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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 8th February**. 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 1st February	Candlemas	10am
	Messy Church	4pm
Sunday 8th February	Second Sunday before Lent Mass	10am
Sunday 15th February	Sunday before Lent Mass	10am
Wednesday 18th February	Ash Wednesday First Mass	10am
	Ash Wednesday Second Mass	7:30pm
Sunday 22nd February	First Sunday of Lent Mass	10am

From the Vicar

Rev'd Rhoda



Love, Light, and the Turning Towards Lent

February can feel like a quiet and reflective month in the Church's year. The main joy of Christmas seems to be behind us once the twelfth day is past, the days are still short, and spring seems some distance away. Yet within this quieter season the Church offers us rich themes of light, love, and preparation — guiding us gently towards Lent, which begins on 18 February this year.

Early in the month we celebrate Candlemas, the Presentation of Christ in the Temple. Simeon's words in Luke's Gospel proclaim Jesus as "a light to lighten the Gentiles." In the midst of winter, this feast reassures us that Christ's light shines steadily, even when the world feels dark or uncertain. It reminds us that God is present not only in moments of celebration, but also in the ordinary rhythm of daily life.

February is also associated with St Valentine, and while contemporary culture often focuses on romantic love, the Christian understanding of love is broader and deeper. It is a love rooted in faithfulness, sacrifice, and service. This love

is made visible in everyday kindness: a listening ear, a word of encouragement, a meal shared, or a prayer offered for someone in need. Such acts may seem small, but they are powerful reflections of Christ's love at work among us.



As the month progresses, our attention begins to turn towards Lent, which starts on 18 February with Ash Wednesday.



Lent invites us into a season of honesty, reflection, and renewal — a time to examine our lives, to let go of what distracts us from God, and to rediscover what truly matters. It is not about gloom or self-denial for its own sake, but about making space for God's grace to work more deeply within us.

In this season of transition, we are reminded of our shared vocation as God's people. Each of us is called, through baptism, to live faithfully where we are placed — in our homes, our work, and our parish community here of Newbold with Dunston. As we move from the light of Candlemas towards the penitence of Lent, may we do so with hope, trusting that God is at work among us, drawing us ever closer to the joy of Easter.

A Prayer

*Lord Jesus Christ, light of the world and source of all true love,
guide us through these winter days and into the season of Lent. Help
us to walk faithfully, to love generously,
and to make room in our lives for your grace.
Amen.*

Rhoda +

Archdeacon Nicky writes...

This month sees the beginning of Lent. A traditional time of prayer and fasting where Christians are attentive to their individual discipleship and walk with God. We seek to draw near and deepen our relationship with God through prayer. To co-operate with the Spirit's transformative work within us through self-discipline and self-giving. To learn more about our faith and how to live well within the kingdom of God. To give sacrificially blessing others.



Churches across our diocese will host Bible studies, Lent courses, soup lunches, quiet days and all manner of missional activities. Many church members will read a Lent book, join a study group, give something up, or take on a new challenge through this season.

Lent can be a time for great personal growth in our own walk with God. But, is also a time when we recognise we journey with others. During the coming weeks, we can encourage and inspire one another by sharing what we learn and how God is at work in our lives. We can practise the skill and build the habit of sharing our faith with others.

As we journey together through Lent we will see God at work amongst us - in acts of service, in kind deeds, in teaching and learning, in self-giving and self-sacrifice, in community and togetherness.

We will have many opportunities to look around us and recognise the kingdom of God in our midst. To encourage and build each other up and to sow seeds of faith amongst our families and friends who haven't yet found their own faith in God.

As we grow in faith through prayer, learning, self-denial and service, let's encourage, inspire and 'provoke one another to love and good deeds' (Hebrews 10:24). Ideas for doing that might be - recommending a book, sharing an insight, telling a story, letting someone know you are praying for them, acts of kindness, words of encouragement, being gracious in difficult situations etc...

A challenge for Lent is to encourage a different person in their walk with God every day. We could inspire and encourage 47 different people each, if we are willing to take on the challenge. If we share some of the stories of our Lenten acts through our church newsletters and with our diocesan Comms team then we could encourage even more people in their walk with God this Lent.

Nicky Fenton

The Venerable Nicky Fenton

Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peaks and Dales



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Curate's Comment...

Revd Rebecca Landers

Made With Love



Recently I've been appreciating hand-made stuff. The wonderful hand-made items for sale at the Christmas fair inspired me to learn basic crochet, and I managed to crochet a snood for a Christmas gift. And only the other day, 20 or so glorious hand-knitted camels arrived at Messy Church for the Epiphany – may they bless the houses they have gone to.

There's beauty in the process of making something with one's own hands. And there's beauty in giving a hand-made gift to another. We might have made something with another person in mind, or with God in mind. We might have thought deeply about the textures and colours when sewing, or painting, or the recipients' favourite foods when baking.

What we make might be very skilled, but even if imperfect, the time and effort involved will give it value. Perhaps its imperfection even tells a story, or makes it unique? Likely it will have been made with love.

Time and again in the Bible we read that God brings forth, makes and re-makes:

*I am about to do a new thing;
now it springs forth; do you not perceive it?
(Isaiah 43:19)*



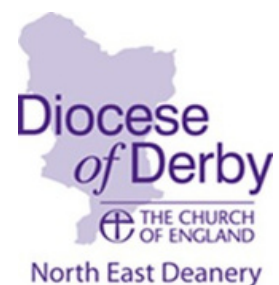
What are these new things? Paths are made; water appears in the desert; a bud breaks forth; a shoot grows, and a baby is born and placed in a manger. Divinity, like a stone, plunges again and again into the midst of creation, calling all creation to itself with the utmost gentleness and vulnerability. With love.

What is really made, when we make, is an offering. And the highest offering we can make is that of our own selves, that we might be re-made by God. To become a 'reasonable, holy, and lively sacrifice' as the Prayer Book puts it, in response to Jesus's 'one oblation (from the Latin oblatio, meaning to offer) of himself once offered' on the cross.

As we move into Lent it seems a good time to ask: can we allow ourselves to be made with love?

Diocese Vision Prayer for 2027

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



*Gracious God,
in your mercy and for your glory,
renew us, reshape us, revive us –
with generous faith, courageous hope and life-giving love –
that, in transformed lives
through growing church and building community,
we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all.
Amen.*



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Bible Quiz: Ashes

1) In the ancient world, people would sprinkle themselves with or sit in ashes as a sign of grief, humiliation, or repentance. Which city's king covered himself in sackcloth and sat in ashes as a sign of repentance when Jonah prophesied the city's destruction?

Gomorrah, Jerusalem, Nineveh or Sodom

2) The term "ashes" is often used in the Old Testament to signify worthlessness, insignificance or humility. While speaking to God about the fate of the city of Sodom, this man said, "Now that I have been so bold as to speak to the Lord, though I am nothing but dust and ashes, what if the number of the righteous is five less than fifty? Will you destroy the whole city because of five people?" (NIV)

Abraham, Joseph, Lot or Matthew

3) In his suffering and grief, which man cried out, "I abhor myself, and repent in dust and ashes"?

Adam, Job, Judas or Peter

4) Who said, "Woe unto thee, Chorazin! woe unto thee, Bethsaida! for if the mighty works, which were done in you, had been done in Tyre and Sidon, they would have repented long ago in sackcloth and ashes"?

Jeremiah, Jesus, Jonah, Joshua



Answers on page 28



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Valentine Trivia

Evelyn Lowe

In 1537, King Henry VIII officially declared February 14th the holiday of St. Valentine by royal charter.

What does OXOX mean? X is for kisses, O is for hugs so OXOX = hugs and kisses. Or does it?

It is believed that signing with an X comes from the Middle Ages, when an X was used in the place of a signature since many people couldn't read or write. It was also seen as a Christian symbol that represented the cross. The history behind it is that Christians kissing statues of Christ or kissing the Bible led to X getting its meaning as a modern day kiss.

February 14th wasn't associated with romantic love until the late 14th century, when Geoffrey Chaucer published his poem, "The Parliament of Fowls". In the poem he calls St. Valentine's Day the day when birds choose their mates, and from then on, people started considering the holiday a romantic one.

In Roman mythology, Cupid is the son of Venus, the goddess of love and beauty, often shown with a bow and arrow to pierce hearts and cast a spell of love. In Greek mythology, Eros is the son of Aphrodite. The Shaftesbury Memorial Fountain at Piccadilly Circus shows Cupid with his bow and arrows.

"Wearing your heart on your sleeve" is more than just a phrase. In the Middle Ages, young men and women drew names to see who their Valentine would be for the Roman festival Juno. They would then wear the name pinned to their sleeve to signify the identity of their love interest for the coming year.

Progress on the Building Project

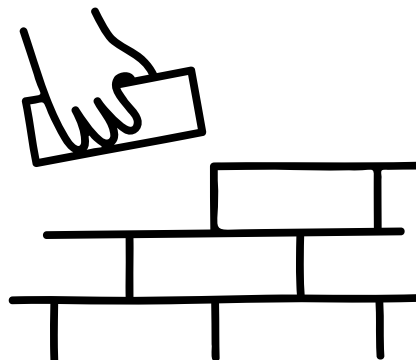
Chris Barnes

The processes to secure the faculty we need to carry out the repairs and insulation to the church roof have proved more complex and obscure than we realised. We hope that we will get the final approval we need from the Chancellor of the Diocese within the next month. We are talking to the roofer we appointed over a year ago to see how his costs have gone up and when he can start. Again, we hope that he might start work before the end of March. Please pray to turn our hopes into reality.

The roof repair is only the first part of a thorough refurbishment of all our buildings. We will need two things before we can start this work:

- another faculty (groan) and
- a successful campaign to raise more money than we already have.

We are not certain how much more money we will need and we are discussing this with our architect. We hope to be able to apply for the second faculty later this year. Please pray for this as well.



Collect Prayer for the Building Project

Father God, guide us as we work to improve our church buildings. Grant us wisdom, that every decision we make may build your Kingdom of love and grace in this place.

We humbly ask for the resources needed to complete this project, knowing that all good gifts come from you and everything we have comes from you.

Bless all involved in the process, especially our building committee, our architects JBKS, and those involved in the approval process.

We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen



The 100 Club draw for December 2025

1st prize	£30	Jean Lee	Number	64
2nd prize	£15	Phil Lowe	Number	28
3rd prize	£5	Lyn Shepherd	Number	102

The 100 Club draw for January 2026

1st prize	£30	Raj Shah	Number	54
2nd prize	£15	Phil Lowe	Number	28
3rd prize	£5	Christine Wieloch	Number	67

We are now taking subscriptions for 2026, which will start with the February draw. The price is £12 a number for the year. New members are welcome to join. Please speak to either Lesley Howard or Evelyn Lowe.

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copy is available from the school office. Please contact katy.lee@newbold-pri.derbyshire.sch.uk once you have completed your application form or if you

have
any questions.

Social Diary February 2026

Sunday 1st February	Walking group	12noon
Wednesday 4th February	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 4th February	Women's Group	7pm
Saturday 7th February	Churchyard Birdwatch	8:30am
Saturday 7th February	Community coffee morning	10am-12noon
Wednesday 11th February	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 14th February	Churchyard Tidy-up	10am-12noon
Wednesday 18th February	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 21st February	Men's Group	10am-12noon
Wednesday 25th February	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm

Wednesday Social Group is part of the Warm Welcome Space (see page x) and we welcome people to join us for social time, refreshments, and reading material including books and newspapers.

All other social groups meet monthly. New members will be made most welcome, so why not join?



LENT DIARY

ASH WEDNESDAY

18th Feb

10am Mass and 7.30pm Mass

Ashing available at both Masses



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Mondays at 2pm

23rd Feb, 2nd March, 9th March, 16th March, 23rd March

LENT COURSES

Keep an eye on church notices/Facebook for upcoming Lent course information.



HAPPY 60th Birthday to Reverend Rhoda

Heavenly Father, we thank You for the gift of life and for the 60 wonderful years You have blessed Rhoda with. As she steps into this new chapter, may Your grace continue to guide her, filling her days with joy, health, and purpose. Let her life be a testimony of Your faithfulness, and may she be surrounded by love, peace, and countless blessings.

Amen.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 1st February - Candlemas

Malach 3.1-5, Hebrews 2.14-18, Luke 2.22-40

Almighty and ever-living God, clothed in majesty, whose beloved Son was this day presented in the Temple, in substance of our flesh: grant that we may be presented to you with pure and clean hearts, by your Son Jesus Christ 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, light of the nations and glory of Israel: make your home among us and present us pure and holy to your heavenly Father, your God, and our God.

Sunday 8th February - Second Sunday before Lent

Genesis 1.1 - 2.3, Romans 8.18-25, Matthew 6.25-34

Almighty God, you have created the heavens and the earth and made us in your own image: teach us to discern your hand in all your works and your likeness in all your children; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who with you and the Holy Spirit reigns supreme over all things, now and for ever.

(or)

Almighty God, give us reverence for all creation and respect for every person, that we may mirror your likeness in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 15th February - First Sunday before Lent

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

Almighty Father, whose Son was revealed in majesty before he suffered death upon the cross: give us grace to perceive his glory, that we may be strengthened to suffer with him and be changed into his likeness, from glory to glory; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Holy God, you know the disorder of our sinful lives: set straight our crooked hearts, and bend our wills to love your goodness and your glory in Jesus Christ our Lord.

Wednesday 18th February - Ash Wednesday

Joel 2.1-2, 12-17, 2 Corinthians 5.20b-6.1, Matthew 6.1-6, 16-21

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all them that are penitent: Create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 22nd February - First Sunday of Lent

Genesis 2.15-17; 3.1-7, Romans 5.12-19, Matthew 4.1-11

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ fasted forty days in the wilderness, and was tempted as we are, yet without sin: give us grace to discipline ourselves in obedience to your Spirit; and, as you know our weakness, so may we know your power to save; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Heavenly Father, your Son battled with the powers of darkness, and grew closer to you in the desert: help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer that we may witness to your saving love in Jesus Christ our Lord.



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THE WISE MEN RETURN!

Chris Barnes



In December, Rhoda invited the children to take away the characters from the knitted nativity set, donated to the church by Steph Parkes. She then asked them to send her photos of the characters' adventures. These can be seen on the church's Facebook page – Mary and Joseph travelled to Cleethorpes!

Most of the characters returned to the crib at the Crib Service. At Epiphany, it was the time for the wise men to reappear, which they did. Surprisingly, they also came back with some camels.

For one of the Messy craft activities, Hilary had knitted several small camels which the children had to stuff and sew up. They all seemed to enjoy this and most of them took their camels home. The three that stayed at church joined the wise men in the straw.



The other craft activities included making crowns and star light catchers, decorating star biscuits, piecing pictures of the three kings together and sticking them to a bag to take their crafts home in, and chalking the door for 2026 (on old Christmas cards).

The highlight of the worship was the Bible reading of part of the story of the three wise men presenting their gifts and worshipping the infant Jesus. It was read brilliantly by young Bella (on the right of the photo), who volunteered to do it.



At the end of the worship, Rhoda led some of the young people outside as she chalked the front door of the church. The rest led the way to the refreshments in the parish room, which were enjoyed by all.

You would be very welcome to join us for our next Messy Church at **4.00pm on Sunday 1st February**, when we will be celebrating **Candlemas**.

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The Electoral Roll



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Anyone who is already on the Electoral Roll and needs to amend any details that have changed in the last 12 months, eg. change of address, or if there is anyone who attends Church who is not on the Electoral Roll and would like to be, there will be blank 'Application For Enrolment On The Church Electoral Roll' forms on the table at the back of Church from Sunday 8th February. These will need to be completed and returned to myself by **Sunday 15th March 2026** for the roll to be updated and published in time for the Annual Parochial Church Meeting.

If anyone has any further questions or queries, I can be contacted by email or by telephone:

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Thankyou,
Elaine Lawrence
(Electoral roll officer)

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



At the beginning of January, the weather became colder and we saw the first snow of the new year.

On 18th January a service took place at Christ Church hosted by Newbold Churches Together at the start of the week for Christian Unity. On 25th January we celebrated our vicar Rhoda's 60th birthday with a bring and share luncheon after mass. This was a joyous occasion and celebration.

On the 1st February we celebrate Candlemas, the Feast of the Presentation of Jesus Christ in the temple, also known as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin Mary or the Feast of the Holy Encounter and is a Christian feast day. This is celebrated on 2nd February but we will celebrate on Sunday 1st February at our 10.00 am service. It is based on the account of the presentation of Jesus in Luke chapter 2 verses 22-40.

On 18th February Ash Wednesday takes place and we will be having services at 10.00 am in the Parish Room and 7.30 pm in church.

The day before is Shrove Tuesday also known as pancake day. Ash Wednesday signifies the start of Lent. What are you doing in your church life during Lent this year?

On Monday 23rd February , at 2.00 pm in church we begin our journey of the Stations of the Cross where a member of our church takes us on Christ's journey to his death on the Cross and each journey will last around 30 minutes. This will be followed by refreshments.

We will continue in March on the 2nd, 9th, 16th, and 23rd. Please join us if you are able.

A PRAYER JUST FOR TODAY

Just for today, help me God to remember that my life is a gift, that my health is blessing, that the new day is filled with awesome potential, and that I have the capacity to bring something wholly new and unique and good into this world.

Just for today, help me God, to remember to be kind, and patient to the people who love me and to those who work with me too. Teach me to see all the beauty that I so often ignore, and to listen to the silent longing of my own soul.

Just for today, help me God to remember you. Let this be a good day God full of joy and love. Amen.

Answers to the Quiz on page 12

1) Nineveh (*Jonah 3:4-8*)

2) Abraham (*Genesis 18:26-28*)

3) Job (*Job 42:6*)

4) Jesus (*Matt 11:21*) Jesus was issuing a reproach and warning to cities that had rejected His teachings.



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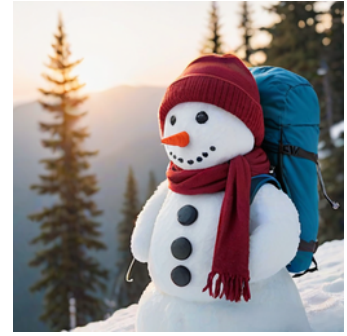


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Walking Group

Evelyn Lowe



Our first walk of 2026 began on a very cold but sunny January day from the car park at Creswell Crags where Steve and Victoria stopped to stroke a horse. We are used to seeing signs asking people not to feed the horses, but were surprised by one stating “Feeding can cause fighting which will result in the death of a horse”.

Avoiding a pile of fresh horse manure we stepped out on a wide path and within minutes arrived at Creswell Crags, an important, prehistoric, archaeological site. Most of these limestone caves were shuttered off by iron grilles but stone tools and remains of animals found in them provided evidence of life during the last Ice Age between 50,000 and 10,000 years ago. In 2003, rock art (not the musical kind) was discovered and this is shown in the Cave Art to Contemporary Art Walking Trail. Perhaps something to explore at a later date.



Hundreds of Apotropaic (witches marks), believed to be from the 17th century - 18th century were found on the cave surfaces in 2018. They were thought to prevent evil spirits coming from the underworld.

We turned right, away from the river and climbed a stony, dry, uphill path to a grassy area affording wonderful views of Creswell and the surrounding countryside. We passed a field of harvested maize and one of winter barley and on our left, a solar farm. We negotiated two metal gates and down a path bordered by fields to the main road of Holbeck. A big wooden sign announced St Winifred's Church, Grade II listed, which had a beautiful wrought iron gate set in a stone archway.

St. Winifred (Winefride) was a Welsh martyr who was beheaded but brought back to life by a holy monk named Beuno. The healing spring at that spot is now a shrine and a pilgrimage site called St. Winefride's Well in Holywell, Flintshire known as the "Lourdes of Wales" and was granted the status of National Shrine for England & Wales in November 2023. She died and was buried in an abbey in Gwytherin.



We walked down a road lined with lime trees and noticed daffodil leaves pushing through the rough grass underneath. At the A60, Mansfield to Worksop road, we turned left and walked for half a mile with the noise of traffic beside us.

We were soon on part of the Harley Art Trail where two local artists, Michelle Reader and Martin Smith, had installed metal trees, among the natural trees. These metal trees were to show architectural art in the landscape and had different shaped leaves, triangles, circles etc.

We also came across boards stating that we were “Going on a Bear Hunt”, the first asking what was the sound of cold water in a river, the second the sound of oozing mud and the third, a snowstorm. Julie entered into the spirit of this children’s game with enthusiasm.



Just before arriving at the car we passed a stone memorial to five Canadian Aircrew of a Wellington Bomber which had crashed nearby. Their ages ranged from 19 - 32 years. A sobering thought after a delightful, engaging stroll on a brisk winter’s day.

Our next walk will be on Sunday 1st February, meeting at 12pm outside the church gates. Does anyone wish to join us? See the contact names and numbers on the back page of this magazine.

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