



Newbold Parish Church

The Evangelist



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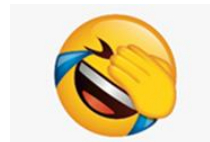
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PonderingWhy do we say we “slept like a baby” when babies wake up every two hours?

More things to ponder can be found throughout the magazine.



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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

In relation to covid - do use hand gel on arriving and leaving the building and wear a mask if you feel more comfortable.

Physical distancing of 1.5m will still be observed in the North Aisle.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

Those in the extremely clinically vulnerable group are still advised to consider their risk.

First Sundays 4pm Messy Church

A time of worship based on craft activities, singing and stories, followed by food. Ideal for families.

Third Sunday of the month 4pm Contemporary Worship

A non-communion service with a more 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 22 February

Services at 10am and 7.30pm in Church

Living and learning well together

From Rev'd Rhoda

I'm writing this during the week of prayer for Christian Unity. There are many differences between different denominations of the Christian faith, and within our own Church of England as well. If we concentrate on our differences, it's very easy to fall into the trap of labelling people or groups as 'them'—those different to 'us'—and to find ourselves stereotyping them and being prejudiced.

The main scripture reading chosen for the service on the Sunday during the week of prayer for Christian Unity was the parable of the good Samaritan. This story is so well known that almost anyone will understand 'being a good Samaritan' as being a compassionate person who unselfishly helps others; and we even have charities like "the Samaritans" whose purpose is to help those in dire need. However, it would have meant something very different to those listening to Jesus at the time.

Jesus told this story in response to a lawyer's question about who was his neighbour that the second commandment required him to love. For Jesus to tell a story painting a picture of a good Samaritan was anathema and would have been offensive to his hearers. The Samaritans and Jews despised each other and wouldn't have any dealings with each other. They recognised the same God and the Torah, but disagreed about so much else to do with faith including where the correct place was to worship (Mount Gerizim or Jerusalem). Maybe this sounds familiar for some of the issues swirling around in our time!

In telling this story, Jesus was making the point that everyone is our neighbour, even those that for historical, cultural or religious reasons we unconsciously (or even deliberately) find

ourselves despising. By choosing the Samaritan, the traditional enemy of the Jews, as the example of a good neighbour, Jesus redefined 'neighbour' and, at the same time, redefined 'enemy'. He brought the two to meet in the act of mercy.

It's not possible for most of us to move and go and live in a different culture to gain an insight on our own culture, but we can make a conscious decision to listen carefully to others' experience of being on the margins of our culture.

We constantly need Jesus Christ to challenge us to break down our own barriers. To challenge our racial stereotypes, our regional prejudices, our class stereotypes, our gender prejudices, and many more.

We must always remember that Jesus Christ, through his cross and resurrection, has already decided that everybody is 'in' and nobody is 'out'. Therefore, as Christians, we have no enemy, and every human being is our neighbour. The great challenge of this parable for us today is to see everyone as a neighbour and to be a neighbour to everyone.

The Church of England has produced a course on the Pastoral Principles for living and learning well together, which I'm hoping we might be able to use for our Lent course this year. This course looks at six obstacles which impair our relationships, hinder our personal growth, and stop our churches from being communities where everyone can flourish and belong. These obstacles are the opposite of the fruit of the Spirit (love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, generosity, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control).

The obstacles are ignorance, power, fear, prejudice, silence and hypocrisy. It's easy to point out other's failures in these areas, but the hard work is seeing them within ourselves. The course encourages us to find creative ways to grow and learn together in the love of Christ. Even if you find you can't join

the lent course, you may want to ask for a copy of the booklet so that you can read it in your own time.

The cost-of-living crisis continues to impact people in our community. We have received a grant from Derbyshire County Council to run a Warm space, which is every Monday from 12noon to 3.30pm until the end of March. (see page 21). It is a warm and welcoming community space to relax, with free refreshments (soup, bread roll, tea/coffee, biscuits). You can sit on your own and read a newspaper or socialise with others. We may play bingo or beetle drive. Anyone is welcome.

The Collect for the Unity of the Church

*Heavenly Father, you have called us in the Body of your Son
Jesus Christ to continue his work of reconciliation*

and reveal you to the world:

forgive us the sins which tear us apart;

give us the courage to overcome our fears

and to seek that unity which is your gift and your will;

through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen



From the Church Warden

Richard Peet

As I started to think what to write about for the February magazine, on Monday 16th January 2023, I looked outside and it was snowing. Interestingly, when I was looking at writing the article for the January edition of the magazine, we also had a covering of snow.

The temperatures have fallen into the minus degrees centigrade in some places, and then we have also had very mild spells of weather when the temperatures have been over 10 degrees centigrade.

Perhaps you are still thinking of doing something new in 2023, so maybe consider joining one of the groups that the church run. You don't have to be a church member to join in, and we are friendly and welcoming. The contact numbers are available on the inside back cover of this magazine.

This month, on Wednesday 22nd February 2023, we begin the season of Lent, which starts with Ash Wednesday and ends on 6th April 2023 with Maundy Thursday, also called Holy Thursday or the Mass of the Lord's Supper.

Lent is the liturgical season that prepares us for Christ's death and resurrection.

In this season of penitential preparation, we turn our hearts and minds to God through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving an outward sign of Christian love for others, and this may involve giving something or giving up something.

Shrove Tuesday or pancake day takes place on the day before Ash Wednesday, 21st February 2023.

Lent lasts 40 days, excluding Sundays. Sundays are an important part of Lent, but they are not included in the 40

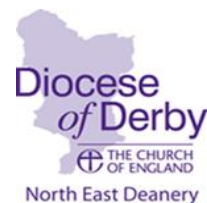
days, because each Sunday we remember the Resurrection of Christ in our mass.

Please remember to pray for our parish, that the vacancy is filled in the coming months, and we can look forward. Also let us see where we can encourage others to use their gifts and talents for the present and future of Newbold Parish Church, that we may find areas for growth and development, as well as continuing to do what we already do well.

There is great work going on in the churchyard with the congregation, community and the community payback team working to tidy and maintain the grounds, and we are very encouraged with our new venture Messy Church, and all that is going on with the local schools, where we hope that our links grow and develop in the coming months.

Remember to pray for each other, encourage each other, support each other and love each other.

Diocese Vision Prayer for 2027



Our Diocese celebrates its centenary in 2027 and as part of the preparation for this they are encouraging us all to pray this prayer:

*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.*



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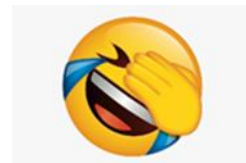


When I was a child, I wanted to be older. This is not what I expected.

Chocolate is God’s way of telling us He likes us a little bit chubby.

There is no such thing as a grouchy old person. The truth is, once you get old, you stop being polite and start being honest

The reason a dog has so many friends is that he wags his tail and not his tongue.



God's Plan

From Chris Barnes, Reader

This sermon was written for the 23 December 2022, the fourth Sunday of Advent.

Readings: Isaiah 7.10-16, Romans 1.1-7, Matthew 1.18-25

Traditionally, this Sunday is the day when we celebrate the life of the virgin Mary. But this morning I want to look at the contrasting stories of the two men mentioned in two of our readings: King Ahaz of Judah in the Isaiah reading and Joseph in the Matthew reading. Both men faced major life changing or life-threatening dilemmas, one political, the other personal.

King Ahaz was facing the political and life-threatening dilemma. Two of his neighbours, Aram and Ephraim were about to attack Jerusalem and replace Ahaz with the son of Tabeel, a nearby King. They wanted to do this to get the three states into an alliance to resist Assyria, the rising regional super-power. Ahaz had three choices; 1. Fight them, 2. Join them or 3. Do something else. I'll come back to his choice a bit later.

Joseph faced a massive personal dilemma which threatened to destroy all his future plans. He thought his future was settled. He was engaged to lovely girl and he planned to marry her, have a family and keep the family line going, just as he was expected to do. Then he discovered that his beloved Mary was pregnant – and he knew for certain that the baby wasn't his! His whole world had fallen apart.

Both men made plans to deal with their problem.

Being a good man, Joseph decided to dismiss Mary quietly and minimise the disgrace that would inevitably fall on her. Presumably he felt he would then have to find someone else.

I'll describe Ahaz's plan later.

What both plans had in common was that they ignored God's plan. Because God does have a plan; for the whole human race and individual plans for each of us. In God's big plan for the human race, Joseph had a much more important role than any of the rest of us.

So, what is God's plan for the human race?

Firstly, He created the earth and human beings to be His companions. But we human beings rebelled against that.

Then God came up with a Redemption Plan to purge the human race through a flood, allowing humanity to survive through the family of a good man – Noah. But still we rebelled again.

So, God chose a special people, the Israelites. Guess what – they rebelled.

He then sent a series of prophets to warn them that if they did not change their ways, they would end up in a disaster. But the prophets were ignored, the rebellion continued, and the Israelites went into the disaster of the exile.

Finally, God sent His Son, His only precious Son, Jesus, - Immanuel, God with us. And we all know what happened to Him! The world continued its rebellion, but this time it failed because Jesus rose again.

As a result, God chose a new people, His church – us! Let's face it, over the last two millennia, we, His church, have a mixed track record at best.

But we anticipate that one day, God will send Jesus back to us, to come again in judgement and stop our rebellion once and for all. And the reward for those of us who pass His judgement will be a new heaven and a new earth.

That, in a nutshell, is God's biblical plan for the human race. But what about His plans for each of us as individuals? As I

said before, both Ahaz and Joseph drew up their plans without thinking what God's plan might be. A friend once said to me, if you really want to make God laugh, tell Him YOUR plans.

Ahaz's plan was simple – to become Assyria's ally to protect his kingdom against his neighbours. So, God sends the prophet, Isaiah to try to stop this – twice. The passage in our reading from Isaiah describes the second attempt.

When Ahaz says, "I will not put God to the test" it sounds like he is being very pious. Nothing could be further from the truth. For Ahaz did not really believe in God. He worshipped Baal, the false God of the Canaanites. He had already made up his mind and did not want to hear God's plan. After all, Ahaz was a king. He had been brought up to be a king and it was his job to make decisions. So, he backed himself and did not want to rely on God.

So, Ahaz stepped out of God's plan and led Judah into a disaster. His supposed ally, King Tiglath-Pileser of Assyria, proved to be as reliable an ally as Vladimir Putin!

By contrast, Joseph was a humble carpenter or builder, a working man who had to work to put food on his table. He also wanted to do the right thing by God. So, when an angel appeared to him in a dream and said, "Don't worry, this is all part of God's plan," Joseph stepped into God's plan. He married Mary and brought up Jesus as his own. Unlike Ahaz, he obeys God and thus plays a key role in God's plan for the whole human race.

What would have happened if either Ahaz or Joseph had decided differently and gone the other way? If Ahaz had listened to God, Judah would have survived, perhaps Judaism would have been revived and it would not have been necessary for God to send Jesus into the world. If Joseph had not listened, perhaps God would have found someone else to take his place.

History is full of “what ifs”. What would have happened in the recent world cup if England had been awarded a penalty when Saka was clearly fouled inside the box, if Harry Kane had scored a penalty in the first half and we had gone into half time one up? That’s all pointless speculation – history can be re-interpreted, but not changed.

But there are lessons here for us – the “what ifs” for our future. Every single one of us makes plans for the future, both as churches and as individuals. How often do we ask God what his plans are rather just plough on with our own plans? Sometimes, we even have the cheek to ask God to bless “our” plans, and then wonder why they don’t work out in the way that we want!

God’s plan is not always obvious and often not what we expect. Just imagine how easy it would have been for Joseph to hear the angel say that Mary’s child was “born of the Holy Spirit” and reply, “come off it – I wasn’t born yesterday!” The only way we can discern God’s plan is through prayer – lots of it. But it is worth the effort. His plans are always better than ours.

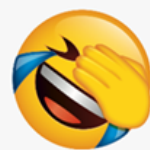
Our dilemma is whether to refuse to hear God’s plan for us, like Ahaz, and thus to step out of it, leaving the future to someone braver and more trusting than us. Or we can accept the call to worship God’s Son, our Saviour and help the whole world to see Jesus as God’s sign of Immanuel – God with us. If we choose the latter, everything changes for the better.



An invisible man married an invisible woman.

The kids were nothing to look at either.

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Readings and Collects

Sunday 5 February Third before Lent

Isaiah 58.1-12 Psalm 112.1-9 1Corinthians 2.1-end

Matthew 5.13-20

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 12 February Second before Lent

Genesis 1.1-2.3 Psalm 136 Romans 8.18-25 Matthew 6.25-34

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.

Sunday 19 February Sunday next before Lent

Exodus 24.12-18 Psalm 2 Peter 1.16-21 Matthew 17.1-9

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.

Sunday 26 February First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17;3.1-7 Psalm 32 Romans 5.12-19

Matthew 4.1-11

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.

Ash Wednesday Readings

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17 Psalm 51.1-18 2 Corinthians 5.12-19

Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Dairy FEBRUARY 2023

Sunday 5 February **Third before Lent** 10am Mass
4pm **Messy Church**

Sunday 12 February **Second before Lent** 10am Mass

Sunday 19 February **Sunday next before Lent** 10am Mass
4pm **Contemporary Service**

Sunday 26 February **First Sunday of Lent** 10am Mass

Wednesday 22 February **Ash Wednesday** 10am and 7.30pm

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

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

Wednesday 1 Feb **Women's Group** 7pm Parish Room
(see page 26)

Saturday 4 Feb **Coffee Morning** 10am-12noon Parish Room

Sunday 5 Feb **Walking Group** 12 noon at church gate
(see page 27)

Monday 6 Feb **Monday Club** 1.45pm Parish Room
(see page 19)

Saturday 11 Feb **Churchyard Tidy-up** 10am-12noon
Churchyard

Saturday 18 Feb **Men's Group** 10.30am Parish Room

Monday 20 Feb **Monday Club** 1.45pm Parish Room

Men's Group

SATURDAY 18TH FEBRUARY 2023

between 10.30 am -12.30 pm in the Parish Room.

New members are very welcome to join this friendly group, to sit and chat and food is always available. So why not come and give us a try.

Monday Club and "Warm Space"

The club is meeting on the following MONDAYS during February;

MONDAY 6TH AND MONDAY 20TH at 1.45 pm in the Parish Room.

Members are also welcome to come to the warm space in the Parish Room which is taking place between 12.00 pm – 3.30pm every Monday until 27th March.

There will be free refreshments of soup, bread rolls, biscuits, tea, coffee and squash. You can keep warm, socialise, read books, magazines, 2 newspapers will also be available. You can just sit, keep WARM, play beetle drive bingo, and music will be played in the background.

This is available to individuals, and families, and everyone will be made very welcome.

Coffee Morning Hosts needed.

We are still looking for hosts for our monthly coffee mornings for **August, September and November.**

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Keep warm, sit and read or socialise with others (bingo, beetle drive).

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Find out more by visiting
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27 February to 12 March 2023

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From the Registers



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27 January Michael Peter Rowley aged 52

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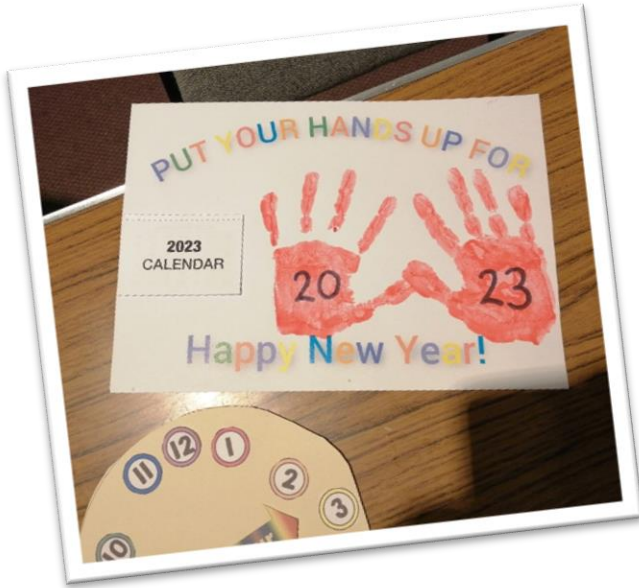
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Messy Church!

Lots of fun was had at the first Messy Church of the year in January, with the theme of “New Starts”. There was plenty of creativity with various craft projects.

The next Messy Church is on the 5th of February and continues through the year on the first Sunday of the month at 4pm



Newbold Women's Group

From Trish Law, committee member

For our first meeting of 2023 we were pleased to welcome Liz Garratt, a partner in a firm of solicitors based at Alfreton, who talked to us about Wills and Power of Attorney. She emphasized the need to regularly review the contents of a Will, as our own wishes, circumstances and family members can change over the years. Also very important is the wording on the Will, to ensure that the deceased's wishes are carried out exactly as intended. She gave examples of instances when this had not happened and families had lost everything, particularly when a charity has been nominated as a beneficiary.

Power of Attorney can be arranged to cover health and/or finances in the event of not being able to manage these aspects for ourselves. It is also very important, as it enables decisions to be made by others at a time when long delays and problems could occur if the individual is unable to do so.

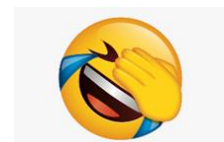
Our next meeting is on **Wednesday, 1st February 2023, at 7pm in St John's Parish Room**, when a member of the Community Specialist Nursing Team from Ashgate Hospicecare will be giving a talk about their work in caring for patients and their families at the hospice.

Everybody welcome.

Please contact me with any queries, contact number can be found on the inside back cover.



A hundred years ago everyone owned a horse and only the rich had cars. Today everyone has cars and only the rich own horses.



The Church Walk

From Evelyn Lowe

Short, sharp, rain showers were forecast for the day, so we arrived at the church gates on a wet afternoon and left with some trepidation. However, once we started the walk, in Clowne, we were blessed with a dry, cloudy day.

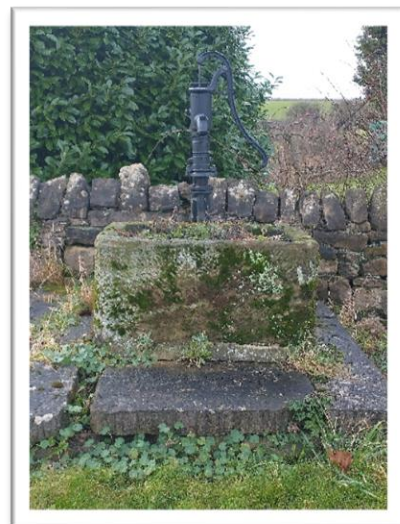
We walked past Old School Taphouse, previously Steve's infant school.

We noticed a well-maintained churchyard at St. John the Baptist Church and on a road named 'Northfields' saw a sign stating "Best Christmas Lights 1998". The residents provided imaginative displays in their front gardens with collection boxes for donations to children's charities which brought in many visitors from far and wide and generated, over the years, a total of £81.000. In 2009, according to the Mail, vandals destroyed the lights and stole the money collected at that time. As we walked past, there was no sign of any outside Christmas decorations.

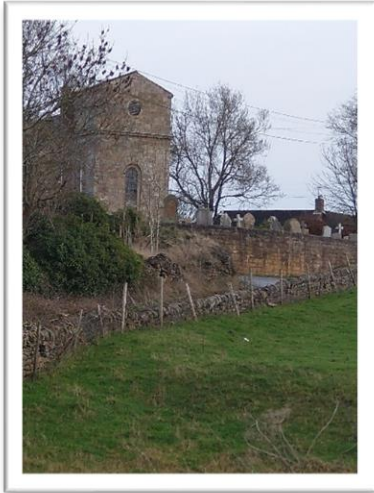
Further into our walk I was followed by Norris, a short, dark-haired fella, who was determined to stalk me. I had to lag behind our group in order to let the dog's owner catch him.

Later, we had a clear view of the Steetley chimney and Steve pointed out that on a clear day we would be able to see over to the cooling towers at the power stations on the Trent.

Our walk continued into the village of Elnton and we passed a cast iron water pump and an old well,



where Well Dressings are held each year at the end of July.



St. Peter's Church is Grade II listed and houses a Brindley organ. Charles Brindley was born in Baslow in the early 1830's and established his business in 1854. Seventeen years later he formed a partnership with Albert Healey Foster. The business was bought by Henry Willis and Sons in 1939.

A portrait of Jedidiah Buxton, 1707-1772, farm labourer and a self-taught arithmetical genius hangs inside the church. He was a life-long resident of Elmton. A blue plaque is located at the church gate.

Eventually, we walked into Creswell, a former mining village. The name "Creswell" arose because the colliery company needed an address for deliveries during construction. The nearest farm was Creswell Farm, so all deliveries arrived with 'Creswell's' written on them and the name stuck.



For the final part of the walk, Steve led us up 35 steps and onto a wide track, the disused railway line back to Clowne, that seemed to stretch forever into the distance. This seemed to be a popular place for dog walkers as we saw many different breeds of dogs and strangely most owners had two or more dogs. Give me cats any day!

For our next 5 mile walk we will meet at 12noon outside church on **Sunday 5th February**. Anyone wishing to join us will be made very welcome.

Churchyard Bird Watch 2022 review

From Christine Wieloch

During the time between Christmas and New Year I put together the chart for 2022 showing what we had seen each month. I was quite surprised at the things the chart told me.

In the first place I was surprised to see there were a number of birds we saw each month. They were blackbird, black-headed gull, carrion crow, magpie and wood pigeon. If you had asked me about these birds, I should have said they were often seen but I would not have thought all of them were seen every month.

There were also birds that were seen more months than they were absent. These were dunnock, great tit, herring gull, house sparrow, jackdaw. Again, I would have said these were common birds in the churchyard and, looking at them apart from the gulls and possibly the jackdaw, they are all birds you can see in your garden, if not regularly, then from time to time.

The majority of the birds were not seen regularly but had times of year when they were present and others when they weren't seen at all. This was especially true for the house martin and swift which are summer visitors.

There were birds which were seen once and never again. The buzzard, grey heron, lesser black backed gull and the song thrush. Were these birds on their way to somewhere else eg. Linacre reservoir, prospecting for a new territory, or is it a sign of the decline of some species?

I do think some species may have declined as we did not see any representatives of the following species all year - coal tit, great spotted woodpecker, greenfinch and wren. These are all species we have seen in the churchyard – not regularly but

from time to time and could have expected to see them over the course of a year,

Draw your own conclusions from this and if you think it appropriate you could take action by feeding the birds you do see around you. A bowl of clean water, seeds and fat balls are a good start, but it is up to you.

January Churchyard Birdwatch

From Christine Wieloch



Willow Tit

The weather was a formidable enemy in January. We usually do the churchyard birdwatch on the first Saturday of the month, but the weather forecast for the day was for rain and the birds hunker down in the rain and would have been very hard, if not impossible, to see. We cancelled and were very glad we had done so. We had decided to meet the following Saturday, but it was like 'Groundhog Day' as it was exactly the same. As people couldn't make the following Saturday it was decided to do the count on Friday.

On Friday it was a cold, frosty and bright morning, but thankfully not as cold as it had been. Six intrepid birders i.e. Rhoda, Robin, Wendy, John, Christine and Sue – the Church Administrator – gathered outside church at about 8,30am. It was lovely to see there were plenty of birds around and the light was very good for seeing their colours. We must have spent a fair bit of time around the western end of church as there were a good number of birds in that area and whilst we were watching Stephen arrived to do his tasks for the day inside church.

We had a steady stroll around the churchyard and heard plenty of bird song and did see more birds, but not in such numbers in so small a space, as we had seen at the beginning of our walk. Rhoda and Robin had to leave after about an hour and emailed to say they had seen a rook on their way out of the churchyard. When we had finished Wendy and I went to Spa at Littlemoor Shopping centre and saw a pied wagtail but unfortunately that can't be counted as it was not in or seen from the church yard.

We saw 21 birds in total, which were: goldcrest, nuthatch, blue tit, coal tit, long tailed tit, great tit, willow tit, black-bird, crow, chaffinch, goldfinch, rook, collared dove, dunnock, feral pigeon, house sparrow, redwing, robin, wood pigeon and jackdaw.

All in all, a rewarding day's birding and well worth the effort of getting up early during this cold spell.

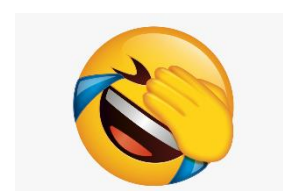
New Year Drinks Quiz Answers

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 2. Fosters
 - 3 Bucks Fizz
 4. Tia Maria
 5. Archers
 - 6 Budweiser
 7. Bells
 8. Chaser
 9. Cocktail
 10. Becks
 11. Wine
 12. Cider
 13. Captain Morgan
 14. Jack Daniels
 15. Strongbow
 16. Schnapps
 17. Taboo
 18. Sherry
 19. John Smith's
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The man at the furniture store told me the sofa would seat 5 people without any problems. Then it occurred to me, I don't think I know 5 people without any problems.

What if my dog only brings back my ball because he thinks I like throwing it?



Quiz

Films and TV



- 1 Who replaced Richard Harris as Dumbledore in the Harry Potter films?
- 2 In which Austin Powers film does Beyonce make her movie debut?
- 3 How many contestants are on each team in University Challenge?
- 4 Who is the alter ego of Scott Lang as featured in the 2015 and 2018 Marvel films?
- 5 In the film “Love Actually”, Emma Thompson thought her husband had bought her a necklace, but instead she received a CD by which artist?
- 6 Who presents the TV programme “Tipping Point”?
- 7 In which reality show did Ben Fogle first make his name?
- 8 Who presents the TV programme “Grand Designs”?
- 9 In the 1994 film “Four Weddings and a Funeral”, whose funeral does the group attend?
- 10 Name the second James Bond film?
- 11 What is the name of Humphrey Bogart’s character in Casablanca?
- 12 In which year was Coronation Street first broadcast?
- 13 Who sponsors “Dancing on Ice”?
- 14 Who directed the film “Jaws”?
- 15 What was the character’s name played by Annette Crosbie in “One Foot in the Grave”?

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