

**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

On March 5th we will mark Ash Wednesday and enter the season of Lent, forty days of fasting, reflection, and preparation leading up to the celebration of Easter.

Every year I hear people encouraging others to take on something new for Lent rather than giving something up, but I say give up and make a change. Here are some suggestions of things that we could give up:

**-Give up some free time:**

Consider volunteering at a local organisation that seeks to make a difference in the lives of others, or speak to a neighbour and see if there's anything that you could help them with.

**-Give up talking:**

Maybe find an open church and sit in the quiet and let God speak to you.

**-Give up keeping quiet:**

Is there a cause that weighs heavy on your heart? Find ways to speak out against injustice and oppression and how we can work to resolve the wrongs.

**-Give up your sofa:**

Why not take the opportunity to get outside and marvel at the wonders of creation as the weather (hopefully) improves?

Or maybe...

**-Give up giving up:**

Have you given up on church? Why not use Lent and Easter to come to a service and hear the good news of God's love for us all? Come and discover a welcoming community of people. Give up giving up and find that God hasn't given up on you. If you can't get to church you can contact us to arrange a visit and the church can come to you.

Whatever you choose to give up may this season be a blessing to you and to those around you.

Fr. Nicholas



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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 on Saturday to Monday

A wide selection of homemade soups, filled rolls, home-baked cakes and sweet/savoury snacks plus hot + cold drinks. Come for lunch inside our heated the church to escape the freezing February weather.



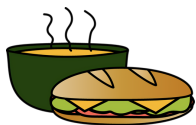
## St James Church, Idridgehay - Monthly Coffee Mornings

On the first Wednesday of each month you are welcome to come to 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



## Souper Surprise in The Maltings

EVERY THURSDAY from 12noon to 1pm

For just £4 - a choice of homemade soups with a roll, a hot drink and a slice of cake. Come and join us, meet new people and enjoy good food & company in a warm space.



## Wirksworth & District CHRISTIAN AID GROUP

invite you to a

Shrove Tuesday Soup & Pancake Lunch  
on Tuesday 4th March at 12noon in The Maltings

£5 per person (£3 for children)

Choice of delicious homemade Soups & a Roll followed by  
a Pancake with honey, syrup or sugar and lemon



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The next Make a Joyful Noise event will be held  
at Brassington church on Sunday 16th March.

Afternoon tea served from 3pm

followed by a joyous uplifting service at 4pm



**Messy Church 2025**  
Theme: "Caring is Sharing"  
on Friday 28th March  
from 3.30pm - 5pm  
in The Maltings



All families are welcome, please  
register on: **01629 824707**  
or email the names and ages of  
all attendees at:

[teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk](mailto:teamoffice@wirksworthteamministry.co.uk)

## Alderwasley Clothes & Household Textiles Collection

Please hang on to your heavy winter clothing, shoes, bags etc so that they can be collected, helping to maintain the church for another year! This year it is on the anniversary of D Day so an easy date for everyone to remember! **Friday 6th June!**

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## Services in March

### Sunday 2nd      Next before Lent

Brassington:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Kirk Ireton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Alderwasley:	11am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Carsington:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	6pm	Evensong with Rod Prince

Ash Wednesday at Wirksworth:      10am Eucharist with Ashing - Team Clergy  
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### Sunday 9th      Lent 1

Bonsall:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Brassington:	9.30am	Morning Worship with Brassington Lay team
Elton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Idridgehay:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Middleton:	11am	Eucharist with Keith Orford

### Sunday 16th      Lent 2

Brassington:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Alderwasley:	11am	Morning Worship with Keith Orford
Bradbourne:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Carsington:	11am	Morning Worship with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Brassington:	4pm	Make A Joyful Noise with the Team Worship Group
Wirksworth:	6pm	Evensong with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Kirk Ireton:	9.30am	Evening Prayer with Neil Griffiths

### Sunday 23rd      Lent 3

Bonsall:	9.30am	Eucharist with Keith Orford
Elton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Idridgehay:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Middleton:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Kirk Ireton:	6.30pm	Evening Worship at the Methodist Chapel

### Sunday 30th      Mothering Sunday

Bonsall:	9.30am	Morning Worship with Neil Griffiths
Brassington:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Elton:	9.30am	Morning Worship with Keith Orford
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Alderwasley:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Idridgehay:	11am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Middleton:	11am	Morning Worship with Neil Griffiths

To join an online zoom service:

Morning Prayer at 9am & Evening Prayer at 5pm on Monday to Friday only

This is the link for all of our online services: <https://zoom.us/j/2732241372>

To join the service using a landline by calling: 0208 080 6591, key in the host / meeting number: 2732 241 372# followed by # again, wait to be connected.

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# WORLD DAY OF PRAYER 2025 Friday 7 March

A service for everyone!



**You are invited to join this service prepared by Christian Women of the Cook Islands at Wellspring Church, St John's Street on Friday 7th March at 2pm**  
**Everyone is welcome to attend the service.**

As we take part in this service we will be part of a great wave of prayer encircling the globe - starting as the sun rises over Samoa, continuing as it makes its way around the earth, and ending 36 hours later as the sun sets over American Samoa.#

**Here in the British Isles some 6,000 services will be taking place.**

**Music Concert on Saturday 8th March at 7.30pm at the URC, Wirksworth**  
by Natalie Windsor (mezzo soprano) and Jonathan Priestley (classical guitar and lute).  
There will be a 15 minute interval. Tickets £10, children free.

**URC Spring Coffee Morning**  
**on Saturday 15th March from 10 to 12 noon in the Memorial Hall, Wirksworth**

**Wyns Tor Singers Spring Concert**  
**Sunday 23 March at 3pm in St Mary's church, Wirksworth**  
**A varied programme of joyful choral music through the ages**



The Wyns Tor Singers are a small chamber choir of 18 voices, based in Winster. This will be their first performance in Wirksworth, and they will present a varied programme of choral music from well-known composers such as Gibbons, Faure, Mozart and Vaughan Williams. The choral tradition worldwide is still developing, and they will also include modern pieces from Lauridsen, Stopford and Todd, with some recent works from their resident composer Peter Malcolm.

Please come and join us for an enjoyable afternoon of fine music, chosen to lift your spirits and celebrate the coming of light to the world.

**Tickets £10 from Marsden's (cash only), or on the door**

**Derbyshire Time Swap** is a free membership scheme which facilitates skill swaps between our members. The great thing about Time Swap is that could be anything from getting help with DIY to learning a language or an instrument. We meet monthly in Wirksworth and it's flexible to suit you. Why not give it a try? For details go to: [www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk](http://www.derbyshiretimeswap.org.uk) or call Jane on 07938 737 009

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## Sleep Easy

On Friday 7th March, Revd Neil is taking part in the YMCA Derbyshire Sleep Easy 2025 to raise funds and awareness for people at risk of homelessness, social isolation and poverty.



He writes: "For one night, I'll swap the comfort of my warm bed for a cardboard box and sleeping bag, braving the elements to experience a fraction of what homeless individuals endure every day. Homelessness is a harsh reality for far too many people in Derby and Derbyshire. YMCA Derbyshire and Padley@YMCA provide essential services, including safe accommodation, life skills programs, and emotional support, to help these young people rebuild their lives and move towards a brighter future. By taking part I hope to raise much-needed funds to support this vital work."

**Neil can be sponsored here: <https://www.justgiving.com/page/neil-griffiths-6>**

## Annual Parish Church Meetings

Every year all parish churches hold a meeting at which important decisions are taken, including;

- Electing Church Wardens for the coming year. As many of you will know, church wardens are officers of the bishop and have important roles to fulfil in supporting the clergy and working to make sure the local church works well
- Electing members of the Parochial Church Council, who work with the clergy to make sure the church is doing what it should and reaching out to its local community
- Deciding who will be the secretary and treasurer, supporting the work of the clergy and the PCC in important areas
- Receiving reports on what the church community has done over the previous year and how its finances are fairing
- Receiving a report on safeguarding in the parish in the following year
- Hearing from the clergy on what their plans are for the coming year

In many of our parishes these vital posts are currently vacant or might become so soon. As far as is possible we need to fill these posts. Please consider if you could volunteer for a role in your parish. I am happy to chat to anyone about the roles and what they involve. Thanks, Neil

## New Chair at Churches Together



Marian Bolton has become the new chairman of Wirksworth & District Churches Together taking over from Rev Kevin Price. Marian is a member of St Teresa's Roman Catholic Church in Wirksworth. Married to Tony she has lived in Cromford for 26 years; her professional life has been spent in Education in Roman Catholic schools, in headship for 20 years and then as Director of Education for the RC Diocese of Hallam. Now in retirement she is currently training to be a spiritual director. Marian values her time in our communities and we are glad that she is willing to take on this voluntary role that enables the churches of all traditions in our area to engage together.

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## March Services - Lent 2025

It is a later start to Lent this year with Ash Wednesday on 5th March. There will be two Eucharist services - at 10am and 7pm - both with Ashing in St Mary's, These services are for members of all our team churches to come together. Since the middle ages it has been the custom to mark the beginning of Lent with the ash mark of the cross on our foreheads (but it is not mandatory). It is a symbol that speaks of our humanity as we begin this season of reflection in our faith in Jesus.

There are five Sundays this month ending on the 30th March when we observe "Mothering Sunday" which celebrates three things:

- the motherhood of St Mary
- Motherhood in our own families and community
- the Mother church

Seven of our churches will have a Mothering Sunday Service, Kirk Ireton can travel to Idridgehay. Bradbourne and Carsington will be most welcome to join Brassington,

Looking ahead, we have Passiontide in April but please note that Alderwasley and Carsington will not have a service on Sunday 6th April as we aim to have a service in every church (except Bradbourne) on Palm Sunday. More details to follow in April.

## Living Hope - A Lent Journey 2025

At this time of deep uncertainty and frustration about the future we can perhaps be forgiven for feeling somewhat helpless. So it is especially relevant that the theme for a Lenten journey this year is Living Hope - a CofE programme which relates to everyone. The hope that God offers is not wishful thinking. For our Roman Catholic friends this ties in with the Papal Declaration of 2025 as a Jubilee year when Christians are invited to celebrate hope and become Pilgrims of Hope and discover how in the journey of faith hope is at the heart of navigating life's challenges. Living Hope offers opportunities for each of us to join in with readings and reflections that explore how we can have hope in these times; the hope found in joining with others; an invitation to notice signs of hope around us. We shall launch Living Hope at our special services on Ash Wednesday. As Churches Together in Wirksworth and District we will share together each week with all the churches in our area. With a **choice of four locations starting from Monday 10th March**

**Tuesdays at 2pm in Wellspring, Wirksworth**

**Wednesdays at 7pm in St Margaret's Church, Carsington**

**Thursdays at 3pm in The Maltings, St Mary's Gate, Wirksworth from 13th March**

Also there will be a **house group on Monday evenings at 7.30pm** - please contact the Team Office for details about this.

You can come the same day each week or can vary the session from week to week.

## Wild Bright Hope: Reflections on Faith

The big church read for Lent is published alongside Living Hope. Twelve (Anglican) contributors range widely across many topics to provoke thought with a common focus on hope - a treasure trove for all. Really good individual reading as it stands up in its own right and offers much to reflect on for those in the Lent groups. Published by SPCK price £11.99 (ISBN: 978-0-281-09100--3). Order from Cornerstone (01629 584296), online at Church Times shop or Canon Keith: keith.orford@btinternet.com

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that by the power of the Holy Spirit you may abound in hope."

Canon Keith Orford

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## Wirksworth Community Theatre presents Short Cuts - 3 plays in Wirksworth Town Hall

on Thursday 20th, Friday 21st & Saturday 22nd March at 7.30pm

Tickets £10 (no concessions)  
from [ticketsource.co.uk](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk)

[https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/  
wirksworth-community-theatre](https://www.ticketsource.co.uk/wirksworth-community-theatre)

*Two plays by Graham Sellors*

### **“Footprints” and “Losing the Plot”**

*A chance to see again “Sure Thing” by David Ives*

#### **Safeguarding is important to us as followers of Jesus Christ**

Many of us across our church communities are being asked to have a DBS (Disclosure and Barring Service) check and undertaking safeguarding training.

Safeguarding is taking an increasing place across our church, and rightly so in my view. I also believe that God sees it as important. God loves everyone and has a special regard for the vulnerable (Matthew 25: 40, “whenever you did this for the least of these you did it for me”).

Ensuring that everyone we encounter is as safe as possible is therefore I believe part of God’s plan for us and our church, and we have all seen recently the damage that can be done when this important work is ignored or forgotten.

I would urge you therefore to undertake the checks and training when you are asked, so that our churches remain as safe for everyone as possible.

If it would be helpful, I am happy to chat this through with anyone. Thank you.  
Rev Neil

#### **Safeguarding Report**

Safeguarding everybody is everybody’s business. The care and protection of children, young people and adults involved in church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the church (House of Bishops’ Safeguarding Policy, ‘Promoting a Safer Church’). If anyone would like further information on safeguarding, particularly with regards to completing some training, please contact the Parish Safeguarding Officer (PSO).

To report a safeguarding concern please contact either the PSOr on 01629 824707 or the Diocese of Derby's Safeguarding Team on 01332 388678, email address: [safeguarding@derby.anglican.org](mailto:safeguarding@derby.anglican.org) or via the form on the Diocese of Derby Safeguarding webpage <https://derby.anglican.org/en/report-a-safeguarding-concern.html>.

The Diocese of Derby Safeguarding Team's office hours are 9am to 4pm Mon - Fri. The mailbox and voicemails are monitored by the Safeguarding Team during Bank Holidays.

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

Louise Oram, WTM Parish Safeguarding Officer

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## The Registers for February 2025

### Holy Burials & Ashes

Tues 4th	JANET MARY GOULD	81	Brassington
Mon 10th	BENJAMIN MAXWELL GREATOREX (Max)	94	Wirksworth
Fri 21st	KENNETH WILLIAM HITCHCOCK (Ken)	84	Wirksworth
Wed 26th	FREDERICK STANLEY KINDER (Fred)	95	Wirksworth

### Derby Refugee Solidarity

Send grateful thanks for the generous donations from across Wirksworth Team Ministry.

Donations of clean & wearable warm clothes are especially needed during the winter months to give to those in need in Derby and across the Channel in Calais. Also holdalls, bags, cases & rucksacks. Donations of adult bikes and guitars are always welcomed.

Please ring items to Team Office or call 824707 for home collection if required.

### Jigsaw Foodbank

A reminder that collection points for the foodbank can be found at the Co-op in Wirksworth and St Mary's church (near the North door)

There is always a need for tinned goods, toiletries and long-life milk.



**Aquabox plea for clean useable TOWELS**  
are always seeking donations of clean useable towels for packing in the emergency filter boxes that are sent to disaster zones around the world.  
Please drop any towels off at the Team Office.

**With Bishop Libby we pray for the gift of faith, that our lives might be transformed as Christ's discipleship, that the season of Lent might be a time to deepen our faith.**

**Wirksworth Team Ministry within Carsington Deanery in Derby Diocese**

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**Website: [www.wirksworthteamministry.co.uk](http://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 April issue of Team Talk is Monday 21 March**

Please forward any articles and photos to the Team Office,

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