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At the heart of Christmas



With Christmas Blessings from
Newbold Parish Church

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Just for fun, can you spot our logo hiding on another page of the magazine (not the front page!)



Public Worship

Regular Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

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Christmas Services – see also back cover

Christingle Service Sunday 12th December 4pm

Christmas Carols Sunday 19th December 4pm

Midnight Mass Friday 24th December 11.30pm

Christmas Day All-age-style Christmas Mass 10am

Boxing Day St John's Festival Mass 10am

Epiphany - Arrival of the Wise Men Sunday 2nd January 10am and 4pm

At the heart of Christmas

From Revd Rhoda

It feels strange to be writing to you all again a year on. On the one hand I'm wondering where the year has gone--is it really Advent again with Christmas just a few weeks away? But, on the other hand, in some ways it feels like last Christmas was years ago.

So much has happened in this past year, and there are so many things that none of us could have foreseen. In all this uncertainty, there is one thing that keeps me grounded and that is knowing I'm loved unconditionally by God. This is the message we anticipate in Advent and celebrate at Christmas—the mystery of Immanuel, God choosing to become one of us, to show us what God is like and to provide a way of reconciliation and redemption.

The theme of redemptive love is a common one in fictional literature, and a couple of my favourites are the Harry Potter series by JK Rowling, and the Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe by CS Lewis. Although they are fiction, we can get caught up in the story and the conclusion that love wins, good triumphs over evil.

But, the message that starts with Christmas is that God's story of love and redemption isn't a myth, it's real. And we can understand and experience this for ourselves in our own lives and have our own story to tell. Each of us with faith has a story, however small, and nobody else can tell it for us. In this edition, Hilary tells us part of her faith story, beginning on page 24. Perhaps her story might inspire some of you to write part of your faith story for another edition.

My prayer for each of us this Advent and Christmas Season is that we will catch a fresh glimpse of the wonder and the mystery of the love of God for us and for our world.

A Christmas blessing

May the Father,

who has loved the eternal Son

from before the foundation of the world,

shed that love upon you his children.

May Christ,

who by his incarnation gathered into one

things earthly and heavenly,

fill you with joy and peace.

May the Holy Spirit,

by whose overshadowing Mary became the God-bearer,

give you grace to carry the good news of Christ.

And the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be with you and those whom you love, both near and far, this day and always.

Rhoda

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of Christmas**



Important Information

The Evangelist 2022

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Copy Deadlines for Contributors

We are very grateful to many of you for your contributions to the magazine over the year. In order to relieve the pressure between deadline and print we are needing to bring forward the deadline for submissions to two Sundays before publishing. Publishing will remain the last Sunday of the month.

NB the deadline for contributions to the January issue is 12 December to publish on 19 December, in time for Christmas.

Volunteers needed!

Editor and Admin support for the Magazine

We are looking for one or more people to take on the management and production of the Magazine.

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- Generating content (approaching people for articles, having ideas, liaising with church groups and staff team)

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- Managing Advertising – liaising with advertisers, collecting and recording payments and potentially generating more advertisers.

The first two roles could be combined to create an editor role. The second two roles could be undertaken by one person but could also be split. They can all be combined into one job.

Please speak to Rev Rhoda if you want any more information or if you are interested in one or more of the roles.



Advent

From Richard Peet

The advent season is a very special time of year, that to many gets lost in the bright lights and preparation of the Christmas season. The first day of Advent is the first day of a new liturgical (or church) calendar and begins the preparation in anticipation of the nativity of Jesus at Christmas.

In church we have the advent candles and they each have their own special significance. The four candles represent the four weeks of Advent, and the colour purple is a liturgical colour that signifies a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice.

This time provides us with our most joyful, and peaceful moments amidst the hustle and bustle that goes on around us at this time of year.

At Christmas we welcome the arrival of Jesus the Saviour, and we celebrate afresh each Christmas the wondrous gift of the baby Jesus.

When the 25th December arrives, families will be having their festivities, but in church we will be celebrating the Christmas story for several weeks.

I hope that you will find time to worship in this busy period leading up to Christmas and that we are all fully prepared for the coming of the Saviour on Christmas Day.

Our hope is that we all have a better Christmas this year than we did last year, where families will hopefully have the opportunity to spend quality time together, to have fun, laughter, and most of all that we love each other, be kind to each other, and respect each other.

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Remembrance Sunday at the War Memorial

From Revd Rhoda

The rain stayed off for the service at 12noon at the Newbold War Memorial at the top of Littlemoor Road on Sunday 14th November. It was good to be able to have the service this year having missed it last year with the pandemic restrictions, and it was a privilege for me to lead the service along with Chris Barnes our lay minister. We were joined by representatives of our Local and County Councils, a representative of the Chesterfield Branch of the Parachute Regiment, 3rd and 4th Derbyshire Scout Group, 1st Highfield Scout Group, family and friends of the fallen, members of Churches Together in Newbold, and many from our local community. Listening to the Last Post, followed by the silence, is always a poignant moment for me as I reflect on all that Remembrance means.



They shall not grow old, as we that are left grow old.

Age shall not weary them, nor the years condemn.

At the going down of the sun, and in the morning,
we will remember them.

I would like to note our special thanks to Robert of Kays Electronics for providing and operating the sound system for

us. And, thank you also to the FSE cubs and scouts for the



slate and stone poppy paintings they had done in their groups ready to lay at the memorial.

Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers

and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfil in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen. 🕯️🕯️🕯️



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The Knife Angel on its Visit to Chesterfield October 2021

From Wendy Drake

Whilst still living in Runcorn in Cheshire, I missed the opportunity to visit The Knife Angel in Liverpool where it was first on show in 2018. I again missed my chance to look in awe on the 27 foot (8.2m) tall statue when it was officially unveiled outside Chester Cathedral in November 2019. So, was it to be 3rd time lucky when I heard that The Knife Angel was due to visit Chesterfield in October this year?

As it happened our 6-year-old grand-daughter, Alice, was with us and when I mentioned about the visitation, she wanted to see it too. She was certainly taken aback by the enormous size of the statue which completely dwarfed her, and me as well. We both wished to learn more about it then and found



Photo by Chris Barnes

out that it was created using over 100,000 knives which had either been confiscated by 43 police forces across the UK or handed in during an amnesty. The artist, Alfie Bradley, had completed the work at the British Ironworks Centre, based in Oswestry, as a National Monument Against Violence and Aggression.

It really was an amazing sight to see, and on the day of our visit, with the sun shining on and glinting off the blades, it helped to highlight the sheer complexity of the statue, which was most definitely a sight not to be missed.

Other comments on the Knife Angel

A poignant memorial reflecting the enormity of knife crime-- save a life, surrender your knife – Rhoda

Amazing, Scary, Impressive, Reflective, Stunning, Poignant – Richard

The thing that struck me most about the sculpture was the sheer size of it, and that, in itself, reflected the sheer size of the problem we have with knife crime. – Hilary

I had seen quite a few pictures but wasn't prepared for how moving it is to see in reality. Amongst other things, I was struck by his face which was pleading and deeply sorrowful and, together with his palms facing up and the arms open, he seemed to be inviting me to feel the same. There was a sense of "enough is enough" we need change this – Sue



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Readings and Collects

Sunday 5 December Second Sunday of Advent

Baruch 5.1-9 or Malachi 3.1-4 Philipians 1.3-11 Luke 3.1-6

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Sunday 12 December Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-20 Canticle: Isaiah 12.2-6 Philipians 4.4-7

Luke 3.7-18

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 19 December Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a Cantic: Magnificat or Psalm 80.1-8

Hebrews 10.5-10 Luke 1.39-45[46-55]

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Friday 24 December Christmas Night

Isaiah 52.7-10 Psalm 98 Hebrews 1.1-4[5-12] John 1.1-14

Eternal God, who made this most holy night to shine with the brightness of your one true light: bring us, who have known the revelation of that light on earth, to see the radiance of your heavenly glory; 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.

(or)

Eternal God, in the stillness of this night you sent your almighty Word to pierce the world's darkness with the light of

salvation: give to the earth the peace that we long for and fill our hearts with the joy of heaven through our Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day

Isaiah 9.2-7 Psalm 96 Titus 2.11-14 Luke 2.1-14[15-20]

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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.

(or) **

Lord Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Sunday 26 December Patronal Festival of St John the Evangelist

Exodus 33.7-11a Psalm 117 1John 1 John 21.19b-end

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that, being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may at last attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

DIARY DECEMBER 2021

Sunday 5 December Second Sunday of Advent 10am Mass
4pm All-Age

Sunday 12 December Third Sunday of Advent 10am Mass
Christingle Service 4pm All-Age

Sunday 19 December Fourth Sunday of Advent 10am Mass
Carol Service 4pm

Friday 24 December Christmas Eve 11.30pm Mass

Saturday 25 December Christmas Day 10am All-Age Mass

Sunday 26 December St John's Festival 10am Mass

Every Tuesday except 28/12

9.50am Morning prayer via Zoom

Every Wednesday except 29/12

10am Mid-week Communion in church

10.30am – 11.30am Space to be (see page 27)

Wed 1 December 7pm **Women's Group** (see page 23)

Sun 5 December 12 noon **Walking Group** meet at church gates (see page 32)

Mon 6 December 1.45pm **Monday Club** Games/music/quiz

Tues 14 December 8pm **Quiz** on Zoom (see opposite)

Sat 18 December 10.30 **Men's Group** and including **Christmas Raffle Draw** at 11am (see opposite)

Mon 20 December 1.45pm **Monday Club** Christmas Party

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From the Registers



Holy Baptism

7 November George Thomas Ward

21 November Jessica Pidcock
 Alexander Harvey Pidcock
 Harry James Pidcock

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

Newbold Women's Group ***From Trish Law***

After having to miss out last year it was an added pleasure on 3rd November for eight members to go to The Peacock, Cutthorpe, where we enjoyed a delicious meal, with attentive service in suitable surroundings. There was plenty to talk about and we found it very satisfying to have the opportunity to be together again.

For our final meeting of the year, on Wednesday 1st December, we will be gathering at 7pm in the Parish Room, which has been thoroughly cleaned and prepared for use. The evening will include Bible readings telling the Christmas story, with recorded carols, other poems and readings, a Christmas themed quiz and light refreshments. All members have been contacted directly with further details of what we trust will be an enjoyable evening.

Trish Law Committee Member Tel: 450407

Dear Newbold....

From Hilary Barnes

Earlier this year the Archbishop of York, Stephen Cottrell, wrote a book called "Dear England" as a response to a barista who asked him the question, "What made you become a priest?" As a response to this, Chris suggested in the August edition of "The Evangelist" that we wrote our own version entitled "Dear Newbold." Here is the first of what we hope will become a regular sharing in this magazine.

Dear Newbold,
Hazel Grove Methodist Church was a great big barn of a building. It was a typical Wesleyan Chapel with hard pews, draughty windows and an enormous balcony that attracted all the children to fight for the best seats at the front or back, as if it were the top deck of a bus. The Sunday School next door was equally vast, with hideous dark brown shiny tiles on the walls, and very smelly toilets that nobody in their right mind would want to use, unless they were absolutely desperate. There were two great halls and many smaller rooms for the different age groups in Sunday School, and other organisations that met there, like the "Young Wives," who mostly had grey hair. Why were there no "Old Husbands" groups? Perhaps because, like many other churches, women outnumbered the men.

It was here that I was sent as a child to receive my religious education, as was customary in the 1950's. My mother had been brought up in the Church of England and was very proud of the fact that her father had been Head Chorister at the Parish Church in Hartlepool. The Anglican church in Hazel Grove was on the other side of the main road from where we lived, so the Methodist Church was the safer option, so I could walk there on my own without having to cross busy roads. I must have started at a very young age, as I distinctly remember opening the hymn book in church and not being able to read the words, so I made up my own (usually about Humpty Dumpty or Jack and Jill), and more than likely made

up the tune as well. I did wonder why people round about always laughed during the hymns. Those of you familiar with Methodist Worship will know that the “Hymn Sandwich” is the traditional fare. That suited me because I loved music, and when I could actually read the proper words, I joined the choir. It was the music that kept me going, as the preaching was interminably long and boring and did not speak to me at all.

In my teenage years I defected to the Baptist Church in Poynton, which was much livelier and had more attractive boys. It alarmed my mother somewhat when I announced that I was going on the “March for Jesus.” She thought I had “caught religion” and would be challenging her unorthodox beliefs about God and Jesus. She believed in God but thought that Jesus was just a good man – she frequently said that she “cut out the middleman and went straight to the top!” Little did she realise that at that point I had not caught religion but was going on the march because Jonathan Harrop would be there.

You’ve probably realised by now that my mother was a strong and dogmatic influence in my life. So, when I eventually cut the apron strings and went to university in Sheffield, a whole new world opened up to me. It was a world largely built on self – self-fulfilment, self-awareness and with very little space for God. Having spent my childhood under a strict parental thumb, I didn’t fancy assigning the rest of my life to being under God’s thumb, or so I saw it at the time. I did occasionally go to church with my boyfriend when I went to stay with his family. His father was a vicar in Middlesbrough, so I felt obliged.

The relationship with my boyfriend, Haydn, blossomed and we were married in 1974 and had our first child in 1975. In 1976 we moved to Luton, as Haydn got a job in London, and Luton was the only affordable place to live in that neck of the woods. Money was always tight, and we managed for many years without a fridge or telephone. There were frequent trips to the butcher at the end of the month to ask for free dog bones to make soup. He was such a kind man who never asked after the dog he knew we didn’t have. It was in Luton that I began

my journey back to faith. As an architect, Haydn was attracted to the Parish church in the town and wanted to go and worship there, probably because it was the only decent building of historical interest in the place.

After about two years of living in Luton, Haydn had his first fit and was taken into hospital. He was treated for epilepsy for several years. I confided in a friend that I was worried that he had a brain tumour, and she reassuringly replied that the doctors would have automatically tested for that, and I believed her. The fits got worse; on one occasion my young daughter was brought home by the police as he had had a fit whilst pushing her to the shops. Eventually my own GP was so concerned that he sent him to the Royal Free hospital in London. There they discovered that he did in fact have a brain tumour and kept him in to operate straight away. My world turned upside down, when they told me that the cancer was aggressive and that he only had a few months to live. I went home on the train, staring out of the window at the rain streaking down the glass. I kept staring out in the hope that nobody in the carriage would notice that tears were streaking down my cheeks too.

My sister-in-law was looking after the children, and when I told her the news, she said to me, “You know, Hilary, God never tests us beyond what we can bear.” That phrase stuck with me and had a profound effect. If I wasn’t going to be tested beyond what I could bear, then that meant one of two things – either Haydn was going to be healed, or God thought I was capable of dealing with the devastation of his death. If God thought I could deal with it, then who was I to argue! I would jolly well deal with it and not let him down.

Ups and downs followed. Sometimes Haydn responded well to treatment, and sometimes there were long spells in hospital. I couldn’t have got through without the help and support of the church, and it was at that point that my own faith blossomed. I contacted a Christian charity called “Healing Hands,” and took him to numerous healing services at church

in an attempt to prolong his life, but it was not to be. He went to be with the Lord on the 4th of February 1985.

Why did God allow him to die? I didn't know, and I found it hard to accept that I was now going to have to be both Mum and Dad to my three young children. How on earth could I be a father to two cricket-mad boys when I didn't know my silly mid-off from my silly mid-on? But God always knows best, and he brought Chris into my life – somebody who was very keen to take the boys to cricket and football! Chris had been one of Haydn's friends at university and was the last person I imagined spending my life with! I will let him tell his own story, but I often think that Haydn would have been so pleased that it was his friend who was bringing up his children.

So, what has God done for me? He has shown his very great love for us all, by bringing good out of a tragedy. When I wandered away from him, he never wandered away from me, and his faith in me nurtured my faith in him.

Space to be

For Advent and the Christmas Season

In this busy time, with so much added uncertainty, we are offering **a space for quiet reflection** in church on Wednesdays from 10.30am to 11.30am.

This will follow on from Wednesday 10am Mass, but this is principally for the practical reason of heating the building!! There is no requirement to attend Mass, or to stop after Mass.

Please feel free to pop in when you like and leave when you like. There will be some reflection sheets to use if you wish, votive candles can be lit, prayer tags can be written to hang on the Christmas tree, and there will be quiet music in the background.



The Winter Provision project for the Homeless

Information provided by Christians Together for Chesterfield

In partnership with Derbyshire Local Authorities and Derby City Mission we will be providing “winter provision” for the homeless in Chesterfield and surrounding areas and there are opportunities for the church community to get involved with the project from 1st December to 31st March.

The last time we were able to run a Chesterfield Night Shelter was in 2019/20, as in 2020/21 Covid prevented us repeating the project and instead the Derbyshire Local Authorities set up provision at Mount Cook Activity Centre. That was a success and this year, as we are again prevented nationally from running communal sleeping provision, and because businesses are now operating as normally as possible, there are no facilities like Mount Cook. Therefore, the Local Authorities are providing Bed & Breakfast accommodation across the county from 1st December until 31st March to provide individual sleeping facilities, including around 10 spaces in Chesterfield.

The opportunity before us this year is to run a “Winter Provision” in Chesterfield. This involves providing a meal as we did every evening during the previous Night Shelters, but without any of the arrangements to sleep or have breakfast the following morning. This would provide our homeless guests with one hot and healthy meal a day and the opportunity to relax and build relationships with us before they return to their accommodation.

The evening meals will be held in Chesterfield town centre churches such as Grace Chapel and we will need volunteers every evening to cook and help in the kitchen, to serve, to clean, and to welcome and befriend. We would also value Prayer for the project. To express interest, please contact Ian

Macleod using the email: churchonthebus@gmail.com or phone 07368 331219.

Finally, just a note of explanation about the role of Church on the Bus in this project: Derby City Mission, who are overseeing the operational support across the county, have asked Church on the Bus to take a lead role in the practical arrangements as we have an all-year-round ministry to the Homeless and Disadvantaged and can provide the overall support to coordinate this project. The management team for this project has been formed from some of the management team from the 2019/20 project and some of the Trustees from Church on the Bus.

A Big Thank You!



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Churchyard bird spotting

From Christine Wieloch

This was a successful month in the churchyard as we saw one new bird and one rarely seen (see thumbnail sketches below) as well as some of the more common ones.

Birds seen were; Blackbird, black-headed gull, brambling, chaffinch, coal tit, collared dove, dunnock, goldcrest, goldfinch, great spotted woodpecker, great tit, herring gull, house sparrow, jackdaw, long tailed tit, magpie, nuthatch and woodpigeon.



The Brambling is very similar to a chaffinch in shape and size but it is a winter visitor rather than a year round resident. It has brown/burnt orange and black upper parts with a white rump.

The Great Spotted woodpecker is a medium sized bird with very distinctive markings. If it has a red patch on the top of its head it's male, no red patch is female. Both sexes have the red patch on their rump.



The Walking Group

From Evelyn Lowe

Steve Franks was born in Chesterfield but brought up in the village of Clowne and was happy to lead five of us in this area for our November walk.

We settled down to eat our sandwiches on the old platform of the Clowne & Barlborough Station, only 40 yards from Clowne South Station.

We set off down Clowne Greenway, the old track bed of the Clowne branch of the Midland Railway. The long, wide path strewn with autumnal leaves led through steep sided cuttings to a black, iron bridge which straddled a stream. A second bridge of the same design spanned a road below, the Creswell to Elmton main road.

We turned right to descend 33 wooden steps into a housing estate and within minutes we were on a minor road and through a gate announcing we were in the Markland Grips, a nature reserve and area of conservation, managed by Derbyshire Wildlife Trust.

This is a territory of steep valley sides and exposed rock faces. Several tree species grow here together with many woodland wildflowers, found mainly in the summer months.

Shortly we arrived at what was once a former railway viaduct which used to have six equal stone arches. It was built in 1896 to carry freight especially coal but was used as a relief and diversionary route for Sheffield – Lincoln traffic and for Great Central Main Line. The viaduct, which had needed extensive strengthening for some time, due to the effects of mining subsidence, was reinforced but eventually was buried under spoil to turn it into an embankment and a concrete tunnel built in its place. Once the railway stopped being used

the embankment was taken down, exposing the old bridge before it was finally demolished, only the concrete tunnel remains which is what we walked through.

We returned to Clowne along the old track bed of the Great Central Main Line, running parallel to the Clowne Greenway we walked down earlier.

Leaving the line, we walked past the former Clowne Rectory before joining the main shopping street. A modern building housing Aldi, a Pharmacy and Ashgate Coffee was once the site of the Clowne Co-operative store where Steve's grandfather worked as a warehouseman in the 1960's/70's.

Steve and his sister would stay with his grandparents for a week during the summer holidays and he remembers steam trains passing through the cutting at the side of their house behind the store. They also collected bottle tops as the warehouse of "Davenports Beer at Home" was situated next to the Co-op.

Nearby used to be Rattue's toyshop, now "No.4", a licensed coffee shop. Steve remembers spending his pocket money here on an Airfix kit of "H.M.S. Victory" priced at £1. 1s.

The wistfulness of times past – we all experience it.

The next walk on **Sunday 5th December** will be led by Bob Cable starting from Somersall Park. If anyone wishes to join us you will be most welcome, just bring a packed lunch and wear suitable clothing. We meet at the church gates at 12 noon.



What do Alexander the Great and Winnie the Pooh have in common?

They have the same middle name!

Bible Sudoku

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

For G3, A1, I8, E7

Of the first nine psalms, which psalm begins, “O Lord, rebuke me not in thine anger”?

For B2, I7, A6

How many tribes did God promise Solomon? (1 Kings 11:11-13)

For B6, F3, E5

How many men sent by Cornelius sought Peter? (Acts 10:17-19)

For C4, I6, G8

At what hour on Pentecost did Jesus’ followers begin to speak in other tongues? (Acts 2:15 NIV)

For G1, H5, D7

How many angels sat where Jesus’ body had lain? (John 20:12)

For C1, E6, B5, D3

How many sons did Jesse have? (1 Samuel 17:12)

For G2, A4

Which verse of Hebrews 1 says, "Being made so much better than the angels"?

For C2

How many chapters are in the book of 1 Peter?

For E9, G4, B1, F5

How many days did Samuel tell Saul to wait for him at Gilgal?
(1Samuel 10:8)

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Stopping by Woods on a Snowy Evening

By Robert Frost



Whose woods these are I think
I know.

His house is in the village though;
He will not see me stopping here
To watch his woods fill up with snow.

My little horse must think it queer
To stop without a farmhouse near
Between the woods and frozen lake
The darkest evening of the year.

He gives his harness bells a shake
To ask if there is some mistake.
The only other sound's the sweep
Of easy wind and downy flake.

The woods are lovely, dark and deep
But I have promises to keep
And miles to go before I sleep
And miles to go before I sleep.

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Answers to the Quiz



from November Edition

1. Stormzy 2. 1950s (born 1958) 3. Turn, Turn, Turn
4. Died aged 35 (1791) 5. Cherilyn Sarkisian 6. John Denver
7. I'll Never Find Another You 8. East Sussex, 4 miles from Lewes
9. Ariana Grande 10. Eye Level 11. Madness 12. Carousel
13. Hallelujah 14. Approaching Menace 15. Showboat
16. Maurice Jarre 17. Charlie Watts 18. Henry Mancini
19. Are You Sure? 20. The Bee Gees

Giving During a Crisis

How do we give during a pandemic?

With church currently open, we are able to receive envelopes and open plate giving in church again, however, please do consider any of the alternatives below if you are able, to reduce the risks of the transmission of the virus.

Therefore, if you would like to continue to support Newbold Parish Church financially, please send cheques payable to 'Newbold PCC income account' to:

The Treasurer, Newbold Parish Church, St John's Rd,
Chesterfield S41 8PE

Or, you can donate via direct transfer:
'Newbold PCC income account'
HSBC Bank plc
Sort Code: 40-17-15
Account No: 61331795 (mark it 'donation')

If you have previously filled out a gift aid form this will still count. If you need a gift aid form do let us know.

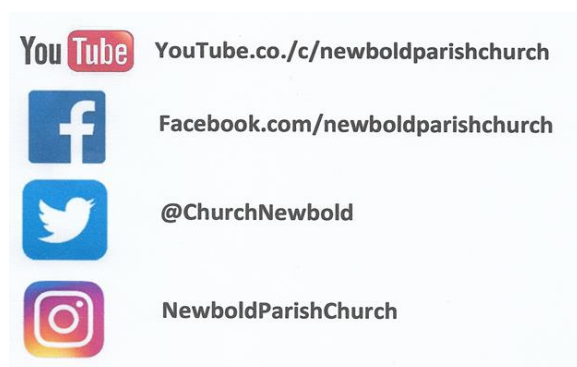
Standing order. Once again, a huge thank you to those of you who give regularly via standing order. This is the best way for us to keep track of our finances. If you don't give this way, and would like to, please contact us and we can send you a form.

Finally, if you are struggling financially at the moment, do feel free to lower your giving. We don't want anyone to feel pressure to give at this difficult time.

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4pm, Sunday 12th December
Christingle Service

11am, Saturday 18th December
Christmas Raffle Draw

4pm, Sunday 19th December
Christmas Carols

11.30pm, Friday 24th December
Midnight Mass

10am, Christmas Day
All-age-style Christmas Mass

10am, Boxing Day
St John's Festival Mass

10am & 4pm, Sunday 2nd January
Arrival of the Wise Men (Epiphany)

