

# TEAM



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## **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**

I am a lapsed reader of The Church Times – always good to begin with a confession! When I was, some years ago one of the joys was turning to the back page and reading the column the “Word from Wormingford”. The column was written by Ronald Blythe, the author of “Akenfield” and occupied the slot for almost 20 years. His column was a diary of life in the Stour Valley on the Essex and Suffolk borders. Ronald Blythe lived there all his life, dying at the age of 100 in 2023. For much of his life he lived in a 500-year-old farmhouse called Bottengoms Farm with his cat companions. Ronald, like his hero, John Clare, was an astute observer of rural life. He had a wonderful ability to intertwine the Church year with the calendar one. He saw change amidst continuity and vice versa. At Brassington we are preparing to open our gardens and share our corners of heaven on earth. Open Gardens (Saturday 13th + Sunday 14th June) is Christianity in action. We are called upon to share the blessings of our talents and our good fortune with others. A friend of mine said that life should be about the pursuit of delight and helping others in their pursuit of the same. God made us both out of and for his delight. He wants each one of us to delight in his creation and to encourage others to find delight themselves.

In Church time we have now entered ordinary time or Trinity. Ronald called it the “Season for Anglican lassitude”. John Meade Falkner wrote “We have done with dogma and divinity Easter and Whitsun past, the long, long Sundays after Trinity are with us at last; The passionless Sundays after Trinity, Neither feast-day nor fast”. In one of his sermons David Truby said that, from Christmas to Trinity, the Church tells us what Christianity is about. Now comes the bad news, the season of Trinity is when we must put into practice what we have been told and live out our Christianity in our lives.

So, whether you are opening your gardens this summer or baking for fetes or fundraisers or donating food to the foodbank let us live out our Christian calling in the spirit of delight. I wish you a summer of delight both received and offered.

**Best wishes**

**Rod**

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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

## **'Buffalo Bill' talk at Bradbourne Church Hall**

**Thursday 4th June at 7.30pm**

Jean Yates will be giving a talk on 'Buffalo Bill Comes To England'  
Entrance £5 to include refreshments.

## **Celtic Evening Worship Service in St Mary's on Wednesday 10th June 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!



## **Derby Chamber Orchestra concert at St Mary's church at 7.30pm on Saturday 13th June**

Tickets from Marsden's or on the door: £12 and £10 concessions, 18's Free

## **Open Gardens in Brassington from 11am to 5pm on Saturday 13th & Sunday 14th June**

Plant sales and refreshments served around the village.

## **Summer Nights Jazz Evening on Saturday 20th June**

Amnesty are supporting the jazz evening at St Mary's church at 7.30pm.

## **Chesterfield Co-operative Choral Society & Wirksworth Community Choir concert at 7.30pm in St Mary's church on Saturday 27th June**

Brahms - A German Requiem. soloists Rachel Abbott & James Farmer Tickets £12

## **Idridgehay Open Gardens Day on Sunday 5 July from 1pm - 5pm**

Idridgehay Community Association Event. Tickets and car parking at the Corn Store  
Tickets: £5 (under 16s free). Buy on the day.

Cream teas at St James Church to raise funds for the church maintenance funds.

## **Idridgehay Summer Garden Fete on Sunday 12 July from 2pm - 5pm at Town Head Farm, The Green, Idridgehay DE56 2SJ. Free entry**

Ample parking including afternoon teas, BM&W Brass Band, fun dog show, vintage vehicles, lots of stalls, bric-a-brac, plants, BBQ and bar.

Money raised goes towards the maintenance of St James Church in the village.

## **Christian Aid Summer Party on Tuesday 4th August from 6pm - 8pm in The Maltings - all are welcome!**

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## Team Services in June 2026

### Sunday 7th                      Trinity 1

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|---------------------|---------------|---|
| <b>Brassington:</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Rod Prince</b>              |
| <b>Kirk Ireton:</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Morning Worship 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 Nicholas Radford-Powell</b> |
| <b>Bradbourne:</b>  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>          |
| <b>Wirksworth:</b>  | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Evensong with Janet Turville</b>           |

### Wednesday 10th

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| <b>Wirksworth:</b> | <b>7pm</b> | <b>Celtic Worship Service with Rod Prince</b> |
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### Sunday 14th                      Trinity 2

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| <b>Bonsall:</b>     | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Keith Orford</b>            |
| <b>Elton:</b>       | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>          |
| <b>Wirksworth:</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>          |
| <b>Idridgehay:</b>  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell</b> |
| <b>Middleton:</b>   | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>          |
| <b>Brassington:</b> | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Blessing of Pets Service</b>               |
| <b>Kirk Ireton:</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>Evening Prayer with Neil Griffiths</b>     |

### Sunday 21st                      Trinity 3

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| <b>Brassington:</b> | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</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 Nicholas Radford-Powell + Rod Prince</b> |
| <b>Alderwasley:</b> | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>                       |
| <b>Bradbourne:</b>  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>                       |
| <b>Wirksworth:</b>  | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Evensong with Rod Prince</b>                            |

### Sunday 28th                      Ss Peter & Paul

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| <b>Bonsall:</b>     | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>           |
| <b>Elton:</b>       | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell</b>  |
| <b>Wirksworth:</b>  | <b>9.30am</b> | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>           |
| <b>Idridgehay:</b>  | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Neil Griffiths</b>           |
| <b>Middleton:</b>   | <b>11am</b>   | <b>Eucharist with Janet Turville</b>           |
| <b>Wirksworth:</b>  | <b>6pm</b>    | <b>Songs of Praise with Neil Griffiths</b>     |
| <b>Kirk Ireton:</b> | <b>6.30pm</b> | <b>Evening Worship at the Methodist Chapel</b> |

### **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.

**The next 'Make A Joyful Noise' will be held at Bonsall on Sunday 19th July with tea served at 3pm and a 4pm service.**

### **Funds raised for Christian Aid by recycling your printer ink cartridges**

Over £70 has been raised for Christian Aid in the past 12 months from sending used printer ink cartridges to Recycle4Charity. Keep them coming please!

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## **Our Services in June**

From the beginning of June onwards we are firmly into what is known as Ordinary Time. There will be occasions when we can vary that a little and on the last Sunday in June we shall keep the feast of St Peter and St Paul. Peter is known as Prince of the Apostles and his name means 'a rock'. Jesus said on this rock he would build his church. St Paul was the emissary who took the message of Jesus as the Christ out into the world. Both of these great founding apostles have always been celebrated together since the early days of the church.

Throughout the next four months we shall follow a Sermon Series at the Parish Eucharists in which we share in looking at the elements of the Eucharist Service and what they mean for us as we worship together. Note that this applies on alternate Sundays at Wirksworth. In June we focus on the Confession and the Gloria.

The next monthly Celtic Worship Service - a shorter more informal and reflective service - will be held on Wednesday 10th June at 7pm in St Mary's Wirksworth.

Also at Wirksworth we start a regular new style of Evening Service at St. Mary's. This will be a "Songs of Praise", when we will sing our favourite hymns. We will all have a chance to suggest a favourite hymn and, if we wish, an opportunity to say something about why we like it and what it means to us. This will happen on the 4th Sunday of each month at 6pm, starting from 28th June 2026. Bring your friends along.

## **Curates of the Past**

As many of you know it is with great delight that our former Curate The Revd Lindsay Pearson is returning to Derbyshire. She has been appointed to Derby Cathedral as a residentiary Canon for Music and Worship. (Formerly known as the Precentor).

We are invited to attend her Collation at the Cathedral at Evensong on Sunday 21st June at 5.15pm. Lindsay says the music will be spectacular. Even if you do not know what a Collation is - or Evensong - there will be cake and singing! If you are looking for a lift (or can offer such to get there) please liaise with Canon Keith on 01629 55349.

Also news of another former Curate. The Venerable Simon Lumby, Archdeacon of Limerick, Ardfert and Aghadoe and Rector of Killarney in the Diocese of Limerick & Killaloe in the Church of Ireland has announced his retirement at the end of this month. Simon and Noleen will continue to live in Ireland but hope to visit us at some point.

Please hold Lindsay, Simon and Noleen in your prayers

## **New Sunday service at Kirk Ireton**

For those of us in the village and surrounds who like singing and the spirituality of being in church, the new "First Sunday of the Month Service" at Holy Trinity in Kirk Ireton (starts at 9.30am) is a welcome addition. We can vote on which hymns we would like next - and as we have at least five each time - there is plenty of room for personal preference.

Howard, the organist, is a great boon and keeps us (mostly) in tune! Janet leads the service in an informal manner, always inviting us to join in. It is especially warming when the children present participate. This can be in the form of lighting a candle and placing it on a world map in a prayer for peace or writing the name of a dear loved one on a paper leaf to be placed on a "Memory Tree". The atmosphere is relaxed and friendly, the singing is not difficult as we've chosen our favourites so at least we know the tune.

Singing in the company of others, whether in tune or not, is always a joy and combined with the friendly atmosphere and informal approach to worship it's a great way to start the first Sunday of the month. PS There is also coffee and biscuits at the end!

Cynthia Pollard

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## **CHRISTIAN AID WEEK - Counting the Pennies**



Christian Aid Week is over: banners to be taken down, posters to be torn from noticeboards, red buckets to be collected and opened; now comes the exciting task of opening the envelopes and counting the contents. Our spirits rise as we open to find a £10 or even a £20 note and a Gift Aid form properly filled in, some offering 2, 3, or even four twenties, several with cheques made out to Christian Aid. But here's one full of coins. We groan as we empty it, not £1 coins, not 50p or 20p, but a heavy pile of 2 and 1 pence copper coins which some person has squirreled away for months or even a whole year. We conscientiously count them into piles of twenty, then groan when I knock them over and have to start again. I try to think of Jesus' parable of the widow's mite. Perhaps that envelope, stuffed with pennies, comes from a poor person who has little to give.

Then there's the problem of banking the money. Wirksworth lost its bank years ago. Then we had the mobile bank for a couple of hours once a week, then fortnightly, then not at all. Then, a trip to Matlock, which was fine while it lasted, we go there anyway. Then Ashbourne when Matlock closed. Try one of the banking-hubs, which sounds like a good idea, until you find that you have to have the Bank Card to pay in any money. Only the treasurer has that and we're trying to reduce his workload. So it's a trip to Ilkeston or Derby to find a Lloyds branch still open. All in pursuit of better Customer Service. How did we do today? We're here to help you!

But now it's done and the money winging its way to Christian Aid for its vital work of supporting people like Fridah, an urban farmer in shanty town in Nairobi; helping her to grow enough to feed her family and a little extra to pay for clothes, school fees and other necessities.

Bob Rhodes

### **'Church in an Hour' with Wirksworth Infant School**

It was a delight to welcome Years 1 & 2 into St. Mary's before Easter, for "Church in an Hour". This is a short session we hold for children from our schools to talk to them about some of the things we do in church that they possibly won't see. The session takes a little under an hour, hence the name. In that time we show them and talk about; a baptism (I have a toy doll who we name and baptise), bible stories and sermons (the children have the opportunity to tell us what the bible story means), prayers, a wedding and Holy Communion (we talk about the last supper and share bread).

These sessions are always a joy to lead and often bring out the most amazing questions and conversations. I am already looking forward to the next time.

Revd Neil

### **Questions, questions....from Wirksworth Juniors**

I regularly tell children in school that I will always try to answer their questions as it is through questions that we learn and grow in understanding.

It was with an element of trepidation that I joined the children in Year 6 for a Q&A session. Over the next hour I faced 15 questions on a wide range of issues, including; creation, evolution, heaven and hell, prayer, eternity and why do we have beliefs. I answered as best I could and I promised to return if on reflection I wanted to answer differently.

Revd Neil

### **Wirksworth & District Trust Fund**

**including the parishes of Alderwasley, Ashleyhay, Calow, Cromford, Hopton, Ible, Idridgehay and Alton, Middleton and Wirksworth.**

Applications are welcome for funds to assist those in need for the relief of distress and sickness for educational purposes and in any such ways as the Trustees think fit.

Individuals or their representatives must apply in writing by Wednesday 10th June to: Clerk to the Trustees, c/o Wirksworth Team Ministry Office, The Maltings, St Mary's Gate, Wirksworth DE4 4DQ.

Trustees meet on Wednesday 27th June to consider requests for financial assistance.

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## **Bishop Malcolm's leaving message**

Dear friends across the Diocese of Derby,

I would like to express my deep gratitude for your kindness and generosity as I retire today from ministry as Bishop of Repton. Your many good wishes and your lovely gifts are hugely appreciated. The cheque will go a long way in helping us equip our new home in Gloucester. And the Evensong farewell service on 19 April was beautiful and unforgettable - a big thank you also to the Dean, the Choir, and all the Derby Cathedral team.

It has been a joy and a privilege to share with you and with Bishop Libby all over this beautiful county. The warmth of your welcome has been a great encouragement, and it has been so good to journey in ministry together.

Pam and I move to Gloucester the first week in May, and as many of you will know we plan to set off on pilgrimage, cycling from Lands End to John o Groats at the end of the month. As we go you will all be in our prayers. I'd like to thank Bishop Libby in particular for her kindness, care, and inspiration as we have worked together, and all of you for your prayers at this time.

With every blessing, and my prayers always.  
Bishop Malcolm



## **Safeguarding Update**

At the centre of every safeguarding concern is a person who has taken the difficult step of disclosing harm or risk. To help raise awareness and develop confidence in the reporting of historic and current abuse and to address barriers to reporting, the National Safeguarding team have launched a 2 week campaign from 1st - 14th June with the title of 'It's not just Policy, it's Personal'. The aim of the campaign is to remind everyone that safeguarding guidance and codes of conduct are not just statutory processes to be followed but safeguarding and providing a safe space for people to report is everybody's business. A range of resources have been made available to all the WTM parish churches, or please contact the PSO, Louise Oram at the Team Office for further information. Resources have been included in emailed copies of Team Talk.

If a child or adult is in immediate danger or requires immediate medical attention, dial 999.

To report a safeguarding concern or request advice regarding a safeguarding issue, please use the form on the Diocesan Safeguarding 'Report a safeguarding concern here' webpage as this will go directly to the Diocesan Safeguarding Team's inbox. They will respond to all contacts as a matter of priority, or at the latest, the next working day, in the strictest confidence. If you are unable to complete the form, contact the Safeguarding Team on 01332 388678 or use the QR code shown here.

Diocesan Safeguarding Team Office hours are Mon to Fri 9am - 4pm. Concerns can also be reported to Police or Social Care on 01629 533190 or out of hours on 01629 532600, or to Careline on 01332 956606.

Louise Oram, WTM Parish Safeguarding Officer

Safeguarding Referral Form



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## **World Environment Day on Friday 5th June to be hosted by Azerbaijan**

This year it focuses on urgent climate change action, spotlighting critical connection between urbanisation and environmental sustainability. The 2026 event will highlight solutions for a more resilient future, supporting global efforts against climate crises through renewable energy and sustainable initiatives.



**Creator of our common home,  
You fill the earth and sea and sky with life  
Forgive us our neglect of your creation  
The choking waste of our pollution  
The damage done by careless habits  
And our indifference to future generations.  
Help us to amend our lives  
To refuse more plastic if we can't reuse it  
To lift our voice for lasting change  
And to live well and gently on the earth  
To the glory of your Son, the Living Word  
Through whom you made this fragile world.  
Amen**

Rt Revd Steven Croft, Bishop of Oxford

### **Baptism at Wirksworth**

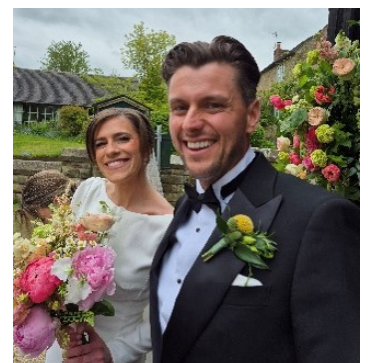
It was a joy and blessing to baptise young Jude on 10th May at St. Mary's. He brought with him 30 of his friends and family and we had a fun and enjoyable time, before they all went for a party in The Maltings. Baptism is an excellent way for the church to welcome new families and I am a fan of doing this. We would always prefer to carry out baptisms in the main Sunday service, to recognise that new member of our church community, but totally recognise that this doesn't always fit with the needs of young families. A standalone baptism on a Sunday afternoon is often the compromise we reach. Did you know that you don't need to be young to be baptised? People of any age can be baptised in to God's church.



### **The wedding of Seamus and Emily**

It was a delight to conduct the wedding for Seamus and Emily at a full Idridgehay Parish Church, in May this year. This service was expected to happen in May 2025 but was delayed due to family illness, so it was extra special to be at church all together for this occasion.

Emily's parents live in Idridgehay while Emily and Seamus live in Nottingham with their son Jesse. Being able to celebrate the love of two people wishing to get married is one of the absolute joys of being a vicar in the CofE. Fortunately I am able to enjoy 5 such occasions this year and am now looking forward to the next one.



## **Carsington Deanery Visitation service at Christ Church Holloway DE4 5JP on Wednesday 15th July**

The service will all begin at 7.30pm, with doors opening at 6.45pm for refreshments and for wardens to sign the register. During the service the Wardens will be corporately admitted, and the Archdeacon will deliver her charge.

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## The Registers for May 2026

### Baptisms

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| Sun 10th | ERNIE HARRY ALAN COOPER    | Elton       |
| Sun 10th | EDIE ELLEN COOPER          | Elton       |
| Sun 10th | JUDE JOSHUA HIGTON         | Wirksworth  |
| Sun 24th | DELILAH FLORENCE KITCHINGS | Kirk Ireton |
| Sat 30th | CAMERON SAXTON             | Brassington |

### Wedding

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| Sat 16th | SEAMUS O'CALLAGHAN & EMILY LAYDEN | Idridgehay |
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### Holy Burials

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|----------|-----------------------------|----|-------------|
| Fri 1st  | LOUIS SPENCER               | 95 | Middleton   |
| Mon 11th | HUMPHREY MARCUS BOAM        | 80 | Wirksworth  |
| Sat 16th | JOHN ALLSOP                 | 84 | Brassington |
| Mon 18th | AUDREY JOY PEARSON          | 86 | Middleton   |
| Mon 18th | LINDA JOYCE PROCTOR         | 67 | Kirk Ireton |
| Wed 20th | STEPHEN KEITH MELLOR        | 71 | Bonsall     |
| Wed 27th | CHRISTOPHER SPENCER (Chris) | 72 | Middleton   |

### John Sinclair joining aid convoy to Ukraine in June

I am joining an aid convoy to Ukraine with 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/accommodation costs and overheads are small so all money raised goes to aid for Ukraine including the trucks which become evacuation ambulances).

I will continue to collect contributions towards aid we take because the needs are massive and we have an opportunity to deliver directly to the people on the ground.

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



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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 July issue of Team Talk is Monday 22nd June**

Please forward any articles and photos to the Team Office.

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