



Newbold Parish Church

# The Evangelist



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**LENT COURSE starting Wednesday 9th March 7pm**  
see page 37 and "From the Curate" on page 4

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



## Public Worship

### **Sunday 10am Mass**

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

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### **\*Second and Fourth Sundays 4pm All Age Family worship**

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**\*NOTE NEW SERVICE PATTERN** See page 35

### **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 2 March**

10 am and 7.30pm service in church

## From the Curate

### Storms and their aftermath

*From Rev'd Rhoda*

As I write this, I'm conscious that 23rd March 2022 will be the second anniversary of the first lockdown and the second National Day of Reflection. I don't know how this makes you feel, but, even without the pandemic, two years is a long time. Adding into this the pandemic, it certainly feels like we've been on a roller-coaster, or perhaps been churned around in a storm wave.



The image of a storm wave was shared with us at Deanery Synod in February by the Area Dean, Revd Karen Hamblin. She reflected that the last 2 years have felt like being battered by a storm at times. Now the storm appears to be abating (at least for the moment), how are we all feeling? Some of us are ready to embrace new things, but many of us are doing what we have to do to keep going, with little or no energy or willpower for anything extra.

Rev'd Karen said that storms destroy and break things, but they also move things around, permanently changing the landscape. She invited us to look around in our mind's eye and consider the damage and destruction of the past two years. How has it affected us? How has it affected our church? How has it affected our community? She shared this prayer with us:

*Lord Jesus Christ, when fear and anxiety besiege us and hope is veiled in grief; when uncertainty holds us back and tiredness blankets our hearts; hold us in your wounded hands and make your face shine on us again, for you are our Lord and God. Amen.*

She then invited us to consider how the landscape has changed, and specifically to try and think what opportunities that this might bring? Where is God already present and at work in the storm and its aftermath?

One thing that I've been enjoying in the past month is the interactions with the schools. We had years 4,5 and 6 from Newbold Church School into church for an assembly on the theme of trust, which they had been looking into at school. Later that week the reception class came into church in two groups on a discovery tour of the church, and I acted out a Christening with them and talked about the special meal we share at Holy



Communion. Thanks are due to verger Steve and to Chris and Hilary for their help with these events.

Then I got to go into Newbold Church School on Valentine's Day to tour around the classrooms and chat to the children about what they were doing on the theme of love. Finally, Chris and Hilary and I went into Dunston one afternoon visiting four classes to answer questions on anything and everything about being a Christian, praying, and our roles in Church—they kept us on our toes!

Also in February, Revd Jason Kennedy shared with PCC in the toolkit we are using to think about our role as a church in our community, being good news for all. How does our faith make a difference to us? How can we build community in our parish? What would it look like to say our church is flourishing? We will be using some of the questions from this toolkit in our **Lent course, which will meet on Zoom at 7pm over the five Wednesdays in Lent starting on 9th March.** I'll be sending out details soon—please let me know if you want to join in.

### **The Vision Prayer from Derby Diocese. . .**

*Gracious God,  
in your mercy, and for your glory,  
renew us, reshape us, revive us - with generous faith,  
courageous hope, and life-giving love  
- that, in transformed lives, through growing church  
and building community, we may see your Kingdom  
come and be good news for all. Amen.*

# Looking forward to March

## *From Richard Peet*

We are now in the month of March where the days are getting longer and hopefully the weather is improving.

On 27th March the clocks go forward which means we get one hour less sleep, but we will have more daylight in the evenings.

The way I remember when the clocks change is spring forward, fall back.

On Wednesday 2nd March the first day of Lent takes place called Ash Wednesday and we will be having a service at 10.00am and 7.30pm that day.

The day before is known as Shrove Tuesday when many people have pancakes and where it is said certain foods are used up in anticipation of the 40 days fasting season of Lent.

This is a very important time in the church calendar following Jesus' journey through suffering and death to new life.

What will you be doing during the season of Lent this year, during the six-week period of self-examination and reflection?

Some may make a commitment to fast, give up something, or a habit. Some Christians also take on a Lenten discipline which may involve reading the Bible more and spending more time in prayer to draw nearer to God, and others may join a Lent group either in person or on zoom (see page 37 and 22).

**Living God's Way** is a series of resources for children and their households for the season of Lent, aiming to give ideas and spiritual focus during this time of the church year. Information on the series can be found on the Diocese of Derby website resources under "resources/ Lent".

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/lent.html>

For some it may strengthen their faith and develop a closer relationship with God. Others may decide to take up a new hobby or join a group or help at a foodbank, food hut, hospice, or try something new.

I hope each person has time to be in church during Lent as we then move forward to **PALM SUNDAY** on 10<sup>th</sup> APRIL, and **EASTER DAY** on SUNDAY 17<sup>th</sup> APRIL.

## A PRAYER FOR LENT:

*Holy God, our lives are laid open before you: rescue us from the chaos of sin and through the death of your Son bring us healing and make us whole in Jesus Christ our Lord, Amen.*

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## **Newbold Church School**

***From Emily Brown***

We've been very busy at Newbold church School since our last update. We enjoyed lots of fun Christmas activities in December, including Christmas jumper day, where we raised £255 for Save the Children; and watching the 'Puss in Boots' pantomime.

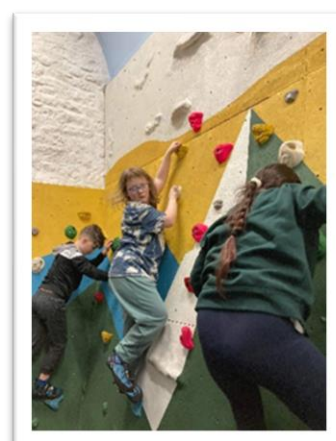
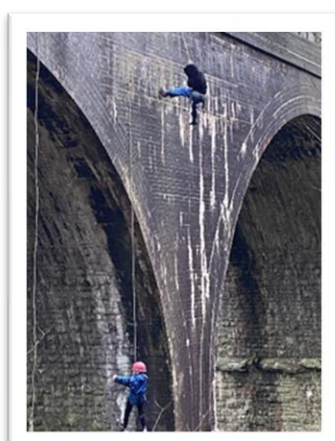


Since returning to school in January, we have partaken in various charity days, the most recent being 'Wear Red Day' for the Children's Heart Surgery Fund. This charity fundraiser is very close to us, as the CHSF have supported one of our very own pupils, Leigha-Mae, who was diagnosed at birth with multiple heart conditions

including a hole in the heart. The Children's Heart Surgery Fund supported Leigha's family in one of their toughest times and for this reason we chose to support this worthy charity. 'Wear Red Day' was the perfect opportunity to raise awareness and vital funds whilst also having a bit of fun. Altogether we raised... £235.86! Leigha's dad added 'Putting

things into perspective, your generosity would support 23 Katie Bear gifts for the patients or 7 nights in charity funded parental accommodation! This is priceless when you live miles away from the hospital.' Thank you to everyone who wore red and donated!

The Year 5 and 6 classes enjoyed a residential visit to Whitehall at the start of February. Whilst there, children participated in rock climbing, high ropes, stream scrambles, night walks and abseiling before settling down for a movie night and some hot chocolate. The children behaved impeccably, and a great time was had by all!



Reception class had their first ever visit to Newbold Parish Church on the 11th of Feb. 'Reverend Rhoda was kind enough to christen our baby in the font and show us around the church. We learnt all about the bread Christians have on Sunday in church and even tried some.' Thank you to Reverend Rhoda, the reception class had a fantastic time!

It's been an exciting and fun-packed couple of weeks, and we are all looking forward to a relaxing half term break!

# The Walking Group

*By Evelyn Lowe*



On Sunday 6th February, as we drove to the start of our walk in Baslow, we wondered if we were idiots, as the wind and rain battered the car windscreens and at one stage there was a rush of snowflakes, but by the time we had eaten our sandwiches the weather had calmed, and we set off.

The first thing we saw was a man walking down his front path with a drake and his lady duck following him to the gate where the man placed food for them, and we watched the drake take the food from his benefactor's hand. We were told this had been a regular occurrence for a couple of years.

With light rain falling, we walked past a row of stone cottages, many having a show of snowdrops in their gardens. Bob pointed out the state of the Emperor Fountain which because of the strength of the wind, was bent over at an acute angle like a broken walking stick.

We negotiated the Cannon Kissing Gate and walked along the well-defined path, past the White Lodge and across the parkland partly submerged under water, towards Chatsworth House. On passing the courtyard we heard music from that direction but couldn't see what was happening and a search on the website hasn't thrown anything up. We struggled up the hill and up numerous steps to the top. The water that runs from the various outcrops to the cascade below was whipped away in all directions by the wind. Thankfully we reached a long, level track where we skirted large, brown puddles and tried to avoid the muddy areas. There had been a session of tree thinning up there and stacks of tree logs were seen as we

walked along. As we journeyed downhill there was no sight of people, deer or bird life, only a big puddle in front of the stile we needed to climb! Although, looking in the other direction Julie managed to capture these photos of the deer.

This wasn't a walk we particularly enjoyed, as we had to struggle through the weather, but once we were back at the cars the sense of elation was high and remarkably, our boots were clean as the water-logged grassland had cleared the mud from them.



Our next walk will be on **Sunday 6th March**, 4-5 miles, 12 noon outside the church gate. Anyone wishing to join us, if I haven't put you off with this report, will be made very welcome.



## **The churchyard bird count**

***From Christine Wieloch***

On a dull and later drizzly morning, at the beginning of February, we went up into the churchyard to see what we could find. We were pleasantly surprised as we saw eighteen different species. They were black bird, black-headed gull, blue tit, crow, chaffinch, collared dove, dunnock, goldfinch, great tit, herring gull, house sparrow, jackdaw, magpie, nuthatch, robin, song thrush, sparrowhawk, and woodpigeon. For such a morning we thought we had done fairly well!

## **Protect our Wildlife**

***From Evelyn Lowe***

Plans and permission have been granted for Derby Wildlife Trust to begin the biggest urban re-wilding project in the UK. The Trust will begin with Derby City Council and Derby University to re-wild Allestree Park.

This park was created from farmland in the late 18th century when the present Hall was built, sadly now a neglected building and on the Heritage at Risk Register. The area, of 300 acres has a nature reserve, a golf course and a large lake. The plans involve creating new woodlands, wetland and scrubland, providing space for the re-introduction of species such as water voles. The development would also create areas for walkers and visitors in a natural environment, essential for well-being. There is an on-going public consultation to help shape the plans which runs until 11th April. Nothing will be decided until the results of the consultation are known.

This is one way to start tackling climate change in Derbyshire by creating more carbon stores which will help reduce the climate crisis and help the council meet its carbon reduction targets.

[www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk](http://www.derbyshirewildlifetrust.org.uk)

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## **Poem for March**

*From Richard Peet*



We are almost in the season of Spring -  
I wonder what this time of year will bring?  
In the Christian calendar we are beginning Lent -  
In your own church life how will this be spent?  
What will you do, or maybe give up this year?  
Listen to Jesus and act on what you hear.  
We remember the love of Jesus shown as he died -  
His followers from a distance would have cried.  
Give yourself time for God each day,  
He always listens to what you say.  
So, look forward to what you want to do,  
Pray in silence as you sit in your pew.



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## **Newbold Women's Group**

### ***From Trish Law***

At our February meeting we were pleased to welcome Rev Sally-Anne Beecham, who gave a very interesting talk on Hope House, a residence for homeless men on Derby Road, Chesterfield.

Hope House came about as a result of plenty of action by many people in answer to God's calling and the aim from the outset was that it needed to be more than just accommodation, which previous experience had proved was not the whole answer when dealing with the homeless. The property had a very bad reputation as a bed and breakfast in the past and was in a terrible state when it was taken over. Green Pastures, a Christian social enterprise which aims to end homelessness, became the owners and Hope House leases the property from them.

Using contractors and plenty of voluntary labour the building was gradually transformed and now has 13 bedrooms, a lounge, dining room, kitchen, bathrooms and other facilities. It opened in March 2021, having overcome all of the problems presented by the Covid pandemic as well. There is a manager and several support staff, so there is always someone on duty, although none of the staff actually lives in. Funding is provided partly by the residents' support payments and by voluntary donations, sometimes by groups who combine small amounts to make a reasonable sum to donate regularly.

The project has proved successful in having a good rate of enabling residents to either settle in to Hope House or in moving on to more permanent accommodation. The aim is for each man to have about a six-month period to settle, before doing whatever is needed to help them to move on. Many have had addictions and/or learning disabilities, so much patience is needed to deal with them sensitively, but the house staff pride themselves on having very good relationships with those they are helping. They are

encouraged to learn life skills, including cooking and gardening.

Our prayers are asked for the residents, staff, volunteers and for the work being done.

For more information visit [www.hopehousechesterfield.co.uk](http://www.hopehousechesterfield.co.uk) or Facebook: @hopehousechesterfield

Our next meeting is our **Annual General Meeting**, which will be held at **7pm on Wednesday, 2nd March, in the Parish Room**. Following the formal part of the evening there will be the usual social time with Cheese and Wine refreshments, served by the committee. Everybody welcome and please bring along anyone wanting to give us a try.

Please contact me with any queries or suggestions.

Trish Law - Committee Member

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## **The Men's Group**

### ***From Richard Peet***

The Men's Group has been running for a number of years now. We offer various activities to encourage men to socialise, to talk together, and to make new friendships.

During the years we have visited Brampton Brewery, been Ten Pin Bowling, and have done a number of quiz nights at the Chesterfield Arms, and the Market Hotel.

Currently we are meeting on the **third Saturday of each month in the Parish Room at 10.30am** and the March meeting will take place on

**SATURDAY 19TH MARCH** at 10.30am, Parish Room

Since starting back last July, we met in the church grounds outside the Parish Room, and when the weather became cooler, we moved into the Parish Room.

Food plays a big part in our time together and we have had bacon cobs, sausage cobs, and in January two wonderful homemade soups with homemade bread.

We have between 7 and 10 members, but new men are always welcome to join us, so why not come and give us a try. We are a very friendly and welcoming group.

Hopefully we will be able to look at a programme where we can begin to visit places again, if the number of cases relating to the pandemic recede, and it is safe to get out there. New opportunities may arise as the weather improves, getting warmer as the summer approaches.

We look forward to seeing old and new faces at this group. If you might be interested in joining, you can contact Chris Burrows group leader, or Richard Peet, both whose details are on the back inside cover of this magazine. Alternatively just turn up on the third Saturday of each month at the Parish Room.

# Readings and Collects

## **Sunday 6 March First Sunday of Lent**

*Deuteronomy 26.1-11 Psalm 91.1-2,9-16\* Romans 10.8b-13*

*Luke 4.1-13*

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.

*(or)* Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 13 March Second Sunday of Lent**

*Genesis 15.1-12,17-18 Psalm 27 Philippians 3.17 - 4.1*

*Luke 13.31-35*

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord Jesus Christ, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

*(or)* Almighty God, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following

in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sunday 20 March Third Sunday of Lent**

*Isaiah 55.1-9 Psalm 63.1-9 1 Corinthians 10.1-13 Luke 13.1-9*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

### **Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday**

*Exodus 2.1-10 or 1 Samuel 1.20-28, Psalm 34.11-20 or Psalm 127.1-4, 2 Corinthians 1.3-7 or Colossians 3.12-17,*

*Luke 2.33-35 or John 19.25-27*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; 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) God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Diary MARCH 2022

Sunday 6 March First Sunday of Lent	10am Mass
Sunday 13 March Second Sunday of Lent	10am Mass 4pm All Age Service
Sunday 20 March Third Sunday of Lent	10am Mass
Sunday 27 March Mothering Sunday	10am Mass 4pm All Age Service

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

**Every Wednesday** 10am Mid-week Communion in church

## Ash Wednesday Services Wednesday 2 March

Mass at 10am and 7.30pm

Wednesday 2 March 7pm	<b>Women's Group</b> (see page 17)
Monday 7 March 1.45pm	<b>Monday Club</b> Parish Room
Wednesday 9 March 7pm	<b>Lent Course 1</b> (via Zoom)
Wednesday 16 March	<b>Lent Course 2</b>
Saturday 19 March 10.30am	<b>Men's Group</b> (see page 19)
Monday 21 March 1.45pm	<b>Monday Club</b> Parish Room
<b>Wednesday 23 March</b>	<b>Lent Course 3</b>
Saturday 26 March 10am	<b>Craft Group</b> Parish Room
Wednesday 30 March	<b>Lent Course 4</b>

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

**Sunday 13 March**

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we've lost during the pandemic.

[www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection](http://www.mariecurie.org.uk/get-involved/day-of-reflection)



## **Earth Hour**

**26<sup>th</sup> March**

Every year millions of people worldwide participate in a global event to raise awareness about climate change and saving energy.

Earth hour is observed on the last Saturday of March every year. For

2022, the date of Earth hour is Saturday, 26 March. Earth hour will begin at 8:30 pm local time and ends at 9:30 pm local time, when we are invited to switch off lights in our homes and workplaces for one hour.

[www.earthreminder.com/earth-hour-2022-themes-facts-events-and-celebrations](http://www.earthreminder.com/earth-hour-2022-themes-facts-events-and-celebrations)



# From the Registers

## Holy Baptism

30 January	Ivy Jayne Souter Leo William Souter
6 February	Eliza Grace Kynaston-Watts Franklin James Kynaston-Watts

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

## Churchyard

	[burial or interment of ashes]
2 February	Birdie Elizabeth Townend
2 February	Robert John Kugler
4 February	Pauline Snell
4 February	Elaine May Warburton

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*





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## Notable People of Banbridge - Part 2

### *From John Drake*



Following on from my first article in the November 2021 edition of the Evangelist, my second notable person is Joseph Medicott Scriven, who was born at Ballymoney Lodge, Banbridge on the 10th September 1819. He was one of six children and the second son of prosperous parents. His father was Captain John Scriven of the Royal Marines and his mother Jane Medicott, sister of a Wiltshire

vicar, Rev'd Joseph Medicott. His siblings were named William, George, John, Catherine and Jane.

John Scriven was a Churchwarden in the Church of Ireland Seapatrick Parish in 1820 and 1821 and also one of the vestrymen appointed to build a bridge over the River Bann for the convenience of the worshippers.

When Joseph was sixteen he registered at Trinity College Dublin to study for the ministry, but left after two years to enter, in 1837, the Addiscombe Military College, which trained young gentlemen as cadets for the East India Company. Joseph, however, did not have a strong constitution and it was quite obvious that he was not cut out for the rigours of military life and after two years resigned from the College. This was a bitter disappointment to his father.

He returned to Trinity College and in 1842, when he was 23, obtained a BA and on the same day his brother William became a doctor. While in College, he was converted to

Plymouth Brethren beliefs. The movement had begun in Dublin twenty years earlier and by 1845 the movement had spread to England. Scriven's change of religion caused an estrangement from his family who were staunchly Anglican.

He took a series of jobs as tutor to various families around Ireland, and during this time his parents had firstly moved to England and then later returned to Ireland and settled in Dublin.

It was shortly after his graduation that he fell in love with a Banbridge girl, and after two years they became engaged to be married with the wedding planned for the summer of 1843. Sadly, on the day before the wedding, while crossing the River Bann on horseback, she was thrown off into the river. She drowned in full view of Joseph, who was waiting for her on the far bank. There was no surviving record of the accident and so the actual location and detail of the tragedy is unknown.

This great shock and loss affected his outlook on life from then on. He became morose and was rarely ever seen to smile. He was moved at this time to escape the memories of his dead fiancée, so he decided to sail to Canada on a barque named Perseverance. His father had served in Canada with the Royal Marines during the war of 1812 and his grandfather William Barclay Scriven had died in Quebec in 1782. Three weeks later Joseph docked in Montreal and then made his way to Woodstock, near Hamilton to stay with a Brethren family, the Courtneys, who he had known in Dublin.

After only two months in Canada he became ill and not wishing to be a burden on the Courtneys, sold all his belongings and returned to Ireland via Quebec. There, as we find in a letter to his brother William, he found employment as a tutor to the son of Dr Bartley, the surgeon to the First Royal Dragoons, who were based in Dundalk, just north of Dublin.

As a member of the Bartley household he was invited to accompany them on a tour of the Middle East, a trip that was

to be an amazing revelation to him. He was particularly impressed with Damascus and walked down “the street which was called Straight” which had seen the conversion of St Paul. It seems this was an inspiration for him for he felt the Lord had also spoken to him as he walked upon it.

After his Middle East experience, Joseph moved to Plymouth in England and developed a very close relationship with a Miss Falconer, a relative of a family he had known in Canada. Another suitor appeared on the scene and Scriven unselfishly yielded to his rival and any thoughts of matrimony were again dashed. In 1847 the three young people returned to Canada and again settled in Woodstock, then a centre for many English settlers. His two friends married, with misfortune soon striking them as the husband became mentally ill, but Scriven remained a loyal friend in their time of need.

Sometime later in the 1850's, Scriven moved to Eastern Ontario where he started work as a private tutor to the son of Captain Robert Lamport Pengelly. Shortly after joining the Pengellys, Joseph established a friendship with the family of James Sackville who lived in the nearby town of Bewdley and ran a small saw-mill in the area. He also joined an Assembly of the Plymouth Brethren, where it is most likely he first met the Sackvilles, who were also Brethren.

It was in the Sackville's house one night in 1857 that Scriven, weighed down with loneliness and overcome with despondency, poured out his heart to God and his burden was miraculously lifted. This seems to be the time he wrote the words to “Pray Without Ceasing”. He did not however, show the poem to anyone, nor is there a record of making it available for publication.

Joseph now fell in love again when he met Mrs Pengelly's young niece, Eliza Catherine Roche. Although Mrs Pengelly was a member of the Church of England she turned to the teachings of the Brethren. When Joseph and Catherine

became so deeply attached, Catherine too, chose to join the Brethren and was “immersed” as part of the ritual for the Baptismal Service. Unfortunately, the choosing of such an early date in the year for this baptism proved fatal for Catherine. In April the waters of Lake Rice were still icy and the resulting chill caused her to develop pneumonia and she died on 6th August 1860.

This tragedy remained with Scriven until his dying day. Three times he had lost a woman he loved and fate denied him marriage. It seems this last instance was probably the most penetrating; it was an affair of genuine lasting love beyond the grave.

Scriven diligently continued to serve the poor and helpless. His was practical Christianity and he became known as the man who sawed wood for the poor widows and sick people unable to pay. He gave away all his private income for the benefit of others. When not working he was found preaching on street corners. He was even arrested for preaching on the streets of Port Hope, where he was often attacked and had mud thrown at him. But he would brush off his clothes, retrieve his Bible from the mud and walk away with dignity.

It is said that Joseph believed in the Sermon on the Mount both literally and practically, even sharing the clothes from his own body. He was no great poet, but the simple words of his poem are born out of experience of his tragic life. The very simplicity of the text has been its appeal and strength.

In his late sixties. Scriven’s body was worn out with toil and his mind wearied with disappointment that he remained isolated at his cottage. One evening while in the company of James Sackville he was asked by Scriven to look in a drawer and while searching came across the original copy of “Pray Without Ceasing”. Having read it Sackville asked him how he had managed to write such a beautiful poem and it seems Scriven replied simply “The Lord and I did it between us”. He

explained he had written it to send to his mother to bring her comfort in illness before her death and that it had been for her eyes only.

By 1886 Scriven was seriously ill, frequently in high fever and destitute. Mr Sackville brought him to his own home to care for him. On the night of the 10th October after a long talk together, Scriven got up during the night and wandered outside. Close by was a dam/millrace which served the saw-mill and it is supposed he slipped and fell into the sluice-way, a hole six or seven feet deep, for that was where he was found next morning. The coroner decided it was unnecessary to hold an inquest. He was 67 years old when he died.

Joseph Scriven was buried in what was then the private Pengelly cemetery at Bailieboro, Cavan County on the shores of Lake Rice. He was interred near the remains of his beloved Catherine and in such a position near his sweetheart, with feet next to feet, so that one day when they would arise from the grave, they would face each other.



There are four memorials to Scriven in the land of his adoption and now a monument has been erected in Downshire Place, Banbridge (see opposite) and a plaque has been placed on the wall of Ballymoney Lodge, the house where he was born. There are also two stained

glass windows dedicated to him in Seapatrick Parish Church.


When he first wrote the poem “Pray Without Ceasing” there were only two verses, but a third verse was added after he had the distressing experience of being snubbed and slighted

by his friends on an occasion when he was particularly shabbily dressed. The poem was later set to music by attorney and songwriter Charles Crozat Converse and retitled "What a Friend We Have in Jesus."

The hymn appears to have been first published anonymously by Lorenzo Hastings of Boston in "Social Hymns, Original and Selected", and then again in 1875 with the author named as Rev Horatius Bonar who later denied that he had written it. How the hymn became published will remain a mystery although we do know Joseph was known to give away copies of his works and the Wilsons, a printing and publishing family in Port Hope, were certainly given a copy in 1870.

Joseph Scriven wrote the words of more than 116 hymns, 115 of which were published as "Hymns and Other Verses" in 1869, printed by James Stevens of Peterborough, Ontario.

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# **Newbold Parish Magazine, November 1864**

***From Evelyn Lowe***

While browsing through the Evangelist of 1952, I came across this shocking but amusing article of 1864. It seemed quite appropriate as the PCC deliberate about the plans for our new building.

That master-builder, the first Rector of Newbold, Fr. Bolton, was accustomed to call a spade a spade, as this extract from one of his parish magazines will show. We should like to know where exactly this “school room” at Cavendish square was, where he conducted –

## **Divine Service at Sheepbridge Square**

The parishioners will see that, as usual, evening prayers will be said at Sheepbridge on Sunday evenings during the coming winter. The stout and young and able-bodied might well be expected to take a pleasant walk every Sunday to their parish church at Newbold, to worship and praise and learn about their God “among the faithful and in the congregation.” Yet, for some reason, they do not.

Not long ago, a workman, at the foot of No3 furnace at Sheepbridge, which was undergoing repair, met his employer and asked for a rise in wages, “because the work was so dangerous!” While he spoke, poor Millington fell from the top of the stack to their feet, slept, and awoke before his God! What did it matter to him whether his wages had been high or low? What would it have mattered to him if he had laboured not for the meat that perisheth, but for that which endureth to

everlasting life? Yet men, in such situations, will haggle for a penny a day, while they never think about their souls.

What is a man profited, though he should gain the whole world, if he lose his soul?

Men and women of Sheepbridge, it is your own fault, in most cases that you do not worship God at Newbold Church. You tell me that you are tired on Sundays; I answer, that if you got 10 shillings to work from six to six on Sunday, you would do it, and often do, do it for less, and yet you grudge a pleasant walk when the price is – your soul.

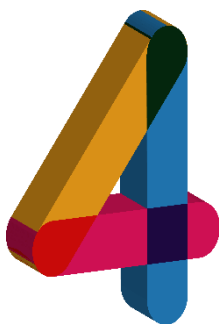
You say you have work to do; I answer, the fourth commandment. You say – and a few of you say it with reason – that you are not strong enough to walk so far; I answer, “How many would be found at Sheepbridge every Sunday, if there were a circus show at Newbold for nothing, or a grand tea party for which people would not have to pay?” “Come ye, buy and eat; yea come, buy wine and milk without money and without price; He satisfieth the longing soul, and filleth the hungry soul with fatness.” But to the few who would stay at Sheepbridge, even when they could see a horse-circus or have a good tea at Newbold for nothing – that is to say, to those who are really weak and unable to walk so far, and to those who have large families to attend to and selfish and Godless husbands who won’t take care of their children so as to set their wives free to go to church – to you I say, there is now the service of God at your own doors.

The room is small, to be sure; and often it is unpleasantly close. Well, it would be better if it were larger; but the worship of God can be as true there as in a cathedral. It would be pleasanter if it were less close; but while we have no better room, the closer it is the better, say I, for it won’t be close unless there be a large congregation; and wherever there is

that, I will be thankful, although the air is not the very sweetest even in Cavendish square.

Sometimes the light is not over good, for the paraffin lamps will smoke, or the chimneys will crack, especially if the nights be frosty, or the tallow candles have to be snuffed, and there is nothing but father Adam's snuffers to do it with; sometimes there is great need of a warm coat or cloak, for the window is not as tight as it might be (it is well for our lungs it is not), and the brick floor will strike cold up through the soles of one's boots, and the fire is so close to us all that it can't be made bright; that occasionally we have one side of us grilled while the other is frozen; and we know that the walls of a school-room are not always over-clean, nor the seats more comfortable than they need be; but never mind such trifles as these – for while the voice of prayer is there, the house is the house of God; and His Presence will light your spirit with grace, warm our heart with love, cleanse our soul from sin, and give you a claim to a seat in Heaven where there are pleasures and comforts for evermore.

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## **4pm All Age Service**

### **Important Notice**

This service will now run twice a month on the second and fourth Sundays.

This month's services are

13 March Waiting for God

27 March Celebrating Mums on Mothering Sunday

**This poem was printed in *The Evangelist* 1952  
and written by S.J.Forrest, Vicar of Leighton  
Buzzard**

***Beware of the Dogma***

He preached about the Trinity and how the world began  
Explained the Incarnation and the destiny of man,  
He carefully expounded every detail of the creeds,  
And tried to show their relevance to modern human needs;  
He brilliantly upheld the Christian heritage of truth,  
And sought to make it lucid and acceptable to youth,  
They listened with correctitude, but everybody said;  
“He’s far too theological, and quite above our head.”

He gave an exposition of the Church’s means of grace,  
Revealing how the Sacraments revive a fallen race;  
Of self-examination and the ways of mental prayer,  
And why we need Communion, and how, and when, and  
where,  
He spoke of Bible-reading, and to make it all complete,  
Gave practical instruction on the value of retreat.  
And everyone agreed that it was logical enough,  
But only suitable for those who like that kind of stuff.

He chose the ten commandments as the basis of a course,  
He amplified their meaning, and he emphasised their force;  
He took the eight Beatitudes and Sermon on the Mount,  
And spoke of Christian stewardship and rendering account.  
He did his best to penetrate beneath their toughened skins  
With pointed expositions of the seven deadly sins.  
They felt a little slighted to be led across this ground,  
For morals in suburbia are basically sound.

One day in disillusionment, believing no one cared,  
He flung at them a homily completely unprepared,  
Endeavouring his customary quarter-hour to fill,  
With sentimental platitudes that meant precisely Nil;  
Returning to the vestry in the grip of horrid fears,  
That people would consider it insulting to their ears,  
But no, they were enraptured and devoured every word;  
“Oh, Rector, it was lovely! Quite the best we’ve ever heard!”

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## **Join us for this year’s LENT Course**

Wednesday evenings 7pm from 9 March

(Via Zoom) We will be exploring questions such as:

- How does our faith make a difference to us?
- How can we build community in our parish?
- What would it look like to say our church is flourishing?

# March Lent Quiz

## *From Richard Peet*

1. What is the day before Ash Wednesday called?
2. What date is Ash Wednesday this year?
3. What do we do with our clocks at the end of this month?
4. St Patrick is the patron Saint of .....?
5. What other name is given to Shrove Tuesday?
6. What do we put up in church during Lent?
7. St David is the patron Saint of .....?
8. When is world book day in March?
9. The 8th March is a worldwide celebration of women's rights. What is it called?
10. On the 18th March Lenny Henry hosts which event which takes place every two years?
11. The 27th March is a day when we celebrate mums. What is it called?
12. Why does the date of Lent change each year?
13. The world snooker championship takes place in Sheffield but at which theatre?
14. At which racecourse does the Grand National take place?
15. How many days are there in Lent?
16. What is the Sunday at the beginning of Holy Week called?
17. What is Thursday in Holy Week called; what money is given out; what is the meal called that Jesus has with his disciples?

18. What do we wash in church on the Thursday of Holy Week which Jesus does in an act of service and love?

19. What is Friday called in Holy Week?

20. What is the event called which takes place on the evening of Holy Saturday?

Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbour as yourself.'

Matthew 22:37-39



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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 E7, B2, C4, I1

In the list of the Ten Commandments, what number commandment says, "Thou shalt not steal"? (Exodus 20:15)

For B9, H5, E1, I2

How many chapters are in the book of Amos?

For H2, A7, D8, B4, C1

How many times did Sanballat send messages to Nehemiah, asking if they could meet? (Nehemiah 6:5)

For I6

How many years was Abijam king of Judah? (1 Kings 15:1-2)

For D2, A3, I4, C7

How many days was the ancient feast described in Numbers 29:12?

For I8, E3, F5, A1,

In the list of plagues that God visited on Egypt, what number was frogs? (Exodus 8:1-15)

For F9, B1, H3, D5

In what year of Solomon's reign did he begin to build the house of the Lord? (1 Kings 6:1)

For D4, C6, E8, G1

How many chapters are in the book of 3 John?

For D1, G7, A2, B8, F4

How many waterpots were at the wedding at Cana? (John 2:1,6)

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## **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,  
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Or, you can donate via direct transfer:  
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