

# TEAM

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# TALK

**ISSUE NO. 52**

## **The Wirksworth Team Ministry monthly notices**

Serving the communities of Alderwasley, Bonsall, Bradbourne, Brassington, Carsington, Elton, Idridgehay, Kirk Ireton, Middleton & Wirksworth

**Transformed Lives - Growing Church - Building Community**

**Dear friends**

**Spring feels like its truly on the way, the clocks have changed and warmer weather feels just around the corner.**

**And for some of us the 6-week season of Lent is drawing to a close, as we approach Holy Week (that starts with Palm Sunday) and Easter.**

**But what, I wonder, might all of this mean for those who profess faith in Jesus Christ? Well, as with many things to do with “the church” there are probably as many answers to that question as people to answer it, but I will offer my answer and hope it proves to be interesting.**

**For me, Easter is the most important Christian festival and celebration, and demonstrates the love that God has for each one of us, love so strong and huge that God sent Jesus to die on a cross for each one of us.**

**But then the miraculous happens, this man who has been executed by the Roman Empire is raised to life again and is seen over the next few weeks by many many others. People who then went on to testify to what they’d seen over many years, even at the risk of their own lives.**

**Now, I call this miraculous, and fully recognise that others would say it was impossible and it is at that point that it becomes a matter of faith.**

**I would encourage you to go to a church over the Easter Weekend to test your answer against what you hear. You will find a warm welcome.**

**I look forward to seeing you.**

**Thank you.**

**Revd. Neil**



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## Coffee and Chat - Monday mornings at 10.30am in Waltham House

A warm welcome is extended to anyone who would like to join us, just come along for friendly chatter and easy company. We can offer transport, contact Sue & Ian Todd.

## Bonsall Church - Jimmy's Café

is open from 12noon - 3pm from Saturday to Monday

A wide selection of homemade soups, filled rolls, home-baked cakes and sweet and savoury snacks plus hot and cold drinks to quench your thirst.



**St James Church, Idridgehay - Monthly Coffee Mornings**  
on the first Wednesday of each month you are welcome to come and join us for our Coffee Morning in the church from 10.15am to 11.45am.

## Elton Church Coffee Mornings

every Thursday from 10am - 12noon in the Village Hall

The weekly coffee mornings are enjoyed by many and all are welcome to attend



**URC Spring Coffee Morning in the Memorial Hall, Wirksworth**  
on Saturday 28th March from 10am to 12noon

**Service of Light to conclude the Lent Course**  
prayer, music, quiet reflection  
at 11am on Tuesday 31st March at Wellspring  
Coffee served from 10.30am.

**HANDEL'S MESSIAH choruses sung by Wirksworth Community Choir**  
Good Friday 3rd April at 7pm in St Mary's Church

A short 40 minute concert including some choruses from The Messiah.  
There will be a collection for humanitarian aid in Gaza.

**Celtic Evening Worship Service in St Mary's**  
on Wednesday 8th April at 7pm

Rev Rod leads a simple, short service of quiet prayer, music & reflection.  
All are very welcome so why not give it a try!



**Richard Roddis Singers Spring Concert 'Rejoice in the Lamb'**  
at 7pm on Friday 10th April in St Mary's church

Tickets £10 - available on the door



**Messy Church Theme: 'A day at the beach'**  
from 3.30pm - 5pm on Friday 24th April at The Maltings  
Crafts, songs, fun activities & food!

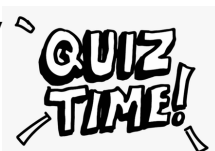
All children are to be accompanied by their parents.  
Register for places at with the Team Office on 01629 824707 or email:  
teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk

**All Saints' Alderwasley at the Bolehill Garage Sale Trail**  
on Monday 4th May in Liz Thomas' Garage

We are happy to receive saleable items (other than clothing) from anyone in the team.  
Donations can be left at the Team Office in late April. Thank you.

**Quiz Night in St Margaret's Village Hall, Alderwasley**  
on Friday 15th May at 7pm

£10 for a table of four, £3 for individuals, under 12's - free.  
Snacks provided, bring your own drinks.



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## Team Services in March & April 2026

<b><u>Monday 30th</u></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Compline at St Mary's</b>
<b><u>Tuesday 31st</u></b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Candlelit Sung Compline at Elton with Elton Singers</b>
<b><u>Wednesday 1st</u></b>	<b>7pm</b>	<b>Compline at St Mary's</b>
<b><u>Maundy Thursday 2nd</u></b>		
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Team Eucharist: The Commemoration of the Last Supper</b>
<b><u>Good Friday 3rd</u></b>		
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>10am</b>	<b>CTiWD Service of Witness starting in Old Market Place</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>1.30pm</b>	<b>The Liturgy of Good Friday</b>
<b>Brassington:</b>	<b>2pm</b>	<b>The Stations of the Cross with Rod Prince</b>
<b><u>Easter Saturday 4th</u></b>		
<b>Bonsall:</b>	<b>8pm</b>	<b>Team Easter Vigil Service</b>
<b><u>Sunday 5th</u>      <u>Easter Day</u></b>		
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>6.30am</b>	<b>Dawn Service at the Star Disc</b>
<b>Bonsall:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Keith Orford</b>
<b>Brassington:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Kirk Ireton:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>
<b>Alderwasley:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Bradbourne:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Elton:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Open Table Eucharist with Clive Thrower</b>
<b>Idridgehay:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>
<b>Middleton:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Keith Orford</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Festal Evensong with Janet Turville &amp; Neil Griffiths</b>
<b><u>Sunday 12th</u>      <u>Easter 2</u></b>		
<b>Bonsall:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist &amp; APCM with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Brassington:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Morning Worship with Lay Team</b>
<b>Elton:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Keith Orford</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Middleton:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Kirk Ireton:</b>	<b>5pm</b>	<b>APCM then 6.30pm Evening Prayer with Janet Turville</b>
<b><u>Sunday 19th</u>      <u>Easter 3</u></b>		
<b>Brassington:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>
<b>Kirk Ireton:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Alderwasley:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths followed by ACM</b>
<b>Bradbourne:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Keith Orford</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong with Rod Prince</b>
<b><u>Sunday 26th</u>      <u>Easter 4</u></b>		
<b>Bonsall:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Wirksworth:</b>	<b>9.30am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths followed by APCM</b>
<b>Idridgehay:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell</b>
<b>Middleton:</b>	<b>11am</b>	<b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>
<b>Elton:</b>	<b>6pm</b>	<b>Evensong with Rod Prince</b>
<b>Kirk Ireton:</b>	<b>6.30pm</b>	<b>Evening Worship at the Methodist Chapel</b>

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## To join an online zoom service

Morning Prayer at 9am and Evening Prayer at 5pm from Monday to Friday only

Zoom link for our online services: [https://zoom.us/j/273 224 1372](https://zoom.us/j/2732241372). If you are new to the group please ask the team office for the passcode.

To join using a landline by calling: 0208 080 6591, key in host/meeting number: 273 224 1372# followed by # again, and wait to be connected. If you are new to the group please ask the team office for the passcode.

## Our Services this month

April begins in the middle of Holy Week.

Holy Week and Easter are the heart of the Christian faith. Through these days each of us is offered an extraordinary privilege: to walk very closely with Jesus through the final days of his life. In this time when we see the scars of war so close to us his journey to the cross speaks profoundly. We are all encouraged to journey together to be ready for Easter when God gives hope to us all.

**Maundy Thursday 2nd April** at 11am, Chrism Eucharist at Derby Cathedral (includes blessing of oils and ministers' renewal of vows). Our clergy attend and all are welcome to join them.

In the evening we recall how Jesus gathered his disciples together at the Last Supper, washed their feet and then made his way into the Garden of Gethsemane. A significant moment for us all at 8pm in Wirksworth St Mary.

**Good Friday** In Wirksworth the churches of the town join together for an outside observance with a walk of witness starting by the Cross in the Market Place at 10am then moving through the town.

In Wirksworth St Mary's at 1.30pm we have the very moving Liturgy of readings, prayers and music reflecting on the Cross. There will be Stations of the Cross at 2pm in St James Brassington.

At Bonsall this year there will be a morning of crafts and activity for everyone including children starting at 10am.

Also in Wirksworth St Mary's in the evening at 7pm there will be a short programme of music for Good Friday sung by Wirksworth Community choir: Bruckner: Locus Iste and Christus Factus est together with choruses from Handel's Messiah.

**Easter Eve (Saturday 4th April)** we are again reaching out to families with an Easter Egg Hunt in St Mary's churchyard from 12 noon. Please bring the children along.

Easter begins in the evening; at 8pm we assemble at Bonsall to light the Easter fire and bring that light into the darkness of the night and with a joyful sound celebrate The Resurrection. It is always a lovely occasion as we gather from all of our churches and take our Paschal Candles back for Easter morning.

**Easter Day** Eucharist as listed in all of our churches except Carsington (see the note about the temporary closure). We welcome The Revd Clive Thrower at Elton at 11am for a Festal Eucharist with an open table to which everyone is invited.

The Cross will be thatched at Wirksworth, Bonsall, Brassington and Elton. Please bring daffodils (or an alternative) with you.

The rest of the month then follows the normal Sunday pattern. With the exception that there will not be a service at Idridgehay on the 12th April.

The next Monthly Celtic Worship Service will be on Wednesday 8th April at 7pm in St Mary's Wirksworth.

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## **Christian Aid in Wirksworth and District**

Having completed a successful year with our Annual Gathering last November, the Wirksworth and District CA Group turned its mind to planning events for 2026. Our first event was the Shrove Tuesday Soup and Pancake lunch on 17th February. We filled The Maltings for a most enjoyable event raising over £540.



Our next big event is **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK from Sunday 10th - Saturday 16th May**. As in the previous few years we aim to deliver an envelope to every house in Wirksworth, asking residents to return it with their donation to one of the collecting points: Derby Road Stores, Wirksworth Post Office, Sid's (formerly Dip's), Marsden's, Wirksworth Co-op and The Nelson in Middleton. Other Team villages make their own arrangements for collection or raising funds. If you can help in any way by delivering envelopes or holding your own fund-raising event, please let us know. The Christian Aid Group is fully ecumenical with representatives from all the mainstream churches.

We start Christian Aid Week with an Ecumenical Service, hosted by each of the churches in turn. This year it will be at St Mary's on Sunday 10th May at 6pm. Light refreshments served from 5.30pm. It will be the usual mix of film, music, prayers and a guest speaker. Last year our speaker, Martin Gage, was so inspiring that we have invited him back on 10th May. We hope you will put the date in your diary and make every effort to join us on that day.

We hear on the news that Charitable Giving has fallen by £1.5 billion this year and we know that the Government has raided the budget for Overseas Development in order to spend more on Defence. They have not yet made the link between poverty and instability, leading to violence, destruction of the environment, migration and a refugee crisis. Can we, in our own small way, show our belief in the biblical principles of Justice and Equity?

Bob Rhodes

### **St Mary's Easter Garden**

Small plants (in pots) are required for St Mary's Easter Garden. Please leave them by the North door by Wednesday 1st April. Thank you.

### **Daffodils to Thatch the Cross on Easter Day**

Please remember to bring some daffodils with you to church on Easter Sunday to 'thatch the cross'. This happens at St Mary's and in some of the parish churches.

### **Prayers for revival and growth at 5pm each Thursday in St. Mary's Church**

All are welcome.

### **Change of venue for Carsington APCM**

St Margaret's Church has had a fall of plaster from the ceiling and has been closed with the Bishop's permission until the repair can be made. We hope this will not be for too long. The APCM will now be held at 4.30pm on Monday 13th April at Carsington School.

### **Thy Kingdom Come season - Ascension Day to Pentecost from Thursday 14th to Sunday 24th May**

As part of our celebrations of the Thy Kingdom Come season we would like to read The Bible from beginning to end, out loud and in public. We will divide the 8 days (excluding Sundays) into 160 half hour slots, between 10am and 8pm each day, and do this in St. Mary's Church. After Easter we will divide the week between the Wirksworth churches and seek volunteers to sign up for a particular slot or group of slots.

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## John Sinclair joining aid convoy to Ukraine

Today, 27th March, is 25 days since I decided to join the next available aid convoy to Ukraine. The charity is Convoy4Ukraine) which sets a target to raise £9,000 to pay for the truck and/or the aid that goes in it. (We pay our own travel and accommodation costs and overheads are small so all the money goes to aid that is left in Ukraine including the trucks which become evacuation ambulances).



That seemed like an enormous sum of money, and let's be honest - it is an enormous sum of money. Yet 25 days later my amazing friends, relatives, contacts and even people I don't know have already contributed £6,600 plus gift aid of nearly £900 so we are nearly there. Fantastic! THANK YOU!

And so my faith is once again challenged. Is it big enough? If people are so generous, even in these very hard times, why did I not see that from the beginning?

And that started me thinking. If £9,000 was a massive target yet we are nearly there, what is another big target? Wouldn't it be fantastic if by the time I get to Ukraine in June they could have PEACE!

So that is my prayer. That we drive into a Ukraine free from war, rebuilding and with renewed hope.

"You don't have enough faith," Jesus told them. "I tell you the truth, if you had faith even as small as a mustard seed, you could say to this mountain, 'Move from here to there,' and it would move. Nothing would be impossible."

I just about scraped together enough faith for £9,000. Do we have enough faith for peace?

For my non-Christian friends, please do not be offended by my framing this in a Christian context. Your support is equally valuable however it is framed.

I will continue to collect contributions towards the aid we take because the needs are massive and we have an opportunity to deliver directly to the people on the ground. If you haven't already, please consider carefully whether you can contribute even one mustard seed.

Here's the link to make a donation:  
<https://www.justgiving.com/page/john-sinclair-1>

many thanks,  
John Sinclair



Festival Evensong for the Third Sunday of Easter

**You are invited to a service of thanksgiving for  
the ministry of Malcolm, Bishop of Repton.  
at 5.15pm in Derby Cathedral on Sunday, 19 April**

Everyone is welcome to attend what will be a truly special service.

**'Open Door' at the URC on Coldwell Street, Wirksworth  
will be open from 6.30pm on the last Sunday of each month**

This will not be for an evening service but will offer the following opportunities.

A peaceful space for quiet reflection. A chance to talk over your troubles.

An opportunity to ask spiritual questions (even the difficult ones!). All are welcome.

## Summer 2026 Sermon Series

This year we will investigate the shape and meaning of the various elements of our normal Sunday morning eucharist service and we have developed the schedule below:

Sunday	Villages focus	St. Mary's Focus
31 <sup>st</sup> May	Introduction (5 <sup>th</sup> Sunday Team Service)	
7 <sup>th</sup> June	Confession	Confession
14 <sup>th</sup> June		Lectionary
21 <sup>st</sup> June	Gloria	Gloria
28 <sup>th</sup> June		Lectionary
5 <sup>th</sup> July	Creed	Creed
12 <sup>th</sup> July		Lectionary
19 <sup>th</sup> July	Eucharistic Prayer – variety	Eucharistic Prayer – variety
26 <sup>th</sup> July		Lectionary
2 <sup>nd</sup> August	Eucharistic Prayer – meaning	Eucharistic Prayer – meaning
9 <sup>th</sup> August		Lectionary
16 <sup>th</sup> August	Dismissal	Dismissal
23 <sup>rd</sup> August		Lectionary

### Safeguarding Update

April for many WTM churches is APCM month. For anyone who is considering joining or has recently joined a PCC / DCC for the 2026 / 2027 period, please be aware that it is a national, diocesan, and charitable trust requirement that anyone who works for, or volunteers for churches, parishes and worshipping communities within the Diocese of Derby should complete some safeguarding training. In most cases it is the completion of two informative online courses which are valid for three years. For those who do not have online access, face to face training can be arranged. Please contact the Wirksworth Team Ministry Parish Safeguarding Officer, Louise Oram on 01629 824707 or [teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk](mailto:teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk) for further info.

Some of our PCCs work with children or vulnerable adults, for these PCCs, the members will be required to hold a current and valid DBS check. Louise will guide you through the process if necessary.

Finally, Louise would like to thank all the PCC and DCC members and volunteers for their assistance in safeguarding matters over the past year to ensure that our churches remain a safe and welcoming space for all.

If there is a safeguarding concern or query, please inform the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on their webpage [Report a safeguarding concern - Diocese of Derby](#) using the referral form. If unable to complete this form call 01332 388678 and leave a message. If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires medical attention, call 999. You can also report any concerns to the Police or Social Care.

Derby City: Children 01332 641172 Adults 01332 642855 & out of hours: Careline 01332 956606. Derbyshire (Adults & Children): Call: 01629 533190 & out of hours: 01629 532600.

Louise Oram, WTM Parish Safeguarding Officer

## The Registers for March 2026

### Baptisms

Sun 15th	HENRY JONES	Kirk Ireton
Sun 22nd	FRANKIE JACK DOOLEY	Wirksworth

### Holy Burials & Ashes

Fri 13th	ROY SOUTHAM	76	Wirksworth
Mon 23rd	ROBERT JOHN MARCHBANK	78	Alderwasley
Tue 31st	MARGARET HULLEY (Margy)	72	Bonsall



Recent baptism at  
St Mary's



Could this be a caption competition?  
...suggestions please!

**We pray for the beginning of Passiontide, for a faithful keeping of these days remembering Christ's saving acts and giving thanks for the Victory of the Cross.**

### Wirksworth Team Contacts

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**Website: www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk**

For details of our clergy team, Church Wardens and other parish contacts please contact the Team Office (824707) or go to the Wirksworth Team Ministry website.

**Deadline for the May issue of Team Talk is Monday 20th April**

Please forward any articles and photos to the Team Office,