



Newbold Parish Church

The Evangelist



December 2024

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Follow The Star

CALM and BRIGHT



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Public Worship

Sunday 10am Mass

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.

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.

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Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

A service of mid-week Holy Communion now taking place in the Parish Room

Sunday 1st December	The First Sunday of Advent Mass	10am
	Messy Church Nativity and Crib Service	4pm
Sunday 8th December	The Second Sunday of Advent Mass	10am
Sunday 15th December	The Third Sunday of Advent Mass	10am
Sunday 22nd December	The Fourth Sunday of Advent Mass	10am
Tuesday 24th December	Carol service and Midnight Mass, pg 18	
Wednesday 25th December	Christmas Day Mass	10am
Sunday 29th December	John, Apostle and Evangelist/ Patronal Mass	10am

From the Vicar

Rev'd Rhoda



This is the final issue of the Evangelist for 2024—where has the year gone! As I'm writing this, it is just two weeks until the Church new year—the beginning of Advent, and our countdown to Christmas.

We have all our usual services, plus a number of special extras for the Christmas Season, which are listed on page 18. In addition, we hope to welcome the schools into Church and to visit them too, and to sing carols at the nursing homes (December 11 for Ridgewood and December 18 for Elm Lodge).

This year, the Church of England theme for Christmas is **Follow the Star: Calm and Bright**: words taken from the well-known carol “Silent night! Holy Night! All is calm, all is bright”.

There is a booklet of meditations for the 12 days of Christmas, which will be available to pick up from Church, and is also available on an app or email via the Church of England website. Sammi Tooze offers a meditation for each day from Christmas Eve to the Eve of Epiphany (5 January), with a reflection, challenge and prayer based on a short Bible reading, designed to help us find moments of calm as well as bright joy through the season.

Following the star encourages us to think about the wisemen this Christmas. The world they lived in wasn't that different from our world — they had an arduous journey and Herod wasn't truthful with them, and proved to be a tyrant.

In a foreword to the meditations, we are encouraged to find moments that are “calm and bright” as we celebrate the Christ child, remembering that God is still with us, whatever storms are raging in the world and in our lives. Can we take moments in the chaos of Christmas events and preparations to find the still centre of the Christmas Story?



A prayer:

*O God, who led the wise men by the shining of a star
To find the Christ, the Light from light,
Lead us in our earthly pilgrimage,
and embolden us to shine your light in the world.
Amen.*

The approach of a new year gives us pause to reflect on the year gone. As I look back, there are lots of things to be thankful for—and, thinking about the Evangelist, and another year in its long publication history, I’m thankful for the time that Sue spent producing the magazine for us, and that it is now in good hands with Emma for its next phase. I’m thankful for Brian who continues to produce amazing covers, and for all of you who contribute articles. I’m thankful for all our advertisers, and the work Elaine is doing to boost advertising. If you wish to continue enjoying the magazine, please resubscribe—see page 11.

Every blessing for Advent and the Christmas Season

Rhoda □

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



We have had the time of remembrance during November and now we are in the season of Advent, a season of expectation, and preparation as we look toward the birth of our saviour Jesus Christ.

The new church year begins on 1st December and the readings change from year B to year C. In church we have the advent candles and they all have their own special significance. The colour purple is a liturgical colour signifying a time of prayer, penance, and sacrifice. **On 1st December we are having the colour purple theme, where the congregation are encouraged to wear something purple, and there will be a collection jar out for donations towards church funds on this day.**

This month we will be having our CHRISTINGLE SERVICE. The lit candle represents Jesus being the light of the world. The orange represents the world. The red ribbon represents the love of Christ going around the whole world. The sweets represent all of God's creation. So why not join us on Sunday 15th December in church at 4 pm for our Christingle Service. On Christmas Eve we are having our CANDLELIT CAROL SERVICE in Church at 6 pm for all the family, then MIDNIGHT MASS. On 29th December we will be having our PATRONAL SERVICE for St John The Evangelist in church at 10 am.

On 16th November our Christmas Fayre took place and it was good to see the community of Newbold and the church community joining together and having a good time.

Christmas is a special for families, friends, neighbours and our congregations to have the opportunity to be together.

We remember that Jesus Christ was born at Christmas and by coming to church, reading our bibles, joining morning prayer on Tuesday via zoom, we are able to be close to God now and always.

On 6th November we said goodbye to David Priestley, who to many was a friend. He was always kind, generous, helpful, pleasant, good company, a person you could talk to, and calm under the pressure of being our treasurer for 29 years.

David deservedly received the Bishops Badge to recognise his service to this church in a special service led by the Bishop of Derby. I will miss him greatly as a friend and someone I worked with since 1995. Thank you David.

A December Prayer

Dear Lord, we pray that December will be filled with your peace,
presence, and hope.

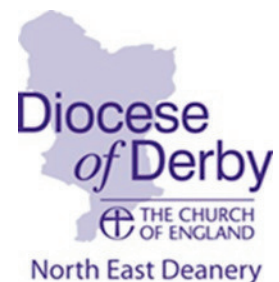
Help us to remember what is important during this season. May we find
joy, and love, laughter, and being together at Christmas.

We give thanks for the birth of our Saviour Jesus Christ.

May we find time to celebrate life.

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.*

A message from Rev'd Rhoda on

Safeguarding Sunday

Sunday November 17th, is Safeguarding Sunday, a day to remind ourselves that protecting people from harm and seeking justice for them is an essential part of the Christian message.

But sadly, as we've heard again this week, the church doesn't have a history of doing this well. In the delayed publication of the Makin review we heard about the events that allowed the horrendous abuse of Smyth to continue for so long, and this has led to the resignation of the Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby. The Makin review is just one in a long line of investigations that have highlighted important failings of safeguarding in the Church.

This morning, I want to reassure everyone that here at St John's we seek to be a welcoming community where everyone feels accepted, safe and valued, and that we believe that safeguarding is an important part of caring for each other.

Everyone who participates in the life of the Church in a specific role (from myself and other leaders, the PCC trustees, and though to our sides people and even those serving refreshments), has a role to play in promoting a Safer Church for all, which involves regular training courses and refreshers to keep us up to speed. Even those who don't fit into a category requiring mandatory training are welcome to do the online basic safeguarding training course, and I would recommend that to anyone.

The care and protection of children, young people and vulnerable adults involved in Church activities is the responsibility of all of us. Remember you can always have a chat with our Parish Safeguarding Officers Julie or Ena, or myself, or our Diocesan Safeguarding staff (who I personally have found very approachable and helpful), or with an organisation completely independent of the church if you prefer. The details for all these contacts can be found on the safeguarding tab on our church website, www.newboldparishchurch.org.uk.

Today, we especially remember those who have suffered any form of abuse (physical, psychological, spiritual) within the church, and we resolve to speak up for justice for them, and we pray to our loving God for them.

Every blessing

Rhoda

THANK YOU

Sue Wheeler



To Rhoda, the staff team and the church family at St John's, Newbold.

I just wanted to say a huge thank you for the very generous and unexpected leaving gift you gave me, and for your kind words and cake at the service on 27th October. I was a little blown away!

I have really enjoyed my time working here at St Johns, there is a very warm and welcoming community and I have made many friends.

I won't lose touch and will continue to pray for the work God is doing through you in this parish.

With love and prayers,
Sue (Church Administrator)

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CHRISTMAS FAYRE THANKS

Evelyn Lowe

It was all systems go on Friday 15th November when Steve and Bob and Robin stacked chairs and moved tables into place ready for the volunteers to arrive later in the day to set up their stalls.

The church doors were opened the next day to a queue of people waiting to enter, and from the start, all the stallholders were kept really busy. Parents and young children made up most of the gathering, keeping Chris attentive at the Games table, and nearby, Father Christmas and his comely Elf entertained them.

Ruth and Bob had been busy all year making jams and chutney, Reverend Rhoda and Robin provided their delicious honey and the table was laden with home-made cakes brought in by volunteers. Ruth and Marilyn and Hayley served the customers, making a record amount of money on their stall.

The Parish Room Lunches also did really well and thanks are due to Chefs Adrian and Richard, also to Diane and Shauni who stepped up to help. Unfortunately, Eileen, who had offered to be a floating volunteer, ended up doing a mountain of washing up.

The two Anns had a wonderful display of hand-made paper items, a new venture for 2024 and one we hope to have again in the future.

John and Wendy sold a great number of dolls and toys, the Water & Wine sold out fairly quickly and the Teddy stall made more money than was expected together with the Tombola stall which had very few items left.

Christine, Carol and Gwyn had worked hard throughout the year stitching, sewing and knitting and Ena and Trish, once again, sorted out mountains of books. Mary returned with Jonathan to man the "Pick A Card" table where plenty of beer and lager was displayed and Reverend Malcolm gave out important information on how our church works together with notices about our forthcoming Christmas services.

Reverend Rhoda welcomed everyone in and the raffle tickets sold like hot cakes!

The magnificent sum of £2,533.50 was raised thanks to everyone's hard work and enthusiasm.

I can't thank everyone enough for making it such an enjoyable day.
God bless you all.

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Readings and Collects

Sunday 1st December - The First Sunday of Advent

Jeremiah 33.14-16, 1 Thessalonians 3.9-13, Luke 21.25-36

Almighty God, give us grace to cast away the works of darkness and to put on the armour of light, now in the time of this mortal life. in which your Son Jesus Christ came to us in great humility; that on the last day, when he shall come again in his glorious majesty to judge the living and the dead, we may rise to the life immortal; through him who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, as your kingdom dawns, turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness, that we may be ready to meet you in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ.

Sunday 8th December - The Second Sunday of Advent

Malachi 3.1-4, Philippians 1.3-11, Luke 3.1-6

O Lord, raise up, we pray, your power and come among us, and with great might succour us; that whereas, through our sins and wickedness we are grievously hindered in running the race that is set before us, your bountiful grace and mercy

may speedily help and deliver us; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, to whom with you and the Holy Spirit, be honour and glory, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God purify our hearts and minds, that when your Son Jesus Christ comes again as judge and saviour we may be ready to receive him, who is our Lord and our God.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 15th December - The Third Sunday of Advent

Zephaniah 3.14-20, Philippians 4.4-7, Luke 3.7-18

O Lord Jesus Christ, who at your first coming sent your messenger to prepare your way before you: grant that the ministers and stewards of your mysteries may likewise so prepare and make ready your way by turning the hearts of the disobedient to the wisdom of the just, that at your second coming to judge the world we may be found an acceptable people in your sight; for you are alive and reign with the Father in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God for whom we watch and wait, you sent John the Baptist to prepare the way of your Son: give us courage to speak the truth, to hunger for justice, and to suffer for the cause of right, with Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 22nd December - The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5.2-5a, Hebrews 10.5-10, Luke 1.39-45 46-55

God our redeemer, who prepared the Blessed Virgin Mary to be the mother of your Son: grant that, as she looked for his coming as our saviour, so we may be ready to greet him when he comes again as our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal God, as Mary waited for the birth of your Son, so we wait for his coming in glory; bring us through the birth pangs of this present age to see, with her, our great salvation in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings and Collects

Tuesday 24th December - Christmas Eve

Isaiah 9.2-7, Titus 2.11-14, Luke 2.1-20

Almighty God, you make us glad with the yearly remembrance of the birth of your Son Jesus Christ: grant that, as we joyfully receive him as our redeemer, so we may with sure confidence behold him when he shall come to be our judge; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, as we prepare with joy to celebrate the gift of the Christ-child, embrace the earth with your glory and be for us a living hope in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 25th December - Christmas Day

Hebrews 1.1-4, John 1.1-14

Almighty God, you have given us your only-begotten Son to take our nature upon him and as at this time to be born of a pure virgin: grant that we, who have been born again and made your children by adoption and grace, may daily be renewed by your Holy Spirit; 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 Jesus Christ, your birth at Bethlehem draws us to kneel in wonder at heaven touching earth: accept our heartfelt praise as we worship you, our Saviour and our eternal God.

Sunday 29th December - John, Apostle and Evangelist/Patronal

Exodus 33.7-11a, 1 John 1-10, John 21.19b-25

Merciful Lord, cast your bright beams of light upon the Church: that being enlightened by the teaching of your blessed apostle and evangelist Saint John, we may so walk in the light of your truth that we may attain to the light of everlasting life; through Jesus Christ your incarnate Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Churchyard Birdwatch

John Drake



On the morning of Saturday 2 November, Charmaine, Trish, Wendy and I undertook the Churchyard Birdwatch. It was good to welcome Charmaine for the first time and I hope she wasn't too bored.

The day started off dull, grey and drizzly and continued like that throughout the morning, with the occasional bright spot. It wasn't cold and we were dressed appropriately knowing that the ground was going to be wet and temperatures around 11/12 degrees Centigrade. Fortunately most of the leaves had fallen on the ground, which provided a soft carpet to walk on and also meant that it was easier to see the birds.

Standing at the front of the church there was a lot of avian activity around us in the sky. Flocks of small birds flew from tree to tree and remained visible for several minutes even if they were continually moving. Some of them were identified as Blue and Great Tits and some were not identified at all - only shapes in the form of silhouettes.

There were the usual squawks of Carrion Crow, Rooks and Jackdaws high in the tops of the trees and on the rooftops.

In total we saw 16 species (1 more than on the October tour). One of the highlights of the morning was the sighting of a male Blackcap in the gardens which back onto Dunston Lane. The sighting was only a brief one and unfortunately not everyone in the party saw it. It is known that the species often overwinter in the British Isles and can be found almost anywhere in the right habitat.


The next birdwatch is scheduled to take place on Saturday 7 December 2024.

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1 Dec

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4.45 to 5.15 **Crib service**, stand alone
or part of the Messy Nativity Event

8 Dec

4pm at **Christ Church**, 91 Sheffield Rd, S41 7JH

Blue Christmas Service for those not in the Christmas spirit

15 Dec

4pm, **Christingle Service**, raising funds for The Children's Society

24 Dec

6pm **Carols by Candlelight**

11.30pm **Midnight Mass**

25 Dec

10am **Family-friendly Christmas Day Mass**



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Social Diary December 2024

Sunday 1st December	Walking group	12pm
Wednesday 4th December	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
	Women's group	7pm
Saturday 7th December	Churchyard Birdwatch	8:30am
	Community Coffee Morning	10am-12pm
	Garland or Door Wreath Christmas Workshop	12:15pm - 3pm
Wednesday 11th December	Wednesday Social Club Christmas Meal Out Venue TBC	12:30pm
Saturday 14th December	Churchyard Tidy-up	10am-12pm
Wednesday 18th December	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 21st December	Men's Group	10am-12:30pm

Wednesday Social Group occurs every Wednesday.

There will be no meeting on Wednesday 25th December and 1st January due to Christmas Day and New Years Day. The first meeting in the new year will be

Wednesday 8th January 2025.

All other social groups meet monthly.

New members welcome.

Garland or Door Wreath Christmas Workshop



Saturday 7th
December
12.15 pm to 3 pm

in the Parish Room

This year you will be shown how to make either a Christmas garland or door wreath. Then it is your chance to have a go at making your own to take home ready for Christmas.

This year's theme is natural materials but you could always jazz up your design.

Cost £15 which includes drinks and materials. When you book you will get an information sheet with extra items to bring - nothing you will not have at home already or know someone who has.

All proceeds will go to the flower arranging fund that provides flowers for Church throughout the year.



For more information and to book a place contact

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MESSY CHURCH REMEMBERS



Chris Barnes



Rhoda led this month's Messy Church on the theme of Remembrance. The children had various craft activities such as making prints of rosemary in clay medallions (rosemary is a symbol of remembrance), paper peace doves, Lego poppies, cupcake flowers, a spinner telling the story of the Last Supper and a decorated, cardboard chalice.

The most important activity was the creation of a wreath of poppies by all the children. This wreath was later presented at the Newbold war memorial by Ben and Evie on behalf of Messy Church on Remembrance Sunday.

During the worship that followed the craft activities, Rhoda explained all the reasons why we use so many different items in a communion service. She explained that the service is designed to help us remember just how much Jesus did for us when He died in the cross and the hope we now have because He later rose from His grave.

Our next Messy Church is at 4pm on Sunday 1st December, when the children will be making their own Christmas cribs before we celebrate a Crib Service at 4.45pm. Feel free to attend the Crib Service even if you do not come to the Messy Church. It promises to be a memorable occasion.



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

27 October Keeley Anne Wilson

Sophie Lee Wilson

Skyla Faith Cockburn

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

Funerals

6 November David Vincent Priestley aged 71

Churchyard [burial or interment of ashes]

4 November Marion Bryan

18 November David Vincent Priestley

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Women's Group

Wendy Drake



The group met for the 'Annual Meal Out' at Chesterfield Golf Club on Wednesday 6 November when 20+ ladies were present. Having previously visited in the evening, we were unaware of the pleasing view from the window looking down onto part of the green.

Our next meeting will take place on Wednesday 4 December in the Parish Room, when we shall be having our Christmas Celebration. Starting with our own Carol Service of readings and carols, this will be followed by a party with food prepared and brought along by members to be shared by all. We won't be having a visit from Santa but instead, all ladies will be bringing along a wrapped present to be given out in a 'Secret Santa' type draw.

The New Year meeting, in theory, would be scheduled for Wednesday 1 January 2025 which we have decided to skip this time round, for obvious reasons.

So, we shall next be meeting on Wednesday 5 February, when a speaker from 'Aquabox' will be giving us a rundown on how the company provides clean water and humanitarian aid in times of crisis.

All are welcome to join us, and if you wish to know more then do speak to Trish, Marilyn J. or myself.

In the meantime, the Group would like to wish Everyone a Very Happy, Peaceful and Joyous Christmas and New Year.

QUIZ NIGHT

Monday 27th January 7 pm

Ann and Stuart Adams will be setting the questions and providing food for a quiz night in the Parish Room.

There will be turkey, pork or halloumi cheese cobs.

Tickets £8 on sale in January.

Decoration Workshop

Christine Wieloch



On 26th October, due to illness, I welcomed only three people to my workshop to make a Christmas decoration. It did have its advantages in that it meant I was able to give each one my attention as soon as they needed it. Their first task was to pick out the two fabrics they wanted to use. These had been pre-cut and were on the left and the right. They had to pick one from each side as they were not quite the same, one side's piles contained two slightly larger

pieces of fabric to go over the top and bottom of the decoration. Then each one was given an egg shape to use to make the decoration.

Firstly we fixed one of the larger pieces over the small end of the egg and then I showed them how to fold and fit four of the smaller pieces of the same colour on to the egg. Next they did the same thing with pieces of the other colour but off set them so they covered the pins used to fix on the previous row.

They continued to do this until they had used up all of their pieces except the second larger one. This had to be folded and used to cover what was left visible of the egg – not very much!

People were pleased with their results. We'd had a good morning chatting as we went along and stopping for a drink and biscuits at one stage. We finally finished earlier than anticipated and left the Parish Room at around 12,30.



Australian Adventure



David and Janice Such

All our bags are packed and ready to go.

Great !!! and we are off

**Emirates flights, Manchester to Dubai, an overnight stop in Dubai,
then onto Brisbane next day.**

**We are so excited and looking forward to see Daniel and his family
the first time in almost five years.**

**Daniel, who used to serve at church, said when he emigrated that " I
am only a day away".**

I suppose it is, twenty one hours flying time.

**Daniel met us at the airport, first impressions are that everything is
bigger, the bright blue sky, the trees the foliage, the roads.**


**Meeting Ophelia, five, and Eleni two, was something we will always
remember. A big banner across the room saying "welcome Nanna
and Grandpops," then two very excited girls grabbing your legs
trying to tell you their stories.**

We soon got to know each other, lots of chattering and playing.

**It was Daniel and Jens wedding anniversary while we were there, so
they took advantage of on-site baby sitters.**

**My birthday in Australia was quite different too. A meal out with all
the family, swimming in the pool, then cake, what a great birthday.**

**It was spring in Brisbane and the Jacaranda trees blanketing the city
in purple bloom. On Brisbane's southbank a tunnel archway is
covered by these bushes, the sight and smell was so fragrant.**

Daniel and Jen took some time off work and rented a holiday home in Noosa where they got married. It's a very special place for all of us to make more memories especially now with two beautiful  granddaughters.

Noosa has beautiful golden clean sands which stretched for miles and warm seas.

While swimming an announcement came over the tannoy that humpback whales had been spotted.

It was possible to see their tails as they leaped out of the water and hear the crash as they landed back in the sea.

The lifeguards said they come down this time of year after breeding.

A passage way between a row of shops in Redcliffe is dedicated to the Bee Gees who grew up there. There are statues of them, displays and their music playing. It made a very interesting visit, only 20 mins drive from where Daniel lives.

Daniel and Jen have family season tickets to a koala and wildlife sanctuary which they visit on special occasions. So we were lucky enough to join them on a visit to see the koalas. We all had a chance to feed the kangaroos and wallabies, they are so tame and we were allowed to touch and stroke them.

It's the last week.

We have had a fantastic time, so many memories to take back home.

Don't really want this week to end, so spending as much time as possible with Dan, Jen and the girls.

Lots of tears and hugs as we left for the airport, then more tears and hugs at departures.

Then flights back, Brisbane to Dubai, then Dubai to Manchester. What a change in the weather, but it's left happy memories . We all had an amazing time!!!!

THE "100+" DRAW FOR NOVEMBER 2024

1st Prize £ 30 Janice Such Number 83
Second Prize £ 15 Trish Law Number 41
Third Prize £ 5 Steve Howard Number 52

The next draw will take place on Sunday 8th December in the parish room.

The last draw for the year will take place on Sunday 12th January 2025 when subscriptions will be due for the new year, February to January 2026.

We hope our members will continue to support the Club. We are willing to add new members to the draw, which is open to the congregation and to all readers of this magazine and their families. The more numbers we sell, the more money will go into the prizes and into church funds.

Lesley and I will be in the parish room each Sunday during January to take your instructions. For more information please contact either, Lesley 07712921585 or Evelyn 07791735204

Flower Arrangers

Emma has resigned from the flower arranging team at Newbold. We would like to take this opportunity to thank her for all she has done over the last few years.


We are pleased to welcome back Annette to the team. She is also taking on part of the organising of us by putting together the rotas. Annette organised the flower arrangers for a number of years so we know she will do a good job.


Ann Bennett and Ann Adams have taken on the role of organising the money and keeping the team working together.

We are grateful for all the money received from the plate left out before festivals and money raised through coffee mornings and workshops, this enables us to put flowers in church each week. When we arrange flowers for festivals it costs around £120 for the flowers. We are lucky at Newbold that we have a large team of flower arrangers.

Julie, Ann, Ann, Stephanie,
Eileen and Annette



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If you'd like to purchase a gift subscription (for the draws from Feb. 2025 until Jan 2026), please see Evelyn or Lesley.


Thanks, Lesley.



Newbold Church School



It's been a while since our last update, we have been very busy and have lots to tell you!



Way back in May, our whole school had the opportunity to visit Chatsworth House and, in order to go, we had to do lots of fundraising which included singing at Tesco! Whilst at Chatsworth, the children visited the House, where they learnt all about its history and could



see all of the beautiful decorations and paintings; then they visited the fantastic gardens and had their lunch with a view; finally, after a really interesting day, all the children got to play in the play area at the farm park. All in all, it was a brilliant day and was enjoyed by all students and staff!

Then in July, we said goodbye to our 'Class of 2024' who, before they left, put on an amazing performance of 'Beauty and The Beast'. It was heartwarming to see all members of the Y6 cohort joining in whether that be on stage or behind the scenes and, of course, no end of year performance would be complete without the fantastic performances from the Y3, Y4 and Y5 classes who sang 'Gaston', 'Be Our Guest' and 'Belle' respectively. We hope that everyone who watched the performance enjoyed it as much as we did, we could not be prouder of the talent and determination that the children at NCS have!

Since coming back in September, all children have settled in well to their new classes and we have welcomed lots of new faces in EYFS. On the 26th September we held our annual cake sale to raise money for Macmillan Cancer Support.

Our newly appointed Class Ambassadors assisted in running the cake sale and we are proud to announce that we raised £288 which is amazing! Did you know that last academic year we raised just over £1700 for charity? We are very proud of this and thankful that our school community continues to be so generous each year! We've got lots of exciting charity events coming up over the next few months, the next being Christmas Jumper Day!

Continuing the theme of generosity, parents, pupils, staff and friends of the school have been collecting plastic bottle tops as part of the 'SchoolCycled Scheme'. Each kilo of plastic that we recycle earns us 250 'Earth Tokens'. Since we joined the scheme in February 2023, we have recycled a total of 206.18kg of plastic bottle tops which has earned us a balance of 51,545 Earth Tokens! This is brilliant and has meant that we have been able to buy a mud kitchen for Forest School. We will be continuing with the scheme so if any members of the community would like to help by bringing in your plastic bottle tops to the school office, we would be more than grateful as you will be helping us towards our next goal whilst also helping the environment.



We have lots of exciting things planned this academic year and we are thrilled to be able to share these with you so keep your eye out for our next exciting update. See you soon!

Walking Group

Evelyn Lowe



We welcomed Julie, a new recruit to our group and set off to Storrs Road car park. Helen was our leader and had planned a short walk around Somersall Park, so we crossed Chatsworth Road, walked down Linden Avenue and towards Somersall Park Playing Fields, kicking up fresh, dry autumn leaves as we went. A nearby plaque announced that the Robinson family, who originated from Bolsover, had set up and provided the finance for sports fields and clubs in the area.

William Bradbury Robinson (1826-1911) had joined his father, John, as a partner in the family firm in 1854, aged 28. Four years later, John's second son, Charles Portland (1844 -1916) also joined the firm.

On the death of their father in 1869, Charles became a partner and the company's name was changed to Robinson & Sons. Over the years various family members were involved and in 1988 the first non-Robinson Chairman was appointed: Tony K Slipper formally of Cadbury-Schweppes.

The Robinsons made their money by producing round pill boxes, medical dressings and in 1956 the Smarties tube for Rowntrees.

By the middle of the 20th century, Robinson factories were spread over a large area beside the river Hipper in Brampton.

The family was well known in the Chesterfield area for its attitude for the well-being of its employees and in 1928 bought Field House (the former home of the late William Bradbury Robinson 11) and built a large canteen – Bradbury Hall. This closed in 1984.

In the 1920's, the Directors of the company established the Wheatbridge Housing Association, thereby providing low-cost housing for employees.

After crossing Somersall Lane, we walked along the edges of a tilled field, ready for planting, and stopped to watch a heron flying above us. When weaving around a winding path beside a tributary of the River Hipper, we noticed a large tree had fallen and knocked a garden fence panel into the water. We continued following this stream through Brookside.

Nearby we came across a box of apples – free to anyone and later on at the junction with Westfield Avenue, a box offering hen/duck eggs for sale.

After crossing the A619 Chatsworth Road we continued along field paths finally passing by Brookfield School sports fields and after an hour of walking, arrived back at the car park. After a short discussion we decided to extend the walk by doing a loop down Chatsworth Road to Walton Dam, another enterprise delivered by the Robinson family.

As we walked down the main road we spotted various Halloween items draping hedges and doors and a pair of particularly impressive spiders. After turning up Walton Road we turned up the path by the side of Walton Dam

The Dam was built in the 18th century and provided controlled water power for Walton Manor Corn Mill. Enlarged to its current size in the early 19th century, the site and the mill were bought by Robinson's in 1899. Not only was the Dam a useful

source of water for their cotton wool production at Walton Works, but also provided an area for their employees to take part in sporting and leisure activities from swimming to cricket.

Continuing we followed the River Hipper before retuning up Linden Avenue back to our cars.

Thank you to Helen for providing the walk. Our next one will be a 4 mile walk from Eyam to Foolow on Sunday 1st December, 12pm from outside church. Everyone welcome.



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