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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 service of mid-week Holy Communion

Now taking place in the Parish Room

From the vicar

Revd Rhoda



Last Sunday was the great feast day of Pentecost, marking the end of the Easter Season. It is the day when the church remembers with joy the coming of God's Spirit equipping the early followers of Jesus to speak the words of the good news of Jesus in a way their hearers could understand. In our time, we ask too for the words to explain about the good news in our context, so that people may know that God loves them.

How does God love us? This week at a quiet day at Whirlow Spirituality Centre, I heard the retired chaplain Joy explain the work of God's Spirit in us using the image of the TV show '*The Repair Shop*'. In this heartwarming show family heirlooms are expertly restored and brought back to life. The person bringing the object is given a warm welcome and treated with kindness. There is real interest in their story, and how the object has got to the state it is in, but there is no judgement and no shame. The restorers often can't wait to get started, but there is no rush—it takes as long as it takes. They lovingly repair and restore the object, not making it into something it wasn't or making it unrecognisable. There is always a sense of delight at the finished object, and often a sense that much more has been achieved than what was expected. Joy said the work of the Holy Spirit is like '*the Repair Shop*'. We come with our vulnerabilities and are welcomed and treated with love and respect. Then we are lovingly restored to be the best of what we were meant to be. I thought this was a beautiful analogy and wanted to share it with you, and I trust that it gives you comfort and hope that God loves you and values you—in fact, enough that God came in the person of Jesus to live as one of us and to die for us, then by the resurrection and ascension, to restore our humanity to the divine.

At Pentecost, we also remembered the amazing truth that the Spirit prays (intercedes) for us, even when we don't know what to pray for and how to pray in a given situation, and this is such a comfort with all that is happening in our world at the moment.

As I write this, it has just been announced there is to be a General Election on July 4th. As Christians, we are called to pray for our leaders—using a paraphrase from 'The Message' the apostle Paul wrote "The first thing I want you to do is pray. Pray every way you know how, for everyone you know. Pray especially for rulers and their governments to rule well so we can be quietly about our business of living simply, in humble contemplation."

It is also our responsibility to speak out for justice—much is spoken about in religious circles about things that God is displeased with, but it is clear from the writings of many of the prophets and from the life of Jesus, that the thing that God hates most is injustice—and especially exploitation.

We live in a world structure where exploitation is the norm, and impossible to get away from; in the banking system, food production, clothing production—exploitation of the planet and of many people. And we live in a world where integrity is sacrificed to popularity. At this election season, may we consider carefully how each of the candidates stand on justice and integrity.

The Church of England is calling each of us to "**Pray our part**", and will be producing daily reflections in the three weeks runup to the day, and you can sign up for these on the Church of England website.

*For a prayer on the election,
please see page 25*

Every blessing

Rhoda +

PRAY
YOUR
PART

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



Welcome to the churchwardens' thoughts for June.

I take this opportunity to **welcome Wendy Drake** as our new churchwarden and wish her well as she begins to settle into this very important role in the life of our church.

I would like to **thank Carol** for her three years' service; I thoroughly enjoyed working with her during her time as churchwarden.

We look forward to the Archdeacon's Visitation for the North East Derbyshire Deanery of which the East Derbyshire Archdeaconry is part, where we officially become churchwardens. This service is to be held at St Thomas' Church, Brampton on Wednesday 26 June 2024 at 7.30pm.

Where is this year going?! As I write this article, we are already approaching June, the sixth month of the year.

Recently we have had a few days of dry, warm, sunny weather, but as I write this it is raining, although a little warmer.

We are now looking forward and preparing for our **Church Summer Fete** which takes place on **Saturday 6 July 2024 at 2pm** at the Eagle Club and grounds. This is an opportunity for the church and local community to come together in celebration, enjoyment and togetherness.

Malcolm, our Associate Priest, is now settling into his role here in Newbold, and we continue to pray for him in the coming months.

The season of Eastertide has now come to an end, and we have had Ascension Day, also called the Feast of the Ascension, which celebrated Jesus ascending into heaven 40 days after Easter.

The day of Pentecost marks 50 days after Easter Day. It is a major feast of the church year where Christians recall how God's Holy Spirit was given to the disciples following Jesus' Ascension.

Trinity Sunday took place on 26th May which is a Christian festival celebrated on the first Sunday after Pentecost. This day commemorates the doctrine of the Holy Spirit, which represents three Persons of God, Father, and the Holy Spirit.

What are we looking forward to during the month of June in our own lives and in the life of the church?

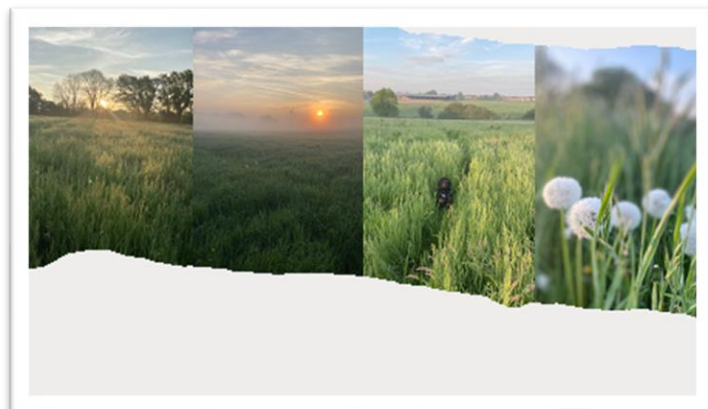
May we find time to be together and love each other.

An excerpt from Diocesan Director of Education Newsletter

From Carolyn Lewis

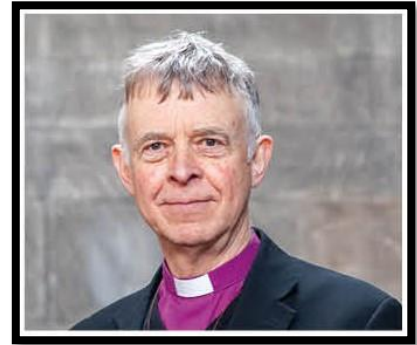
Having wished for many years that I could see the Northern Lights, I was dismayed to wake up early last week and realise that I had fallen asleep and completely missed the spectacle! To say that I was fed up was quite the understatement. And yet, I realised that I had forgotten some of the other spectacles of nature that I had observed during the week.

In walking my pupster, Lumi, in the early mornings, I had been surrounded by the spectacular. Perhaps more 'ordinary' than the Aurora but spectacular, nevertheless.



Diocesan Monthly Message – June

The Rt Revd Malcolm Mcnaughton



Bishop Libby and I have spent much of May visiting the deaneries of the diocese to pray as part of Thy Kingdom Come – the worldwide movement of prayer between Ascension and Pentecost that encourages us each to pray for five others, that they may come to know the love of God in Jesus.

As I write, we are about to begin a day of prayer in the South East Deanery, where it will be a joy to pray in schools, at a food hub, with councillors, with people in a dementia care centre, an after school club, and with folks at a church where refugees and asylum seekers have found a welcome. In all these settings, and so many others over these eight days, we have prayed ‘Thy Kingdom Come’, giving thanks for the transformation that happens when the Holy Spirit is at work, and immersing ourselves in the endless stream of prayer which helps make this happen.

A well-known mark of this movement is the tradition of tying knots in a leather shoelace, one for each of the five people for whom you want to pray. Whether round your wrist as a bracelet or held in your pocket, it serves as a reminder to pray, not just in a general way, but to pray with love and attention to the particular needs of each of your five. Many find this a helpful way to pray, but the main thing is to continue praying for our friends, family members, work colleagues etc – they are those God has laid on our hearts to bring before him each day seeking his blessing, his gift of life, life in all its fullness, through Jesus.

Prayer has an impact on those who pray, just as much as on those for whom we are praying. It makes us alert to the command of Jesus to ‘make disciples of all nations’ – to be ready to give a reason for the hope we have in Jesus, and to encourage others to explore what it means to follow him. ‘Making Disciples’ is one of our key priorities as a diocese. This means being imaginative about how we seek to engage people in church life. It means PCCs recognising where new forms of church are possible, new ways and new places of worship, and trying out new approaches, to complement and enrich a revitalised parish ministry.

It has been wonderful on this pilgrimage to hear the stories of adults and young people as they have come recently to be confirmed. The depth of joy and commitment of confirmation candidates moves the whole church. For all the struggles of this present time, God is graciously and generously at work amongst us.

Praying for new disciples confronts us with the real challenges of our day. The inequalities that mean in hard times households are dependent on foodbanks. The horrors of war and oppression from which people have to flee for their safety. The multiple impacts of climate change and the urgency of our response. We simply have to live, eat, travel, work, and invest differently. This goes along with praying, ‘Thy Kingdom Come, thy will be done.’

Back in April, Archbishop Justin spent a day of prayer with us across the diocese. One of the places we all prayed was Crich Stand, a monument from which you can see all of Derbyshire and several other counties. As the wind blew against us, more than a hundred linked arms around the monument, facing inwards to pray for the renewal of our churches and communities, and then facing outwards to bless everyone in the Diocese and county of Derbyshire. Let the wind and fire of the Holy Spirit renew us, take us deeper with God, and equip us for all we are called to do as we seek to follow Jesus.

The Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton, Bishop of Repton

An introduction to our new Associate Priest

From Revd Malcolm Pyatt

As your newly licensed Associate Priest, I want to introduce myself. My name is Malcolm, I was born in Brimington, and I come from a large family. I have six other siblings, five brothers and one sister. Sadly, my mum and dad are no longer with us.

I am now a widower. I was married to Pauline, my wife for 39 years, and sadly Pauline passed away five years ago. We have one daughter and I now also have three wonderful grandchildren, who keep my life very busy and interesting.

In my working life I worked for over 44 years on the railway, most of the time as a train driver, working mainly freight trains. I worked for British Rail and then for all the various subsequent companies. I retired early so that I could concentrate on my studies for ministry.

My journey with faith started at a young age. The family attended Brimington Congregation Chapel and I must admit I didn't like it, all that dressing up in our Sunday best and missing out on playing with our friends, it didn't go down well with me. So, I resisted going until we didn't have to attend anymore. However, I always thought about prayer, and found myself praying when I needed too.

In 1991 my family started attending St Michael's Church in Brimington, because my wife and I wanted my daughter Christened, and we were told that we must attend for a period of time, which we did. The Christening went ahead, and we continued to attend church. However, working practices at work changed, and Sunday became a normal working day, so I found myself working many Sundays and we ended up not attending church.

In the year 2000, I had an over-whelming feeling to return to church, so I started to attend regular worship at St Michaels

Church in Brimington. In 2003, a party from St Michael's Church went on a trip to Iona, which I attended. During my stay there I thought God was calling me into ministry.

In 2011, I attended the "journey in faith course," and at the end of the course I applied for Reader Ministry training, and I was accepted. I trained for three years, I was successful, and was licensed in 2014.

As a newly licensed Reader I went along to a vocation's day, and my thoughts turned to Ordination, however I was advised I might be too old to train. This did put me off, however, I still applied and then did not hear anything for six months. I was then invited for an interview at Derby Church House, where I was encouraged to serve a period of discernment. After a while I was called to a Bishop's Advisory panel, I was accepted and I started my training between All Saints, Chester University, and the Derby Diocese.

My training was interrupted when my wife Pauline suddenly died, and after a period of time, I resumed my training. When I had finished my training, I was Ordained Deacon and later a Priest, and then served my three-year curacy at St Michael's, Brimington.

On the 15th of August 2023, my curacy was 'signed off', as a Self-Supporting Minister (SSM), and this gave me an opportunity to consider a move. I discerned where God was calling me and applied for Newbold, St John's, which was successful, and I was licensed on Sunday the 14th of April 2024.

My hobbies are walking, music, gardening, motorcycles, classic cars, art and, most importantly, my family life.

With a new chapter in my life, I look forward to my new ministry at Newbold church and the challenges that will arise.

God Bless,

Regards, Malcolm.



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Safeguarding Conference

From Julie Franks

On a lovely sunny Saturday in April, I attended a safeguarding conference at Cliff College, Baslow. The conference was attended by clergy, parish safeguarding officers, churchwardens and members of PCC. We were well fortified with food throughout the day.

In the morning, we heard from Julie O'Hara, the Deputy Director for Developing National Safeguarding Team. Julie talked about the National Safeguarding Standards developed in 2020 and published in 2023, something I was unaware of until the day.

They are 'What Good Looks Like' five standards:

- Culture, Leadership and Capacity
- Prevention
- Recognising, Assessing and Managing Risk
- Victims and Survivors
- Learning, Supervising and Supporting

These standards are then broken down into 57 indicators. The PCC will, over the next few months, be looking in detail where we are as a church and how we can improve.

The second speaker was Claudia Musson, Chief Inspector at Derbyshire Police. Claudia passed on interesting facts and answered a number of questions with a light-hearted humour. She ended by sharing a YouTube clip about fraud and how easy it is to get caught out. If you have the opportunity, it is well worth having a look at the different clips Derbyshire Police have put together and share them with your family and friends.

You can find them by searching 'sock it to the scammers- Derbyshire Police' or Claude stops an 'It's me' scam ([youtube.com](https://www.youtube.com))

In the afternoon there were a number of workshops, I had signed up to 'safe spaces and survivors' and 'what happens to a referral?' Each was run by a member of the safeguarding team at Derby Diocese and gave an insight into the different processes that go into keeping you, the congregation, safe.

If anyone wishes to talk about the different aspects of safeguarding in the church, please do not hesitate to speak to Ena or myself.



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Readings and Collects

Sunday 2 June First after Trinity

Deuteronomy 5.12-15, 2 Corinth 4.5-12, Mark 2.23-3.6

O God, the strength of all those who put their trust in you, mercifully accept our prayers and, because through the weakness of our mortal nature we can do no good thing without you, grant us the help of your grace, that in the keeping of your commandments we may please you both in will and deed; 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 truth, help us to keep your law of love and to walk in ways of wisdom, that we may find true life in Jesus Christ your Son.

Sunday 9 June Second after Trinity

Genesis 3.8-15, 2 Corinth 4.13-5.1, Mark 3.20-35

Lord, you have taught us that all our doings without love are nothing worth: send your Holy Spirit and pour into our hearts that most excellent gift of love, the true bond of peace and of all virtues, without which whoever lives is counted dead before you. Grant this for your only Son Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Faithful Creator, whose mercy never fails: deepen our faithfulness to you and to your living Word, Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 16 June Third after Trinity

Ezekiel 17.22-24, 2 Corinth 5.6-10 14-17, Mark 4.26-34

Almighty God, you have broken the tyranny of sin and have sent the Spirit of your Son into our hearts whereby we call you Father: give us grace to dedicate our freedom to your service, that we and all creation may be brought to the glorious liberty of the children of God; 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 our Saviour, look on this wounded world in pity and in power; hold us fast to your promises of peace won for us by your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday 23 June Fourth after Trinity

Job 38.1-11, 2 Corinth 6.1-13, Mark 4.35-41

O God, the protector of all who trust in you, without whom nothing is strong, nothing is holy: increase and multiply upon us your mercy; that with you as our ruler and guide we may so pass through things temporal that we lose not our hold on things eternal; grant this, heavenly Father, for our Lord Jesus Christ's sake, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Gracious Father, by the obedience of Jesus you brought salvation to our wayward world: draw us into harmony with your will, that we may find all things restored in him, our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Sunday 30 June Fifth after Trinity

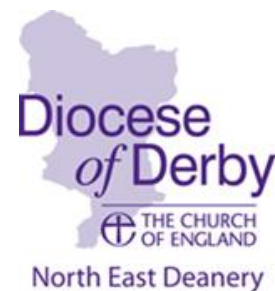
WofSol 1.13-15;2.23,24, 2 Corinth 8.7-15, Mark 5.21-43

Almighty and everlasting God, by whose Spirit the whole body of the Church is governed and sanctified: hear our prayer which we offer for all your faithful people, that in their vocation and ministry they may serve you in holiness and truth to the glory of your name; through our Lord and Saviour 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, send down upon your Church the riches of your Spirit, and kindle in all who minister the gospel your countless gifts of grace; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

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.*

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

12 May Taron George Hardwick

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

Funerals

10 May Ada Billam aged 91

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

26 April Kyra Leigh Jacques

10 May Ada Billam

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



The flower ladies invite you to this months

Coffee Morning

Saturday 1 June

between 10am and 12noon.

Lots of good things to eat.

Good conversation.

There will be a craft table with flower themed activities to watch or take part in.

All proceeds will go towards buying the flowers you see in church on a Sunday



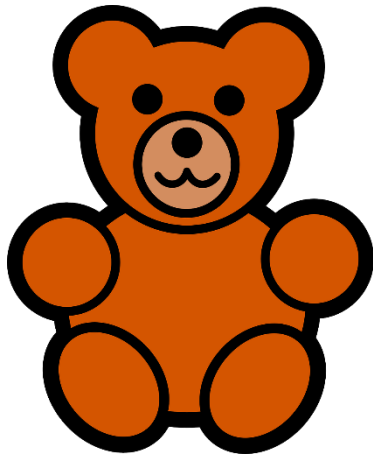
Diary JUNE 2024

Sunday 2 June First after Trinity	10am Mass
	Messy Church 4pm
Sunday 9 June Second after Trinity	10am Mass
Sunday 16 June Third after Trinity	10am Mass
Sunday 23 June Fourth after Trinity	10am Mass
Sunday 30 June Fifth after Trinity	10am Mass

Every Tuesday	9.50am Morning Prayer via Zoom
Every Wednesday	10am Mid-week Communion, Parish Room

Saturday 1 June	Community Coffee Morning – see opposite
	Birdwatching Group – 9am church gates
Sunday 2 June	Walking Group 4pm Church Gates – see p34
Monday 3 June	Monday Club 1-3pm Parish Room – see p23
Wednesday 5 June	Women’s Group 7pm Parish Room see pg30
Monday 10 June	Monday Club 1-3pm Parish Room
Saturday 15 June	Men’s Group 10.30am-12noon Parish Room
Monday 17 June	Monday Club 1-3pm Parish Room
Monday 24 June	Monday Club 1-3pm Parish Room

For your Diaries



A Teddy Bears' Picnic & Big Raffle

will take place outside on

Saturday 21st September 12pm – 2pm.

This will be a great day out for families and to anyone else who wishes to come.

Bring your Teddies!

This event is to raise funds for the churchyard.

More information will follow later.

CHESTERFIELD PHILHARMONIC CHOIR

25th annual choral day celebration concert

Saturday 8th June, 7pm

Central Methodist Chesterfield

MOZART REQUIEM

with Chesterfield Symphony Orchestra

Free Admission with donations to Neurocare welcome.

Let Us Smile

After that “Covid thing” these past few years, my “going out” clothes have missed me so much.



I put them on and they hugged me so tightly, I could barely breathe!

MONDAY CLUB

The club will meet on **Monday 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th June** in the Parish Room between 1pm and 3pm. There may be the opportunity to go out for a meal or visit somewhere local. New members are always welcome to join us.

Please contact Richard Peet for further details. His contact number is on the final page of this magazine.

MEN'S GROUP

The June meeting will take place on **Saturday 15th June 2024** in the Parish Room between 10.30 am and 12.30 pm.

New members will be made very welcome, so please join us for a chat, food, and time to socialise together in a friendly atmosphere. Please contact Chris Burrows whose contact number is on the inside back cover of this magazine.



Fundraising!



The **European Championships** kicks off on the 14th of June, and I will be running a sweep to raise funds for the church, and also to mock those who pull out Georgia and Albania!

I will begin selling tickets in the Parish Rooms on the 19th of May. Tickets will cost £3 each, and the holder of the ticket with the winning team will win £20. The holder of the ticket with the losing finalists will win £10.

The last chance to buy tickets is after the service on Sunday the 9th June.

Will you pick out England or France... or Albania?

Thanks, Dean Lawrence



Church Summer Fete 6th July

This year's church fete preparations are moving along but now we need your help in a number of ways. As you are now aware we are running the fete from **The Eagle Club** this year.

We are proud to announce this year we have **Dronfield Baptist Church Ukulele Group** playing at the fete. They will be playing a selection of popular music during the afternoon to sit and listen to.

We have all the familiar activities and hopefully some new ones.

Please look out for the **raffle tickets**. Trish and Marilyn will be selling them. Please take the tickets out to your friends and families.

There is a list at the back of church with items we would like to put in the hamper for the raffle. Can all items for the raffle be in church by 23rd June.

Tombola – if you have any items suitable, please pass them onto Evelyn by 16th June.

Book stall – paperback books only. No DVD's. Please pass them to Trish or Ena.

Handbags and jewellery – if you have any suitable handbags or jewellery please pass them to Julie by 16th June.

Water and wine – if you could donate a bottle of wine for this stall please give it to Julie by 9th June.

We are reinstating the jumble jar stall. We have had a kind donation of a number of jars filled with goodies but need extra jars on the stall. Could you fill a jar with something inexpensive about £1? Any full jars please bring to church by 23rd June. There will be a number of jars at the back of church to collect and fill.

We are hoping to have leaflets advertising the fete in church early June that will need taking out to as many houses as possible to advertise the fete. If you are able to help with this big job, please let Julie know.

There will be lots of jobs to do to make the event go smoothly. If you can help setting up, running a stall and/or clearing away please let Julie know.

We hope you will be able to come with friends and family to support the event and have an entertaining afternoon out.

A prayer on the announcement of the General Election from the Methodist Church

Loving God,

Now that an election has been called, hear my prayers for our country and the campaign ahead.

I pray for those who are standing for election, for their safety, and for their willingness to listen and to speak.

I pray for truthfulness and kindness to prevail as the issues are debated.

I pray that each of us will be inspired to use our voice and our vote for your goodness and glory.

Inspire me, God, to Love, to Pray and to Vote.

Amen.

Fundraising report

The **Community Coffee Morning** on 4th May, raised £200 and was hosted by Revd. Rhoda and her husband Robin with Samantha and Darcy Walker. The aim was to boost the **churchyard fund** to help the area to progress with two other missions. Since the churchyard fund was founded, post covid, £2,100 has been raised, enabling the buying and positioning of two splendid benches beside the path, green stones for placing around the cremation areas and grids and gravel for the paths. Providing permission is granted, it is hoped to install an outside tap and a “Prayer to Heaven” pillar box, where bereaved families can place notes for their loved ones.



Much of the work in the churchyard has been done by the community payback team who turn up every week to prune trees, pull out invasive ivy, dig out areas for the paths, even having to resort to using a pickaxe to break up the hard rock under the soil. Their hard work is very much appreciated.



On **Pentecost Sunday** the congregation entered into the spirit of the fundraising appeal by wearing red and placing their donation in the red bowl. This “Colour Me Red” initiative raised £133.

A **Teddy Bears’ Picnic** has been arranged for September as a future fundraiser for the churchyard. See page 22.

Giving thanks for flower arrangers *From Julie Franks*

On **Sunday 16th June** the Church of England Flower Arrangers Association (CEFAA) would like you to remember the work Church flower arrangers do to enhance the prayerful space in churches throughout the country.

The day is called “**Chain of Flowers**”. Please take a look at the arrangement Ann and Julie have put together for the day. It will be under the statue of Mary by the door to the Parish Room. We have our own prayer which you may like to use this month.



CEFAA prayer

*O Lord the creator of all things of beauty,
grant to those who serve you with their gifts of floral art,
a sense of your majesty and a desire to heighten the worship
of the holy Church by the dedicated use of their gifts.*

*This we ask in the name of Him
who with the Father is the Creator and Sustainer
of all good things, Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Amen




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Newbold Women's Group

Meeting report from Wednesday 1 May

From Wendy Drake

It was great to be able to welcome two new ladies on the night and, to arrive and leave whilst the evening was still light.

Our speaker was Sue Pacey, visiting us for the second time. She is certainly very entertaining with her many stories of events encountered as a beekeeper, and author, having just had her 10th book published, and as a retired midwife.

She was brought up in an animal-loving family where her Mum brought home various rescued animals including hedgehogs, cats, and mice.

Sue, herself, told of her experience of 'hoovering up' bees into a box when called out to help a lady in distress.

In her role as a midwife, she visited many houses checking up on new-born babies, when she also encountered a good variety of animals of all shapes and sizes as well. One house, in particular, had rows of cages containing rats which at first did not seem significant. It was only when checking on the new baby that a rather large snake slithered out from under the settee Sue was sitting on and proceeded to move across the room! Although it was now June, the owners still had a Christmas Tree in situ complete with twinkling lights. The sight of Cyril the snake caused a bit of a stir such that the Christmas Tree managed to topple and fall on Sue – the baby was ok and so was she. The tree was dismantled forthwith.

Another story told was of a visit to a Gypsy encampment where she was directed to a caravan, which would be recognised as having a goat tied up outside. Expecting a timid animal, she nearly retraced her steps when confronted by a rather large and unfriendly goat who was barring her way. It

took an elderly family relative to allow Sue to get inside the caravan.

In her own home, Sue has several cats, and a bat roost which she is happy with, but seeing a moth does her no favours at all.

She did recount another story of being called on to help with the birthing of a lamb when all was not going to plan for the mother. Unable to reach the lamb, a pair of expensive solid silver soup ladles were employed, which did the trick!

As you might imagine, there were a good number of chuckles, and laughter in the Parish Room when listening to Sue. She is most definitely a good storyteller.

The next meeting of the Group will be on

Wednesday 5 June

when Marjorie Dunn will be visiting again to talk to us about 'The Brontes'.

The meeting scheduled for Wednesday 3 July will actually take place on 26 June, when we are planning a trip out to Renishaw Gardens. More details are to follow.

Since the Group does not meet in August, it has been agreed to host a Coffee Morning in the Parish Room on Saturday 3 August to raise much needed funds for the Church.

It would be good to see other new folk come along to join us and give us a try. We meet in the Parish Room for a start time of 7pm, charging £2 to help towards the Speaker's cost, hire of the room, tea/coffee and a ticket for a Raffle Prize drawn on the night.

Do have a chat to Trish, Marilyn J., or myself if you wish to find out more.

Messy Church

When Rockets went flying – almost!
From Chris Barnes



May's Messy Church was the Sunday before Ascension Day, so we decided to try to explain what Ascension Day means. Perhaps the activity the children enjoyed most was making a rocket from cardboard tubes and egg boxes, and then launching it.



The problem that many had was that they made their rockets a bit too heavy with stickers. Then they found that they themselves were not quite heavy enough to launch them by stamping on the launch pump. Fortunately, plenty of parents helped out, especially the dads.



Another highlight was Rhoda showing them the Thurible and how we used it.



Some of the kids liked the smell, others thought it stank! During the worship, Rhoda helped the children to swing the Thurible to cense the prayer feet they had made and laid on a stairway to heaven.

Chris used the words of the chorus of “Lord, I lift Your name on high” to explain how the Ascension is simply the final part of Jesus’ journey on earth, as he returned from heaven. If you don’t know the song, here are the relevant words.

*You came from heaven to earth
To show the way,
From the earth to the cross,
My debt to pay;
From the cross to the grave,
From the grave to the sky;
Lord, I lift your name on high!*

The next Messy Church will be at 4.00pm on **Sunday 2 June**. Please join us.

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The Walking Group

From Evelyn Lowe

Since it was completed in 1984, the Five Pits Trail has become well known as a place to go for a short walk in our delightful county, so we left the Timber Lane car park at 4.30pm to begin our first summer evening walk of the year - and the weather was glorious. Our leader, Steve, decided we would follow the 5 1/2 mile walk down the Astwith Trail which began on a surprisingly dry, pebble path with fields on each side, containing plenty of sheep with their lambs. Under the hawthorn hedges, now sporting fragranced blossom, we saw the usual dandelions, cow parsley, dock leaves, brambles and over to the left, far-reaching views and the vivid yellow of fields of rape seed. The evening was warm and still and the trill of birdsong filled the air.

We crossed over Tibshelf Road, then over a trickle of a stream and into a wood where there were a variety of trees, chestnut, cherry and a snowberry shrub which, according to Julie has white berries in winter. Turning onto a very narrow track, again in a wood, I was struck by how everything smelt so fragrant and saw cherry blossom and hawthorn blossom nearby. The birds were still chirping and everything around smelt so refreshing. At a farm, an aggressive Dalmatian, warned us to keep away and we turned left onto Hawking



Lane, a tarmacked road with a good view of Hardwick Hall. We turned right into a ploughed field, with the ground being very dry, and again noticed beautiful views all around us of lots of fields, trees and hedges,

all in different shades of green although on our right hand side was a massive pile of manure.

Our journey took us over a wooden bridge into fields and then continued uphill for some time until a bench came into sight under a tree at the top of a field, where we stopped for a much-needed drink, see photo. We walked past Manor Farm, a stone-built structure with a row of horseshoes arranged along the building and an impressive well-kept garden.



We had a wobbly moment as we negotiated a deep muddy area before walking through fields of long grass. Bob spotted a magpie's nest in a tree; apparently, they build a shelf above it, how clever. Bob then admitted that he used to steal birds' eggs when he was a boy and that's how he knows.

On our left was a superb bluebell wood which according to the map is mentioned at Broomriding Wood and an area rich



in wildflowers. This was a wonderful sight to end our very enjoyable walk in May when we saw two rabbits and saw a Spitfire flying above us.

The **next** walk on

Sunday 2nd June

will leave at 4pm from the church gates. Anyone wishing to join us will be most welcome.

Churchyard Bird Watch

From John Drake

The morning started off cold, damp and cloudy and remained like that for most of the morning. The ground was still very wet after all the heavy overnight rain but fortunately the grass had been recently cut so we didn't get too wet (did find out that my boots had leaked).

Once again, the churchyard was dominated by the harsh calls of the Corvid population which made it difficult to hear the quieter birds. There was surprisingly little activity - mainly Blue Tits. The birds are probably sitting tight on nests and behaving very secretly. We did have a look in some of the nest boxes of which 4 out of the 6 were occupied by Blue Tits. Some species such as Coal Tit, Nuthatch Wren and Chiffchaff were identified only by their song and not seen.

We saw/heard a total of 17 species: Blackbird, Blue Tit, Carrion Crow, Chiffchaff, coal tit, Collared Dove, Dunnock, Goldcrest, Great Tit, House Sparrow, Jackdaw, Magpie, Nuthatch, Robin, Rook, Wood Pigeon, Wren.

It has now been sometime since we last saw Goldfinch, Gulls or Treecreeper and wonder if this is because the nature of the churchyard habitat has changed. We know that several trees have disappeared over the last few years. Have we created a very smart and tidy area or a wildlife desert? - only time will tell. We might also like to consider the effect of bird flu on the avian population.

The next birdwatch is scheduled for

Saturday 1 June

all welcome.

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We are willing to add new members to the Club which is open to all readers of this magazine and their families.

The next draw will take place on Sunday 9th June in the parish room.

For more information, please contact either
Lesley 07712921585 or Evelyn 07791735204

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