

Newbold Parish Church

The Evangelist

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From the Vicar



Rev'd Rhoda

There was something rather lovely about seeing St John's through the eyes of people who came through the doors for our **Heritage Open Day**. Some came to discover the history of the building, some to see the roof work, and others were intrigued to see our bell standing on the ground rather than high in the bell cote. We were also delighted to welcome our Chesterfield Borough Councillors Jean Innes and Gordon McLaren, Derbyshire County Councillor Joss Barnes and our MP, Toby Perkins.

One of the things I particularly enjoyed was hearing people's memories. A building tells us something about its past through its architecture, stone and stained glass, but people carry another kind of history with them. Memories of weddings, christenings, funerals, school visits, singing in the choir or serving at the altar can make a place special.

That is part of what makes a church different from a museum. St John's is not simply a building containing memories of the past. It is a place where people are still gathering, praying, celebrating, grieving, asking questions and discovering God.

Our theme was "A Church for Newbold with Dunston, 1857 to today." We are grateful for those who cared for St John's before us, and privileged to help shape its next chapter.

The Generosity of Harvest

October is a good month to notice how much of life is given to us. The harvest is gathered in from fields and gardens, reminding us that although people work hard, none of us can make a seed grow. We cannot command the rain or create the sunshine. At the heart of every harvest is a gift.

Perhaps that is why harvest is such a good time to think about generosity. We can easily become accustomed to thinking about what we have earned, what we deserve and what belongs to us. Yet the Christian story begins somewhere else: with a God who gives.

Jesus' stories sometimes challenge our instinct to measure what we have received against what somebody else has received. At our last family Mass on the third Sunday, we heard how the workers in the vineyard discover that God's generosity does not always follow our calculations of what is fair.

Harvest invites us to notice how much we have received and to respond with gratitude. And gratitude can become generosity: a gift to the foodbank, a meal shared with someone who is lonely, time given to a neighbour, or simply noticing someone who might otherwise go unnoticed.

May our harvest thanksgiving on October 4 at the 10am Mass and at the 4pm Messy Church remind us that what we receive is not ours to keep for ourselves, but something to be shared. **Please bring non-perishable food for the Food Hub, and a donation for the Christian Aid Nepal appeal**.

A Church Still Becoming

There is something rather appropriate about thinking about the Church in autumn. We tend to like things which are finished: a completed project, a tidy garden, a plan with everything decided.

But autumn reminds us that life is rarely like that. The leaves are changing, the trees are letting go, and we are moving towards a season we cannot yet see clearly.

This is certainly true of St John's. We are caring for a building which is nearly 170 years old, while also thinking about what it needs to be for the next generation. There are things to repair, things to change and things which are still uncertain.

Sometimes we would much rather have everything decided and know exactly what the future holds.

But perhaps a church should never be entirely finished.

A living church is always being shaped by the people who come through its doors. Children grow up, new people arrive, some move away, people discover faith while others struggle with it. Through all these changes, the Church continues to be a place where people can encounter love, forgiveness, hope and God.

So we can give thanks for what has been entrusted to us, care faithfully for what we have inherited, and trust God with what comes next. We are not the end of the story; we are simply entrusted with the next chapter.



Churchwarden's Corner



Richard Peet

Welcome to the churchwarden article for October 2026.

We are now in the season of Autumn. The meteorological autumn runs from 1st September to 30th November and the astronomical autumn begins around 22nd or 23rd September on the autumn equinox and lasts until late December. The clocks go back one hour at 2.00 am on Sunday 25 October 2026.

On 4 October we will have our harvest festival in church at our 10 am service and at our 4 pm Messy Church. Dunston school are coming into church for their harvest service on 20 October, Cavendish on 22 October, and our church school are holding their harvest in school on 12 October.

The men's group are hosting the coffee morning on Saturday 3 October in the Parish Room, between 10.00 and 12.00 noon.

In September our church has been on its annual pilgrimage to Walsingham. Some services are organised by the Shrine staff and we have our own morning prayer service on Sunday morning. We had our first visit to the Shrine and Holy House on Friday afternoon followed by stations of the cross in the grounds. We visited the Slipper Chapel on Saturday morning.

If you are interested in knowing more about the Walsingham Pilgrimage, please contact me.

In a time of reflection, as leader of the group, I find it is a privilege and pleasure to organise the pilgrimage weekend. The pilgrims make my job as leader very easy. I can relax once the pilgrims go to their rooms and they are happy with the facilities.

The pilgrimage is a journey which involves travel, companionship, and a closer walk with God in the company of Jesus Christ. We have the opportunity to sit and talk with each other in a relaxed atmosphere. I also enjoy the time to be alone and reflect, relax, and think.

I had the privilege to be involved in the Shrine services, serving first as a torch bearer and then carrying the flag around the grounds in a procession of Our Lady and then the Blessed Sacrament. Sue and Nikki were acolytes on Saturday evening.

We all return from the weekend with memories that will stay with us forever.

May God the Father who created you, guide your footsteps;
May God the Son who redeemed you, share your journey;
May God the Holy Spirit who sanctifies you, lead you on life's pilgrimage.
And the blessing of God the Father, Son and Holy Spirit be with you wherever you may go. Amen

A great big thank you Richard for organising the trip to Walsingham and making it so enjoyable!





Praying for the Parish of Newbold with Dunston Area 7

Revd Rebecca Landers

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.

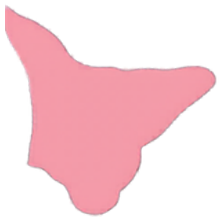
This month we pray especially for all those who live or work in the **Whittington Moor** area of the parish:

Brimington Road North; Chapel Street; Dronfield-Unstone bypass; Duke Street; Eastside Close; Eastside Road; Foundry Street; Henry Street; King Street North; Pottery Lane East; Queen Street North; School Road; Shaw Street; Thompson Close; Thompson Street and the SMH Group Stadium.

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

The Chesterfield Canal, and the River Rother

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





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Diocesan Monthly Message

The Ven. Nicky Fenton writes…

Giving thanks to God for God's goodness



One of the theological threads running throughout the Psalms is giving thanks to God for God's goodness. Remembering all God's benefits and blessings including forgiveness, healing, salvation, provision, love and compassion (Psalm 103).

Our liturgies reflect this attitude of gratitude too. The Book of Common Prayer's General Thanksgiving begins: 'Almighty God, Father of all mercies, we thine unworthy servants do give thee most humble and hearty thanks for all your goodness and loving-kindness to us and to all…..' A wide-ranging prayer exhorting us to thank God for creation, everyday blessings, salvation, God's present help and future hope of eternal glory. It encourages us to rediscover the centrality of gratitude in our lives, as well as in our words.

Throughout the Autumn, our worship and teaching emphasises gratitude. The giving of ourselves in love and service when gratitude flows out of our hearts in response to everything God has first given us.

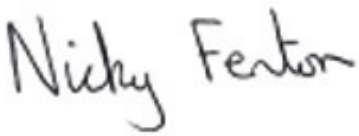
Celebrating harvest and God's faithful provision, we will reflect upon all those who partner with God in feeding and caring for the needs of the disadvantaged and marginalised. We will share the resources at our disposal supporting foodbanks, community projects, missionary organisations and charities.

Many churches will hold stewardship days or giving campaigns, helping us take seriously our commitment to discipleship and good stewardship giving generously out of gratitude for God ‘s abundant generosity to us.

October 11th marks Clergy Appreciation Day. Jody Stowell, a rural parish priest, in her book Bruised Reeds and Mustard Seeds (2026, Canterbury Press) talks about the impact on clergy wellbeing when clergy are unsure whether they have done a good job. October is an opportunity to address that concern offering affirmation, encouragement and positive feedback to the clergy we know.

And, if you are serious about supporting our clergy, you might like to encourage your PCC to review their pledged giving to Common Fund as every penny that is asked for is needed to sustain our current staffing. The 2027 diocesan budget goes to Diocesan Synod for approval this month and we need to work together to ensure the finance is available to continue to resource the vital ministry of our clergy.

‘And whatever you do, in word or deed, do everything in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through him.’ (Colossians 3:17)



The Ven. Nicky Fenton
Archdeacon of Peak and Derbyshire Dales

Trees

I think that I shall never see a poem as lovely as a tree.
A tree whose hungry mouth is prest
Against the earth's sweet flowing breast;

A tree that looks at God all day, and lifts her leafy arms to pray;
A tree that may in Summer wear, a nest of robins in her hair;
Upon whose bosom snow has lain;
who intimately lives with rain.

Poems are made by fools like me,
but only God can make a tree.

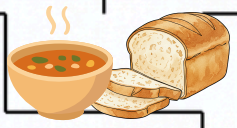
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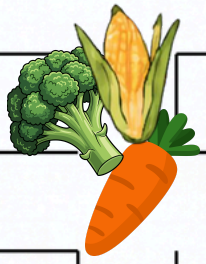


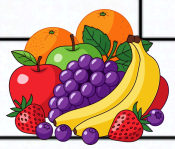
harvest festival

Collect the essential food items in the maze, then take them to the foodbank!











Answers to the maze can be found on page 35

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The Hospital of St Cross and Almshouses of Noble Poverty

Christine Wieloch

Recently, whilst visiting a friend, who lives in a village near Andover, I was taken to St Cross in Winchester. My friend admitted she had never heard of it until her sister asked her about it. She had found it mentioned in a book, so naturally they visited the next time her sister came to stay and knowing me she took me there.



The Hospital of St Cross is not a hospital in the modern sense of the word but is an almshouse. It was founded in the 1130s by the then Bishop of Winchester who was Henri de Blois, the then King's brother and is the oldest almshouse in continuous use in England. In the 1400s it was added to by another Bishop of Winchester, Cardinal Henry Beaufort.

When we arrived we went to the gardens first as a communion service was taking place in the church.



This used to be the Master's private garden and has a fishpond or stewpond. We admired the flower borders and then walked over to the pond. In it were some of the largest carp I've ever seen and they made a beeline for people standing close to the edge of the pond. We wondered if they were used to being fed from the side.



At the side of the garden was the Ambulatory, a covered walkway from the Master's lodgings to the church. It kept him dry in bad weather. Once outside the Ambulatory we could see the almshouses, or the Brothers' Quarters, to give them their proper name. We were asked to respect their privacy so we looked at them across a wide lawned area.



We felt the lodgings must be rather small as each door led to four of them - two on the ground floor and two on the upper. Unusually for when they were built they all had their own private privies and today their modern flush toilets occupy the same position. Their tall chimneys are there because the roof was originally thatched and the chimneys would take the sparks away from the thatch.



The Brothers do wear a uniform - a purple robe and we did see one of them wearing it but it's not clear if it's compulsory, as we saw one of them sat outside his door in the sunshine in ordinary clothes.

We then walked down the outside path to the church of St.Cross. It is dedicated to The Holy Cross- La Sainte Croix - from which the English name has evolved. The Brothers still use the church every morning but it has also become the parish church of St. Faith. We sat at the back of the church for a while as the architecture made it seem like a very small cathedral, as the ceilings were so high and vaulted.



We walked around the church to the sound of the organ being tuned!



There was an interesting lectern. At first glance it looked just like the one we have at St. John's, but on closer inspection it did not have the head of an eagle, but that of a parrot! The font was interesting too, as it was as if someone had put a metal top on a stone plinth.

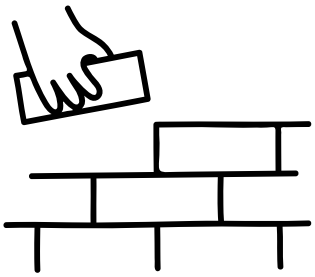
Then we went to the Brethren's Hall which was not originally for the Brethren but for the Master to eat his meals. Next to this is the Old Kitchen and there are steps from it that go down into the cellar, but they are roped off. Near the entrance is the Hundred Men's Hall where alms used to be distributed each day, but that is now a tea room, although in the summer a nearby courtyard is used.

I found this a very interesting glimpse into the charity past and a good example of Christian charity today.





The Building Project Prayers



Chris Barnes

· Pray that we can resolve the unexpected problems with the bell and bell tower quickly and at minimum cost.

· Pray that the roofer and his staff always remain safe.

· Pray for Rhoda as she leads the application for a Faculty to authorise the building of a new kitchen, the replacement of the existing toilets in the link building and the refurbishment of both the Parish Room and the church building.

· Pray that this will be considered much more quickly than the previous Faculty for the roof works.

· Pray that, despite the disappointment of the application we submitted to the Places of Worship Renewal Fund not being considered favourably this time, the Building Committee will remain steadfast in seeking other funding for the next phase of work.

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, our contractor, and those involved in the approval process.
We ask all this through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

Churchyard Birdwatch



Christine Wieloch

On the 5th September, on a dry but chillier day than we were used to, Wendy, Trish and I met to do the churchyard birdwatch.

We stood at the bottom of the church steps to begin with so we could look to see what birds were around. We saw the ever-present woodpigeon and a herring gull and were about to start our walk around the churchyard when we spotted a single house martin which was soon followed by several more. We had thought they would have migrated by now and think they must have been gathering ready to go as Wendy had seen them gathering near the Spar supermarket very recently, so we really don't expect to see any next month.

We then made our way through the cremated remains area and then out into the churchyard going towards the back of the Eagle Club. We saw a blue tit there and looking into the churchyard itself a nuthatch was seen. We also heard a robin but didn't see one until we were further round on our walk.

We commented that there were not so many birds about this morning and put this down to the chilly wind that blew from time to time and made us glad of our warm coats.

We did better than we expected when we totalled up the bird species we had seen - there were fourteen of them; not as many as we normally see, but given the conditions, a fair number. The birds we saw were wood pigeon, house martin, herring gull, blue tit, nuthatch, crow, jackdaw, magpie, robin, house sparrow, great tit, goldfinch, greenfinch and dunnock.

Our next meeting should be on Saturday 3 October at 8.30am at the front of church. If you wish to join us you would be welcome.

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The Church Bell

Steve Franks, Verger

When the church was open for Heritage Week many of you would have seen the church bell which has been removed from the bell cote until repairs have been completed.



Some of you may have seen the inscription around it which reads ‘J Warner and Sons, London 1857’

John Warner and Sons was a bell foundry established in 1739 and which closed in 1949.The company was founded by a Quaker, Jacob Warner. Warners cast a large number of bells, many of which can still be found throughout the world.

One of their most notable bells was the original Big Ben, cast at Norton, near Stockton-on-Tees. When time came to install it, the Elizabeth Tower had not been completed so it was mounted on a temporary structure. During testing the bell cracked so it had to be re-cast by a different company, the Whitechapel Bell Foundry. The four smaller quarter bells are still the Warner originals.

Our Warner bell will be repaired, re-tuned and then re-installed in the newly refurbished bell cote.

DIARY OCTOBER 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed
4 **Harvest Festival** Mass 10am Walking Group 12pm Messy Church 4pm	5	6 Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am	7 Midweek Mass 10am Wednesday Club 1pm-3pm Women's Group 7pm
11 19th Sunday after Trinity Mass 10am	12	13 Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am	14 Midweek Mass 10am Wednesday Club Meal Out TBA
18 Luke the Evangelist Family Mass 10am Celtic Service 5pm	19	20 Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am	21 Midweek Mass 10am Wednesday Club 1pm-3pm Quiz Night 7pm
25 Bible Sunday Mass 10am	26	27 Morning Prayer on Zoom 10am	28 Midweek Mass 10am Wednesday Club 1pm-3pm
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Diary October 2026

Thu	Fri	Sat	Notes
1	2	3 Churchyard Birdwatch 8:30am Coffee Morning 10am-12noon	Contact the church office for more information on any of our services. New members are welcome to join any of the social groups. See the last page for contact details. All meetings are in the Parish Room unless otherwise stated. We are trialling a new format for the diary pages and would welcome any feedback. Thank you.
8	9	10 Churchyard Tidyup 10am-12noon	
15	16	17 Men's Group 10am-12noon	
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Elaine Lawrence

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Women's Group



Wendy Drake

It was really pleasing to see a better turnout at the meeting. Several members had brought along family and friends which helped to swell the number.

A decision had been made beforehand to hold the meeting in Church to avoid an obstacle course around to the Parish Room via scaffolding, which worked well both for our speaker with boxes and equipment and for the less able-bodied of the group.

So, we again welcomed Anna-Louise Pickering to speak to us. She is a writer, photographer and conservationist, who has dedicated her life to the welfare of endangered, sick and vulnerable creatures. She worked alongside her late mother Pollyanna for over 25 years in some very tricky situations, travelling by dog-sled in the High Arctic, camping on the ice at temperatures of -40, canoeing through crocodile infested rivers, and having been charged by a wild tiger, all in search of her subjects.



Anna-Louise spoke to us on this occasion about the 'Art of Saving Lions'. She amused us when recounting one story of her mother having broken her ankle when not actually

following a lioness and her 6 cubs but, falling over a lion statue! I'm sure her mother did not feel the same at the time. In their travels they had become very friendly with Virginia McKenna of 'Born Free' fame, her husband Bill Travers and son Will Travers, with whom she still works at times and, who is now the Born Free President.

Pollyanna had painted a picture of 'Elsa' the lioness for the 30th Anniversary of the film 'Born Free' in 2016. This painting certainly helped towards raising funds of £12,000 enabling 30 new lion enclosures to be constructed.

About a century ago, the number of wild lions in Africa was around 200,000 but today that number is only about 20,000, due among other things to poaching. In conjunction with the Kenyan Wildlife Conservation Group, of which Joanna Lumley is also a patron, the built enclosures form a simple, cost-effective approach to also protecting livestock from predation at night, especially those of the local Maasi people.

The talk was well illustrated with photos of other animals too, including one of a leopard enjoying the fruits of his labour whilst eating his caught prey, having firstly dragged it up a tree as is their way.

Our next group meeting will take place on Wednesday 7 October in the Parish Room at 7pm, when our speaker will be Keith Brook, talking to us about NPV, a charity supporting the poorest children in Nepal.

As always, if you would like to know more about the group do speak to Trish, Marilyn J. or myself. We ask for an entrance fee of £3 to help cover speaker costs and hire of the room, and which also includes tea, or coffee and biscuits, and a chance to win the raffle prize donated by a member.

WALKING WITH JESUS BACK TO SCHOOL

Chris Barnes

We had a fun and lively meeting of our Messy Church in September. Rhoda used the story of the disciples walking to Emmaus to talk about going back to school, or even a new school. She said that no matter how worried the children might be, Jesus was always walking there beside them, even if they don't recognise him at first.



(Some of the children might not have been over enthusiastic about the start of the new school term, but most of the parents were delighted!)



The various activities included making a name tag to put on their school bag, creating their own unique pencil topper, decorating "back to school" buns, writing their hopes on a jigsaw puzzle piece and creating a prayer hand print to remind themselves that God is always with them.

As ever, there was plenty of good food for all concerned in the Parish Room after the worship.

Our next Messy Church is on **Sunday 4th October at 4.00pm** when we will be looking at bees and their role at harvest.

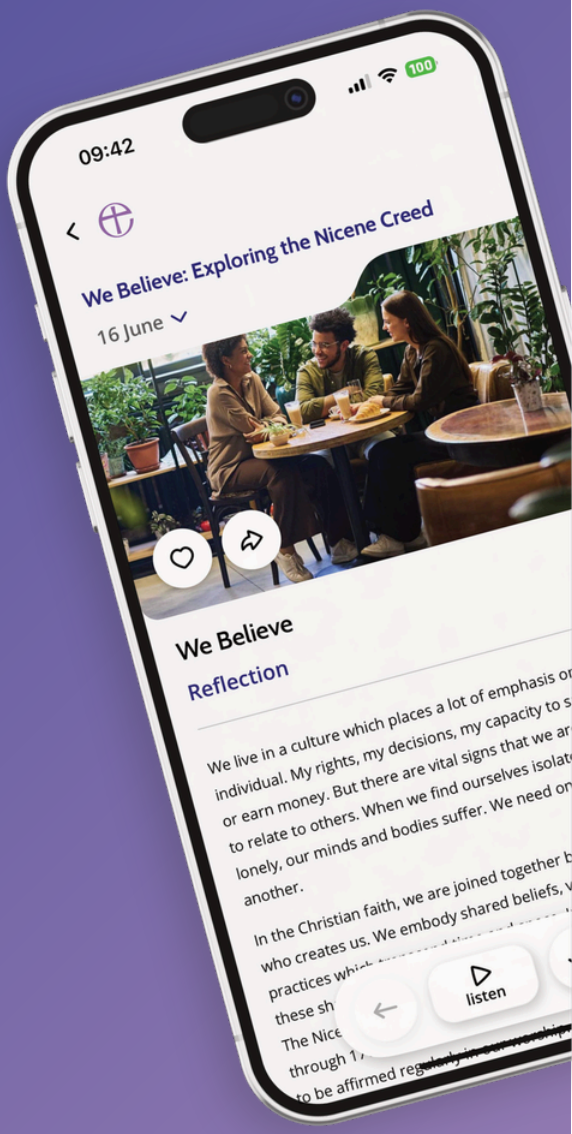
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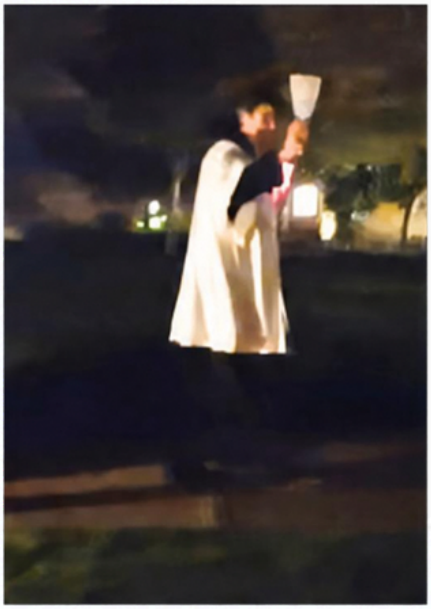
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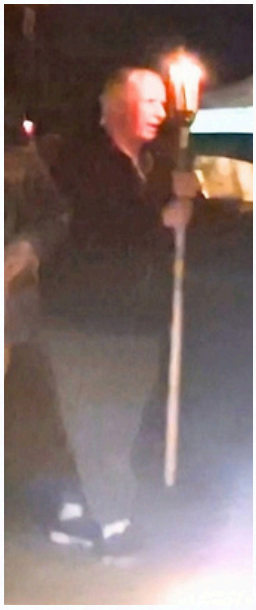
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Caught in the Act at Walsingham



Rev Rhoda processing and singing Ave Maria

Richard was a torch bearer in memory of David Priestly who he previously processed with.





Sue and Nikki acolyting in the evening procession of our Lady of Walsingham



I'm not entirely sure Richard could see where he was going as he held the banner at the front of the procession of the Blessed Sacrament.

From the Registers

Holy Baptism

30 August Carter Mark Johnson

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

Churchyard

[burial or interment of ashes]

18 September Nadine Troth
20 September Alan Cox

May they rest in peace and rise in glory



Crime prevention advice

We have recently seen an increase in reports of vehicle interference and thefts from vehicles across the area. Whilst our enquiries are ongoing, we would like to offer some advice to residents about how to keep their vehicles and belongings safe.

- Ensure vehicle doors and windows are always locked and secure, even if it is only being left for a short period.
- Do not leave any valuables, such as wallets or handbags, on display in the vehicle.
- Park in a secure area if and when possible, even better if it is well lit and covered by CCTV.
- Ensure car keys are kept out of sight and away from windows and doors within your property.
- Consider security measures for your vehicle such as steering locks, tracking devices and alarms.

Please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any information, CCTV footage, or have noticed anything suspicious in your local area.

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Diocese Vision Prayer for 2027

Diocese of Derby
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND
North East Deanery

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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Quiz Night

Wednesday
21 October 2026
7.00pm in Church



Main quiz in 6 categories:







COLOURS

? Mystery category ?



Organise yourselves into teams: When will you play the Joker?
(Joker cannot be played for the Mystery category)

Raffle

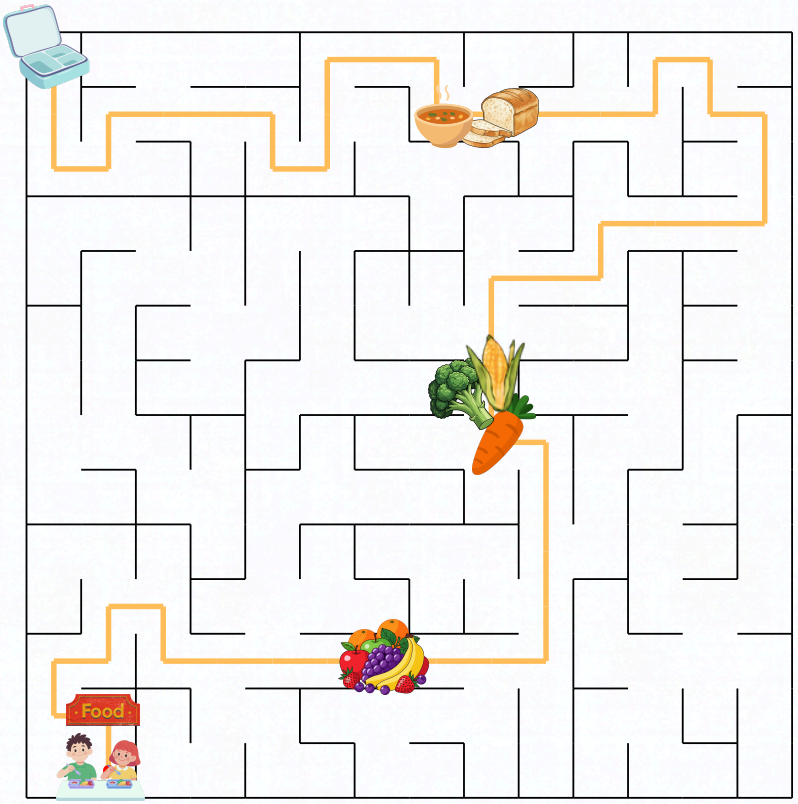
Prizes

Bring your own liquid refreshments;
cups will be provided.
Hot drinks will be available from the
Parish Room.



Contact Brian and Jean Lee on 07710 238277 or
leebjm@icloud.com for any queries

Answer to the maze on page 13



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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The 100 Club draw for September

1st prize	£30	Jane Lowe	Number 2
2nd prize	£15	Freddie Lowe	Number 18
3rd prize	£5	Julie Franks	Number 63

The next draw will be held on Sunday 11th October. New members are welcome to join at any time. Please speak to Lesley Howard or Evelyn Lowe.

Lesley 07712921585

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Walking Group

The Manifold Way



Steve Franks

On a mild September afternoon Wendy rejoined our small group for our walk down the Manifold Way. We managed to fit into one car so we got on our way. To get to the Manifold Way we drove through Winster, then Hartington crossing the county border into Staffordshire.

Once we reached the start of the trail at Hulme End we drove down a narrow lane to a secluded car park and ate our sandwiches sat on a well placed bench.

The Manifold Way is 8 miles in length and runs from Hulme End to Waterhouses mostly through the valley of the River Manifold and then its tributary, the River Hamps. Originally, the Leek and Manifold Valley Light Railway, a 2ft 6in narrow gauge line followed this route from its opening in 1904 until its closure in 1934. The railway was short lived, it did not pass through any significant villages, they were situated a mile above the valley bottom and was once described ‘as a line that started in the middle of nowhere and ended up in the same place’.

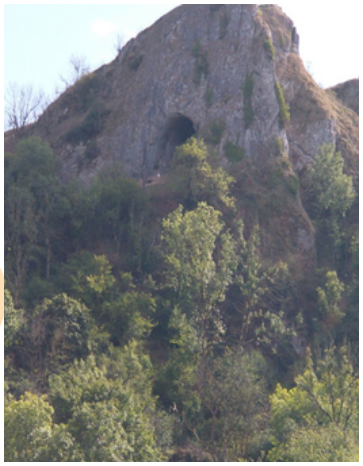
When we were ready to start the walk we ambled along the minor road before crossing the River Manifold to its south bank, going through a gate onto the old route of the road when the railway was in use. We were surprised by two motor bikes following this route, but once they passed we were able to enjoy the scenery in peace. On our left we passed a small cave with water trickling out of it. Steve thought it could be a drain from Ecton Mine which was located under the hills nearby.

Ecton Mine was important for copper for centuries but closed in 1891. The deposits on Ecton Hill were worked in the Bronze Age. In the 1660s-70s the mines were among the first in Britain to use gunpowder to get the ore out. In the second half of the 18th Century, the deepest mine in Britain was here, the near-vertical ore veins were mined using then state-of-the-art technology, the 1788 engine house used for bringing the ore to the surface is believed to be one of the earliest surviving examples in the world. At this time the mine was owned by the Duke of Devonshire and huge profits were made.



Continuing along the disused road we reached a farm before passing by Wetton Mill. The café here was busy with cars and bikers enjoying the weather and an ice cream. Crossing the River Manifold we left the road and joined the route of the old railway. Here we noticed the riverbed was dry – during the summer months the Manifold disappears down a sink hole, to reappear some distance away, at Ilam.

Looming over us we could see Thor's cave with some people standing on the ridge above it. The natural cave's entrance is a symmetrical arch 7.5 metres wide and 10 metres high, 260 feet above the path we were walking on. Excavations have found human and animal remains, stone tools, pottery, amber beads, and bronze items. The caves here have contained the burial sites of at least seven people with occupation from the end of the Palaeolithic period to the Iron Age and Roman periods.



Retracing our footsteps we returned to Wetton Mill via the road, at one point Bob crossed a shallow ford whilst those of us not wanting wet feet took the alternative route over a wooden footbridge.

Once past the mill we walked on the northern side of the River Manifold, following the route of the old railway that had now been turned into the road access down the valley.

Towards the end of this road section we approached Swainsley Tunnel. It was built at the insistence of Sir Thomas Wardle, the owner of the nearby Swainsley Hall, who did not want the line to spoil the view from his house. The tunnel is 164 yards long, its bore is large for the narrow gauge railway as it was designed to cater for standard gauge items on top of the narrow gauge wagons.

The tunnel is a popular site for illegal street racing, indeed, after we had walked through it, at the far end a number of cars were waiting to drive through the tunnel, ready to rev their engines and see how much noise they could make in the echoing tunnel. Staffordshire Police have made the tunnel subject to a Section 59 Notice, which allows them to seize vehicles if drivers are found to be driving through it in an unsafe or aggressive manner.

Once through the tunnel it was a short walk back to our starting point.

If anyone wishes to join us on our next walk then meet us outside church at 12pm with a packed lunch on Sunday 4th October. You will be made very welcome.

Readings and Collects

Sunday 4th October - Harvest Festival

Deuteronomy 8.7-18, 2 Corinthians 9.6-15, Luke 12.16-30

Creator God, you made the goodness of the land, the riches of the sea and the rhythm of the seasons; as we thank you for the harvest may we cherish and respect this planet and its peoples, through Jesus Christ our Lord

Sunday 11th October - Nineteenth Sunday after Trinity

Isaiah 25.1-9, Philippians 4.1-9, Matt 22.1-14

Faithful Lord, whose steadfast love never ceases and whose mercies never come to an end: grant us the grace to trust you and to receive the gifts of your love, new every morning, in Jesus Christ, our Lord.

Sunday 18th October - Luke the Evangelist

Acts 16.6-12a, 2 Timothy 4.5-17, Luke 10.1-9

Almighty God, you called Luke the physician, whose praise is in the gospel, to be an evangelist and physician of the soul: by the grace of the Spirit and through the wholesome medicine of the gospel, give your Church the same love and power 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.

Sunday 25th October - Bible Sunday

Nehemiah 8.1-4a 8-12, Colossians 3.12-17, Matt 24.30-35

Merciful God, teach us to be faithful in change and uncertainty, that trusting in your word and obeying your will we may enter the unfailing joy of Jesus Christ our Lord.

Giving

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