



Newbold Parish Church

The Evangelis



July 2025

80p



SUMMER FETE



Bouncy castle cakes and jams raffle tombola
books hot dogs tea and cakes
water and wine bears and more games
children's fancy dress competition
plants handbags and jewellery
bargain basement and many more...

Hospital Choir performing 2 to 3 pm

Saturday 5th July 2-4pm

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*Thank you to all who have contributed articles to this edition. Items for the next edition to be with Emma, the editor, or Rhoda, the vicar, by **Sunday 13th July**.*

Articles received after the deadline will be published in the following month's issue.

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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.

Contact church office for Link on office@newboldparishchurch.org.uk

Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

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

Sunday 6th July	Third Sunday after Trinity Mass	10am
Sunday 13th July	Fourth Sunday after Trinity Mass	10am
	Messy Church (a week later than usual)	4pm
Sunday 20th July	Fifth Sunday after Trinity Mass	10am
Sunday 27th July	Sixth Sunday after Trinity Mass	10am

From the Vicar

Rev'd Rhoda



At the end of May we had our annual **pilgrimage to Walsingham**. Pilgrimages are journeys with a specific intention, often to a 'holy' place where God's presence feels especially near—a 'thin place', see also Chris Barnes' article on page 11. We go on a pilgrimage for a variety of reasons, maybe to ask for spiritual help of healing, or maybe as a devotion, or maybe to just take time out of our normal routines to seek a deeper encounter with God.

Walsingham was a major site of pilgrimage in England in the Middle Ages. A local noble woman had a vision and built a small house that was a replica of the house at Nazareth where Mary received the message from the angel about bearing the baby Jesus (the Annunciation) and gave her "yes". The site was destroyed at the suppression of the monasteries instigated by King Henry VIII. In 1931, a replica holy house was built and has become an important place of pilgrimage again, and our church has been going there for 25 years now (see Richard's article on page 6).

The thing that struck me this year was the house itself—it is built within the bigger church, and is really quite small. And yet, it has become a place of pilgrimage, with thousands of people praying there over the year. It made me think of our church building—it is not grand, but yet it is our church, a place where over the generations since it was built in 1857, people have prayed, worshipped, and celebrated life events such as Christenings and weddings, and mourned the loss of loved ones at funerals and memorials. It is part of the fabric of our local community, and we want it to be there into the future.

Another ‘thin place’ I journey to once every two months is **Whirlow Spirituality Centre**, where I spend a quiet day resting and listening to what God might be saying. As I rested under the large oak tree at the front on a very hot day in June enjoying the shade, I thought of the shade of the mature trees in our churchyard, and the image of God’s kingdom that Jesus spoke about—the kingdom is like a tiny seed that grew into a large tree, and the birds come and nest in its branches. A symbol of something small becoming very important for shelter and refuge.

As we seek to renovate and future-proof our church building, maybe we don’t have to worry that it’s not grand, but ask God that it can continue to be a ‘thin place’ where people can encounter God on their life’s journey, and find shelter and refuge and shade from the troubles that life brings.

Match funding grant—Give-to-Go Green, Aug/Sept

We have been selected to receive matched funding for our plans to insulate the church roof, which will double the impact of the donations that we receive. Adding insulation as part of our re-roofing plans will reduce the cost of heating the church and enable us to make greater use of the building for different events.

Please note that the match funding period will run for 6 weeks from the 17th August to 24th September this year. Any donations received in this period via a special collection code online or in church on the card reader machine will be doubled by the Church of England Net Zero Fund.

During this period, we are hoping to have the church open on Heritage Open Days with pictures and plans of what we are proposing to future proof our building and widen its use in the community. Watch this space for more information as the time draws closer.

Every blessing

Rhoda +

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



Welcome to the July edition of the Evangelist.

Wendy and I are looking forward to the Archdeacon's Visitation to be held at Holmesfield on Tuesday, 1st July, when we officially become your church wardens for this year. It is a privilege and a pleasure to serve St John the Evangelist church here in Newbold with Dunston.

In our church life, we are very busy. We had a quiz night on 10th June hosted by Ruth and Bob, and a big thank you to them.

On 28th June, we had a concert in church.

On 29th June, we had the ordination of Rebecca Landers at Derby Cathedral, and we look forward to her serving God here with us. We pray for her and her family at this wonderful and important time in her church life.

The fete takes place on Saturday, 5th July, and we look forward to this major event in our calendar, where church and community come together.

Our annual pilgrimage to Walsingham took place last month. The Shrine is a very special place where you can feel a sense of peace and quiet and have time to reflect, recharge and remember.

There, we have the opportunity to talk to each other in a wonderful setting. Many conversations take place which you don't always have at home.

We had the first visit to the Shrine and Holy House, and then did the indoor stations of the Cross due to the inclement weather.

There are a variety of services provided by the Shrine that you can attend.

On Tuesday, we attended the Sprinkling at the Well, then Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, followed by Healing Ministries, laying on of hands and anointing with oils.

On Wednesday, we visited the Slipper Chapel in the morning and visited Wells-next-the-Sea in the afternoon. In the evening, the Procession of Our Lady and the Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament service took place.

On Thursday, we had our own Ascension Day Morning Prayer Service. There was a Solemn Mass for Ascension Day at St Mary, the Parish Church of Little Walsingham. In the afternoon, there was a sprinkling at the well service.

A visit to the Shrine is a time of renewal, pilgrimage and deepening faith. A journey in spirit and person to this sacred place to encounter the love of Christ through the intercession of the Blessed Mother.

We also took time in the morning prayers to remember all our pilgrims who are no longer with us, those who are unable to go any longer and those who were unable to go this year.

We have booked next year's pilgrimage, which will take place from Friday, 11th September 2026 to Sunday, 13th September 2026.

If you are interested in finding out more, see Richard or any of the pilgrims.

Archdeacon Karen writes...

Recently I found myself considering a spoil heap hill (a feature of former coal mining areas) as a metaphor of transformation. A bit of background to explain that!



As Archdeacon of East Derbyshire the part of my role that involves me travelling throughout the eastern side of the county means that I am frequently driving through settlements and landscapes associated with mining and its legacy. The small hill (and it was big enough to be considered as such) I was driving past at the time is now partially wooded and partially farmed. I'm not sure how long it will have taken to get this 'heap' to this point but it will have been a journey that has involved a great deal of attention and care around stability, drainage, probably some form of reclamation of the material and varying levels of plant and species colonisation, planned and otherwise. It is so much more than a single event!

Many of us are on a journey of transformation as followers of Jesus, as our desire to be more like Him and the work of the Holy Spirit in us combine to spur us on in our pilgrimage. That can take us in a myriad of directions as we follow God's call on our lives, but even as we heed that call, Scripture encourages us to 'go on being transformed', to keep on with the journey of discipleship, to go deeper with God. Others of us may be on a journey of enquiry and exploration, uncertain of where that might lead but still with a desire to find out. That journey is of itself transformative.

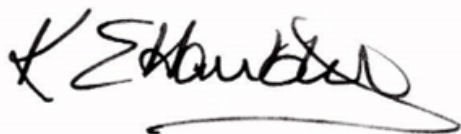
For some that has led them recently to Ordination as deacon and priest. Please do hold those people in your prayers as they settle into this new phase of their lives.

For a lot of us it is about 'keeping on keeping on' in our own situations, whatever we do, dealing with all the joys and challenges of life in the context of ongoing inner transformation as we daily know more of God's love for us. Often challenging, sometimes extremely so, never dull!

For me, as retirement approaches, the transforming love of God and my response to that will continue to transform me, although in a different setting.

This is the last Archdeacon's message I will be writing. Thank you for being part of the journey with me over the years, not just as Archdeacon but prior to that as well. My life has been enriched beyond measure by the people of this Diocese, whether part of a worshipping community or not, whether colleague or companion or passing acquaintance and it has been a joy, sometimes in the midst of struggle, to see God's Kingdom bringing transformation in so many different places and lives in such a variety of ways.

Keep on keeping on, nothing is beyond God's redemptive and transforming presence, as the spoil heap illustrates (just a metaphor, don't push it too far as one of my lecturers used to say). May God's blessing be on you and with you as our journeys of transformation continue



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THIN PLACES

Chris Barnes

Have you ever been to a thin place? Hilary and I went to one while we were on holiday in Pembrokeshire recently; Ffald y Brenin, a Christian retreat centre set high in the Presceli Hills. Thin places are locations where it seems much easier to meet with God; where the barriers between us and Him are so much “thinner”. At Ffald y Brenin we were both knocked sideways by the Holy Spirit.

So what makes any place a “thin” place? The answer’s simple – prayer. Most really thin places are places which are devoted to prayer and not much else. They are often retreat centres or monasteries. Walsingham is another good example or, more locally, Whirlow. Prayer is a major activity of churches or cathedrals, but their many other functions can reduce the thinning action of that prayer.

Ffald y Brenin was founded in 1984 as a centre of prayer. It has a regular rhythm of daily prayer several times a day. It has created a lovely little chapel where the altar is an immovable lump of bedrock as in the picture. God’s presence can be felt there.



I once found myself in a “thin” place before I became a Christian. I was staying as a tourist on the Greek island of Patmos. I visited the simple grotto where St John the Divine received and wrote the book of Revelation. This is looked after beautifully by the Orthodox church, but I had no sense of God there. I moved up the hill to the monastery of St. John and felt the real presence of God, even though I did not recognise it at the time.

The monastery was founded over 1,000 years ago and centuries of prayer and praise have seeped into the very stones. I had a real sense of peace and love. It was Luke 19 v40 come to life.

Cardinal Vincent Nichols nailed it in his commentary on day 2 of the Prayer Journal for the “Thy Kingdom Come” initiative this year when he wrote, “heaven is the reality of total prayer and praise of God.” He said this while commenting on “hallowed by thy name” and “on earth and in heaven” from the Lord’s Prayer. The more we pray, individually and collectively in one place, the more we create a little bit of heaven on earth – and that place becomes thinner.

St John’s is one of the thinnest places in the parish because we are a place where God’s name is hallowed several times a week. I think the lesson for us as a church is that the more we pray, and the more often we pray collectively, the church becomes an even thinner place where people who have little or no faith are more likely to meet the loving reality that is God.

If you want to know more about Ffald y Brenin and the phenomenal works it has done locally and internationally, read “The Grace Outpouring” and “The Way of Blessing”, both by Roy Godwin.

CHURCHYARD BIRDWATCH

Christine Wieloch



On May 21st, in the late afternoon, I accompanied Peter, a licensed bird ringer, up into the churchyard to see if any birds were ready for ringing.

At the first box that had had eggs, Peter confirmed that the mother bird had been born in one of our nestboxes two years ago. Her five eggs had now hatched and were just big enough to be ringed.

That being done, we walked over to the other side of the churchyard to the nest that had had eight eggs in it. These birds were much larger than the others. Peter thought it would not be long before they fledged. Peter carefully lifted the birds from the nestbox and put them into a cotton bag to keep them safe until ringing. We were amazed that all eight eggs had hatched successfully. Peter reached into the bag and got a bird out and ringed it, and put it back into the box before going on to the next one. All the time we were doing this, we could hear and see the parent birds flying nearby. As soon as the last bird had been ringed, we stepped away from the nest so the parents could return. Imagine our surprise when we saw five of the chicks fledge. They flew quite strongly towards the hedge, so they were definitely ready. We had reached them just in time!

The June birdwatch took place a week late as the original date had been cancelled due to a poor weather forecast. This meant I could go as I was elsewhere the previous week, but unfortunately, Wendy and John couldn't come, so it was just Trish and me.

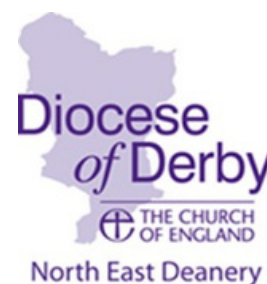
The weather was not at all sunny, and if it had rained, neither of us would have been surprised. There were plenty of birds around as we could hear them singing, but as the trees were in full leaf, it was not that easy to see them.

In the end, we managed to see sixteen bird species. They were blackbird, blue tit, crow, goldcrest, goldfinch, great tit, herring gull, house martin, house sparrow, jackdaw, long tailed tit, magpie, robin, rook, swift and wood pigeon.

We did see a squirrel, but there were no butterflies around as it was so dull. The ironic thing was that it began to brighten up a little as we got towards the end of our journey around the churchyard, and shortly afterwards turned into a really sunny day.

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 –
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MESSY CHURCH

NEW LIFE AT PENTECOST



Chris Barnes



All the crafts at the Messy Church last month were based on the theme of Pentecost. But the real highlight was the baptism of Autumn Rose during our act of worship. Autumn was wonderful; more fascinated by the water in the font than the water being poured onto her head.

Before that, the children made a flame headband, some paper spinners which told the story of Pentecost, a fruit of the spirit headband, a dove mobile to remind us of the Spirit of God falling on Jesus at his baptism and, perhaps most popular of all, decorated individual birthday cakes to celebrate the birth of the church at the first Pentecost.

I suspect many of the cakes did not make it home, despite Jo Latham once again preparing an excellent tea for us to enjoy afterwards.

July's Messy Church has been delayed by a week because of the Fete on the first Saturday of the month. So please join us at 4pm on **Sunday 13th July** for our next Messy Church.



Name the Film

Provided by Evelyn Lowe

Example: Rewind to what lies ahead (4,2,3,6) = Back to the Future

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|--|---------------|
| 1) Magician from Down Under | 3,6,2,2 |
| 2) Sick Brit | 3,7,7 |
| 3) Feline in touch with feminine side | 4,7 |
| 4) Recline on Monarch | 4,4 |
| 5) Blown Away | 4,4,3,4 |
| 6) Precious Digit | 10 |
| 7) A Task too Far | 7,10 |
| 8) Chatty Headrest | 6,4 |
| 9) A Handful of Greenbacks | 1,7,2,7 |
| 10) Wife of Pyromaniac Hesitates | 3,9 |
| 11) A Tale not told in the East | 4,4,5 |
| 12) English King takes up Hairdressing | 6,12 |
| 13) Baa, Baa,....ssssh! | 7,2,3,5 |
| 14) Crazy Raincoats | 3,3 |
| 15) The Benign, The Malign and the
Downright Unattractive | 3,4,3,3,3,3,4 |
| 16) The White House | 10 |
| 17) The Oldest Continent's Monarch | 7,5 |
| 18) Foreign Body | 5 |
| 19) Celebrity Battles | 4,4 |
| 20) Illness in the middle of the Weekend | 8,5.5 |

Answers can be found on page 29

The Nest @ Newbold Church School would like to invite you to apply for a September 2025 nursery place!



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Please feel free to book an appointment to have a look around!

Readings and Collects

Sunday 6th July - Third Sunday after Trinity Mass

Isaiah 66.10-14, Galatians 6.1-16, Luke 10.1-11,16-20

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 13th July - Fourth Sunday after Trinity Mass

Deuteronomy 30.9-1, Colossians 1.1-14, Luke 10.25-37

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.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 20th July - Fifth Sunday after Trinity Mass

Genesis 18.1-10a, Colossians 1.15-28, Luke 10.38-42

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.

Sunday 27th July - Sixth Sunday after Trinity Mass

Genesis 18.20-32, Colossians 2.6-19, Luke 11.1-13

Merciful God, you have prepared for those who love you such good things as pass our understanding: pour into our hearts such love toward you that we, loving you in all things and above all things, may obtain your promises, which exceed all that we can desire; 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)

Creator God, you made us all in your image: may we discern you in all that we see, and serve you in all that we do; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Social Diary July 2025

Wednesday 2nd July	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 5th July	Churchyard Birdwatch	8:30am
Saturday 5th July	Church Fete	
Sunday 6th July	Walking group	12noon
Wednesday 9th July	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 12th July	Churchyard Tidy-up	10am-12noon
Wednesday 16th July	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 19th July	Men's Group	10:30am-12:30pm
Wednesday 23rd July	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 30th July	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm

Wednesday Social Group occurs every Wednesday

There will an outing one week to be decided.

All other social groups meet monthly.

Note that the Women's Group are not meeting in July or August



From the Registers

Holy Baptism

15 June	Wesley Edward Summerton-Leslie
15 June	Brooke Barden
15 June	Zack Barden

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

Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

19 May	John Roy Blenkinsop
20 May	Joseph Hall
25 May	Kenneth David Moy

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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MEN'S GROUP



We met in the Parish Room on Saturday, 15th March for our regular get together. As promised, Brian had prepared Irish Stew and John had baked his Barm Brack to accompany it. Both were absolutely delicious! We all know we are always in for a treat, but this year we all agreed that Brian had surpassed himself.

This is not just any Irish stew; it has two types of sausages to accompany the meat! There is no set format to our meetings, but we always manage to find enough to talk about and discuss for a couple of hours.



You may have gathered that we all do have one common interest, and that is food! As my mum always used to say, 'the way to a man's heart is through his stomach'. I would say that just about sums up our Men's Group.



In April the Men's Group sadly lost one of its long-standing members Kevin Winder who passed away. Kevin had attended the meetings regularly over the last few years and was at our March meeting (see photo above) and joined in the discussions as usual. He will be remembered for his varied topics of conversation, his wonderful story telling, his poetry and singing. Kevin will be sadly missed.

As previously mentioned, to celebrate St George's day we decided to make a visit to Chesters on Sheffield Road on the 23rd of April. The invitation was opened to all, and we managed to get quite a good turnout. The meal was excellent and went down well with everyone.



There was a casual 'red and white' dress code although this was not strictly adhered to with someone obviously not getting the memo and wearing a stars and stripes jumper!

The Men's Group met on the 17th of May and we enjoyed bacon butties and a couple of cups of coffee. Some of our regulars were away on holiday or had other commitments. This meant the ones in attendance could have extra bacon butties! Rhoda was also in church and came in to see us and we had a good catch up.

There are a few more trip ideas being discussed, these consist of: our regular visit to the quiz at the Chesterfield Arms, a trip to the Roundhouse at Barrow Hill, going to see the cricket in the Queens Park and a quiz including a meal at the Three Cottages at Winsick. Please look out for notices in: The Evangelist, at church and at the Men's Group meetings.



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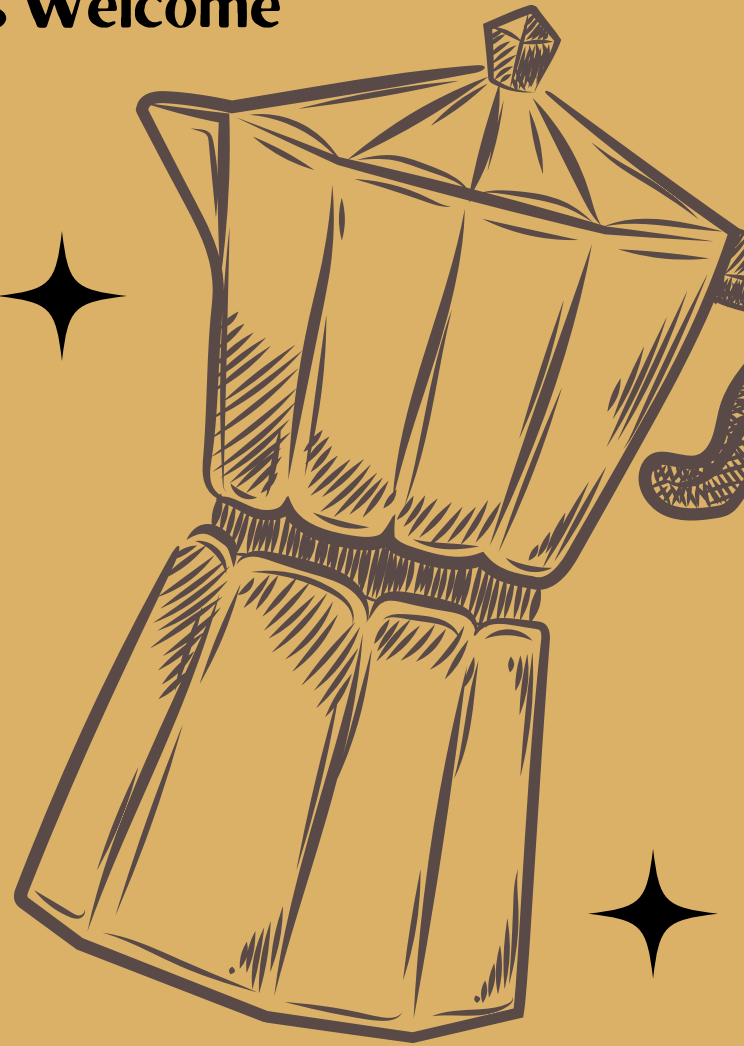
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Answers to the quiz on page 17

1. The Wizard of Oz
2. The English Patient
3. Pink Panther
4. Lion King
5. Gone With the Wind
6. Goldfinger
7. Mission Impossible
8. Pillow Talk
9. A Fistful of Dollars
10. Mrs Doubtfire
11. West Side Story
12. Edward Scissorhands
13. Silence of the Lambs
14. Mad Max
15. The Good, The Bad and the Ugly
16. Casablanca
17. African Queen
18. Alien
19. Star Wars
20. Saturday Night Fever

To make you laugh



John and Wendy Drake were holidaying in Majorca recently and spotted this sign...



Were the owners being polite or was this a translation error?

Stay cool this summer

- Always provide shade and fresh water at all times.
- Groom longer haired animals to remove excess fur.
- Animals can suffer from sunburn as well. Apply a PET FRIENDLY sun cream to sensitive areas and sparse hairs.



- **NEVER** leave dogs in cars during warm weather.
- Exercise during the coolest parts of the day (morning/night)- if possible walk in shaded areas (woodlands)
- Limit pavement walks as tarmac can be very hot.



- Be aware of open windows
- Provide water in several locations around the house to encourage them to drink more regularly.



Be aware of heatstroke

All pets can suffer from heatstroke and in severe cases the results can be fatal.

Some animals are less able to regulate their own body temperature such as older or younger animals, animals with thick, heavy coats and short, flat faces such as Bulldogs and Persian cats. Some medications can also make pets more prone to heatstroke.



Signs that your pet may be suffering from heat stroke include:

- Excessive panting or drooling
- Dark red gums and tongue and 'glassy' eyes
- Lethargy, drowsiness or uncoordinated movements
- Collapsing, vomiting and diarrhoea



If you suspect your pet may be suffering from heatstroke, move them in to a shaded area, apply room temperature (not cold) water to their skin, encourage them to drink slowly and contact your vet immediately.

FUNDRAISING



The Quiz Night held on the 6th June and hosted by Bob and Ruth who provided cheese and wine, raised a wonderful £360 for the Building Fund.

A day later, Reverend Rhoda and Robin held a Coffee Morning, which raised £208.60 plus £24.83 on the sum-up machine, raising a total of £233.43 for the Churchyard Fund. A special thank you to everyone involved in both of these events.

Our next fundraising occasion will be the annual Summer Fete on 5 July and volunteers are already preparing for this special day. Please pray for good weather.

Christian Aid Week **11th – 17th May**



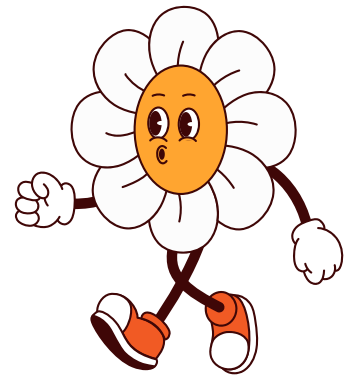
The recent campaign brought in £140 from the congregation. Of this, £80 was gift aided and the money has been sent to the charity.

Thank you to everyone who contributed.

Walking Group

The Chaffinch Trail

Julie Franks



Bob was the leader for our 4 ½ mile walk along the Chaffinch Trail from the Royal Oak in Barlborough. Five walkers set off along Westfield Lane as it started to rain and crossed the dual carriageway onto a farm track. It soon stopped raining, and it was sunny and warm for most of the walk.

We walked across a number of empty fields to Beighton Field Wood. We had to make our way through brambles, nettles and low branches to reach the A6135 road from Barlborough to Renishaw. We crossed the road and headed down a footpath and track leading to Spinkhill.

As we walked up the hill, we could see the Immaculate Conception school with Spinkhill church steeple standing between the two main buildings of the school. Once in Spinkhill, it was very quiet as we passed the Angel Inn, the only pub in the area, and Spinkhill Primary School, now a house. As we walked out of the village, we passed Mount St Mary's College. We headed up an undulating lane and passed by several old, large houses until we reached Park Hall and Park Hall Farm.

Park Hall dates back to 1656 and was originally owned by the Pole family, who were part of the House of Plantagenet. The Manor in Spinkhill sheltered the first Jesuit Fathers during the Reformation.



At the edge of the farm, there was a field set up for horse jumping, but no horses in sight. We followed the footpath signs along a track which led to Quarry Dam, which exhibited fishing signs, but no one was fishing in this quiet, secluded spot. There were originally three dams, but now only one remains, which supplied power to Appleby Mill.

In a field, we saw rabbits, a pheasant and sheep, the first animals we had seen. Bob had found the perfect spot for a break with several telegraph poles lying on the ground for us to sit on.

Once rested, we continued our walk along a field of wheat and an empty field before heading for the motorway and the tunnel underneath. We were now back in Barlborough, we just had to walk uphill to Ruthyn Avenue and along California Lane. We passed the Barlborough Miners Welfare building, which had previously been a chapel, then a salt factory, before becoming the Miners Welfare in 1913, before returning to our cars.

The next church walk is on 6th July, meeting at 4pm outside church. All welcome.



The "100 +" draw for June 2025

1st prize	£30	Julie Franks	Number 63
2nd prize	£15	Martin Burrows	Number 22
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Women's Group

Wendy Drake



The group welcomed Kevin Morley to the evening meeting when he gave an enlightening talk about the origins of the Saltergate Children's Home in Ethiopia.

Kevin was born and raised in Chesterfield and after working in London, he returned to this area to study at Sheffield University, subsequently becoming a maths teacher. Feeling the need to expand his horizons, he became a teacher in Eritrea, living as one of the locals in a very small hut. It was during a visit by a United Nations truck to the village, that he was introduced to one of the workers selling bead necklaces made up of 30 beads, representing days of the month, a few of which were of a different colour. These he found out were to help in trying to reduce the birthrate at the time. However, the sale of these was later banned by the military dictatorship running the country, since there were then not enough boys being born to become soldiers in the army.

Kevin later became a trainer of teachers, and for personal reasons, was given help by the Red Cross to relocate to Ethiopia where he continued to teach maths. So, he had witnessed the state of both countries first-hand, also meeting many influential people along the way. The state of the country is such that travel to much of it is advised against.

After moving back to Chesterfield, Kevin had word from a local doctor in Ethiopia that a young baby, Amanuel, had been abandoned, which prompted Kevin to try and help in some way. So, the Saltergate Children's Home was set up in the capital Addis Ababa on 6 June 2015 just 10 years ago, it's aim to take children off the streets.

It relies on donations from many sources, including St Thomas's in Chesterfield who helped to finance a pipe to run water to the Home. Now the Home is able to sell water to those others in need.

The Saltergate Children's Home aims to care for children who do not have a surviving family member e.g. a widowed mother. All the children do not live in one big house but in various huts, off street, in areas around the capital Addis Ababa. They are given independence, and of the 190 children catered for over the years, 58 are now completely independent. Every penny raised goes to the children for food, clothes and education.

We did get feedback on some of the children including Amanuel, who is now 10 and, we were shown a photo of him looking very happy on his first day at school. Another lad, born without arms, has learned to use his feet for many tasks including using a mobile phone, etc. and now enjoys judo, whilst a young girl, born with club feet has had one foot straightened and is awaiting an operation to straighten the second. A further young girl born with HIV has become a successful accountancy graduate, and yet another was shown working at a sewing machine and has set up her own sewing business. A set of twin girls both born blind, were educated at a German school in Addis Ababa and in 2025 have become celebrities, and another young girl born blind in one eye and partially sighted in the other has become a Special Needs Teacher.

It all sounded an amazing, very worthy and successful venture and, it was a privilege to be able to listen to Kevin and to hear what could be achieved. What makes the whole venture even more onerous is the fact that Ethiopia is a country speaking 80 different languages.

The influence of Chesterfield on the children was seen with some holding the Spireites flag and a youngster playing with a football.

The Group were so overcome hearing Kevin's talk that he went home with much more than the general donation given to all speakers. A sewing machine was also donated.

The Annual Day Out for the Women's Group is to take place on Wednesday 25 June when a trip to Cromford Mills is in the offing. No meeting will then take place in July.

Any further details will be available from myself, Trish or Marilyn James.

Our next meeting will be on Wednesday 3 September when we will be having a return visit from Anna-Louise Pickering, this time speaking about 'The Kingdom of the Jaguar', and we would welcome all on the night.

In the meantime, do enjoy your summer break.

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