

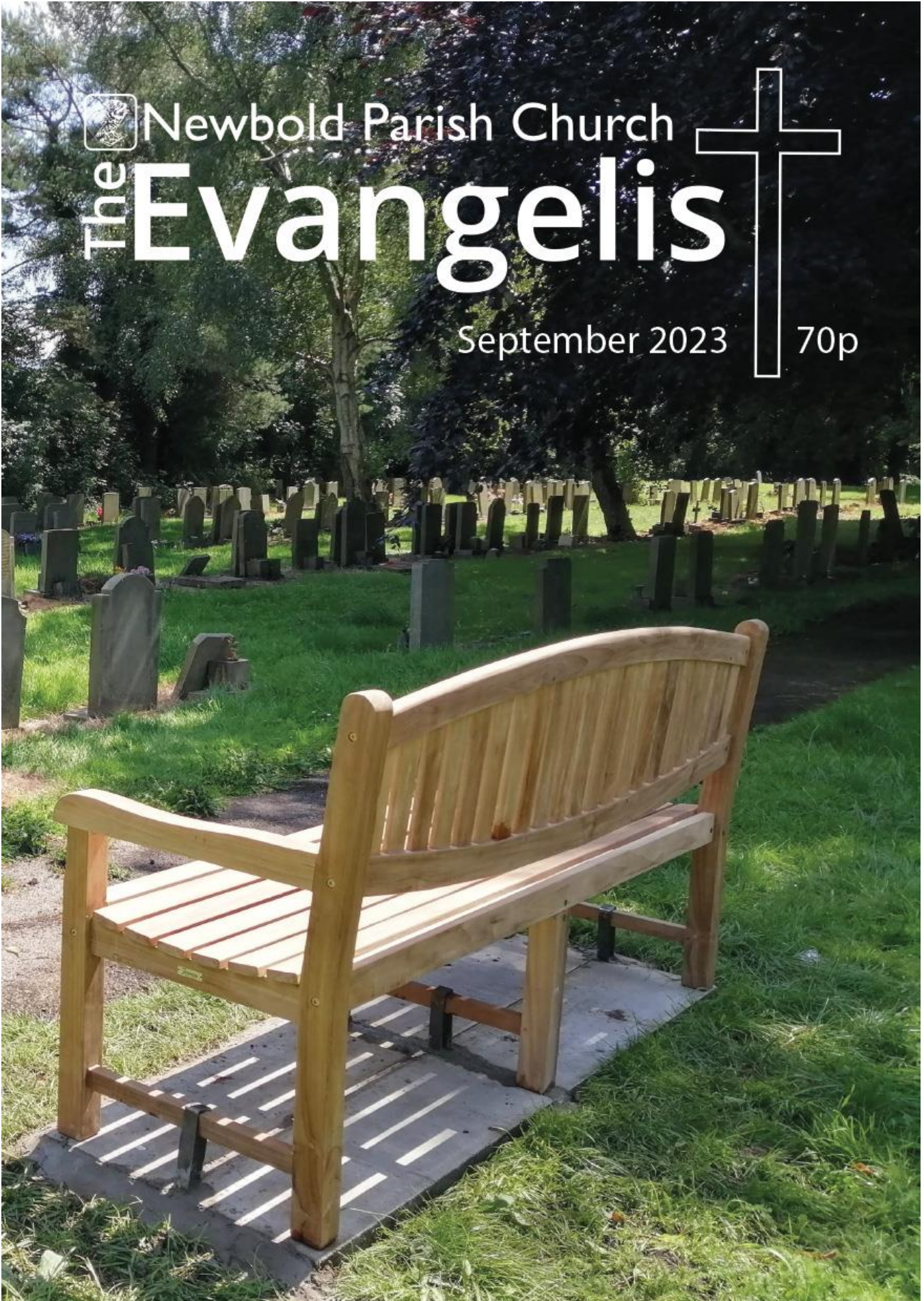


Newbold Parish Church

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Photo by Rhoda

Items for the next edition to be with Rhoda or Sue

By Sunday 10th September 2023

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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

The use of the common cup has been restored, and communicants are free to decide if they wish to receive from this or not.

Please be assured that Communion is received in full with just the wafer (host). Please note that dipping the wafer in the chalice is not permitted.

Please do not attend if you feel unwell.

First Sundays 4pm Messy Church

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

Tuesday Morning prayer 10am

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.

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A short 30-minute service of mid-week Holy Communion

Now taking place in the Parish Room

View from the vicar

Revd Rhoda



As you read this, many children and young people will be getting ready for the new school year starting in September. Other young people will be facing different new challenges such as starting college, going away to university, or starting a new job. Facing new things can sometimes feel like taking a big step, and sometimes the step we need to take can feel unreachable.



There is a saying attributed to Lloyd George, which states: Don't be afraid to take a big step if one is needed. You can't cross a chasm in two small jumps.

As Christians, we need to remember that

God is there with us and can give us the courage to do things we might not feel are possible. One of the psalmists wrote that, with the help of the Lord he could leap a wall. Let's pray for everyone facing new things, that they will have courage and rise to the challenge.

Last month I had the privilege of blessing the **new benches** in the churchyard as they were "officially opened", see page 17, and I hope that they will provide a place for people to sit and rest and reflect in our beautiful churchyard.

Last month we also celebrated a year of Messy Church with a picnic and games, see page 31—we were very fortunate that the

weather held, and we didn't get rained on. This month our **Messy Church on September 3rd** will be looking at the theme of light, with the big project being to produce a stained-glass image of our patron saint, St John. This will then be displayed as part of our **Heritage Open Day Event on September 9th** (and 16th), see page 11.

Our church here in Newbold is part of the wider Northeast Deanery, and there is to be a **Deanery Confirmation Service at Brimington on Sunday 1st October at 6pm**, and I'm really excited that Mark and Elaine are planning to be confirmed at this service. Confirmation is an important step in a lifetime journey of faith as a follower of Jesus Christ, when you affirm your baptism promises and the Bishop prays for you to be confirmed with the Holy Spirit. Please see me if you have any questions about confirmation.

A prayer for community—from Being Neighbour: The Catechism and Social Justice

Embracing Father,

You grace each of us with equal measure in your love. Let us learn to love our neighbours more deeply, so that we can create peaceful and just communities. Inspire us to use our creative energies to build the structures we need to overcome the obstacles of intolerance and indifference.

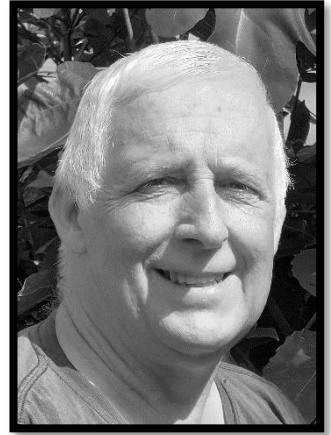
May Jesus provide us the example needed and send the Spirit to warm our hearts for the journey.

Amen.

Rhoda +

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



As we now enter the month of September, we can reflect on the Summer so far. What have you done, and what will you be doing this month?

At times the weather has not been very good, especially compared to last year when it was hot, sunny and we had droughts.

Church life starts up again, in the sense that the groups that hadn't met during August start to meet again.

Have you thought of joining one of the groups? We have a Walking Group on the first Sunday of each month, a Women's Group on the first Wednesday evening of each month, a Men's Group on the third Saturday of each month 10.30 am to 12.30 pm, The Monday Club meets each Monday afternoon between 1.00 pm- 3.00 pm and the Bird Watching Group on the first Saturday of each month.

On the first Saturday of each month, we have a coffee morning in the Parish Room between 10.00 am – 12.00 pm to which everyone is welcome.

We are looking forward to Rodger and Richard's Coffee Morning on Saturday 2 September (what can go wrong?!) (Editor - See poster on page 22 for Roger's drawing of the cheeky double act!)

We are asking for support in the baking department; please speak to Rodger or Richard if you are able to help.

The schools return this month; some children starting school for the first time in the nurseries; some moving to junior school; some on to the senior school; and some deciding what to do after their GCSE and A level results. They may go to university or college or begin life in the workplace. We wish them all well in whatever they choose to do.

We will have our standing committee and PCC meeting (Parochial Church Council) this month.

On Saturdays 9 and 16 September, we are having our HERITAGE DAYS in church, with refreshments being served in the Parish Room.

On the development of the Parish Room, we are holding a meeting of the building committee to hopefully move things forward with the project.

The Churches Together in Newbold are meeting this month, and no doubt the arrangements for Remembrance Sunday will be discussed.

Our work with the local schools will recommence after the summer holidays, and we look forward to visiting our Church School, Dunston Primary School and Cavendish Junior School.

We are also involved in school pastor work and will be going into Outwood Academy School, to meet the students at their assemblies, as we embark on this new journey to connect with students.

Have you ever thought of using your gifts and talents for your church life? Please don't be afraid to ask about what you might have to offer, you might surprise yourself.

We need to continue to grow as a church, to develop, encourage, support, and be a welcoming church where everyone is made to feel important and valued.

May we look forward with anticipation, with enthusiasm, with passion and with love for each other.



Diocese of Derby

September 2023 Message

From Acting Archdeacon Nicky Fenton



As our children and young people return to school and the pace of life begins to pick up again after a brief and much-needed lull over the summer, I wonder how you're feeling?

Perhaps you've missed friends or colleagues and the structure of your usual rhythm and routine and are excited and energised by the fact of returning to something that feels more normal.

Maybe you've enjoyed less traffic on the roads, fewer evening commitments, some time away on holiday and are wishing that slower way of living could continue a bit longer.

As I prepare to move from the role of Acting Archdeacon to becoming Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales, I have been reflecting on what I might need to do differently now I have a long-term role rather than only 6 months to deliver impact and identifiable outcomes.

If you are free, then I'd love to welcome you to my licensing and collation service at Derby Cathedral on Saturday, 30 September at 2.30pm.

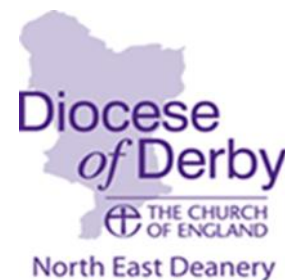
As you may have heard me say at a deanery synod or in interview, my personal priorities will remain prayer, people, places, projects, planning and personal formation – do ask me about them and how they connect to our emerging diocesan priorities and the things that matter to you in your context.

I want to learn how to navigate the responsibilities and opportunities of my role in a way that brings about positive changes and is healthy and life-giving for me and all those I work with. I'd like to invite you all to join that journey with me.

My experience is that you travel well and make best progress towards the future that God is preparing for you by praying, reflecting, seeking feedback, planning and working together focussed on what really matters, the things we aim to achieve. Old habits from my teaching career, a way of being I find invaluable and highly recommend.

So as we look towards the Autumn term, may we form genuine relationships of mutual care and accountability. Then together we can discern what God is inviting us into and asking us to prioritise. And we can do those things at a pace that is sustainable and good news for us, as well as for those we are called to serve.

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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Heritage Open Day 2023

Saturday 9 September

10am-2pm

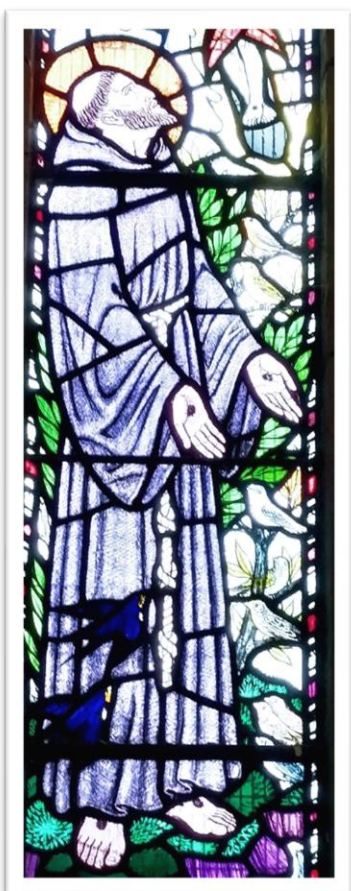
In church

(Church will also be open on Saturday 16 September when displays will still be accessible)



CREATIVITY UNWRAPPED

This year's theme, for the national Heritage Open Day, is "Creativity unwrapped" and we are taking this opportunity to invite you to come and explore our stained-glass windows and the creative art and stories they contain.



Come and enjoy our stained-glass windows in more detail, including the large window behind the altar which captures the crucifixion. Who are the people either side and what is the meaning of the symbols in the windows above? A side window depicts St Francis of Assisi. Who was he and what symbols in this picture tell his story? Can you find the nativity window? With a self-guided tour and a quiz, there is plenty to explore. There will be people on hand to answer questions and help you enjoy the experience. There will also be activities suitable for all ages, including making your own "stained glass window" using craft materials and a fun quiz for primary aged children.

Refreshments and homemade cakes will be served throughout the event, so make sure you enjoy the hospitality as well.

The main event will be on **Saturday 9 September 10am-2pm** but the church windows, displays and tours can be accessed again at the same times on the following **Saturday, the 16 September**.

To find out about other Heritage Open Day events being held locally, visit the Heritage Open Day website

<https://www.heritageopendays.org>



New Pay Station

Did you know that we are now able to take cashless donations? We were successful in our bid for one of 50 digital pay stations, which have been donated by the diocese, as part of a nation-wide initiative to support churches to be able to take card payments.



As more and more people are not carrying cash now, this will be a very useful option for us, particularly when we have visitors to the church and for weddings and baptisms, who may be more used to making digital payments.

We would still encourage regular members to give via standing order and consider “Gift Aid” if you are a taxpayer.

Ragged School Chapel, Markham Road

Harvest Festival Concert

Saturday 23rd September

7.30pm

With Staveley & District Churches United Choir

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Churchyard bird watch

From John Drake

The bird count was postponed this month to the second Saturday due to the wet weather. Saturday morning started off dull and cloudy with a slight drizzle but undeterred we carried on regardless — later on it became warmer and brighter with some glimpses of sunshine.

Christine, Trish, Wendy and myself started off from the front of the church as usual and scanned the sky line for anything flying and we were soon rewarded with several House Martins and Carrion Crows.

The churchyard was very quiet but we did discover a small flock of young Blue Tits in the trees. We saw one House Sparrow in the trees behind the bungalows. We did observe in passing that many of the species e.g., Black-headed Gulls, Nuthatch and Chaffinch we used to see were not present — is this down to climate change or perhaps Avian Flu?

Again, there was little presence of either Crows or Rooks, which seemed to confirm last month's suggestion that they had moved away from their nest sites.

A total of 13 bird species were seen: blackbird, blue tit, carrion crow, collared dove, herring gull, house martin, house sparrow, jackdaw, magpie, starling, swift, and wood pigeon.

We also saw numerous Speckled Wood and Large (Cabbage) White Butterflies.

The next birdwatch is scheduled for **Saturday 2 September** - doesn't time fly - time to go out and get the new school uniforms again. So, if you're free do come and join us then.

Bishop Malcolm visits Burundi

From “Our Diocese”

Bishop Malcolm and his wife, Pam, visited Burundi in East Africa during July and spent time with the Diocese of Bujumbura, learning about ministry and mission in a very different context from the Diocese of Derby.



Bishop Malcolm writes:

Burundi is the poorest country in the world – the one thing it has in common with Derbyshire is a beautiful landscape of hills and valleys.

Life is very hard indeed for those who live in rural areas – the city is seen as a place of opportunity, which works for some, but even there the need for investment is always apparent.

The shadow of violent episodes in recent history remains, but people are hopeful about the future, and determined to work for peace and greater prosperity.

We found folks extremely hospitable, and rightly proud of their heritage and of their culture.

Travelling around the diocese you see just how precarious peoples' livelihoods are.

This is especially so where steep slopes are vulnerable to flash floods in the rainy season, often causing devastating mudslides

which destroying fields, homes, livelihoods, and endangering lives also.

One of the inspiring programmes the diocese is engaged with is helping local people get together in cooperatives to grow seedlings and plant trees, so that their roots will protect their fields and gardens from soil erosion.

Empowering women and young people

As well as attending a glorious ordination service in the cathedral, and a wedding blessing in a village church, we had the opportunity to visit a range of innovative community projects.

The diocese is very involved in community development, the church working locally on initiatives that empower people living in poverty, especially women and young people.

Churches are full of young people – tiny, inquisitive, eager children everywhere, and older youths enjoying church as a forum for securing friendships and building community.

Whilst music and singing are lively and active, there is real depth and quality to the worship, and a sense that being Christian there is about the whole of life – home, family, livelihood – and the liturgy reflected this.

We just did two tourist things. We visited Lake Tanganyika one afternoon with Bishop Eraste - and given the immense size of the lake, it was like being at the seaside!

And we met the Royal Drummers of Burundi – which you can check out on YouTube – they were fantastic.

I look forward to opportunities to share more about the work of the Diocese of Bujumbura in the autumn, when this year's harvest appeal will support tree planting projects there.

Blessing of the Benches

From Revd Rhoda

This August just gone marked a year since we started **The Big Churchyard Tidy up**, galvanised by people from our local community who were dismayed at the state the churchyard was slipping into.

Working together with the council, the community, and especially the Community Payback Team, I'm really impressed with the progress that has been made, and thanks are due to all.

In addition to work in tidying the churchyard, the local community contributed to a collection organised by Samantha Walker, and from this, two benches were purchased. Glyn and Dru Cook and their family also provided a third bench and the metal fixings for the benches.

Bob Cable and Robin Blackwell have now fixed the benches in the churchyard, and it was my joy and privilege to be able to hold an official "opening ceremony" where we cut ribbons and blessed the benches and those who had provided them, and those who will sit on them.

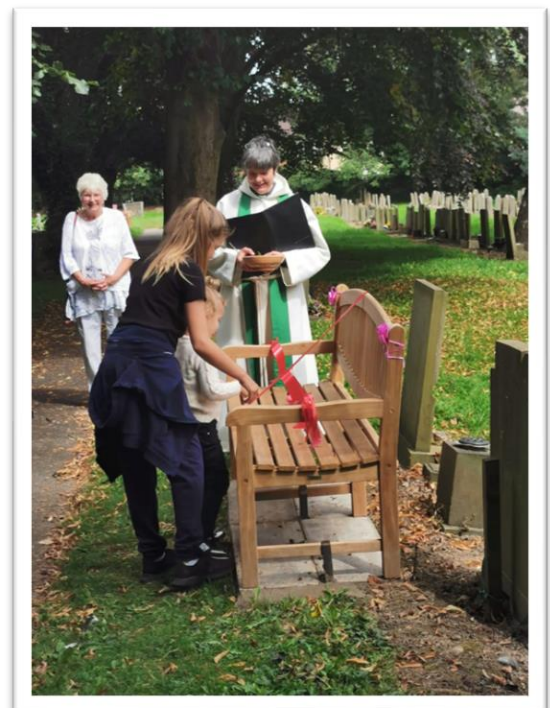
*Father God, we pray that you will
bless these benches. . .*

*May they remind us to stop and
reflect.*

*May they be a quiet place for
those who need rest.*

*May they be a peaceful place, for
those who come to remember.*

Amen



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 July Kobie Michael Chambers

20 August Ria May Louise Norton-Watts

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

Funerals

4 August Gary Andrew Collier aged 59

7 August Brian Michael Cutler aged 78

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

5 August Sylvia Morley

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Readings and Collects

Sunday 3 September Thirteenth after Trinity

Jeremiah 15.15-21 Romans 12.9-21 Matt 16.21-28

Almighty God, who called your Church to bear witness that you were in Christ reconciling the world to yourself: help us to proclaim the good news of your love, that all who hear it may be drawn to you; through him who was lifted up on the cross, and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, you search us and know us: may we rely on you in strength and rest on you in weakness, now and in all our days; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 10 September Fourteenth after Trinity

Ezekiel 33-7-11 Romans 13.8-14 Matt 18.15-20

Almighty God, whose only Son has opened for us a new and living way into your presence: give us pure hearts and steadfast wills to worship you in spirit and in truth; 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)

Merciful God, your Son came to save us and bore our sins on the cross: may we trust in your mercy and know your love, rejoicing in the righteousness that is ours through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 17 September Fifteenth after Trinity

Genesis 50.15-21 Romans 14.1-12 Matt 18.21-35

God, who in generous mercy sent the Holy Spirit upon your Church in the burning fire of your love: grant that your people may be fervent in the fellowship of the gospel that, always abiding in you, they may be found steadfast in faith and active in service; 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 God, defend your Church from all false teaching and give to your people knowledge of your truth, that we may enjoy eternal life in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 24 September Sixteenth after Trinity

Jonah 3.10-4.11 Philippians 1.21-30 Matt 20.1-16

O Lord, we beseech you mercifully to hear the prayers of your people who call upon you; and grant that they may both perceive and know what things they ought to do, and also may have grace and power faithfully to fulfil them; 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 creation, whose glory is around and within us: open our eyes to your wonders, that we may serve you with reverence and know your peace at our lives' end, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Diary September 2023

Sunday 3 September **Thirteenth after Trinity** 10am Mass
4pm Messy church

Sunday 10 September **Fourteenth after Trinity** 10am Mass

Sunday 17 September **Fifteenth after Trinity** 10am Mass

Sunday 24 September **Sixteenth after Trinity** 10am Mass

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

Every Wednesday 10am **Mid-week Communion** in Parish Room

Saturday 2 September **Coffee Morning** 10am-12noon Parish Room (p22)

Monday 4 September **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room (p25)

Wednesday 6 September **Women's Group** 7pm Parish Room (p27)

Saturday 9 September **Churchyard Tidy up** 10am-12noon
Heritage Open Day (see p11)

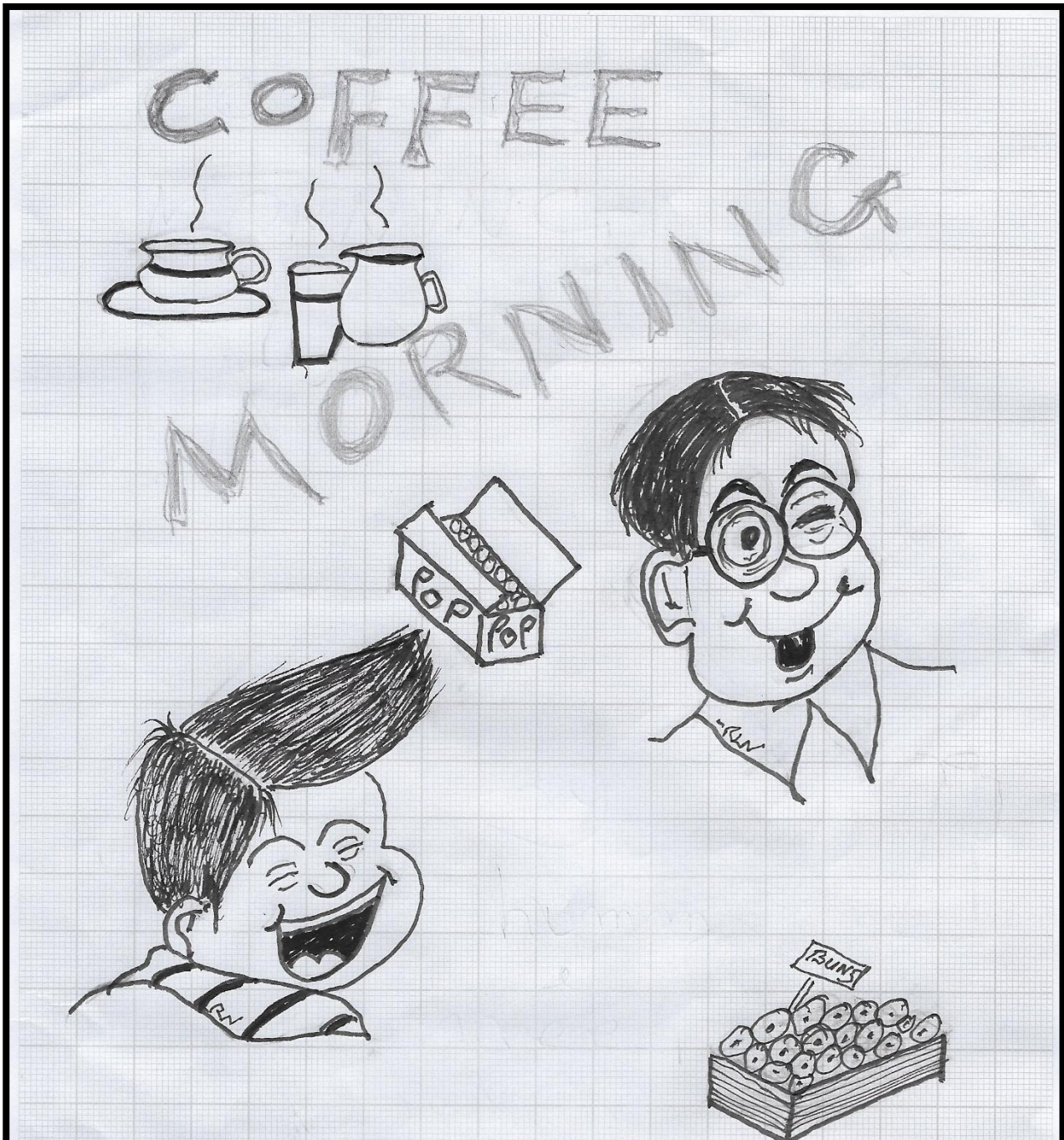
Monday 11 September **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Saturday 16 September **Men's Group** Canal Trip 10.30am-12noon
Tapton Lock.

Monday 18 September **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

Wednesday 20 September **Murder Mystery Eve** (see p24)

Monday 25 September **Monday Club** 1-3pm Parish Room

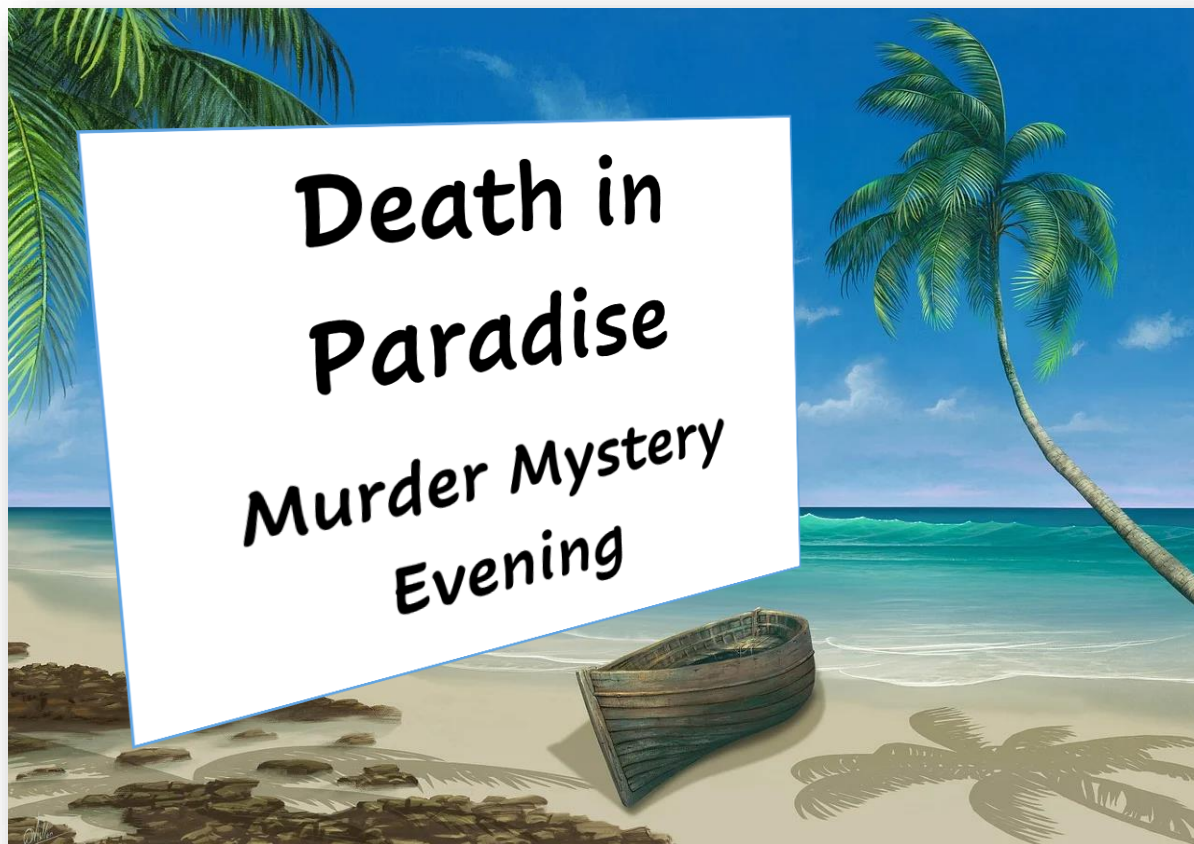


Come and join Rodger and Richard
for our monthly Coffee Morning.

Saturday 2 September

10am-12noon

In the parish room (behind church)



Wednesday 20 September

7.00pm in the Parish Room

Prize for the loudest holiday shirt or sundress!
Join us as detectives in a murder case, solve the clues and unveil the murderer on a sunny paradise island.

**Tickets £10 to include a
Caribbean supper**

Tickets available from Michelle and Tasha Hague
from the beginning of September



**Aurora Choir and organ recital from
Stuart Watkinson
Friday 29th September 7.30 pm**

Tickets £6

For more information contact
Julie Tel: 01246 557059

Tickets are available on the door.

**All proceeds from the concert will go
towards the Newbold Building Project**

Thank you for your support

Monday Club

Monday Club returns after the summer break.

This months dates for your diary are:

Monday 4 September PARISH ROOM 1-3pm

Monday 11 September PARISH ROOM 1-3pm

Monday 18 September PARISH ROOM 1-3pm

Monday 25 September PARISH ROOM 1-3pm

In the coming months there are the following events happening to put in your diaries now:

Sunday 10th September Centenary Gala Concert at the Winding Wheel to celebrate the 100th birthday of the building plus various films showing Monday to Friday during the week.

Monday 20 November, Film showing of BLUE HAWAII starring Elvis, at the Winding Wheel.

Early notice for.....

**Saturday 18 November-Sunday 3 December
Crooked Spire Christmas Tree Festival**

We look forward to seeing you this month.


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Newbold Women's Group

From Wendy Drake, Committee Member

Firstly, I hope everyone has had a good 'summer' break despite the weather not having been up to expectations. The gardens have certainly benefitted instead!

This is just a reminder that the group meets again on
Wednesday 6 September at 7pm in the Parish Room.

Our speaker for the evening is to be Anna-Louise Pickering, daughter of the late Pollyanna Pickering, the well-known wildlife artist and conservationist. Anna-Louise is committed to continuing the work of the Pollyanna Pickering Foundation raising funds for world-wide conservation, and her talk will be entitled 'Travels with a Wildlife Artist.' It should be a good evening so why not encourage friends, husbands, partners etc to come along and join us. The meeting is open to everyone at £2 each to cover refreshments and a raffle ticket.

For any further information, please do contact one of the committee, Trish, Marilyn J, or myself. Everybody will be welcome.

The Summer BBQ raised.....

Many thanks to Bob and Ruth
for hosting this event
and to all who came
and enjoyed the day.



The Walking Group – Whitwell Churches Loop

From Evelyn Lowe



Our walk began outside St. Lawrence Parish Church, the second church built in this area and mentioned in the Domesday Book as serving Whitwell and Barlborough. It dates from 12th century. The chancel and

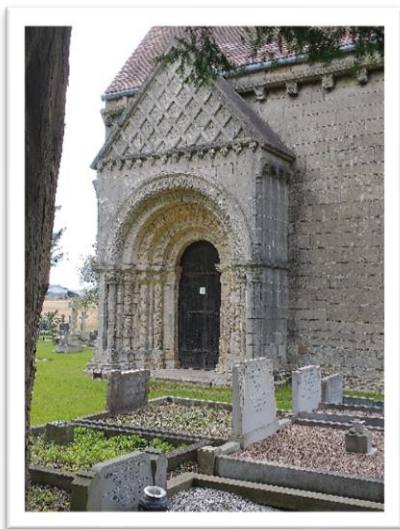
transept date from the first half of the 14th century and in the north transept on the west wall is the marble tomb of Sir Roger Manners. Roger was born around 1575 at Haddon Hall, the younger son of Sir John Manners and Dorothy Vernon. On his father's death he inherited the manor of Whitwell. A bachelor, he was active in county affairs and knighted by King James I in 1615. In 1618-19 he held the office of High Sheriff of Derbyshire. He died in 1632 and was buried, as requested, in the Parish Church.

A tarmacked path led us to the main road and onto the grassy verge where we ploughed through clover, nettles, bramble bushes and sadly, the usual detritus of empty pop cans and take-away meals, probably discarded by passing motorists. After turning onto a broad path, lined mainly by hawthorn hedges we spotted nestling beneath the branches, the cuckoo pint (*Arum maculatum*) also known as lords and ladies. This striking cluster of orange berries is one of the UK's poisonous plants.



The path became narrower the longer we walked on it with the hedges giving way to tall trees and eventually we saw golden fields of corn on each side of us and the Trent Valley Power Station in the distance on our left. We entered an area of sweet corn planted in defined rows and standing tall and straight with the vegetables starting to form on the stems. They must have been over 6 feet tall.

Under grey skies and on a wide tarmacked track, we held back to enable a horse and rider to pass us and arrived at a small oak tree with a plaque attached giving information that the Shireoak grew here at the point where the counties of Yorkshire, Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire merged. The original Shireoak was said to have had a 90-foot canopy, large enough to shade 235 horses.



Our walk brought us to All Saints Chapel, Steetley which is a tiny masterpiece of Norman architecture dating from 1120 (pre-dating Welbeck Abbey). The 56-foot chapel is divided into a rectangular knave 15'9" wide, a square channel 13' 9" wide and a semi-circular apse. In 1870, after being used as a cow shed,

roofless and overgrown, the chapel was restored by P. C. Pearson, a Victorian architect. The chapel was reconstructed in 1880. The chapel is open each day 10am – 3pm, but we were too late to be able to visit. Both St. Lawrence Church and All Saints Chapel are under the care of our former curate and priest, Revd. Keith Cocking.



Soon we were traversing around a large, ploughed field and saw dramatic cloud formations in front of us; dark clouds were edged by bright sunlight. Once again, we were walking through another field of tall, sturdy sweetcorn, planted in such a way that we could have walked down the rows as in a maze, and lost our way – awesome.

We tramped through a field and Steve spotted a dragonfly speeding down the side of a hedge and back again into the field, a field incidentally covered in wildflowers, yellows, reds, blues and purples and lots and lots of blackberry bushes just waiting for the sunshine to plump up the fruit. We came upon a massive muddy puddle which we managed to negotiate and



noticed lots of black flies flying over and settling on the surface. Perhaps they were water beetles. In the middle of Whitwell we passed a memorial cross and further on an iron water pump and two benches which looked so inviting to me at this stage, but the leaders paid no heed and we soon arrived at the car and were on our way home.

Please note that the next walk on **Sunday 3rd September** will begin at 2pm and will be a Blackberry Walk in the area of the Handleys, Old Whittington. You will need a receptacle for your blackberries.

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Messy Church Anniversary Picnic

From Revd Rhoda



On 2nd October 2022 we held our first Messy Church, with lots of families attending and lots of crafting mess and fun. Messy Church has continued monthly since then, and we've covered many of the main church festivals such as Harvest, Christmas, Lent, Easter, and Pentecost, and other topics such as new starts, love, and heroes, and even a special Messy Church Coronation. It was also a joy to have a Messy Church Christening.



During the school holiday we decided to have a Messy Church picnic to celebrate nearly a year. We had cake and candles and sang happy birthday to those who had a recent birthday, and also happy birthday to Messy Church.

We blew bubbles and played quoits and snakes and ladders and boules, and ate our picnics. In a summer that has been characterised by rain, we were fortunate for the sun to pop out and the rain clouds to hold off.

On our anniversary, I would like to acknowledge our wonderful team of Messy Church volunteers, without whom Messy Church wouldn't happen - Thank you for all your efforts with planning, ideas, food preparation and crafting.



Our next Messy Church on **Sunday 3rd September** is going to be themed around light. Light is used symbolically in the Christian faith to indicate that which is good, and Jesus said that he was the light of the world. In our lives we endeavour with God's help to turn towards goodness and away from anything that is bad.

One of the crafts is to make "stained glass windows" and as a group we are hoping to do a large one of St John, our patron saint, which we can hang in the window. This can be left there for the Heritage open day events, see page 11, which will highlight the stained glass and symbols in our church.

Messy Church is a craft-based service for all the family with songs, stories and some food. Do come and try it out if you'd like.





Newbold Parish Church

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4pm to 5.30pm

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Crafts

Food



Story

Song

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Family News!

We would love to hear your family news and share in your happiness! Please send any news, be it a big birthday celebration, an anniversary, a new baby or a family wedding, we would love to hear your stories! Even better if they come with pictures!!

This month Dean and Elaine share some anniversary news and an update on the “children”.

Dean writes

A number of people have asked Elaine and I how Emma and Matthew are getting on these days, so we thought it would be easiest to put the answers in The Evangelist.



Emma has completed her training at Keele Medical School (it's near Stoke-on-Trent). She has graduated with an MBChB (Hons) in Medicine, taken what the old-un's like me call The Hippocratic Oath (like everything else it's been modernised), and has now started work as a Foundation Year One junior doctor, initially on the Geriatric ward at Chesterfield Royal Hospital, Calow. If

you are ever on Ashover ward say hello to her. She has plenty of spare time for a good long chat, and will usually be found with her feet up, having a cup of tea, and doing Wordle... just like all NHS junior doctors!

Matthew has just graduated with a First or 2.1 BA (Hons) in History and Economics from the University of Manchester. We are not sure of his final grade yet because some of the lecturers are indulging in a marking strike, messing up

student's future plans. In any case, in September – and still at the University of Manchester - he will begin an MSc in Financial Economics, which involves using economic theories, and lots of complex mathematics and statistics to model economic and financial processes. This makes you attractive to banks and other financial institutions (or even The Treasury, so if your taxes go up you will know who to blame), and you can become quite well-off at some point in the future. But right now he is working really hard at his bartending jobs to keep his head above water, and to save for the next years studying. He is living a life of poverty, chastity, and obedience (well one out of the three anyway)!



So, when Elaine and I get old, Emma can provide our medical care, and Matthew can pay for it. What a cunning plan!

Seriously though, Elaine and I are so proud of them both. They have both worked so hard to get their degrees, and they have both had their share of hard - and troubling - times but they have risen to the challenges, overcome them, and have done far more than either Elaine or me. It is truly humbling to see them step out into the world as adults, with confidence, intelligence, and with good heads on their shoulders.

Well-done Emma, and well-done Matthew. Thank you to the both of you for being wonderful children and now an equally wonderful grown man and grown woman. God bless to you both and may you both find peace, joy, and good fortune in your future lives.



Wedding Anniversary celebrations.

Elaine and I will be celebrating our 30th wedding anniversary on the 11th of September (yep – it was a notorious day in history even before the twin towers went down!). Father Ross married us in St. John's Church.

At the time Elaine lived right across the road from The Vicarage, and the photographer's wife held up the traffic for her to walk across the road to go into church! The sign read "Please Stop- Bride Crossing!"



We are planning a holiday later in the year at a place that holds many happy and cherished memories for us, Ayia Napa in Cyprus.

It hasn't been plain sailing of course, and we have ups and downs like everyone does, but I wouldn't change a single day of it. Elaine is my rock and keeps me on the straight and narrow and I look forward to another thirty.

Editors write – huge congratulations to Emma and Matthew on their achievements and to Dean and Elaine on their 30th Wedding Anniversary, with love and prayers for you all from the church family here at Newbold.

Lord, we thank you for the gift of love, for the gift of families, and for the opportunities we have to learn. We pray a special blessing on Dean and Elaine, Emma and Matthew. Amen

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