

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

We have just celebrated the sorrow of Good Friday and Jesus' death and the joy of Easter morning and his resurrection. For many Easter is a single day of chocolate eggs, hot cross buns and roast lamb. But for Christians it is much more than a single day or even a long weekend. The Church Calendar has a season of Easter lasting from Easter Sunday until Ascension - but it is even more than that, for we should live as Easter people and the promise of Easter should be reflected in how we live our lives.

This came home to me as we awoke on Easter Monday to the news that Pope Francis had died. A man of the people loved by many the world over and not just those who are Roman Catholics; he served his Lord in the daily hope of the resurrection life. He took Jesus Christ as his example and knew that at the end of his earthly life he would join his risen Lord.

May we who have celebrated Easter and who look forward to the coming of the Holy Spirit at Pentecost live our lives in that hope of New Life, of resurrection and the joy of God's love for us every day. Not only that, may we serve our community out of that love and be willing to give an account of the hope that is within us.

May God's richest blessings be yours

Rev Janet



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 welcoming church to escape the April showers.



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

Holy Trinity Church in Middleton will be holding a combined VE Celebration and Flower Festival on Bank Holiday Monday 5th May from 11am to 4pm

From 2pm we will have war recollections from a veteran followed by a singalong from that period led by The Middleton Community Choir.

The event is free and everyone is welcome.

St. Mary's and Wirksworth town community meeting at 6pm on Wednesday 7th May in the church

St. Mary's has suffered from persistent but quite low level anti-social behaviour, particularly in 2024. To counter this we wish to seek the support of local resident adults to spend some time in the church during the day, as a deterrent to silly behaviour. We also want to; begin the recruitment for a caretaker, begin the conversation about a Friend's Group to support the PCC with managing and maintaining St. Mary's and provide an update on the roof project (Faith. Folk. Foundations.)

PLANT SALE on Saturday 10th May at 9.30am at The Memorial Hall Fundraising for Aquabox & Jigsaw Foodbank

Slavic Splendor concert on Saturday 17th May at 7pm in St Mary's church Derby Concert Orchestra with Conductor: Jack Capstaff

Shostakovich: Festival Overture
Dvořák: Violin Concerto
Tchaikovsky: Symphony No. 2

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!**

Wirksworth and District Amnesty International Group is holding a plant sale on Saturday 7th June at the Farmers Market outside Bricks and Mortar, from 9am.

Save the Date for Idridgehay Garden Fete on Sunday 13 July at Town Head Farm

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Sunday 4th Easter 3

Brassington:	9.30am	VE Day 80th Anniversary service with Rod Prince
Kirk Ireton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Janet Turville & Keith Orford
Alderwasley:	11am	Eucharist with Janet Turville
Bradbourne:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Carsington:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths, followed by APCM
Elton:	6pm	Evensong with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	6pm	Evensong with Janet Turville

Thurs 8th VE Day 80th Anniversary

Wirksworth:	11am	VE Day 80th Anniversary Service in Memorial Gardens
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Sunday 11th Easter 4

Bonsall:	9.30am	Eucharist with Janet Turville, followed by APCM
Brassington:	9.30am	Morning Worship with Brassington Lay Team
Elton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Idridgehay:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Middleton:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince, followed by APCM
Wirksworth:	6pm	Christian Aid United Service at St Thérèse's Catholic church

Sunday 18th Easter 5

Brassington:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths & Nicholas Radford-Powell + followed by APCM
Alderwasley:	11am	Morning Worship with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Bradbourne:	11am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Carsington:	11am	Eucharist with Janet Turville
Wirksworth:	4pm	Worship for Everyone with Neil Griffiths
Wirksworth:	6pm	Evensong with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Kirk Ireton:	6.30pm	Evening Prayer with Neil Griffiths + APCM at 5.30pm

Sunday 25th Easter 6 & Rogation

Bonsall:	9.30am	Eucharist with Rod Prince
Brassington:	9.30am	Rogation Walk to Bradbourne with Rod Prince
Elton:	9.30am	Eucharist with Nicholas Radford-Powell
Wirksworth:	9.30am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Idridgehay:	11am	Eucharist with Neil Griffiths
Middleton:	11am	Eucharist with Janet Turville
Kirk Ireton:	6.30pm	Evening Worship at the Methodist Chapel

Thurs 29th Ascension Day

Wirksworth:	7pm	Ascension Day Eucharist with Neil Griffiths & clergy
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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, and wait to be connected.

Hello to you all..... again

It is with great joy that I greet you as Team Vicar for Wirksworth Team Ministry with Pastoral Responsibility for Middleton + Bonsall. Many of you may remember me as I may be the new Team Vicar but it's not the first time I have lived in Wirksworth. In fact this is my third time of living amongst the lovely hills of Derbyshire.



Back in 1978 I moved to Matlock to take up my teacher training at Matlock College and when my course finished I moved to Wirksworth and lived there for 6 years. I worked for Janet Reger's and Geoff Falks the dentist while here, living in Coldwell Street, then above what was the new Ken's in those days and then in Sough Lane.

Then in 2012 I returned to Wirksworth as Curate in the Team Ministry. I met many of you and it is a joy to see so many familiar faces amongst the congregations, but it is an even bigger joy to see some new faces - a sign of growth and change which we all have to recognise and allow if we hope to be able to still be church in our communities in the 21st Century.

In the last nine years since I served amongst you I have grown and changed and I look forward to serving you again confident that God has called me back here for a purpose and that He will be at work amongst us in the coming days, months and years.

One last word - a very large thank you to all those who generously gave to the gift I received back in 2016, I spent it on a beautiful Cope which I wore for the Easter Vigil service and which I will wear on many other occasions - do look out for it and admire your wonderful gift!

Rev Janet

A 'Make a Joyful Noise' worship event held at St James' Church in Brassington

This was preceded by delicious refreshments and we are very grateful to those who provided them. The theme was 'All Change', thinking about the change in the seasons with Spring on the way, the changes that happen in life and the changes that must be faced by the Church. But that, at the same time, God is a constant source of strength, guidance and comfort.

The next 'Make a Joyful Noise' worship event will be held at St James' Church in Bonsall at 4pm on Sunday 6th July with refreshments served from 3.15pm. Ian and Sue Todd

Easter Egg Hunt

On Easter Saturday St Mary's church was buzzing as 50 children enjoyed finding the chocolate eggs laid by 106 chicks, the 30 eggs left by the Easter Bunny and 400 baby chocolate eggs. What a buzz of excitement there was!

When all the eggs were collected it was wonderful to see how those with many shared with those who had few. Everyone then adjourned inside the church for hot cross buns, biscuits and drinks. Many had a go at the Easter Crafts.

This is now the third year Churches Together has arranged the Easter Egg Hunt and numbers have increased each year. We are so grateful to the ladies of Wirksworth who knit the chicks.

Sue Todd



VE Day will be marked by a service at the War Memorial at 11am.

The Veterans Breakfast Club will meet in the Dining Room from 9am to 11am & there will be a tombola & collection stall.

An exhibition in Kirk Ireton church over the Bank holiday weekend.

Fauré's Requiem in St Mary's on Good Friday evening

Huge thanks to everyone who helped to put this event on. Everyone enjoyed the evening, and more than £500 was raised, to be split between St. Mary's Church and providing humanitarian aid in Gaza.

Visitation Service 2025

This special service for Church wardens is 6.45pm for a 7.30pm start on Thursday 26th June 2025 at Holy Trinity church, Matlock Bath.

Wardens - please look out for the invitation email.

Church for Everyone

In the Wirksworth Team we believe that church should be for everyone, but recognise that the services we currently hold, at the times we hold them, do not meet this expectation we have of ourselves.

As a first step to changing this we are beginning a new service, at a new time and with a different feel. We are calling it "Church for Everyone" because that is its aim.

Church for everyone will include; songs, readings, videos, prayers, activities, celebrations. It will start at 4pm, once a month, on the 3rd Sunday of the month (first one Sunday 18th May). It will last about 40 minutes and will be planned to appeal in particular to families and children.

As always, everyone is invited and everyone is welcome. We very much hope to see many of you there.

Rev Neil

Middleton Holy Trinity are hosting a Joint Team service on Trinity Sunday 15th June at 10:30am to which all are very welcome to attend

Arrangements have been made for the congregation to use Middleton Village Hall car park which is close by.

Refreshments (tea, coffee and biscuits) will be served after the service.

Pastoral Care

Care for people has from the earliest times been a key part of the activity of the church, and we can read in Acts about the appointing of deacons to care for those in any kind of need, and the collecting of money to provide for the care of all in need.

We hope this is true today and we seek to keep an eye on those who might need help, assistance, or a friendly ear to listen.

This is a job that anyone can do, but in some cases a member of clergy might also be needed. If this is the case then the message needs to be passed on. Please avoid the thought "they must know" and please pass on the message that a clergy visit is wanted, and we will try to make sure that this happens.

Now that we have a full quota of clergy and parish responsibilities are being shared, we should be able to respond, but we can't if we don't know.

Messages can be passed directly, via your local church warden or via the Team Office. But please pass the message on and we can try to show that the church still cares.

Thank you, Rev Neil

May is most important for Christian Aid, because Christian Aid Week always comes in the middle of the month. This year CAW is from Sunday 11th - Saturday 17th May.

Nationally half of Christian Aid's income is raised in this week and Christian Aid is one of the only charities that aims to visit every home with a CAW Envelope. This year, the need is greater than ever as the Government has decided to reduce the budget for Overseas Aid in order to boost what we spend on Defence. This is leaving charities, such as Christian Aid, struggling to meet the needs of poor and marginalised people around the world.

As in the previous few years we are offering a Delivery Only Service asking people to return their filled envelopes to: the Co-op, Skopa, Dip's Place, Derby Road Stores and the Post Office in Wirksworth, give it to a trusted Christian Aid Rep in your village or take it to church on Sunday 11th or 18th May.

As usual we will be launching Christian Aid Week with the **Christian Aid Service. This year it will be held on Sunday 11th May 6pm at St Thérèse's Church, Gorseley Bank.** This is always an inspirational service and this year the focus will be on Guatemala in Central America, where we will meet Aurelia, an amazing grandmother. With training and help from Christian Aid's partner in Guatemala, she is teaching others in her community new ways to grow food crops that will help them survive the devastating impacts of the climate crisis.

If you need a lift to St T's, please have a word with your Christian Aid Rep. Bob Rhodes



Messy Church Report

“All you need is love” according to the Beatles and you couldn’t have any other theme for our **Messy Church on Valentines Day**.

We talked about 1 Corinthians 13, sang ‘Magic Penny’ and did an experiment with yeast called ‘Elephant’s toothpaste’ to illustrate the Kingdom of God being like yeast (Matthew 13:33). We made a beautiful love caterpillar to display in St Marys and thought about all the people God has put into our lives.

We thought about the birds and made bird feeders.

We made heart shaped mats to give to someone special and flower pictures. Our science activity showed how we all have parts to play using our different gifts and talents.

Sharing our meal is always a special time and the heart shaped biscuits we made were delicious.



Our next Messy Church was the **Friday before Mothering Sunday** so we celebrated our families and made a poster showing all the ways we ‘belong’. Our Bible Story was Jesus blessing the children and we talked about however young we are, we are all special to God.

We decorated containers and made flowers to give to a special person who cares for us. Pebble painting is always popular and these were done to give as gifts. Cake and biscuit decorating is a necessary part of our session so this time we did two, one to eat with the meal and one to take home for a special person. We also decorated dishes with a tea light inside; to remind us that Jesus is the light of the world. It was good to chat together over our meal.



Our average number at Messy Church is about 20 children and we are so grateful for the support of parents and grandparents in helping with activities, serving food and clearing up afterwards.

The next Messy Church is on Friday 4th July when we hope to have a picnic and outdoor activity.
Sue and Ian Todd

Some photos from Janet’s licensing service in St Mary’s



The May Calendar: Alleluia He is Risen

The Four Sundays in May all fall within the Easter Season. The Paschal Candles remain at the front of each Church and are lit for every Service to remind us that we are still celebrating the wonder, the truth and the power of Our Lord's resurrection. A time of great joy.

Thursday 8th May marks the 80th anniversary of VE Day and Prayers of Remembrance will be offered in our churches on either the 4th or 11th of May. This will be marked in Wirksworth on the day in the Memorial Gardens at 11am. Previous to that on the 4th May at Brassington is Morning Worship at 9.30am with Commemoration and Thanksgiving attended by the members of Royal British Legion.

The second Sunday 11th May marks the beginning of Christian Aid Week and this year the Annual Service for Wirksworth and the villages will take place at St Thérèse's Roman Catholic Church at 6pm.

The last Sunday in the month on 25th May is marked as Rogation Sunday. Rogation means to ask and there are three Rogation days before Ascension Day. Traditionally they were marked by processions before prayers in Church. The poet George Herbert interpreted them as a means of asking for God's blessing on the land, encouraging fellowship between neighbours and reconciling differences. Today it is a time to pray for international relations and locally for our own communities. From Brassington to Bradbourne there will be a Rogation walk led by Rod Prince meeting at Brassington church gates at 9.30am.

Ascension Day is on Thursday 29th May and there will be an evening Eucharist at 7pm in St Mary's Wirksworth.

Through the month the Annual meetings of our individual churches will be concluded. Churchwardens and PCC members will be elected.



Aquabox plea for clean useable TOWELS
are always seeking donations of clean useable
towels for packing in the emergency filter boxes.
Please drop any towels off at the Team Office.

Safeguarding Report

On much of the Diocese of Derby's communications there is the tagline, 'Transformed lives, growing church, building community'. By chance 'community' is the theme for this year's Mental Health Awareness week (Monday 12th May to Sunday 18th May). We are all members of different communities, including that of the church and our parish and so building positive community is something that we all can engage with. For further details of Mental Health Awareness week contact Louise at the Team Office. To report a safeguarding concern please contact either the PSO on 01629 824707 or the Diocese of Derby's Safeguarding Team on 01332 388678, email address: 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 & 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



The Registers for April 2025

Baptism

Sun 13th THEODORE JOHN DAVID WESTLAKE Wirksworth

Holy Burials & Ashes

Tue 1st MICHAEL EDWARD STEVENS (Mick) 87 Idridgehay + KI burial

Weds 2nd FREDA MARSHALL 89 Wirksworth

Sat 5th ELIZABETH WARD 81 Bonsall

Thu 10th JEAN JONES 88 Wirksworth

Sat 12th FREDA ESPLIN MADIN 100 Wirksworth

Fri 25th AGNES ROONEY 91 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 in St Mary's church (near the North door). There is always a need for tinned goods, toiletries and long-life milk.

We pray for the Roman Catholic Church worldwide as it mourns the death of His Holiness Pope Francis, giving thanks for his life and ministry. May he rest in peace and rise in glory.

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Deadline for the June issue of Team Talk is Monday 19 May

Please forward any articles and photos to the Team Office,
