



Newbold Parish Church

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## Hunt the Eagle

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



# Public Worship

## Regular Worship

### Sunday 10am Mass

Just a reminder that covid restrictions will still apply when you attend church. You will need to:

- Wear a face covering
- Use hand gel on arriving and leaving the building
- Keep 1.5m distance from others not in your household or bubble

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

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### Sunday 4pm All Age Family worship

A family friendly, interactive service with a contemporary feel.

### Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion in the church building

## Tuesday Morning prayer

A 30min service of prayer on Zoom continues each week gathering at 09.50 for a 10am start. All Welcome.

Contact church office for Link

## Ash Wednesday Services

### Wednesday 2 March

10am Mid-week communion

7.30pm Ash Wednesday service in church

# Letter from the Churchwarden

*From Richard Peet*

Welcome to 2022, and as I write this letter, we are halfway through the first month of the year.

We were very pleased to be able to have the Christingle service led by Chris and Hilary, our midnight mass service, Christmas Day, and our patron St John's Day.

The women's group had a lovely evening in the parish room in December, the men's group met for bacon and/or sausage sandwiches and Jean Lee's wonderful mince pies, and the Monday Club had a very enjoyable Christmas party with Christmas music, a quiz, food, and a time to socialise together.

A big thank you to all involved in the preparation for the services during Christmas and Epiphany, which were very good, and the flower ladies for their excellent displays at Christmas.

January has seen the meeting between the Area Dean Karen and our church wardens to discuss the way forward during the interregnum.

We have had a meeting with the architects to discuss the way forward with the parish centre development.

We are still in the grip of this pandemic and the omicron variant has been rampant. Difficult decisions may need to be taken for our safety, for the NHS (which is being stretched to its limits) and that other treatments are not delayed.

So what does 2022 hold for us as individuals, in our family life, and in our plans for the year? What will we be able to do, where will we go, and in the life of the church what will we be able to do in terms of services, fund raising activities, and what will we do to continue to support our congregation?

We would love to be able to visit church members this year, take communion to those who are unable to come to church and to visit the residential and nursing homes in our parish at Elm Lodge and Ridgewood House.

We have members who have not returned to church since March 2020, what can we do to support them?

Our communion service each Wednesday morning at 10.00am is a good service to come to for those who are not sure about coming back to church for the first time in a long while. This service is 30 minutes in length, you can spread out and socially distance, and it is a said service.

The church has taken every precaution to make everyone feel safe, comfortable, and feel that this is a new beginning for them.

We have had a few new members join our congregation in the last few months and this is encouraging.

We had a number of baptisms take place between September and December last year which were wonderful occasions, and we have three already booked in for 2021.

So as a church we need to look forward but being well aware that the virus is not going away. We need to move forward and not stand still.

If you have any suggestions about what we can do as a church, for example fund raising ideas, or anything else, please speak to our friendly church wardens who will be willing to receive them.

Let us hope and pray for a much better 2022.

*Lord Jesus may your light shine on our way, that we too may be led into your presence and worship you, the Child of Mary, the Word of the Father, the King of nations, the Saviour of all, to whom be glory for ever.*



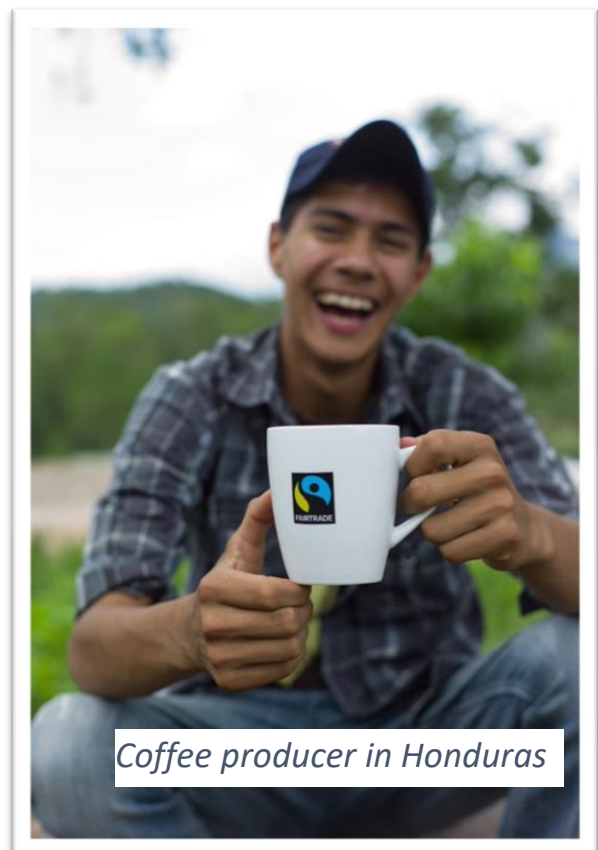
## **Fair Trade Fortnight**

***21 February to 6 March 2022***

### **Choose the world you want**

For two weeks each year at the end of February and start of March, thousands of individuals, companies and groups across the UK come together to share the stories of the people who grow our food and drinks, mine our gold and who grow the cotton in our clothes, people who are often exploited and underpaid.

Since last Fairtrade Fortnight we have seen the G7 and COP26 take place. Over 33,000 campaigners joined 1.8m Fairtrade farmers and workers in backing the “Be Fair With Your Climate Promise” challenge to



*Coffee producer in Honduras*

Bannanas



world leaders at the UN COP26 summit. But frustration came as the wealthiest nations failed to recognise the urgent need to invest in farmer expertise by delaying until 2023 their promised \$100bn annual funding to the most climate vulnerable

countries. That isn't good enough.

The COVID-19 pandemic has shown us more than ever how interconnected we are globally. This interconnection is at the very heart of the Fairtrade message and is where your role begins. You are part of the Fairtrade movement, and you have the power to drive long-term change, not only with your shopping choices but with your support in spreading the message.



Rice

There is much more to purchase than just Fair-Trade tea and coffee. Have you thought about your chocolate, rice, bananas, cotton clothes, and flowers? Let's choose the world we want and make the way we shop make a difference.

Information and pictures for this article taken from the Fair-Trade fortnight web site.



Coffee

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# Monday Club Report

*From Richard Peet*

The Monday Club is settling back into the parish room, and we are continuing to meet fortnightly and have planned the dates for the whole year which may be subject to change if new variants appear during the year.

The dates of meetings this month are on page 20.

In December we had a lovely Christmas party with food, music and a quiz.

In January we met in the parish room but hope to get out and about in the coming months, covid allowing.

If you are considering joining a new group in 2022 why not think about this club.

You can contact Margaret Beasley or Richard Peet, (details on page 39) if you wish to know further information.

In the future we may be able to have speakers come to join us, and we have one or two in mind who were due to come prior to the pandemic.

If anyone has any ideas as to what we can do as a group, who we can invite to speak, and where can we visit in 2022, please let us know.

So please continue to look after and support each other in these still trying and difficult times, love each other, be kind to each other and try to have a laugh when possible.

Love Prayers and Best Wishes  
Richard.

# Newbold Women's Group

## *From Trish Law*

For our first meeting in the new year, on 5th January, we were again in the Parish Room, but with a different format. Paul White, of Snapdragon T'ai Chi, gave a very interesting talk on how he changed from a stressful career to his work in assisting learning and behavioural management, mainly in schools. Through introducing calming and breathing techniques it has helped to improve behaviour and concentration of pupils. He went on to explain the importance of taking in as much oxygen as possible to improve our health and that anyone of whatever age or level of health can help themselves by using these methods. He then demonstrated the techniques to us, and we were able to join in, moving on slightly from the basics.

Next month, on **Wednesday 2nd February, at 7pm** in the Parish Room, there will be a talk by Rev Sally-Anne Beecham about Hope House, a residence for homeless men on Derby Road, Chesterfield. We will hear of how the home came to exist and about the work that is done now to help those in need.

Please contact me with any queries. Everyone welcome.

Trish Law Committee Member

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" I can't wait for Tuesday 22 Feb this year (22/2/22)

We can call it 2's day!

**Dear Newbold .....**

**Unless you accept the Kingdom of God like a child.**

***From Chris Barnes, continuing his article from last month.***

On a snowy day in February 1985, I attended the funeral in Luton of a university friend. His name was Haydn Bodycombe and he was Hilary's first husband. Hilary described the impact of his death from a brain tumour in the December edition of The Evangelist.

I had driven to Haydn's funeral from my flat in Perivale in West London. When I moved from Dronfield Woodhouse to London in 1983, I was trying to rebuild my life following the collapse of my second marriage. I wasn't looking for any kind of relationship. I put my energy into my new job and in getting my personal best for the half marathon down as low as possible – eventually under 1 hour 27 minutes. As part of that effort, I joined the Ealing and Southall Athletic Club.

The secretary of the club was also a member of the St. Stephen's players, which was affiliated to my local parish church. When the secretary heard that I'd done a lot of amateur dramatics at university and elsewhere, he asked me to join. As a result, I got to know the vicar; it was the first time I had been on first name terms with a member of the clergy for years. God was already preparing the ground to pull me into faith, and had been for years, unbeknownst to me.

Last month, I described how Hilary's obedience to God made it possible for us to get together as a couple, even though, at the time, it was the last thing on either of our minds. This month, I will explain the rest of my journey into faith.

Naturally, Haydn's funeral in Luton was a sad occasion. After the committal at the local crematorium, we gathered at Hilary's house for the wake, along with many other university friends. It was a wonderful spread. I was vaguely aware of a bevy of ladies who made sure that plates and glasses were always filled, and the wake turned into quite a jolly occasion as many of us had not seen each other for years and we spent a long-time reminiscing.

When winter turned to spring, my thoughts turned to Hilary, not in any romantic sense, but feeling sorry for her stuck with 3 kids and no friends in Luton of all places. I later learned that the bevy of ladies at the wake was a young wives prayer group that Hilary belonged to. Far from being friendless, she had a magnificent support group through the church. Hilary still has a fortnightly Zoom prayer meeting with some of them, even though most of them no longer live in Luton.

Back in April 1985, I was aware that I lived only an hour's drive from Hilary, I had a car, and she didn't and the kids probably needed a treat. So, I phoned her up and she agreed to me picking up the family and taking them to Woburn Safari Park one Saturday afternoon. At that time, Woburn had a complex pricing system with different prices for different age groups. I drove up to the pay booth, me in the driver's seat, Hilary in the passenger's seat and three kids in the back, looking like a typical family. I wound the window down (no electric switches in those days!), looked at the pricing structure, turned to Hilary and asked "How old are the kids?" "Ten, five and three," came the reply. The attendant must have thought "what kind of father is that?"

We had a great time at the Safari Park – I'd never been to a Safari Park and I realised kids gave you opportunities not to behave like a grownup all the time. Hilary invited me in for a meal and then put the kids to bed. When she had done that, we had a coffee and started chatting. Much to our mutual

surprise, we got on like a house on fire. We didn't realise how much we had in common in terms of background and basic attitudes to life. Instead of a quick coffee and then back to Perivale, we chatted for hours, and I did not get back until really quite late. I even missed Match of the Day! Hilary agreed to let me take them out as a family again in the summer.

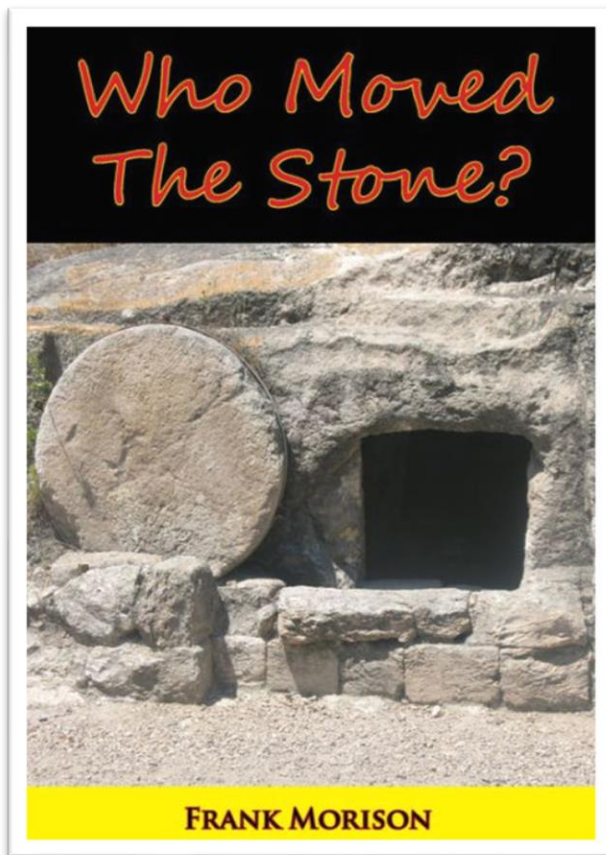
Come one Saturday in June, I picked them up again and set off with our buckets and spades for Southend on Sea. Again, we got back to Luton, had a meal and then chatted away for hours. We haven't stopped since. It began to dawn on me that I really liked Hilary and she was beginning to feel the same way about me. She was not the silly airhead I had thought she was, but the most wonderful and rounded human being I had ever met.

My visits became more regular, and I eventually started to stay for the weekend. The biggest difference in our attitudes was that Hilary was a Christian and I wasn't. However, I knew she went to church each Sunday and, not wanting to set a bad example to the kids, I went along with her. I actually started to listen to the sermons!

Hilary and I then began to talk intensely about faith. I struggled with the concept of the Trinity. I got to the point where I could accept the concept of a creator God. I'd always assumed that the world had come about by chance. The more I looked at the evidence the more it pointed to the existence of a creator. The wide range of balances which actually sustain the world are so infinitesimally small that the probability that it all came about by random chance or accident seem equally infinitesimal.

So, if there is a God, what is God like? The biblical answer is look at Jesus; how he lived, behaved and treated others. But he was only a wonderful teacher wasn't he? The idea of the

resurrection was just another myth. Surely there had to be a more rational explanation.



As I discussed this with Hilary, I remembered a book that had sat unread on my bookshelves for fifteen years – “Who moved the stone?” by Frank Morison. It was a minor miracle that I actually had this book. At university, a fellow student lent me the book to try to persuade me to become Christian. I then clumsily spilt water on it and defaced the frontispiece. So, I bought a new copy to give back to my

acquaintance and kept the original. Another example of how patient God can be in preparing the way for someone to return to him.

When Frank Morison wrote the book, he was a non-believer. He set out to prove that the resurrection was a myth. But as he examined the evidence, he became convinced that the story of the resurrection, that Jesus died, was buried and on the third day rose from the tomb, was the only plausible explanation of what actually happened. If that story is true, then everything else claimed about Jesus is also true. Morison therefore became a believer. The book was first published in 1930 and is still in print.

As I read the book, I too found the evidence compelling. The question of the Holy Spirit was more difficult to answer – you cannot prove God exists any more than you can prove he

doesn't. Hilary told me her story of how she was prompted by the Holy Spirit to phone me, and only me of her friends, on the night Haydn died. And I had to believe her. I could not tell the woman I now loved that she was mistaken.

The problem was that so far, I had only given an intellectual assent to the concept of Christianity. I still did not actually believe it; I didn't have faith. So, I went to chat to my newfound vicar friend in Ealing to discuss all these issues with him. He was gently encouraging but said I did need to make that leap of faith.

One Sunday in September 1985, I listened to a sermon on Mark chapter 10 verse 15 – “unless you accept the Kingdom of God like a child, you will never enter it.” It was just an ordinary sermon and it didn't really strike me. The following weekend, I rang the bell at Hilary's house in Luton and when she opened the door her youngest son, Christopher, rushed down the hall and held my legs tightly. I was his new daddy. He'd lost his old one earlier that year and I was now his new one. That's how the mind of a four-year-old can work.

On the Sunday, I went out for my usual run after church and before lunch. I set out to do about ten miles. After the first mile, when I had settled into my rhythm, I started thinking about faith. I remembered the sermon from the previous week and then remembered what Christopher had done to me the previous day. At about the sixth mile, just as I passed the second lamppost past the Horse and Jockey on the A5 into Dunstable, I put the two things together. Just as a four year old boy had accepted me as his new daddy, I had to accept God as mine – it's that simple.

I became a believer in Christ there and then. Paul had his Roman road to Damascus; I had to make do with one to Dunstable. I virtually sprinted the last four miles back to Hilary's, even up a stiffish climb. I couldn't wait to tell her. And I've never looked back since.

My life had been turned upside down. We got engaged in the new year and married in June 1986. In just over a year, I had been changed from a single bloke with no faith to a step-father to three young children and a firm Christian. It was the making of me and I have had no regrets. Since then, as my faith has deepened and matured, God has continued to be a steady and helpful reality in my life, even during the inevitable low times everyone goes through. He has blessed me mightily with Hilary and a loving family. I dread to think what I might have become if God had not led me to Hilary, probably a somewhat richer but even grumpier old man.



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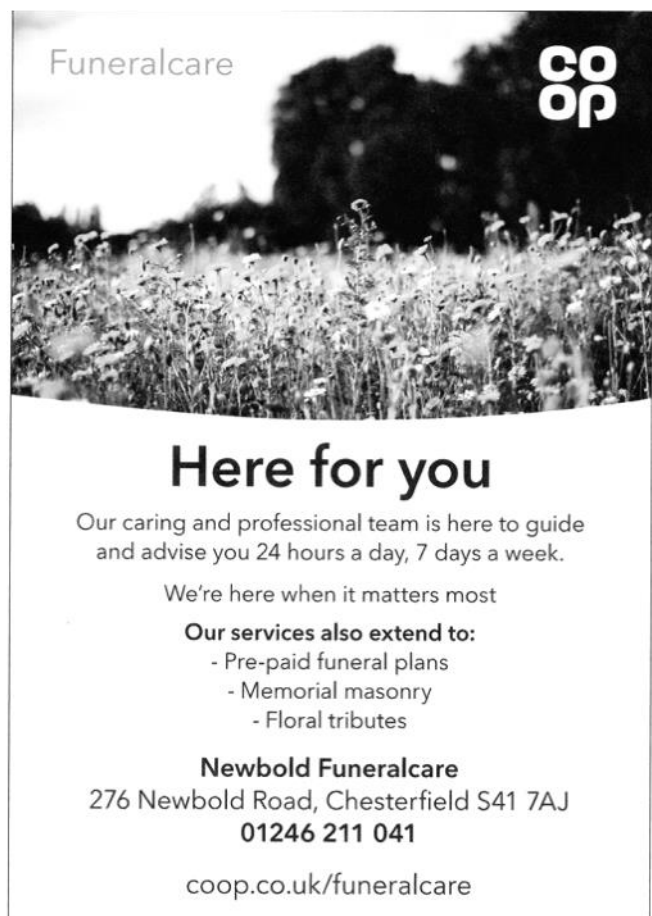
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## Readings and Collects

### **Sunday 6 February The Fourth Sunday before Lent**

*Isaiah 6.1-8[9-13] Psalm 138 1 Corinthians 15.1-11*

*Luke 5.1-11*

O God, you know us to be set in the midst of so many and great dangers, that by reason of the frailty of our nature we cannot always stand upright: grant to us such strength and protection as may support us in all dangers and carry us through all temptations; 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 of the hosts of heaven, our salvation and our strength, without you we are lost: guard us from all that harms or hurts and raise us when we fall; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sunday 13 February Third Sunday before Lent**

*Jeremiah 17.5-10 Psalm 1 1 Corinthians 15.12-20*

*Luke 6.17-26*

Almighty God, who alone can bring order to the unruly wills and passions of sinful humanity: give your people grace so to love what you command and to desire what you promise, that, among the many changes of this world, our hearts may surely there be fixed where true joys are to be found; 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, whose Son went among the crowds and brought healing with his touch: help us to show his love, in your Church as we gather together, and by our lives as they are transformed into the image of Christ our Lord.

**Sunday 20 February Second Sunday before Lent**

*Genesis 45.3-11, 15 Psalm 37.1-11, 40, 41\**

*1 Corinthians 15.35-38, 42-50 Luke 6.27-38*

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord

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**Sunday 27 February The Sunday before Lent**

*Exodus 34.29-35 Psalm 99 2 Corinthians 3.12 - 4.2*

*Luke 9.28-36[37-43a]*

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.



# DIARY FEBRUARY 2022

Sunday 6 February Fourth Sunday before Lent 10am Mass  
4pm All-Age

Sunday 13 February Third Sunday before Lent 10am Mass  
4pm All-Age Mass

Sunday 20 February Second Sunday before Lent 10am Mass  
4pm All-Age

Sunday 27 February Sunday before Lent 10am Mass  
4pm All-Age

**Every Tuesday** 9.50am Morning prayer via Zoom

**Every Wednesday** 10am Mid-week Communion in church  
10.30am–11.30am Space to be

Sunday 6 February 12pm **Walking Group** (see page 32)

Monday 7 February 1.45pm **Monday Club**, Parish Room

Wed'day 9 February 7pm **Women's Group** (see page 10)

Saturday 19 February 10.30 **Men's Group** Parish Room

Monday 21 February 1.45pm **Monday Club**, Parish Room

Saturday 26 February 10am **Craft Group** in Church

*Items for the next edition to be with Rhoda or Sue by Sunday 13 February*

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# From the Registers



## Funeral

13 January Elaine May Warburton aged 89

**Churchyard** [burial or interment of ashes]

23 December Melvyn Allan Radford

10 January Edwin Creasey

10 January Pamela Umney

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*

### Message of thanks

**Mavis Radford** would like to pass on her many thanks for the cards and messages of support she has received following the loss of Melvyn.

### Living in love and faith course

This course is being offered to anyone in the deanery and focuses on Christian teaching and learning about identity, sexuality, relationships and marriage.

The course is run by Rev. Bryony Taylor and will be held via Zoom **for 5 Thursdays beginning 17th February 7pm**


For further information contact Sue in the Church Office.


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## **Chesterfield School Pastors**

***This article appears in this months "Inbetween"-  
the Northeast Deanery newsletter\****

Under the umbrella of Ascension Trust, School Pastors have been operating in Chesterfield for over eight years. We are a group (currently 10) of Christians who work with students and staff at Parkside Community School, Chesterfield.

Parkside is situated in four of the poorest areas in Chesterfield, (Birdholme, Boythorpe, St Augustine's and Grangewood) and this brings a wide range of problems that we have to deal with which are well documented in the media. We see students coping with issues that no child should have to face. Our goal is to build a caring relationship with them built on trust, a relationship that is non-judgmental. This is from the Parkside School website under the section on Pupil Support titled "What do School Pastors do?"

*"Parkside School Pastors began by patrolling an area of the school community. Over time, they have become an integral part of the educational process for pupils and staff members alike. We are proud to say that we cannot imagine Parkside without them. Initiatives work to match the needs of the pupils and the local community with the skills of the School Pastors. Current initiatives include: one to one mentoring for young people to support emotional well-being, Gardening Club, Lunch Club and Chess Club. Our Pastors attend all our school and community events and are represented on our Governing Body "*

When we started at Parkside it was struggling in all areas, it was the last resort school with all 400 pupils coming from within its catchment area. Over the last ten years the governors, headteachers, teachers, staff and students have worked so hard to turn that around, taking us on board in the

process. Recently it was rated the 'most improved school in Derbyshire' with numbers increased to 600 and students coming from all areas of Chesterfield. We have played a small part in that journey and believe that God is blessing our school for putting their trust in us.

Maybe you could join forces with your local school and enjoy a similar journey? How do we measure our success? Is it when we turn tears into smiles, or when a student says, '*you are the only person I trust*'? We pray on every visit that the light of Jesus will shine through in everything we do.

I am available to meet with your church council, school or both and give more examples of some of the students we have worked with over the years.

John Kelly

Coordinator School Pastors

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\* "Inbetween" is the Northeast Deanery newsletter full of inspiring and interesting articles from around the Deanery. If you would like a copy forwarded, do contact Sue in the Church Office.

**“Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord”. Psalm 150.**

***A homily for Morning Prayer from Steph Parkes***

Breathing- one of the things we take for granted- mostly we are unaware that we're doing it.

But, when we're sad we sigh heavily. When we're excited, we feel as if our lungs will burst.

When Moses stood before the burning bush and asked God His name, the name he was given is recorded as four letters YHWH.

It's called a tetra-grammaton...in Hebrew it stands for Yod, Heh, Waw, Heh. It's meaning is “I am who I am”. We put in the vowels to make the word Yahweh.

Try to sound out YHWH without the vowels and you get the sound of breathing.

So, what if the name of God is the sound of breathing?

If so, then every moment of our life, waking and sleeping, we have the name of God on our lips.

The notion of Yahweh as the ‘breath of life’ has a deep sense of God as both intimate and transcendent all at once.

Breathing encompasses all life forms - for instance what trees breathe out we breathe in. Even the things we think of as not alive, like rocks and the ozone layer, take part in a kind of planetary breathing. A metaphor for the Universe itself since the Big Bang, is that it is experiencing a great out-breath, in which the galaxies are expanding into space- time. That is the Universal Breath.

Moses fled to the land of Midian and saw the burning bush. The name YHWH originated in Midian and is derived from the Arabic, meaning 'love', 'desire', or 'passion'.

Yahweh is he who is he, the eternal, uncreated God, who is closer to us than our breath, but who loves us and desires us with a passionate longing, and for whom our very breathing is His Praise.

So, "Let everything that has breath, praise the Lord". Amen.

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## **Valley CIDS Team**

***(Christians Involved in Developing Society)***

Up until the start of the pandemic, the Valley CIDS Team ran the Discovery Club, an afternoon activity for children at the Cranborne Road Church School which was well attended. Since September 2021 the team have been trying something different in two schools at lunch times, outside on separate days, weather permitting. Children can choose if they want to participate. This has proved successful as the team have been able to reach about sixty children at both schools, under Covid regulations.

The outdoor activities and prayer times have the potential of reaching the whole school with the team able to build relationships and spread the Gospel. On-line assemblies and a few RE lessons have also been accomplished.

Feel free to check them out on

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UCGhbROkmb7KU2PatYba7UGA/videos>

# **Churchyard Bird Count**

***From Christine Wieloch***

You may have noticed there was no bird report in last month's magazine. We were unable to do our bird count on the usual day as that was the day the snow came and by the time we were all able to be there it was too late to be included in the December magazine.

This may have been a blessing in disguise as we saw yet another new bird – the jay. In reading my Garden Birdwatchers magazine this isn't as incredible as it seems, there seems to have been a smaller crop of tree seeds than usual, so the brambling and the jay are being seen more than they normally are.

Birds seen in December were blackbird, black-headed gull, bluetit, crow, chaffinch, coal tit, collared dove, dunnock, feral pigeon, great tit, house sparrow, jackdaw, jay, long tailed tit, magpie, robin, starling and woodpigeon.

This brings our species list up to fifty-two. This includes summer and winter visitors along with birds we see from the churchyard, we see nothing like this each month. In fact this year we have seen just thirty eight species.

## **January Bird count**

The usual birdwatch, on the first Saturday of the month, was cancelled due to the weather again. We rearranged for the following Friday and were rewarded with a lovely bright sunny morning.

The birds we saw are as follows

blackbird, blackheaded gull, blue tit, crow, chaffinch, collared dove, dunnock, feral pigeon, goldcrest, goldfinch, great tit,

house sparrow, jackdaw, long tailed tit, magpie, nuthatch, robin, woodpigeon and yet another new bird, on a tree at the Kendal Road end of the churchyard was a redpoll. This brings our species count in the churchyard up to 53, though of course we don't see them all each month or even each year for some of the rarer ones.

## Introducing .....



**The Jay** belongs to the same family of birds as Magpies and Crows, but it is by far the shyest of them all. Jays are most often seen in woodland in the autumn where they look for seeds especially acorns.

**The Great Tit** is the largest and most aggressive member of the Tit family. Easily recognised by its size and black head, it is a common visitor to garden feeders.



# Protect our Wildlife

*From Evelyn Lowe*

## Garden Birds

During this wintertime, as the days get colder and there is the possibility of snow, garden and countryside birds can struggle to find enough food and fresh water naturally, so it is important to provide food and clean water for them.



A pet shop has relocated from the Market Hall into a unit in the Littlemoor Centre where you can buy bird seed, bird boxes, pet food and hedgehog food. The hedgehog is sadly in decline, but you can encourage one to your garden by placing a hedgehog home in a suitable quiet, sheltered spot. They hibernate from November to April, depending on the temperature, and they mate in May. New hoglets may remain in the nest until June or July. In summer, the home could also be used in poor weather or as protection from predators.

From your point of view, reader, it is also important for you to get outside for a walk whenever you can to prevent loneliness and depression setting in. Wrap up warm and take the opportunity to appreciate nature around you and listen to the birds chattering in the hedgerows as you pass. Other people, possibly walking their dogs, will be doing the same which will give you an opportunity to greet them.

In the meantime, keep recycling and help minimise the impact we have on the environment this winter.

## **Ash Dieback in the White Peak**

A £5million project is underway to cut down diseased ash trees in the ravines of Derbyshire (Monsal Dale is an example) involving Derbyshire Wildlife Trust and the EU Life Programme. The partnership project will not only help to reduce the threat of ash dieback but will also make our woodlands more resilient to changes that may threaten in the future.

When mining activity stopped, the ash became dominant in the ravines as it is able to grow on the rocky sides of the slopes. Ash dieback begins with a fungus that once grown, blocks water transport systems within the tree, causing it to die. As our ravines are mainly made up of ash, this activity must be addressed as vast areas of our beautiful countryside will be devastated and bird life diminished.



Plans are in place with a programme of woodland management and tree planting. Surveys have been completed with areas marked out for felling diseased trees to preserve the uncontaminated trees. Double green lines on a tree inform the fellers the area they have to keep within, an orange spray mark means that particular tree is dangerous. A variety of new trees such as aspen, willow and small and large-leaved lime will be planted in the newly created spaces. This 5-year project will create a safer environment for the wildlife in our county.

## **Who made a mess?**

Who made a mess of the planet  
And what's that bad smell in the breeze?  
Who punched a hole in the ozone  
And who took an axe to the trees?

Who sprayed the garden with poison  
While trying to scare off a fly?  
Who streaked the water with oil slicks  
And who let my fish choke and die?

Who tossed the junk in the river  
And who stained the fresh air with fumes?  
Who tore the fields with a digger  
And who blocked my favourite views?

Who's going to tidy up later  
And who's going to find what we've lost?  
Who's going to say that they're sorry  
And who's going to carry the cost?

Steve Turner

# The Walking Group

## *From Steve Franks*

Seven people met up at Eastwood Park, Hasland, for the first walk of 2022. Eastwood Park, once part of the Hasland House estate, was given to the local community in 1913 by Alderman Eastwood. 100 years later it was renovated using a grant of over £1 million from the Heritage Lottery Fund and the Big Lottery Fund.

The recent spell of unseasonably mild weather seemed to be coming to an end as the cool wind took the edge off the temperature. Most of us managed to eat our sandwiches outside, sat around picnic benches in the park before starting our five-mile walk.

Leaving the park via Hoole Street, we turned left down Calow Lane, crossing over the A617 Hasland bypass. We crossed over the Calow Brook before walking up Hady Lane to a footpath sign on our right. Crossing a stile here we walked down a driveway then a grassy path and steep steps before crossing another stream and joining Dingle Lane. This lane took us under a disused railway bridge before climbing steadily towards Calow, the spire of St Peter's Church in view.

Arriving at the A632 we turned left and followed the main road. In the car park on the left we saw the temporary mobile clinic of the Galleri trial which has been in the news recently. A partnership between the NHS, King's College London and Cancer Research UK is taking blood samples for the Galleri trial to see if blood can be used to look for potential early signs of cancer. Two of our walkers have signed up to take part.

After passing the entrance to Chesterfield Royal Hospital we turned right along a rather wet footpath, passing the grounds of the Chesterfield & District Model Engineering Society. After

crossing some of the holes of Tapton Park Golf Club we reached the recently re-opened Crow Lane.

Turning down the lane we reached Piccadilly Road which we crossed and entered the housing estate opposite. Footpaths were followed alongside the brown waters of the River Rother, passing the old Markham & Co Broad Oaks works.

This site has been used in the past to construct landing craft and X-craft submarines for the D-Day landing and tunnelling equipment for the Channel Tunnel, now it has been converted to private housing.

Re-crossing the A632 we walked up Spital Lane before turning left and walking steeply up Valley Road and Alexandra Road East. Here I am waiting for the others at the top of the hill.

After walking down a wooded slope we reached the track bed of the old railway running away from Horns Bridge and parallel with Spital Lane. We followed this track until it joined Hady Lane.

With rain starting to fall we re-traced our route down Hady Lane, up Calow Lane then Hoole Street to re-enter Eastwood Park and returning to our cars.



The next walk will be on **Sunday 6th February**. 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.

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## 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 number 1 to 9 in each row, each column and each of nine 3 x 3 areas within the puzzle grid.

For A1, I3, E5, F8, G9

How many times a day did Daniel's enemies accuse him of praying? (Daniel 6:13)

For B1, A4, G8, D9

How many cherubs were to be made on each end of the mercy seat? (Exodus 25:19)

For B2, C5, H6, A7, I9

How many stars were held by the One who addressed Sardis? (Revelation 3:1)

For C1, B4, H5, F6, I7

How many months did Benjamites, fleeing from Israel's army, stay at Rimmon's Rock? (Judges 20:46-47)

For E2, D4, B5, C9

How many cities were given to the descendants of Aaron? (Joshua 21:13-16)

For F1, I2, C8

How many blind men sat by the wayside as Jesus passed through Jericho? (Matthew 20:29-30)

For G3, F9

How many years did young Joash stay hidden from his grandmother Athaliah at the temple of God?

(2 Chronicles 22:10-12)

For H2, I4, E8

What number plus 30 was the number of years that the man by the Bethesda pool had an infirmity? (John 5:5)

For I1, F3, E4, D7, B9

How many sheep did Abigail, wife of the foolish Nabal, give to David and his men? (1 Samuel 25:18-20)

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	<b>A</b>	<b>B</b>	<b>C</b>	<b>D</b>	<b>E</b>	<b>F</b>	<b>G</b>	<b>H</b>	<b>I</b>
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1. Chelsea
2. Richard Osman
3. Rhythm Stick
4. Emperor
5. 25th January
6. 6th January
7. The visit of the Magi to the infant Jesus
8. Silverstone
9. Albert "Arkwright"
10. The Woolpack
11. Lords
12. ABBA
13. Manchester United
14. Lancashire
15. The Merchant Of Venice
16. Christmas
17. Cheese
18. Delia Smith
19. 100
20. Pomegranate Theatre and Winding Wheel

## 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.

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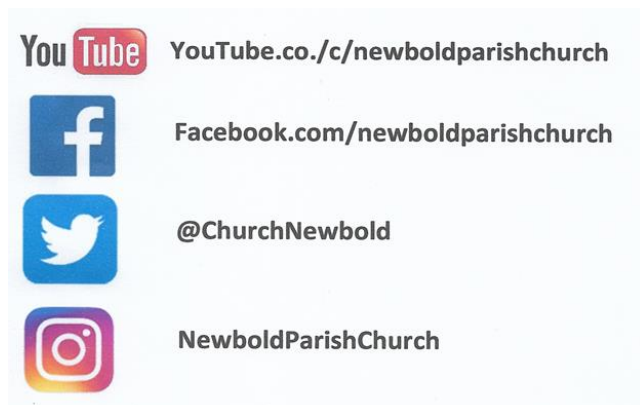
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Finally, if you are struggling financially at the moment, do feel free to lower your giving. We don't want anyone to feel pressure to give at this difficult time.

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