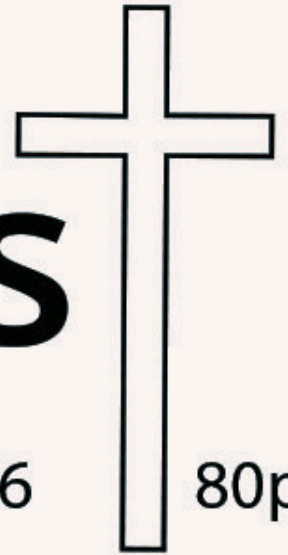




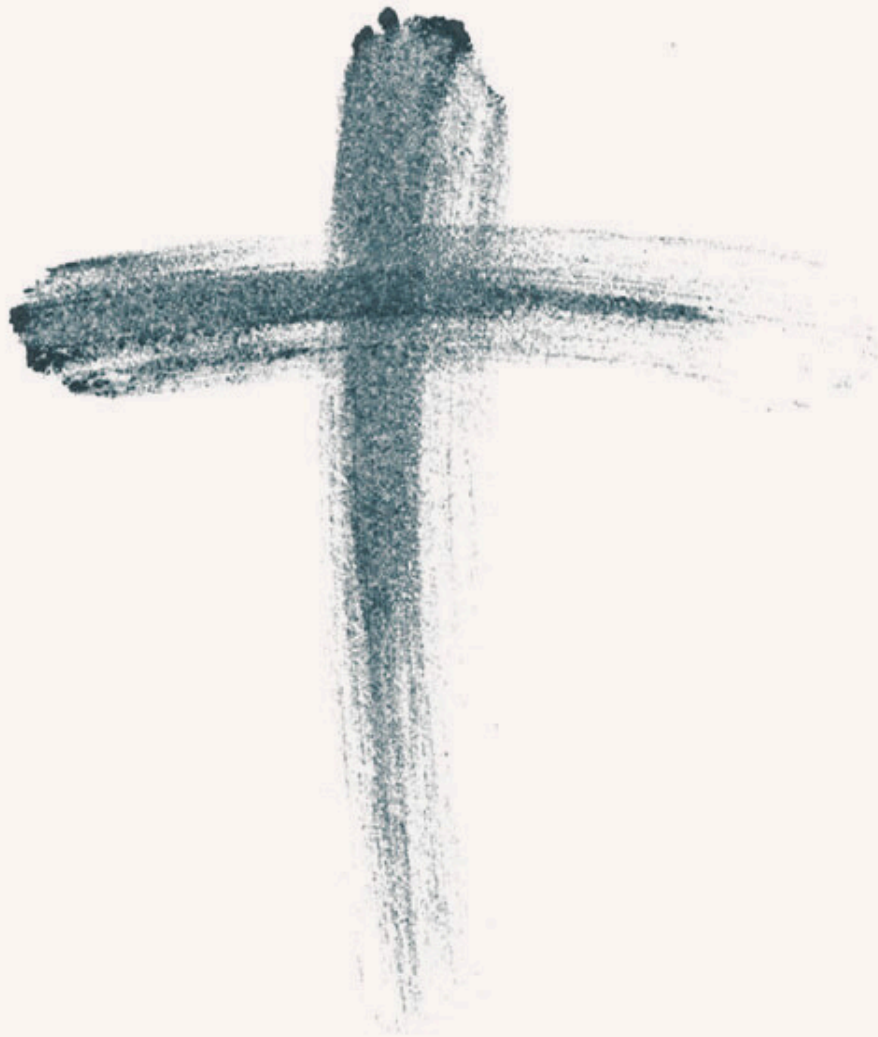
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*Thank you to all who have contributed articles to this edition. Items for the next edition to be with Emma, the editor, or Rhoda, the vicar, by **Sunday 15th March**. Articles received after the deadline will be published in the following month's issue.*

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# Public Worship

## Sunday 10am Mass

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## Wednesday 10am Mid-week Communion

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

<b>Sunday 1st March</b>	Second Sunday in Lent Mass	10am
	Messy Church	4pm
<b>Sunday 8th March</b>	Third Sunday in Lent Mass	10am
<b>Sunday 15th March</b>	Mothering Sunday Family Mass	10am
	Celtic service of evening prayer	5pm
<b>Sunday 22nd March</b>	Fifth Sunday in Lent Mass	10am
<b>Sunday 29th March</b>	Palm Sunday	10am

# From the Vicar

Rev'd Rhoda



I'm writing this on another rainy day—there are some parts of the UK where it has rained every day since the beginning of the year! Sometimes it seems like the rain has settled in for good, a grey veil drawn across sky, dampening our spirits as well. In the churchyard, the grass lies sodden and some paths have turned to mud. It is easy, in such weather, to feel that winter has no intention of loosening its grip and that the bare branches and grey light are the final word.

And yet, even now, there are quiet signs of another story unfolding. Beneath the dripping branches of the trees and through the sodden soil the snowdrops have come. Their small white bells bow to the rain, but do not break beneath it.



They gather in clusters, as if in whispered conversation, brightening up the vista. Even hurrying along wrapped up against the weather they are impossible to miss, reminding us that life is stirring again.

At the churchyard tidy up on Saturday 14th March from 10am to 12noon, once again we will be dividing the larger clumps of snowdrops and replanting them in spaces to increase their spread. This will be the third year we have done this and we are already seeing the improving display around the church.

Above the snowdrops too, there is movement. The rooks have returned to the high branches, busy and companionable, repairing old nests or starting afresh—there are already 17 nests. Their calls carry across the damp air—harsh perhaps, but full of purpose. They work in wind and drizzle without complaint, as though they know by instinct what we sometimes forget: that seasons turn whether or not the sun shines, and that preparation for new life begins long before warmth arrives.



To help the smaller birds, we have put up the nesting boxes that the children helped make at Messy Church a while back—it will be exciting to see if they get used.

So despite the rain, in the patient blooming of snowdrops and the industrious gathering of twigs overhead, the promise of spring is already present—quiet, persistent, and sure. So, maybe I can encourage you too, to look more closely, to notice

hope in small places, and to trust that brighter days are on their way, even while the skies remain grey.

Every blessing

*Rhoda* +

# Churchwarden's Corner

**Richard Peet**



We are now in the month of March, and the days are becoming longer. On the last Sunday of this month, the clocks go forward, but we will have one hour less in bed. I always remember the change with the phrase 'the clocks spring forward and then fall back'.

On 18th February, Ash Wednesday began our Lent journey. We continue with the stations of the cross on Monday afternoons in church at 2.00 pm on the 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th, followed by refreshments. Please join us if you are able as part of your Lent and Easter journey.

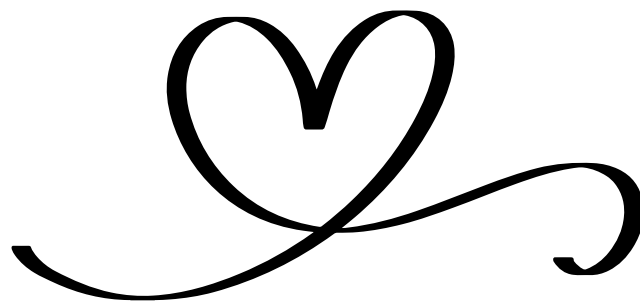
Holy week begins on 29th March, leading to Easter day. What are you doing during Lent and Holy Week? Are you coming to services, praying, reading your Bible, doing something new, or giving something up?

The Sundays in 2026 continue year A. The first four Sundays in March are the 2nd, 3rd, 4th and 5th of Lent, with 15th March also being Mothering Sunday. On the 22nd, Passiontide begins, and on the 29th, Palm Sunday, Holy Week begins.

The colour for the altar frontals is called the Lent Array, which is a set of unbleached coloured linen fabric used in church to cover altars during the 40 days of Lent. It represents austerity, penitence, and humility, often decorated with red symbols of the Passion. On 29th March, the start of Holy Week, the altar frontals are red.

## PRAYER FOR MARCH

Dear heavenly Father, thank you for the gift of this new month. As we step into March, we commit our lives, plans, and desires into your hands. Lord, may this month be filled with Your favour, grace and abundant blessings. Guide our steps on the right path, protect us from every harm and fill our hearts with peace and joy.



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# Baby Photo Competition

The joint winners of the Baby Photograph Competition were Ann Mosley and Trish Law, who each correctly guessed 6 photographs and won chocolate prizes.

I hope that everyone had fun in trying to match the names to the photographs. Completed sheets, along with names, are circulating in the Parish Room for you to have look at: you will also deduce that the three 'red herrings' were Revd. Rhoda Blackwell, Revd. Malcolm Pyatt and Chris Barnes!

£60 was raised for the Building Project.

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Wendy Drake

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Julie Franks



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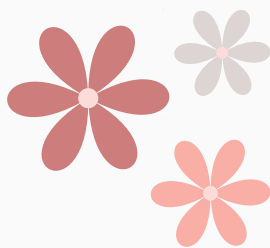


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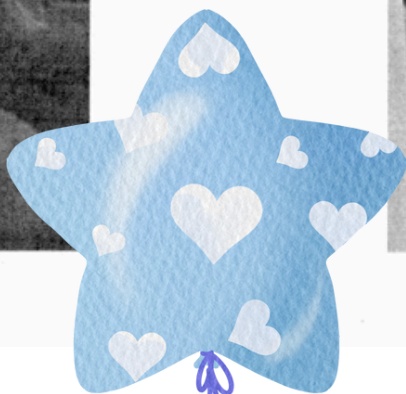


Evelyn Lowe

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Ann Adams



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Ann Tagg

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Steve Franks





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Brian Lee

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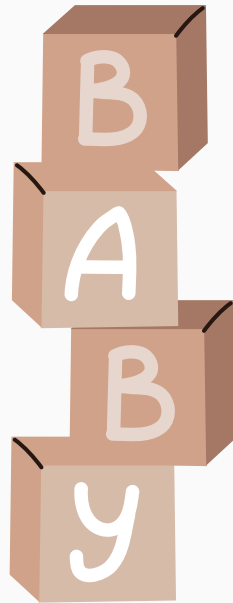


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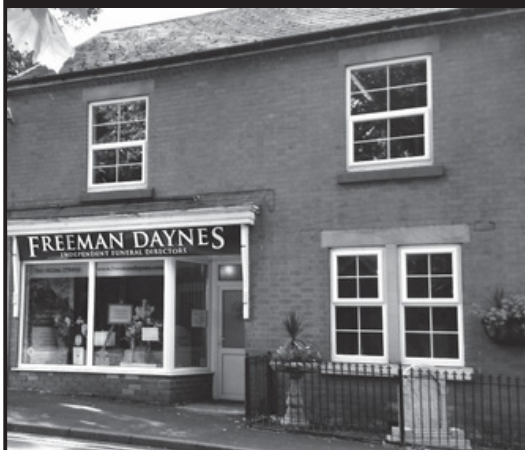
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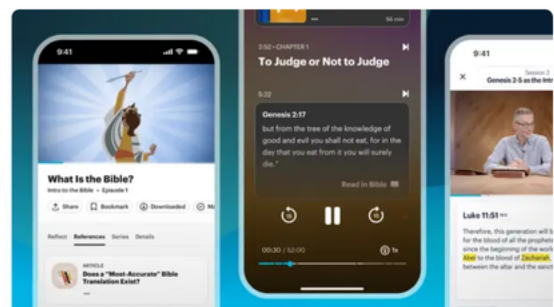
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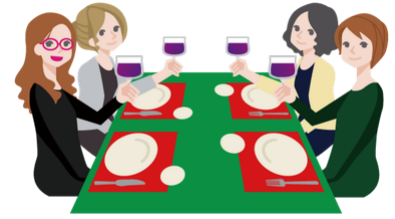


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# Women's Group



**Wendy Drake**

Our speaker last month was local author, Gaynor Walker, who brought along copies of books she had written, and talked of her self-publishing.

She spoke about her early life before joining an ALPHA course on her way to becoming a Christian, and her wish to start writing fiction.

After the publication of a couple of books, she went on to complete a trilogy based on Paul's missionary journeys. Whilst listening to extracts from these books we were helped along the way with a number of printed maps, and photos which helped the stories fall into place.

She was very informative as well as being easy to listen to and welcomed questions from the group as she went along, so an enjoyable evening was had by all.

Our next meeting will be held on **Wednesday 4 March at 7pm** in the Parish Room when we shall be having our AGM followed by Cheese and Wine refreshments. An outline of the following year's programme should also be available.

You will be very welcome to come along and see what the group is about, and if you wish to know more do have a word with Trish, Marilyn J. or myself.

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have  
any questions.

# Readings and Collects

## **Sunday 1st March - Second Sunday in Lent**

*Genesis 12.1-4a, Romans 4.1-5 13-17, John 3.1-17*

Almighty God, you show to those who are in error the light of your truth, that they may return to the way of righteousness: grant to all those who are admitted into the fellowship of Christ's religion, that they may reject those things that are contrary to their profession, and follow all such things as are agreeable to the same; through our Lord 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, by the prayer and discipline of Lent may we enter into the mystery of Christ's sufferings, and by following in his Way come to share in his glory; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 8th March - Third Sunday in Lent**

*Exodus 17.1-7, Romans 5.1-11, John 4.5-42*

Almighty God, whose most dear Son went not up to joy but first he suffered pain, and entered not into glory before he was crucified: mercifully grant that we, walking in the way of the cross, may find it none other than the way of life and peace; 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)

Eternal God, give us insight to discern your will for us, to give up what harms us, and to seek the perfection we are promised in Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Readings and Collects

## **Sunday 15th March - Mothering Sunday**

*Exodus 2.1-10, Colossians 3.12-17, John 19.25-27*

God of compassion, whose Son Jesus Christ, the child of Mary, shared the life of a home in Nazareth, and on the cross drew the whole human family to himself: strengthen us in our daily living that in joy and in sorrow we may know the power of your presence to bind together and to heal; through Jesus Christ your Son our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God of love, passionate and strong, tender and careful: watch over us and hold us all the days of our life; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

## **Sunday 22nd March - Fifth Sunday in Lent**

*Ezekiel 37.1-14, Romans 8.6-11, John 11.1-45*

Most merciful God, who by the death and resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ delivered and saved the world: grant that by faith in him who suffered on the cross we may triumph in the power of his victory; 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)

Gracious Father, you gave up your Son out of love for the world: lead us to ponder the mysteries of his passion, that we may know eternal peace through the shedding of our Saviour's blood, Jesus Christ our Lord.

# Readings and Collects

## Sunday 29th March - Palm Sunday

*Isaiah 50.4-9a, Philippians 2.5-11, The Passion*

Almighty and everlasting God, who in your tender love towards the human race sent your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ to take upon him our flesh and to suffer death upon the cross: grant that we may follow the example of his patience and humility, and also be made partakers of his resurrection; 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)

True and humble king, hailed by the crowd as Messiah: grant us the faith to know you and love you, that we may be found beside you on the way of the cross, which is the path of glory.

In each monthly edition of the Evangelist, throughout 2026, I will be hiding behind a word for you to find. Remember each word because at the end of the year, all twelve words will make up a biblical phrase.

Have you found me in this month's edition yet?



# Social Diary March 2026

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

Wednesday Social Group is part of the Warm Welcome Space (see page 27.)

All other social groups meet monthly. New members welcome.



*All meetings are in the Parish Room unless otherwise stated.*



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# LENT INFORMATION

**Rev'd Rhoda**

The Church of England Lent material this year is based on life-giving habits. Reflections are centred around six habits and patterns which help us grow as disciples of Christ day by day, especially as we prepare to celebrate the great mystery of God's saving love at Easter. These are – worshipping together, praying, exploring the Bible, sharing communion, offering service and sharing the good news with others.

"Draw Near is all about teaching us how we can cultivate the habits and practices that will draw us nearer to God. And we will find that, in doing so, God will draw nearer to us, too."

**Archbishops Sarah Mullally & Stephen Cottrell**



Materials available for Lent include:

- A booklet, which has a reflection for each of the 40 days of Lent
- An app (Everyday Faith) you can download or emails you can receive.
- A 5-week lent course

The 5-week Lent course at St John's will happen on Zoom on Tues morning from 10am to 11am on 3rd, 10th, 17th, and 24th March (in place of morning prayer).

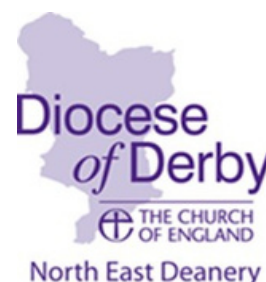
During Lent there will be a Stations of the Cross service on Mondays at 2pm to 3pm on 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th of March. The traditional 14 images of the last day of Jesus' life are displayed around the walls of the church during Lent.

During the service, we are led in a procession around the images, stopping at each station to be led in prayers and engage in reflections associated with that station. Everyone is welcome to turn up. You can view a service on our YouTube channel if you can't make it to church.

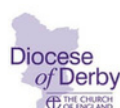
Please let me know if you would like a copy of the Lent booklet or wish to join the Lent course (or sign up in church).

## 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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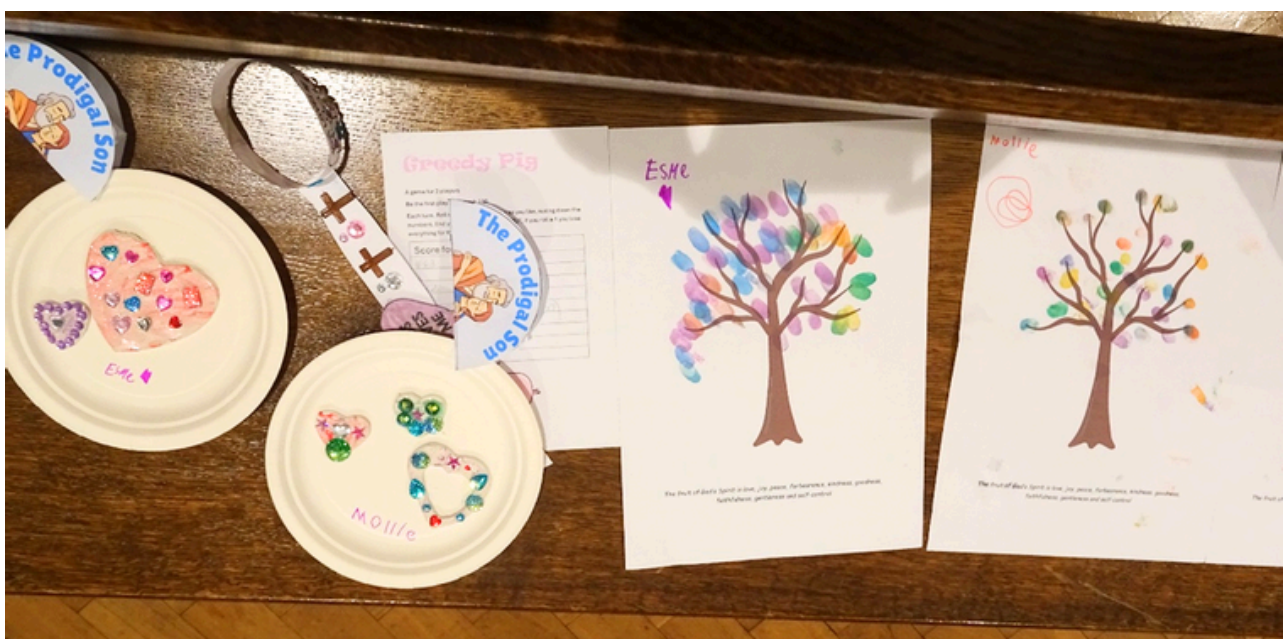
# PRODIGAL LOVE

Chris Barnes



At our February Messy Church, Rhoda used the well-known story we often call “the Prodigal Son” to show how powerful love can be. She looked at the prodigal love of the father in the story, which overwhelmed any feelings of bitterness and jealousy. Love was a very good theme for the month that contains Valentine’s Day, with Mothering Sunday not far off.

All our activities were themed around love. The children coloured wrist bands which said Jesus loves me, used their fingers to paint a tree with heart shaped leaves, decorated air-dried clay hearts as a gift for Mothering Sunday, and created a coloured, foldable illustration of the Prodigal Son story. They also enjoyed playing two games. One was a greedy pig dice game, where if you got too greedy you lost everything. The other was pinning a tail onto a pig game while blindfolded. At least one enterprising child found a way to look under the blindfold, but that was soon rectified.



We had another good turnout for our Messy Church – see the photo of them all engaged with the worship. Elaine Lawrence, the electoral roll officer, came along, and we were pleased that the adults in one family joined our electoral roll.

Normally, Messy Church is the day after our coffee morning, and we benefit from the leftover cakes. Even though numbers had increased, we still had plenty of cake and other goodies to send everyone home satisfied.

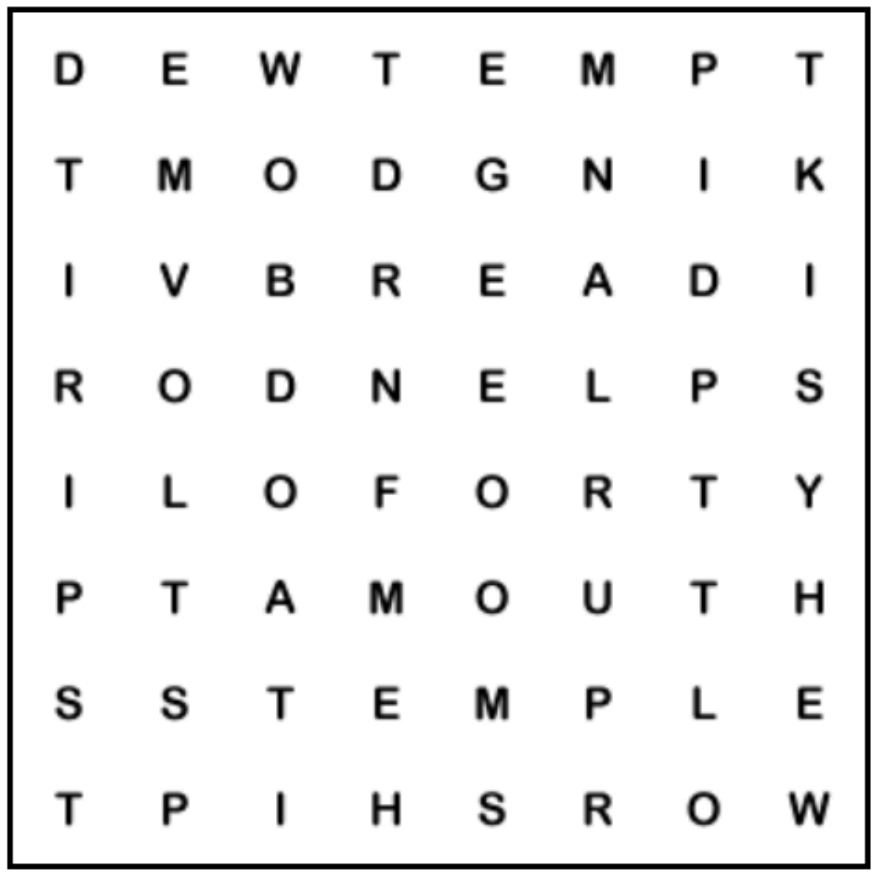


Please come to join us for our next Messy Church at **4.00pm** on **Sunday 1st March**. We've plenty of room for even more crafters and worshippers. March 1st is St. David's Day, so we will be celebrating **Saints**.





## Word search: The Temptation of Jesus (Matthew 4:1-10)



### Words to find

Bow, Bread, Fast, Forty, Kingdom, Mouth, Spirit, Splendor, Stone, Temple, Tempt, Worship

All the words listed above are in the puzzle - left, right, up, down or diagonally and may overlap. After you have found all the words, the leftover letters will form the mystery answer which is given on page 24.



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# JIGSAWS

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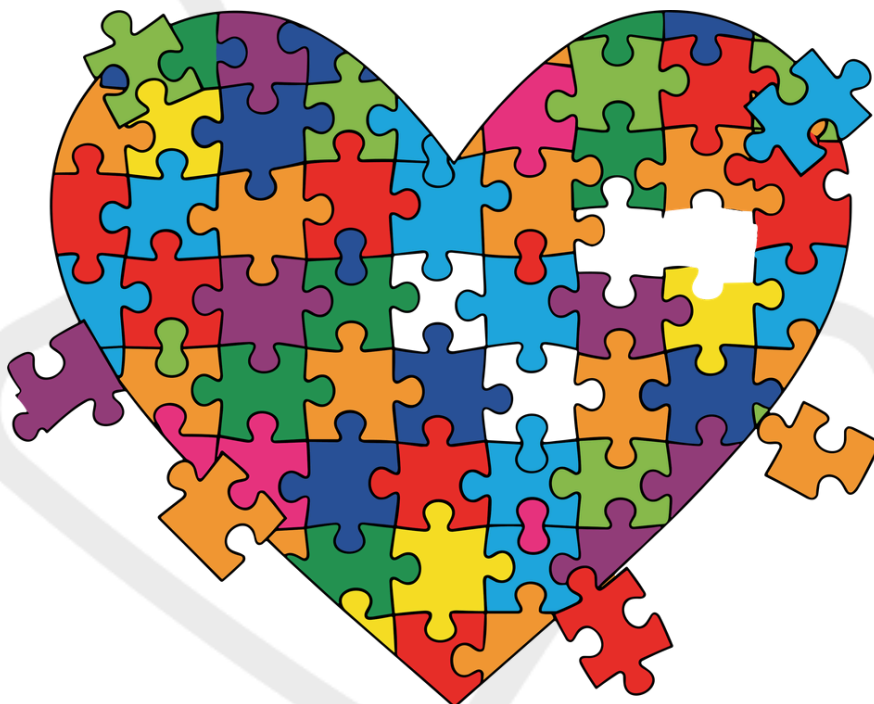
How often do you buy a jigsaw and not know what to do with it afterwards? We welcome donations so long as all the pieces are present.

All the jigsaws will be on the jigsaw sales table at coffee mornings for you to have a look at.

All we ask is for a donation which will go towards church funds.

If you cannot wait until coffee mornings to buy a jigsaw they can be found on the bottom shelf of the book case in the Parish Room.

For more information please see Evelyn.



# From the Registers

## Funerals

26 January	James Robert Spooner	aged 48
30 January	Rita Ethel Morgan	aged 91
18 February	Mary Dee	aged 90

*May they rest in peace and rise in glory*



# FUNDRAISING



**Evelyn Lowe**

Julie and Steve ran the February Coffee Morning, providing cakes and raffle prizes and made £107 for the NewBOLD Building Project.

The parish room was bursting at the seams for a Quiz Evening with pork, turkey or halloumi cobs followed by mountains of home-made trifle and mugs of tea. The questions set by Stuart Adams were complicated in parts but the eventual winners were the “Catering Crew”.

Together with proceeds from the raffle, the amount raised for the Building Project was a staggering £525. Special mention must be made of the women who immediately stood in for Ann who has recently had surgery; Julie, Ann Bennett and Hilary did a splendid job of carving the meats, making the trifles and all the washing up that this job entails. Thank you ladies.

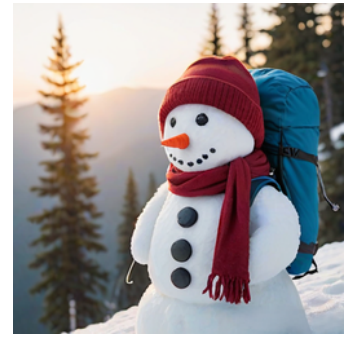
**[Mystery answer to the word search on page 26](#)**

**DEVIL**



# Walking Group

Steve Franks



With a couple of regular walkers not available it was decided to cancel the February walk.

The next walk on Sunday 1st March will be an easy four mile walk from Hope to Castleton and back, weather permitting.

If anyone wishes to join us, then meet us outside church at 12pm with a packed lunch.

You will be made very welcome.

## Thank you from Reverend Rhoda

Thank you for the lovely spread that was made for my 60th, and thank you to everyone who joined me to celebrate.



## The 100 Club draw for February 2026

1st prize	£30	Colin Hand	Number 76
2nd prize	£15	Hayley Burrows	Number 66
3rd prize	£5	Anne Peacey	Number 27

Thank you to everyone for renewing your number/s for the coming year. New members are still welcome to join. Please speak to either Lesley Howard or Evelyn Lowe.

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If you are not currently giving to the church, you can support the work of Newbold Parish Church financially in all sorts of ways:

**Standing order** - This is the best way for us to keep track of our finances.

Regular giving allows us to budget and plan. If you don't give this way, and would like to, please contact us and we can send you a form.

**Cheques** - can be made payable to: 'Newbold Parochial Church Council'

These can be put in the collection plate on a Sunday or addressed to:  
The Treasurer, Newbold Parish Church, St John's Rd, Chesterfield S41 8PE

**The Direct electronic bank transfer** details are:

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HSBC Bank plc

Sort Code: 40-17-15

Account No: 61331795 (please mark it 'donation')



And this **QR code** will take you to our giving page online.

**Gift Aid** – If you pay income tax do consider giving via the “Gift Aid” scheme.

We can claim back, from the government, an extra 25p for every £1 you give. It will not cost you any extra. You will need to make a Gift Aid declaration for us to claim, so do let us know if you would like a form to join this scheme.

Finally, if you are struggling financially, do feel free to lower your giving. We don't want anyone to feel pressure to give.

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