as an empty desert space but says that God meets people in those desert places. Our empathetic and creative sides need nurturing in order for us to be whole human beings. In contemplative prayer you discover parts of yourself that you would not otherwise connect with.

Prayer comes from us being who we are, not who we think we ought to be. In prayer we connect with the God who knows us from the moment we are created; prayer helps us to uncover for ourselves the people who we were created to be.

*This is based, with permission, on an article in Together magazine. **Free** copies of **Together** are available in church.*

# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

3 March Charlotte Bessie Bradley  
17 March Veronica Lee Topritz  
31 March Gracie Jayne Parry

## Confirmation

3 March Zixin Wang

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

## Funerals

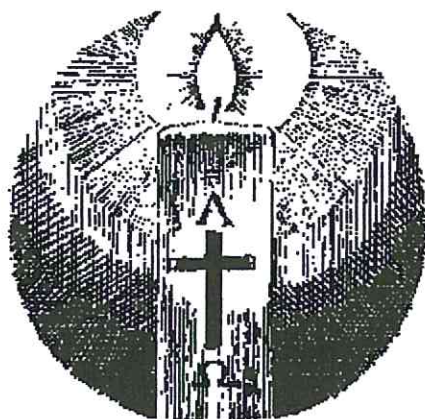
1 March John Witham aged 86  
12 March Emily Barbara Green aged 98  
20 March Desmond Mann aged 94

## Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

27 March Emily Barbara Green

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



# DIARY FOR APRIL 2019

1	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]	
2	T	09.15	Mass [PR]	
		19.00	Littlemoor Charity Meeting [Eagle Club]	
		19.30	Lent Course – ‘Faith Pictures’ [PR]	
3	W	19.00	Newbold Women’s Group [PR]	
6	Sa	10.00	Coffee Morning [PR] (till 12.00)	
		10.00	Easter Experience	
7	S		<b>Fifth Sunday of Lent (S1)</b>	
		08.00	Mass	
		09.30	Parish Mass	
		11.30	Baptism	
8	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]	
		19.30	P.C.C. Meeting [PR]	
9	T	09.15	Mass [PR]	
		19.30	Lent Course – ‘Faith Pictures’ [PR]	
10	W	19.00	Quiz Night	
12	F		Last Day of Church School Term	
14	S		<b>Palm Sunday (S2)</b>	
		08.00	Mass	
		09.30	Parish Mass [begins in Eagle Club]	
		11.00	11 O’Clock Service	
15	M	13.45	Monday Club [PR]	
		19.30	Said Mass with Homily [Lady Chapel] <b>Holy Monday</b>	
16	T	09.15	Mass [PR] <b>Holy Tuesday</b>	
		19.30	Lent Course – ‘Faith Pictures’ [PR]	
17	W	19.30	The Stations of the Cross <b>Holy Wednesday</b>	
18	Th	19.30	Sung Mass & Watch till 22.00 <b>Maundy Thursday</b>	
19	F		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
		09.30	Liturgy of the Day <b>Good Friday</b>	
		11.00	Hot Cross Bun Service	
		14.00	Last Hour at the Cross	

20	Sa	09.00	Churchyard Group till 12.00	
		10.30	Men's Group [PR]	
		20.00	Easter Vigil & Service of Light	<i>Easter Eve</i>
<b>21</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>EASTER DAY (S3)</b>	
		10.00	Parish Mass	
22	M		<b>Bank Holiday</b>	
23	T	09.15	Mass [PR]	
27	Sa	10.00	CEFAA Derby Branch AGM [PR]	
<b>28</b>	<b>S</b>		<b>Second Sunday of Easter (S4)</b>	
		08.00	Mass	
		09.30	Parish Mass	
		10.45	APCM Meeting	
29	M		First Day of Church School Term	
		13.45	Monday Club [PR]	
30	T	09.15	Mass [PR]	

**COFFEE MORNING**

***This month's Coffee Morning is on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup> 2019***

***10.00 until 12.00***

***in the Parish Room***

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

***Everyone welcome***

***Items for the May Magazine  
to the editors by Sunday, 21<sup>st</sup>  
April 2019, please.***

## **Lent 2019**

### **Tuesdays throughout Lent**

7.30pm The Faith Pictures course - Parish Room  
(beginning on **12th March** for 6 weeks)

### **Experience Easter Tuesday 2nd & Wed 3rd April**

Cavendish School 9am-11.30am  
Dunston School 1.10pm-3.10pm

### **Experience Easter Saturday 6th April**

10am - 2pm. All Welcome!! This includes the Bluebell Wood coffee morning.

### **Experience Easter Mon 8th to Fri 12th April**

1.15pm-3.15 Newbold Church school

### **Palm Sunday 14th April**

8.00am Service of Holy Communion (said)  
9.30am Service of Holy Communion (with hymns)  
11.00am The 11 o'clock service

### **ANGLICAN PRAYER FOR EASTER DAY**

Almighty God, who through your only begotten Son Jesus Christ overcame death and opened to us the gate of everlasting life. Grant that we, who celebrate with joy the day of the Lord's resurrection, may be raised from the death of sin by your life-giving spirit.

Through Jesus Christ our Lord, who lives and reigns with you and the Holy Spirit one God now and forever. Amen



## The 11 o'clock service

Join us on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> April 2019  
& on Good Friday 19<sup>th</sup> April 2019

All are welcome!

24<sup>th</sup> March 2019

Ben led the service and we sang Bless the Lord Oh My Soul, (10,000 reasons), Be Thou my Vision, and Our God is a Great Big God.

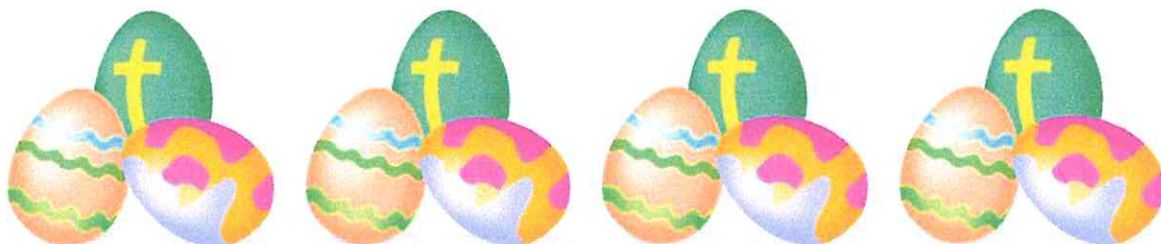
Hilary and Chris did a spectacular dramatic reading from the Book of Isaiah.

Heather talked about the special invitation we all receive from God.

Children illustrated the bible verse in craft.

Join us for fun interactive worship with or without children.  
Everyone is very welcome.

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## THE WALKING GROUP

As our March walk was threatened by Storm Freya, with rain and wind forecast for the afternoon, it was decided to abandon the prepared walk from Ashover Rock and to walk the Chesterfield Canal instead.

We drove to the Hollingwood Hub car park and began the linear walk from there. Walking towards Staveley in light rain we passed a painted rowing boat, the Joan Amelia, filled with hellebores, daffodils, snowdrops and crocus plants, all in bloom. Bordering the canal we pointed out catkins, large buds of pussy willow, blackthorn in blossom and even some hawthorn bushes showing new leaves. On our right on the water were the usual ducks and Canada geese, one lone swan, but no other aquatic creatures could be seen. It would have been exciting to see a water vole.

We walked under three bridges, the first being so low that even the smallest of us had to crouch down. There was an alternative route but we like a challenge.

At one point we were travelling parallel to the Junction 29A link road and we saw 3 vehicles drive along it. This road has always seemed to be little used, but perhaps it's important to some drivers.

We arrived at the Staveley Town Lock & Hartington Harbour. The Trust has spent over £200,000 on this project so far, with £100,000 coming from donations. Some wonderful building work has been accomplished, all done by volunteers. The canal runs for 46 miles from the River Trent to the middle of Chesterfield, linking Nottinghamshire, S. Yorkshire and Derbyshire. It features an underground canal at Hollingwood and ends up at what will be the £310 million Waterside development in Chesterfield. Since 1989, 12 miles of canal have been restored along with 37 locks and 11 bridges; 2 new marinas have been built. The latest section, Hartington Harbour was opened at the Festival held last year. There are 9 miles left to restore and the Chesterfield Canal Trust have set themselves a target of 2027 to finish the restoration work as this will be the 250th anniversary of the opening of the canal.

Arriving at a crossroad of paths we decided to take the route towards Poolsbrook before we turned around and retraced our

steps. As we neared the car park heavy rain caused us to run towards the cars, but all had enjoyed getting out in the fresh air even though we were a bit wet.

The promised walk starting at Ashover Rock will now be attempted on Sunday 7th April, leaving the church gates at 12 noon. Please bring a packed lunch. Any new members will be made very welcome.

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## THE MONDAY CLUB

Here is the programme for April

- 1st Socialising in the Parish Room 1.45pm
- 8th Meal out – venue to be arranged 12pm
- 15th Beetle Drive/Games Parish Room 1.45 (this is a church fundraising event)
- 22nd Easter no meeting
- 29th Socialising in the Parish Room 1.45pm

We welcome new members, so why not give us a try? We are a friendly group of people who have fun and laughter together. If you are interested in joining please contact Margaret Beasley whose telephone number is on the back page of this issue.

## 200 CLUB

The Club winners for February 2019 were as follows:-

- |              |       |                   |             |
|--------------|-------|-------------------|-------------|
| First prize  | (£35) | Beryl Malcolm     | (Number 21) |
| Second prize | (£18) | Christian Burrows | (Number 16) |
| Third prize  | (£6)  | Doreen Madin      | (Number 42) |

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 21st April 2019

## **A SHROVE TUESDAY EXPERIENCE ...in more ways than one!**

The children of the Church School were all invited to the church for a Shrove Tuesday Experience, organised by school governor Christian Burrows. Each class in turn was served with drinks and pancakes and with the aid of Lent themed worksheets, (a wordsearch, and a crossword), and visits by Ben, were reminded that there is more to Lent and Easter than pancakes and chocolate.

All the helpers were impressed by the exemplary behaviour and manners of the children, some of the delightful conversations that took place, and the patience shown whilst waiting for the pancakes, as they could not all be served at once. It proved to be a very rewarding experience for the helpers.



Chris is developing quite a reputation for his cookery skills so with Chris as chief pancake producer production was in safe hands (mostly). It was of course, an adult that struggled with a squeezey bottle of chocolate sauce and produced a result that was much admired as a piece of modern art.

The first class arrived promptly and everything was soon in full swing and proceeding smoothly, with carefully poured batter producing beautiful round pancakes.

Then year 6 arrived, each one clutching the hand of a much smaller person from the reception class. Eventually everyone found a seat on something, the little ones colouring in pancakes whilst they waited. As the pace speeded up, somewhere around pancake number 50, the batter became dollops as it hit the heat, and the result a little less circular, but who cared?

Around pancake number 100 the team thought they had time for a tea break and Christian went off to get more chocolate sauce in response to unexpected high demand. (Maple syrup came in second with lemon and sugar in third place).

However, the teacher who had just left had the foresight to ring ahead to say that her class were all fed, and thus ensured that the next class arrived just as the tea was poured out and



whilst Chris was stuck at a till behind a man with his weekly shop. Steph stepped up bravely until the master chef returned. After all this practice he was going great guns and now doing back flips to get the pancakes from the pan onto the plates.

There was then a lunchtime break for everyone to chill out before doing it all again.

In all, 220 pancakes were served to children and staff, and those with allergies did not miss out.

However, a good time was had by one and all, especially the serving team, who despite their exhaustion immediately volunteered to do it all again next year!

## PLANTS & TREES OF THE BIBLE

### Tamarisk

One of the most common shrubs and trees found in Beersheba which is the only place that the Bible recorded Abraham planting trees (Genesis 21:33). Today there is still an ancient well located at, or near this site, called Abraham's well and tamarisk trees grow in this area. In Genesis 21:15, the tamarisk is probably the shrub under which Hagar placed Ishmael.

**1 Samuel 22:6** 'And Saul, spear in hand, was seated under the **tamarisk** tree on the hill at Gibeah, with all his officials standing round him.'

**1 Samuel 31:13** 'Then they took their (Saul and his sons) bones and buried them under a **tamarisk** tree at Jabesh, and they fasted seven days.'

Most botanists and Christian scholars are united in their agreement that the trees planted by Abraham were the *Tamarix aphylla*. It is an evergreen and produces needles rather than leaves (aphylla means "without leaves", which appear to wilt or hang down from the stems, providing shade. Because this tree excretes salt it is sometimes referred to as the 'salt cedar'. During the night, water vapour sticks to the salt particles and forms droplets which evaporate in the morning sun, cooling the tree and the shade below it.

To a Bedouin or a Jew, the tamarisk is planted for the generations to come, not for the person who plants it.

### Cedar

There are 61 references to cedar in the bible. The name cedar, may have been used in a loose way to describe trees such as junipers and pines.

**Psalms 29:5** 'The voice of the Lord breaks the **cedars**; the Lord breaks in pieces the **cedars** of Lebanon.'

**Psalms 92:12** 'The righteous flourish like the palm tree, they will grow like a **cedar** of Lebanon'.

This tree is the national symbol of Lebanon; it stands for strength and sustainability and is displayed on the flag and coat of arms. It is also the logo of Middle East Airlines, the Lebanese national carrier. Poets have seen the tree as a sign of eternity due to its endurance through tumultuous periods of history.

Of the cedars which were growing in Lebanon, possibly during the time of Christ, only a few remain, but they are now surrounded by 400-500 younger ones. They grow in the mountains of the Eastern Mediterranean basin over 6000 feet above sea level and can reach 130 feet in height.

The wood is suitable for building as it doesn't decay and is used for rafters and for boards with which to cover houses and form the floors and ceilings of rooms. It is red in colour, long lasting, solid and free from knots and can be carved and shaped and was used lavishly together with olive wood in Solomon's temple and his palace. (1 Kings 6:15- 7:12)

### **Date Palm**

Jericho is known as the "City of Palms" (Deuteronomy 34:3, Judges 1:16 & 3:13). This region was the land of the Canaanites and the Philistines.

A tall tree with a straight trunk with leaves of up to 6 feet long which became a national emblem of Israel, signifying victory. A palm branch was awarded to victorious athletes in ancient Greece and a palm frond is one of the most common aspects of victory personified in ancient Rome.

**John 12:13** 'They took palm branches and went out to meet him, shouting, "Hosanna!" "Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord!" "Blessed is the King of Israel!"

The leaves were also used to make baskets, mats, brooms, beds and roofs. The trunk gave timber for furniture and the dates of course were eaten. The palm tree was seen as a thing of beauty and in Genesis was referred to as Tamar, a name used to describe a beautiful woman.

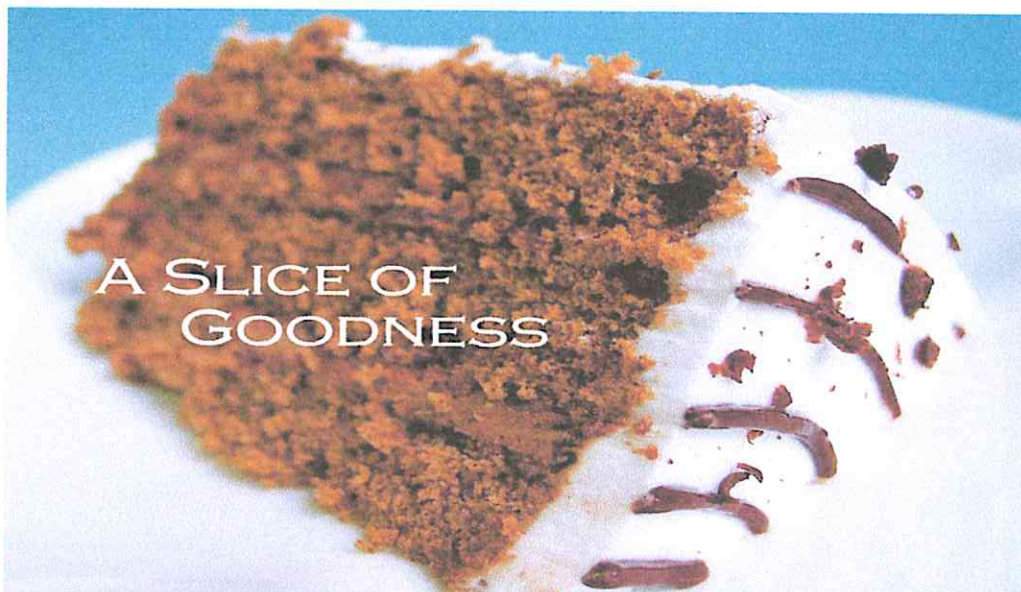
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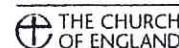
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## Bishop Jan writes...



One of the most moving services in the life of the Diocese occurs on Maundy Thursday at 11am when the clergy gather together in the Cathedral - our 'mother church' - to renew their ordination

vows, joined by the Readers who renew their commitment to their office. My hope is always that members of congregations from across the Diocese will join with us as a way of supporting their clergy and Readers and as an expression of thanks for all that they do throughout the year. You would be very welcome.

I was asked on one occasion why the bishops call the clergy together in such a busy week when they have so much else to do. But of course, that's exactly the point! We meet at the beginning of the most important days in the Church's year and, as together we prepare to journey again with Jesus to the cross and the grave and on into resurrection life, we re-commit ourselves to following the one who shows us the true meaning of what it means to be forgiven and loved unconditionally.

The name 'Maundy' comes from the Latin 'mandatum' meaning 'commandment'. On Maundy Thursday we remember how Jesus gave his disciples the command to love one another just as he loved them. It is for this

reason that this day is chosen for clergy and lay ministers to renew their vows; to renew their commitment to preach and proclaim God's love and to live out that love in costly service.

The same service includes the blessing of holy oils. These are: Chrism Oil, which is used at ordination and confirmation services; Catechumens Oil, used at baptisms and Oil of Healing, which is used when ministering to the sick and dying. The clergy will take the blessed oils back to their parishes for use throughout the year. As someone who received anointing with the Oil of Healing when facing a life-threatening illness, I can witness to the immensely powerful experience of receiving the prayer of the whole church throughout history and across the world through that simple act of being anointed.

As we look forward to welcoming Bishop Libby and beginning a new chapter in the life of our Diocese, my hope and prayer is that this Easter we will all rededicate ourselves once more to loving and serving both God and neighbour.

An alleluia-filled Easter to you all!

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane  
Bishop of Repton

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## From Our Deaneries

### Hardwick

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### Carsington

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#### Carsington Deanery on Facebook

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The electronic version of the national Parish Safeguarding Handbook states that all parishes should 'ensure that safeguarding arrangements are clearly visible on the front page of the parish website.' (Hard copies of the Handbook will be distributed once they have been received from Church House Westminster).

Ideally, this should be achieved by displaying a prominent link to your own safeguarding pages, if you have them. Alternatively, you can link to the Safeguarding

section of the diocesan website: [www.derby.anglican.org/en/safeguarding](http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/safeguarding).

For those parishes that do not have their own website, please consider adding contact information for your PSL on your A Church Near You pages: [www.achurchnearyou.com](http://www.achurchnearyou.com).

A Church Near You also has a 'safeguarding' tab on every page which will take the user through to a map highlighting diocesan safeguarding details.



## Safeguarding

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## Diocesan Spirituality Group

There is a real hunger and thirst within the Church for the things of God. People are seeking to journey ever closer to God; deepening their sense of connection, communication and participation in God; exploring their own sense of Christian spirituality; experimenting with different forms of prayer; learning to recognise and discern God's presence, activity and voice.

The Diocesan Spirituality Group seeks to enable this aspect of the Church's life to grow and flourish by providing courses, events, quiet days and retreats and matching interested parties to someone who can accompany them on this journey as listeners and spiritual directors.

To respond to the growing demand for this significant aspect of mission and ministry, the Diocesan Spirituality Group is seeking to expand and recruit new volunteer members to join the existing group. Meetings are held three times a year with the option to join in focussed working parties as well. Dates, times and venues are open to negotiation amongst the group members.

We are particularly looking for people with significant interests in any of the following areas:

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- Using modern technology in prayer
- Spirituality in children and teenagers
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- Charismatic spirituality
- Intercessory prayer
- Healing ministry
- Spirituality of fresh expressions and pioneer ministry

If you feel God might be calling you to serve as part of this group, then please contact us for more details and an informal conversation.

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Chair of the Diocesan Spirituality Group  
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# Learning in Faith

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2 May	Leading a Quiet Day or Retreat	St Oswald, Ashbourne

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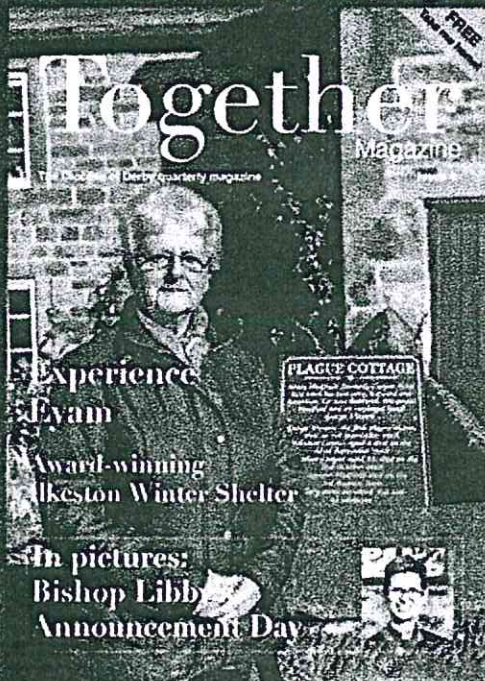
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