



Newbold Parish Church

The Evangelist

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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

Thursday 2nd April	Maundy Thursday	7.30pm
Friday 3rd April	Good Friday	9.30am
Saturday 4th April	Easter Eve	8pm
Sunday 5th April	Easter Day	10am
Sunday 12th April	Second Sunday of Easter	10am
Sunday 19th April	Third Sunday of Easter	10am
Sunday 26th April	Fourth Sunday of Easter	10am

From the Vicar

Rev'd Rhoda



Coddiwompling Towards Easter

There is a curious new word—*coddiwomple*—that I was introduced to at a quiet day at Whirlow. It means “to travel purposefully toward an as-yet-unknown destination.” At first glance, it sounds whimsical, even a little aimless. Yet, the more one sits with it, the more it feels deeply true to the shape of faith.

Much of life is, in fact, a kind of coddiwompling. We make plans, of course. We set out with intentions, hopes, even convictions about where we are going. But life has a way of unfolding differently than expected. Paths bend. Doors close. New ones open where we hadn't thought to look. And often, we find ourselves walking roads we never would have chosen, yet somehow needed to tread.

The Christian journey is no exception. If anything, it embraces this holy uncertainty. Think of Abraham, called to go without knowing where. Think of the disciples, leaving nets behind without a clear map of what lay ahead. Think, most profoundly, of Holy Week—a journey that begins in celebration and descends into confusion, grief, and apparent loss.

And yet, it is all purposeful.

Easter does not arrive as a neat conclusion to a well-planned route. It bursts forth from the unexpected. The disciples did not walk toward the resurrection with clarity and confidence; they stumbled toward it in fear, doubt, and bewilderment. They were, in every sense, coddiwompling—moving forward with purpose, but without full understanding.

Perhaps that is where we find ourselves, too. We may long for certainty: clear answers, defined outcomes, a sense of control over what lies ahead, perhaps especially as regards our building project. But faith invites us into something gentler and, in many ways, braver—a willingness to walk with purpose while holding our expectations lightly. To trust that even when the destination is unclear, the journey is not without meaning.

Coddiwompling, then, is not about wandering aimlessly. It is about moving forward with openness. It is about being attentive to God's presence not just at the end of the road, but along every twist and turn. It is about allowing ourselves to be surprised.

Easter reminds us that God is often at work in the places we least expect—in the silence of the tomb, in the moments that feel like endings, in the spaces where hope seems most fragile. The resurrection was not something anyone could have predicted or planned. It was, quite simply, a gift—one that transformed confusion into clarity, despair into joy, and death into life.

So, as we make our way through this season, perhaps we might embrace a little coddiwompling of our own. We walk forward with intention—seeking love, practising kindness, holding onto hope. But we also remain open, trusting that God may lead us in ways we do not yet see or understand. And in that openness, we may discover something unexpected: that even when we feel lost, we are, in fact, being led.

For the road to Easter is not always straight. But it is always, in the end, a road that leads to life. Every blessing,

Churchwarden's Corner

Richard Peet



Welcome to the month of April.

On Palm Sunday 29 March, we will have begun the journey through the week leading to Easter Sunday.

Palm Sunday marks Jesus Christ's triumphant entry into Jerusalem. It initiates Holy Week, signalling a shift from Lent's reflection to the journey towards the passion, death, and resurrection of Jesus.

Holy Week is sacred, incorporating the Last Supper on Maundy Thursday with foot washing, crucifixion on Good Friday, Holy Saturday and the Easter Vigil, leading to the joy of Easter Day. We have services during the week of reflection and prayer, engaging in deep spiritual reflection and Stations of the Cross at 2pm in Church on Monday, 30 March, followed by refreshments.

We may fast, read our Bibles more, pray and even do something new.

We remember the story of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection, which is central to our faith.

The clocks went forward at the end of March, so we have more daylight, which may make us feel better about ourselves.

We may be looking forward to holidays, days out, time with family, enjoying outdoor sports, watching or participating, or visiting places of interest.

So, what are you doing this month?

Our APCM (Annual Parochial Church Meeting) takes place this month on Sunday, 26th April at 11.30 am in the church.

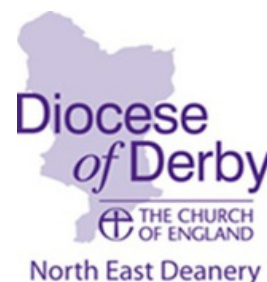
May you enjoy the month of April, and look forward to doing a variety of things if you are able.

EASTER MORNING PRAYER

Gracious God, on this glorious Easter Day, we celebrate the resurrection of your Son Jesus Christ. As the sun rises, may the light of His victory over death shine in our hearts. Fill us with joy and gratitude for the hope and new life found in him. Amen.

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.*



Transformed Lives | Growing Church | Building Community
THE KINGDOM OF GOD - GOOD NEWS FOR ALL

Bishop Malcolm writes...

Let's not be April fools.

At school I was taught that the French say 'Cocorico' instead of 'April Fool'. I have believed this for years - but it turns out to be fake. I may be the last credulous victim of a long running prank.



The French equivalent of 'April Fool' is not 'Cocorico' but Poisson d'Avril! or 'April Fish'. All a bit fishy, anyway.

Nonetheless, 'cocorico', or 'cockadoodledoo' can be a bit of a tease too. There's history here. In Edmond Rostand's 1910 play *Le Chantecler* the rooster's self-important delusion is that it is his duty to announce the day – that if he fails to do his duty the sun cannot rise and day will not begin.

And in the gospels, Jesus tells Peter that by the time the cockerel crows he will deny knowing Jesus three times. When this happens, Peter weeps bitterly. The truth about ourselves is sometimes hard to swallow.

Cockadoodledoo is a mocking signal of untruths told and loyalties lost; of moments missed, and opportunities wasted. Wake up! Wake up! Wake up to what is going on around you! Don't sleepwalk into disaster. The events of the first Easter, and the events that lead up to it, are remote from our 21st century world, but they are real, and they are as relevant as ever.

They are real because of the places they happened, still there today. A so called 'Holy Land' brutalised by violence, hatred, and division. Jerusalem, towards which Jesus set his face, to the city and the confrontation that would inevitably happen there. To the upper room, 8 where he would break bread and share wine with them.

Where their weary, dusty feet were washed by the one who would next day give his life for the world. To the place also where Jesus, three days later, would suddenly appear, behind locked doors, and startle them all with his greeting, 'Peace!'

Not dead at all, but alive, with them: a new beginning, and a whole new world.

This is the city where Jesus gave himself in love. 'Father, forgive them, they don't know what they are doing.' Whilst they could be a comment on current events, these words were Jesus' prayer for his torturers and executioners, and for all who colluded with the scandal of an innocent man condemned to die. God is with us in the suffering and death of Jesus. God is with us in the joy of resurrection, and in the new creation that springs from the love of God in Jesus.

How we long for Easter peace this year! How we pray for the peoples of the Holy Land, and for real, just, and lasting peace! We think especially of the people of the Anglican churches across the Middle East at this time. We don't know how or when this prayer will be answered, though, as the writer to the Hebrews says,

'but we do see Jesus, who for a little while was made lower than the angels, now crowned with glory and honour because of the suffering of death, so that by the grace of God he might taste death for everyone.' Hebrews 2.9

+ Malcolm Repton

**The Rt Revd Malcolm Macnaughton
Bishop of Repton**

If in addition to praying for peace in the middle east, if you would like to give, please join Bishop Libby and me in contributing to the Good Friday appeal for the work of the Al Ahli hospital in Gaza, serving the sick and injured of that community at this time? Donations can be sent directly via this link: <https://cafdonate.cafonline.org/24585#!/DonationDetails>

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Curate's Comment...

Revd Rebecca Landers

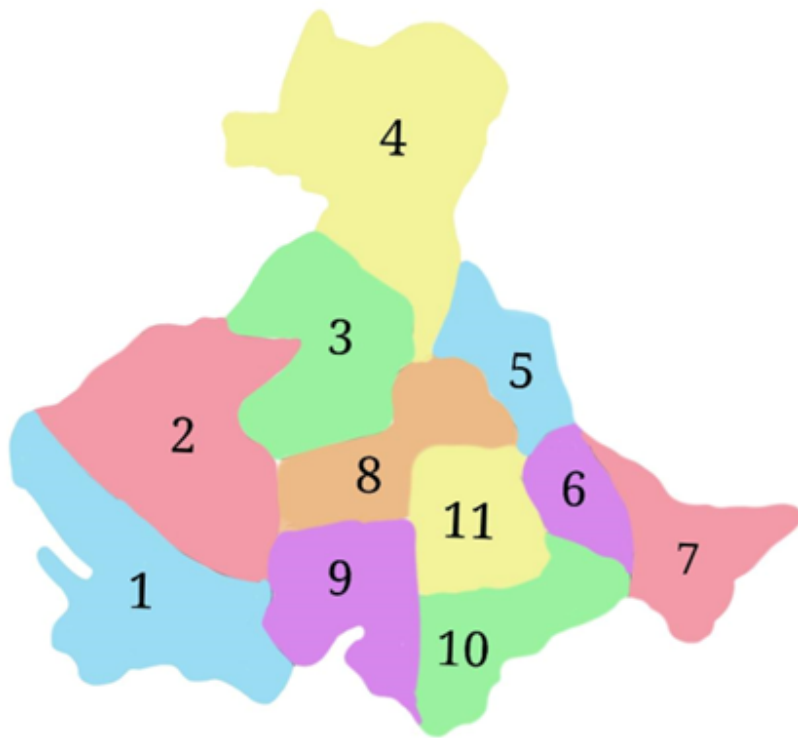


The wonderful display of snowdrops edging the main path around church - a joy and comfort to see during the cold, wet weather - have now gone to seed. Colourful spring flowers, in their turn, are brightening up the grass, and there are trees abundant with blossom. On my way to church yesterday, I passed a beautiful dove busy selecting the best twig for its nest; the earth is becoming renewed, and it definitely feels like spring.

There's something new for the Evangelist this month too. The church of St John the Evangelist is here to serve all people who live in the parish of Newbold with Dunston, and we want to pray more systematically for the parish as a whole. In order to make the idea practical, we've divided the parish into eleven areas so that we can pray for a different part of the parish each month.

On the next page you'll see a list of streets and places within the parish to pray for this month - please do join us in praying! As you pray the name of each street and school you might like to imagine all the people who live and/or work there, and the difficulties that might be present in their lives. Please pray also for the land and rivers in the parish, that God might help us care for them as wise stewards..

Thank you so much to those who have given their time, energy, and insight to this project. And thank you to all who will take up the work of prayer.



1. Holmebrook Valley Park
2. Newbold West
3. Skylarks Estate
4. Upper Sheepbridge
5. Lower Sheepbridge
6. Newbold Moor
7. Whittington Moor
8. Dunston Estate
9. Newbold Central
10. Highfield
11. St John's

Praying for the Parish of Newbold with Dunston Area 1

This month please join us in praying for all those who live or work in the [Holmebrook Valley Park](#) area of the parish:

Please pray for the following places in your own way, or use this prayer:

Generous and loving God, we pray for
the people of this parish. We pray that:
where there is discord, you will bring peace;
where there is injustice, you will bring fairness,
and where there is fear, illness and loss
you will bring healing and hope.

This month we pray especially for the
following streets and places...

Abbey Croft, Ashopton Road, Bank Wood Close, Birley Brook
Drive, Birstall Close, Burrs Wood Croft, Catchford View,
Cherryfield Way, Cutthorpe Grange, Cutthorpe Road; Field
View Place; Freebirch View; Granary Close; Green Farm Close;
Helmsley Close; Holme Park Avenue; Kedlestone Close;
Ladywood Drive; Little Brind Road; Long Field Grange;
Moorhay Close; Newbold Road; Old Mill Drive; Parkside View;
Pearson Croft; Ramshaw Close; Riddings Croft; Upper
Newbold Close; Water Meadow Lane

We pray that God might bless the green land and rivers in the
parish, we pray for:

Holmebrook Valley Park; Holmebrook Lake, and Holme Brook

In the name of your Son, our Saviour Jesus Christ. Amen





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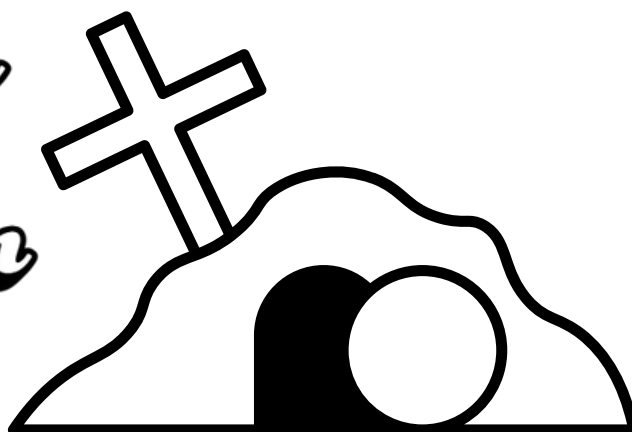
Social Diary April 2026

Wednesday 1st April	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 1st April	Women's Group	7pm
Saturday 4th April	Churchyard Birdwatch	8:30am
Sunday 5th April	Bring and Share Lunch	11am
Sunday 5th April	Walking group	1:30pm
Wednesday 8th April	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 11th April	Community coffee morning	10am-12noon
Saturday 11th April	Churchyard Tidy-up	10am-12noon
Wednesday 15th April	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Saturday 18th April	Men's Group	10am-12noon
Wednesday 22nd April	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm
Wednesday 29th April	Wednesday Social Club	1pm-3pm

Wednesday Social Group occurs every Wednesday

All other social groups meet monthly.

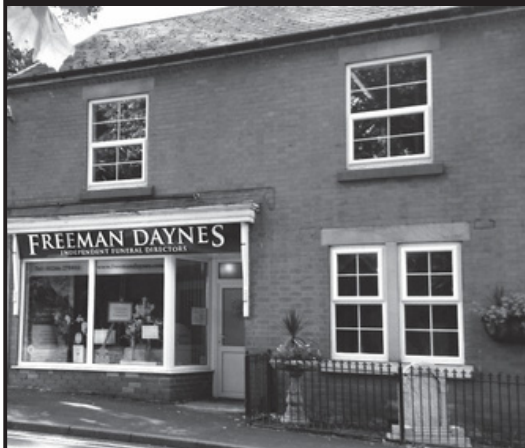
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from the
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CHURCHYARD BIRDWATCH FEBRUARY



Christine Wieloch

It was a delight to be able to go up into the churchyard to do the birdwatch on the sunny morning of February 14th. We had not been able to go for several months due to the weather being either rainy or snowy. In both cases it would not have been sensible to go as the birds dislike the bad weather as much as we do and would have been hunkered down in as safe a place as they could find that was both warm and dry as possible.

Trish and I met outside church, Wendy being unable to come for family reasons. We could hear the birds straight away but not that many were visible, so we made our way up the churchyard and when we were just beyond the Eagle Club we were joined by Robin who made a welcome addition.

The three of us continued around the church yard and saw fifteen species in all. There were rooks which were very audible and high in the branches which my mother used to tell me was the sign of a good summer – let's hope so! We also saw wren, goldfinch, robin, bluetit, jackdaw, blackbird, magpie, crow, house sparrow, wood pigeon, collared dove, great tit and goldcrest.. Then, later in the day, I received an email from Rhoda listing birds she had seen or heard in the churchyard that morning and was able to add nuthatch to our list to make it sixteen birds.

It was not a great number of birds I know but it was very pleasant to be out in the sun after all this dull and rainy weather and to see some of the birds that were enjoying it

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Readings and Collects

Thursday 2nd April - Maundy Thursday

1 Corinthians 11.23-26, John 13.1-17, 31b-35

God our Father, you have invited us to share in the supper which your Son gave to his Church to proclaim his death until he comes: may he nourish us by his presence, and unite us in his love; who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

God our Father, your Son Jesus Christ was obedient to the end and drank the cup prepared for him: may we who share his table watch with him through the night of suffering and be faithful.

Friday 3rd April - Good Friday

Isaiah 52.13-53.12, Hebrews 10.16-25, John 18.1-19.42

Almighty Father, look with mercy on this your family for which our Lord Jesus Christ was content to be betrayed and given up into the hands of sinners and to suffer death upon the cross; who is alive and glorified with you and the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Eternal God, in the cross of Jesus we see the cost of sin and the depth of your love: in humble hope and fear may we place at his feet all that we have and all that we are, through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Readings and Collects

Saturday 4th April - Easter Eve

Genesis 1:1-5, 26-end, Genesis 3:8-13, 22-24, Exodus 14:15-15:1a, Ezekiel 36:25-28, Romans 6: 3-11, Luke 24: 1-12

Grant, Lord, that we who are baptized into the death of your Son our Saviour Jesus Christ may continually put to death our evil desires and be buried with him; and that through the grave and gate of death we may pass to our joyful resurrection; through his merits, who died and was buried and rose again for us, your Son Jesus Christ our Lord.

(or)

In the depths of our isolation, we cry to you, Lord God: give light to our darkness and bring us out of the prison of our despair; through Jesus Christ our Lord.

Sunday 5th April - Easter Day

Isaiah 25.6-9, Acts 10.34-43, John 20.1-18

Lord of all life and power, who through the mighty resurrection of your Son overcame the old order of sin and death to make all things new in him: grant that we, being dead to sin and alive to you in Jesus Christ, may reign with him in glory; to whom with you and the Holy Spirit be praise and honour, glory and might, now and in all eternity.

(or)

God of glory, by the raising of your Son you have broken the chains of death and hell: fill your Church with faith and hope; or a new day has dawned and the way to life stands open in our Saviour Jesus Christ.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 12th April - Second Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,22-32, 1 Peter 1.3-9, John 20.19-31

Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of 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)

Risen Christ, for whom no door is locked, no entrance barred: open the doors of our hearts, that we may seek the good of others and walk the joyful road of sacrifice and peace, to the praise of God the Father

Sunday 19th April - Third Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.14a,36-41, 1 Peter 1.17-23, Luke 24.13-35

Almighty Father, who in your great mercy gladdened the disciples with the sight of the risen Lord: give us such knowledge of his presence with us, that we may be strengthened and sustained by his risen life and serve you continually in righteousness and truth; 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)

Risen Christ, you filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope: strengthen us to proclaim your risen life and fill us with your peace, to the glory of God the Father.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 26th April - Fourth Sunday of Easter

Acts 2.42-47, 1 Peter 2.19-25, John 10.1-10

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

(or)

Risen Christ, faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep: teach us to hear your voice and to follow your command, that all your people may be gathered into one flock, to the glory of God the Father

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?



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SAINTS ALIVE

Chris Barnes



Messy Church fell on March 1st, St. David's Day. With St. Patrick's Day in the same month, we took the opportunity to look at Saints. One legend about St. Patrick is that he banished snakes from Ireland, so naturally there were snake crafts in the activities: painted bead snakes and pencil topper snakes. The children also put some delicious toppings onto some halo biscuits, created glow stick halos for themselves, dolly peg saints and a flower arrangement for Mothering Sunday using fabric daffodils (the Welsh national flower).

During the worship, Hilary gave the children some "snakes", mainly made from some of my old ties, and then she told a story from Exodus about Moses and snakes in the wilderness. Because the children of Israel were always complaining, God got fed up with them and sent snakes into their midst as punishment. When they repented, God told Moses to set up a bronze snake on a pole so that anyone who was bitten by a snake could look at this one and be cured.



At each mention of a snake during the story, the children had to jump on their snake as a symbol of stamping and getting rid of evil. As ever with one of Hilary's stories, there were plenty of groan inducing puns, e.g. "Moses ADDER plan ...".

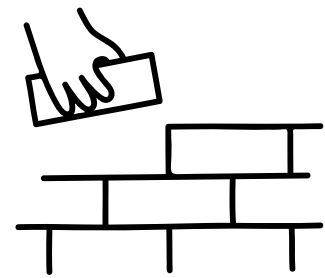
As in February, Messy Church was not on the day after our coffee morning as it normally is. Even though we could not benefit from the left-over cakes, we enjoyed Welsh cakes and a specially made snake cake. Plenty of sandwiches were also served so everyone went home satisfied.

Because the first Sunday in April is also Easter Sunday, our next Messy Church will be at **4.00pm on Sunday 29th March** (Palm Sunday). Please come to join us.



The Building Project Prayers

Chris Barnes



- Thank God that our Faculty for the roof repair (phase 1) has been granted.
- Pray that our roofer can start on 13th April as planned, that there are no unforeseen problems to delay or add cost to the works, and that the roofer and his staff remain safe at all times.
- Pray for wisdom for our Building Committee as it works with JBKS architects to prepare the plans and specifications for the next phases of the refurbishment works.
- Pray that we can find the substantial additional resources we will probably need to complete all the works.

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 is yours.

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 “Double P” Quiz

Can you work out the matching word or phrase from the clues below? The numbers to the right of the clue correspond to the length of the words in the answer. Every answer contains two letter ‘P’s.

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|--|------------------------------------|
| 1 Festive Dessert 4.7 | 13 Spider Man 5.6 |
| 2 Needed for going abroad 8 | 14 Action influenced by equals 4.8 |
| 3 Save for retirement 7.4 | 15 A special turn 5.5 |
| 4 He ordered the crucifixion of Jesus 7. 6 | 16 In front of 4.8 |
| 5 Locate exactly 3.5 | 17 Fagin’s profession 4.6 |
| 6 Part of the driving test 8.7 | 18 Table sport 4.4 |
| 7 He was forever young 5.3 | 19 The present King’s father 6.6 |
| 8 Children followed him 4.5 | 20 For nailing hardboard 5.3 |
| 9 Say this to a parrot 6.5 | 21 Fuel supplier 6.4 |
| 10 He picked a peck of pickled peppers 5.5 | 22 Invitation only 7.5 |
| 11 Makes a room smell nice 3.6 | 23 Make-up item 6.4 |
| 12 Spoils a good time 5.6 | 24 Local vicar 6.6 |
| | 25 No stamp required 7.4 |

Answers can be found on page 32



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The Parish Room was soon packed with thirsty customers for the March Coffee Morning hosted by Richard, Rodger and Chris. There were plenty of home-made cakes and raffle prizes so everyone left feeling satisfied. The event raised £232 for the NewBold Building Project.

Also on display were numerous jigsaw puzzles, given by the congregation and donations for these totalled £31, which was much more than expected. Thank you to all who contributed and you are wished many happy and fulfilling hours in slaving over them.

The remainder are on the bottom shelf of the bookcase in the Parish Room and available to anyone who wishes to leave a donation or to people who donated them and wish to have them returned. Thank you everyone; a little bit extra for the NewBold Building Project.



A phone line of hymns,
reflections and prayers



Walking Group

Hope to Castleton

Evelyn Lowe



We welcomed Pat Mason to our team and drove to Hope, enjoying wonderful views along the way. We parked outside St. Peter's Church on a cloudy day and walked past Cafe Adventure which seemed to be a meeting place for a group of men sitting outside with their muddy mountain bikes arranged around them.

A couple of Jackdaws, pecking in a lawn, were pointed out by Bob as we turned onto a footpath, through a squeezer stile over a stone stile and onto a very muddy path. In a nearby field we spotted a tiny Shetland pony which lay itself down to sleep as we watched.

As we walked towards the railway line, a blue train engine went by heading to the Cement works and as we approached the foot bridge, a notice stated that only 20 people were allowed on the bridge at any one time; it dipped down quite noticeably in the middle.

The route continued across small fields and numerous wooden gates with sweeping views of Hope Valley, Winnats Pass and Treak Cliff Cavern. We turned left at a sign for Castleton, travelling over three wooden, man-made footbridges and through three fields. We inspected a glamping site from afar then turned onto a tarmacked road and into the town.

In Castleton there was a gathering of motorbike riders with their machines, but otherwise hardly any footfall. We walked along the A6187 for a short time and turned right at a green metal sign for Hope and onto a stony path and ventured into more fields and plenty of extremely muddy areas, with the Hope Cement Works nearby. We crossed the railway line once again, this time on the actual tracks, onto a path with a fast-flowing river on our left, soon arriving back at the car.

Pat enjoyed the walk and in fact, she and Bob asked Steve, the leader, for a copy of the walk for future use.

Our next walk on Easter Sunday, **5th April** will begin at the later time of **1.30pm**, meeting at the **church gates**. New members are welcome to join us, just bring a packed lunch.



Answers to the “Double P” Quiz on page 27

- 1** Plum pudding **2** Passport **3** Pension Plan **4** Pontius Pilate **5**
Pin Point **6** Parallel Parking **7** Peter Pan
8 Pied Piper **9** Pretty Polly **10** Peter Piper **11** Pot Pourri
12 Party Pooper **13** Peter Parker **14** Peer Pressure **15**
Party Piece **16** Pole Position **17** Pick Pocket **18** Ping Pong **19**
Prince Philip **20** Panel Pin **21** Petrol Pump
22 Private Party **23** Powder Puff **24** Parish Priest **25** Postage
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CHURCHYARD BIRDWATCH MARCH



Christine Wieloch

On the first Saturday in March, there were four of us doing the bird count in the churchyard. They were Trish, Wendy, Robin and me. The weather was dry but duller than the last month. Nevertheless, the birds put in an appearance.

The churchyard was dominated by the sound of rooks; their presence was unmissable throughout the churchyard. They were high up in the trees, both near to and at the east end of the church, and their nests were very evident. Not all of them were complete, but Robin did a count as we went around the churchyard, and there were almost forty. I'm not sure how many eggs each rook lays and what the success rate is for each bird, but I think we can look forward to seeing plenty of rooks for a while in the churchyard.

The other species we saw more often than usual was the goldcrest. These are the UK's smallest birds and are supposed to weigh no more than a 20p coin or six paper clips. We spotted them in the conifers at the Dunston Road end of the churchyard and then again in the conifers backing onto Levens Way. Conifers are their preferred habitat.

We had a good morning's birding, seeing 16 species in all. They were robin, nuthatch, rook, dunnock, goldcrest, woodpigeon, goldfinch, great tit, house sparrow, coal tit, herring gull, blue tit, magpie, blackbird, crow and jackdaw.

Chatting with Trish, I realised I missed a species last month, she saw a tree creeper – sorry Trish.

33 Hopefully, we will all be meeting at 8.30 am on April 4th.

The 100 Club draw for March 2026

1st prize	£30	Eric Taylor	Number 117
2nd prize	£15	Sue Rate	Number 9
3rd prize	£5	Shaun Lowe	Number 23

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Women's Group

AGM

Wendy Drake



The Group had a good turnout of 20 members but as noted in the General Report, the average attendance over this last year has reduced to 18. On some occasions this has been very disappointing, especially when welcoming speakers from outside the area.

The Minutes of the AGM in 2025 were read out, approved and seconded before the General Report reminded us of last year's events. We welcomed 6 visiting speakers, had the 'Annual Day Out' in June to Cromford Mills, the 'Annual Meal Out' in November, again at lunch time to Chesterfield Golf Club, and the 'Christmas Celebration', when all 3 St John's Clergy were able to join us. In addition, the Group hosted a very successful Coffee Morning in November.

Following the Treasurer's Report, we had the Election of the Committee. As previously, the present Committee of Trish L, Marilyn J, Janet McG, Kath J. and myself, were hoping for at least one other lady to join us, especially knowing that Marilyn has been very unwell in recent months and is still unable to join us. I'm afraid, no other names were forthcoming on the evening, but we did have a few suggestions from members for future outings. The new programme for this coming year 2026/2027 had been put together and was available for all to see.

Under A.O.B., the present admission fee of £3 was to be kept, to include a raffle ticket and refreshments, also helping towards the cost of hire of the Parish Room, and speakers' fees and donations. Having hosted the monthly Coffee Morning in November, it had been agreed to do the same this year to help Church Funds. It was noted that the Church has just received a Faculty from the Diocese to enable work on the roof to finally begin in April, which is great and long-awaited news.

Our next meeting will be held on Wednesday 1 April when we will welcome a speaker from 'Mary's Meals', who provide life-changing school meals to children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

Finally, it was pointed out that if there are no offers to join the Committee, then the present Team feel reluctant to carry on after next year's AGM. This decision had been taken bearing in mind the dwindling number of members attending each month - there were just 14 at last month's meeting - which can be quite disheartening for both the Committee and for the speakers coming along to talk to us.

The meeting closed at 8pm, after which all were able to enjoy Cheese and Wine refreshments provided by the Committee.

Happy
Easter!

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

22 February Evelyn Florence Martin

8 March Bobby Michael Serrell
Ronnie Edward Serrell
Raffi John Serrell

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

Funerals

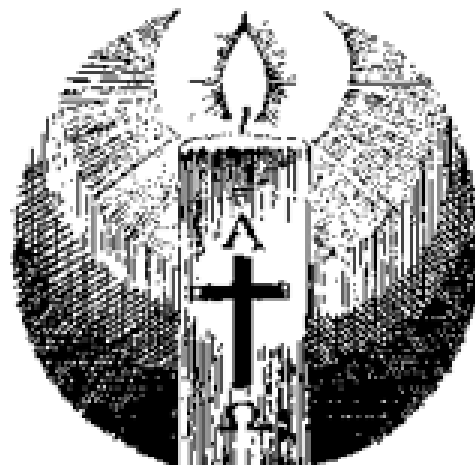
2 March Rhoda Dann aged 89

Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

20 February Rose Linda Saint
6 March Michael Barrie Dann
Rhoda Dann

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



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