

BUXTON PARISH NEWS



MARCH 2020

**Charitable Giving for the
FIRST quarter of 2020
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CLERGY LETTER MARCH

Lent is upon us.

Lent is traditionally a season of fasting. There are Soup Lunches on Tuesdays in Lent in our Parish Centre, under the banner of Churches Together in Buxton, where you can have a simple lunch in fellowship with others and support good causes.

It is also a season of spiritual discipline and study, and there is a Monday evening course 7.30 to 9 pm at St. Anne's Community Centre, Hardwick Square West, called "Christianity Explored" (based on the Gospel according to St. Mark), again under the banner of Churches Together in Buxton.

If you can, please support these initiatives. You will benefit from them, and they should benefit from you being there.

Lent is upon us. The British Tax Year ends soon.

Monday 6th April 2020, Monday of Holy Week, will mark the beginning of the next British Tax Year...

This makes Lent a good time for us as individuals to review our finances and how we use our incomes. It is a long time since we had a Stewardship Campaign or Review in this Parish. Some will be in a habit of prayerfully reviewing their resources and how they use them. Others may not have acquired such a habit.

I was reminded of this by the Old Testament reading for the 3rd Sunday before Lent, viz. Isaiah 59.1-9. Verses 6 and 7 take a challenging line on God's view of fasting: -

"Is not this the fast that I choose: to loose the bonds of injustice, to undo the thongs of the yoke, to let the oppressed go free, and to break every yoke?"

Is it not to share your bread with the hungry, and bring the

homeless poor into your house; when you see the naked, to cover them, and not to hide yourself from your own kin?"

As church members, we acknowledge our Christian faith week by week in private and in public. We acknowledge and claim our part of that salvation that God has brought us, personally and collectively, through the death and resurrection of our Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ.

As Lent progresses, we are brought face to face with the cost to God of our salvation. In the person of the Son, he suffered the anticipation of betrayal, humiliation, pain, desolation and death. In the person of the Father, he suffered the pain of what his Son suffered. Anything that we know of pain and desolation has been endured by God in Jesus. Anything that we have agonised over in the pain of a relative has been suffered by God the Father.

Much of our Faith is mystery. Mystery needs to be reflected upon and prayed through. Easy answers do not exist, and attempts to provide easy answers or to grasp them risk losing an appreciation of the infinite depth of God's love for us.

Our response to the salvation that God has brought us is first and foremost a personal one. However, God calls us into fellowship with one another, and in the fellowship of his Church, he calls us to mission and service.

In our modern world, where money is our medium of exchange, one significant part of the call on our work in the Church is a call on our money.

Lent is upon us. The British Tax Year ends soon.

I realise that I am in a privileged position to write about money. As a non-stipendiary (financially self-supporting) minister, the call on my money is the same as on yours, and I do not receive

an income from the Church. As an Associate Priest in the parish, I do not know, and do not wish to know, what any individual gives to the work of the Church. In what follows, therefore, I cannot be “getting at” anyone.

In any individual Church, there is always a very large difference between the financial contributions of those who give most and those who give least. Among Church members, there is nearly always a large difference in income between those whose incomes are largest and those whose incomes are least.

There is not necessarily a direct correlation between size of income and size of contribution to the Church. Sometimes some of those whose incomes are not among the highest are yet among the highest givers. Sometimes some of those whose incomes are among the highest are among the lowest givers.

Models of giving can be broken down as a number of different categories, for example the following five:-

1. **Small change giving:** a collection plate comes round and a person gives some or all of the coinage that happens to be in their purse or pocket.
2. **Entertainment fee:** the person gives, whenever they are there on a Sunday, a donation of a similar value to that that they would pay to go to the cinema or theatre.
3. **Membership of a club:** the person looks at what they would pay in annual membership and weekly attendance fees for membership of a club or interest group (art course, language class, choral society, etc.), and gives to the Church on a similar basis.
4. **Share of the costs:** a person looks at what it costs to run the church, looks at the number of “members”, divides the one by the other, and takes that as the basis of their giving (some prestigious golf clubs in the south of England work on this basis rather than a membership fee).

5. **Tithing**: a person follows the Biblical principle of tithing, and gives a tenth of their income for God's work (the Church of England suggestion is that half of the tithe might go to the Church, the other half going to other charities, e.g. mission agencies, relief agencies, etc.).

Within our membership, we will have some, whether they have thought it through or not, who fit into each category.

I would invite each reader to consider, with prayerful reflection, the **tithing** model for themselves.

Clearly, if your entire income consists of a State pension or State unemployment benefits, you are most unlikely to be able to give a tenth of your income away, and no-one would expect you to do so. However, if you are used to giving yourself a weekly treat, such as a visit to the cinema or a meal out, you might consider whether your giving to the Church is of a similar order to the cost of your treat.

Clearly a young family with a mortgage and a costly travel costs to get to work are in a different position from a retired couple, with grown-up children and no mortgage, but on the same gross income.

However, whatever you reckon to be your "income", a tithe is certainly not a tenth of what is left over at the end of a month, once everything has been paid for.

Older, well-off, people may even find that they are in a position to give away more than a tithe of their income.

I have given to the Church by monthly standing order for well over 40 years, and would encourage everyone who has a bank account to give by standing order or direct debit. In that way, the Church can rely upon the income, whether any of us is on holiday or unable to get to a service, and administration is simpler and cheaper.

If you pay income tax, please make your charitable giving under Gift Aid. The charity can then claim back basic rate tax, which increases the value of what you have given by a quarter. If you are privileged to be a higher rate tax payer, you can claim back the difference between basic rate and higher rate tax via your tax return. That enables you to give even more.

Above all, please review your giving with prayer and reflection this Lent, and in gratitude to God for our salvation through the death and resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ.

John M. Overton
Associate Priest

Please Remember in Your Prayers

The sick and those in need:- We remember the elderly, the housebound and those in residential homes. We pray for those who are ill, at home or in hospital, especially we pray for Josie Baker, Jim Campbell, Sally Green, Nathan, Frank Green, Carol Simpson, Arthur Naden, Keith and Pat Robinson, Ed Backhouse, Kenny Jones, Kathleen, Pete, Shannon Gerrard, Maureen Barker, Lorraine Houlden, Marjorie Heasman, Betty Allen, Dorothy Crowson, Christine Dinardo, Nick Benson.

The recently departed:- We pray for those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. We remember those who have recently died, especially we pray for Ken Rowe, Brenda Steeples, Elizabeth Barton, Joyce Howard, Ken Rowe, Ellen Norton.



SERVICE TIMES

Sunday March 1st First Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Family Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	Activity Church, Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30 am	All Age Eucharist, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Shipwrecked, St. John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

Sunday March 8th Second Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	No service at St James' (joining with King Sterndale, ticket only service)
9.30 am	Family Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	All Age Eucharist Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30 am	Family Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

Sunday March 15th Third Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Brekkie Church, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	All Age Eucharist Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30 am	All Age Together, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

Sunday March 22nd

Mothering Sunday

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	All Age Eucharist Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30 am	All Age Eucharist, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

Sunday March 29th

Fifth Sunday of Lent

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	All Age Eucharist Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30 am	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00 am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

Every Monday (not Bank Holidays)

12 noon	Holy Communion, St. Anne's Bath Rd
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Every Tuesday

9.15am	Morning Prayer, St. Anne's Church
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Every Wednesday

10.00am	Holy Communion at Christ Church, Burbage
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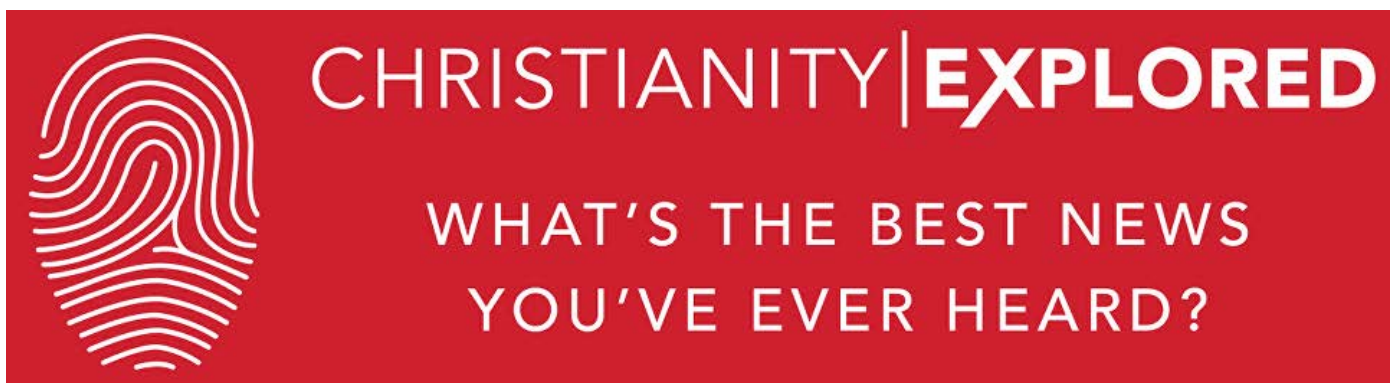
Churches Together in Buxton



Lent Course

“Christianity Explored”

Based on Mark’s Gospel



Every Monday evening from 24th
February – 6th April

7.30 – 9.00 p.m.

St. Anne’s Community Centre, Hardwick
Square West, SK17 6DU

All welcome!

Churches Together in Buxton

Lent Lunches 2020



Tuesdays 12.15-1.15pm

February 25th,

March 3rd, 10th, 17th, 24th, 31st

Bath Road Centre, 29 Bath Road

Minimum Donation £3.00

All proceeds to:

Christian Aid, Tearfund, CAFOD

Charity Numbers: 1105851:265464: 285776



Brekkie Church

“Feeding minds and bodies”

Christ Church, Burbage
Food and informal worship
9.30 a.m.
Sunday 15th March
All welcome!



There is something new happening at
Christ Church, King Sterndale...

a new kind of Church...

Activity Church

Sunday 1st March 2020
9:30am

Breakfast pancakes, stories, fun songs, activities, Lego,
playdough, sand, colouring and craft, for all ages from 0 to 100+
King Sterndale Parish Hall
Contact Rev. Liz or Jennie 01298 77856



Shipwrecked

NEW for 18 to 25's
6pm 1st Sunday of month

March 1st, May 3rd, June 7th, July 5th, Aug 2nd,
Sept 6th, Oct 4th, Nov 1st, Dec 6th 2020

food 🍕 games 🎲 discussion 🗣️ prayer 🙏

St John's Church 6 St John's Road SK17 6XN

👓 Find Buxton Team Parish on Facebook

Churchyard Working Parties

Christ Church Burbage

Tuesday March 10th

Tuesday April 14th

St. John's Church

Re-starts on Saturday 14th March

Saturday April 11th – creating the Easter Garden



Wednesday Bible Study

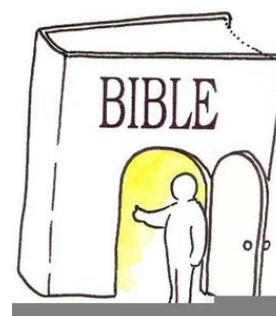
7.30 p.m.

March 4th, 69 Green Lane

March 11th & 18th, 6 Brown Edge Close

March 25th, 9 College Road

All welcome!



Monday Lunch Dates

MARCH

2nd Church Service & Lunch

9th Church Service only

16th Church Service & Lunch

23rd Church Service only

30th Church Service & Lunch



Worship with Prayers for Healing.

On Palm Sunday, 5th April, at 6.00pm there will be worship at St. Mary's with an emphasis on healing. It is called "Laying on of Hands and Anointing", and for the sake of brevity we also call it a "Healing Service". We plan to offer this worship 4 times a year. We shall be praying for healing in its widest sense – physical, emotional, mental and spiritual.



Just over 25% of the Gospels is concerned with Jesus' acts of healing, and a significant proportion of the rest of the New Testament also describes acts of healing. In our modern world we greatly value all that medical science has to offer, and in our healing services we aim to open ourselves even more to God's healing power.

I have led many healing services in the past. Often people have said that taking part in the worship has enabled them to experience a greater sense of peace. Sometimes people have said that they have experienced healing in a very noticeable way – maybe not immediately.

We want people to feel comfortable in these services. Those who want one of the leaders to say a prayer with them simply come up to the Communion rail. (We plan to have a male and female leader at each service, and you can choose which you go to.) You may want to tell us about something specific to pray for – or you may want a general prayer for healing. We shall lay hands on you and pray for you. We shall also ask if you want us to anoint you with holy oil. If you do, we shall use the oil to anoint you with the sign of the cross on your forehead.

We sometimes use Psalm 46 in this worship. It begins:
God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble.
Near the end of the psalm we find the words: *Be still and know that I am God.*

Those words from Psalm 46 set the tone of our healing services.

If you want to know more, please contact me.

Rev. Martin Collins
01298 74906
wfmartincollins@gmail.com

Welcome Wednesdays
Bath Road Church Centre
2.00 – 4.30 p.m.
First & third Wednesday of each month

March 4th *Tales of a Travelling Producer* Stephen Shipley

March 18th *It Shouldn't Happen to a Teacher* Eric Butterley

April 1st *Entertainments for Dark Nights* Maureen Durdle

For adults of all ages - Friendship,
fellowship, fun activities, speakers,
afternoon tea.

All welcome!





We believe in life before death

NORTH STAFFS CHRISTIAN AID

SPONSORED WALK

To be held at

TITTESWORTH WATER

(Three miles north of Leek, just off the A53)

SATURDAY 28th MARCH 2020

REGISTRATION FROM 9.15am

WALK STARTS AT 10.00am

The walk will be launched by

*The Bishop of Lichfield
and the*

Lord Mayor of Stoke-on-Trent

**Sponsorship forms and more information from your local church
or phone John Bamford (01782 516137) or contact Mike Willmot at
mwillmot@talktalk.net**

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NORTH STAFFORDSHIRE CHRISTIAN AID COMMITTEE
SPONSORED WALK AT TITTESWORTH RESERVOIR
Saturday, 28th March 2020



We made our first £1,000,000!

Sincere thanks for agreeing to take part in our 30th sponsored walk for Christian Aid. Last year we raised over £41,000 and this takes our total since 1991 to **OVER ONE MILLION POUNDS!**

Donations and promises of financial support have already been made to cover all this year's expenses - so every penny you can collect in sponsorship will go directly to Christian Aid as usual.

Tittesworth are allowing our walkers to park their vehicles for a payment of £3.00, regardless of how long we stay. (It would normally cost £5.00 to park for more than two hours). Please display the Christian Aid pass given to you on arrival.

Registration takes place from 9.15am onwards. The walk will commence at 10.00am and we ask that walkers aim to complete the course by 1.00pm. You have a choice of **two** routes - a short 'easy' walk of approximately 2 miles or a longer walk of roughly 5 miles, both of which will be clearly signposted. As usual we will have St. John Ambulance Brigade members on duty together with our own stewards and Easter eggs will be distributed to anyone brave enough to come in fancy dress or to wear an Easter Bonnet.

If you require more of these letters and sponsor forms please ask me (tel. 01782 516137) or contact Mike Willmot at mwillmot@talktalk.net. Obviously, we hope that you will obtain as many sponsors as possible and please be sure to bring your sponsor form with you on 28th. Looking forward to seeing you there and thanks again for all you are doing to help those living in poverty.

Best wishes,

John Bamford

(Hon. Organiser)

Helpers & Toys Needed!

Can you spare an hour or two?

Volunteers are needed to help at St. James' Toy Swap on **Saturday 4th April** from 2p.m.— 4p.m. (& for a short time before and afterwards)

If you are interested or would like more details please speak to Jennie in the Office or the Rector.

We also need clean, unbroken toys. If you are having a spring clear-out please leave your toys at the parish office, St. James' or with the Rector (we can collect)



Lay Pastoral Team



We are a well-established group with many years of working together and extensive experience between us.

Whatever crops up, we have each other for support. Our newer members may take some time to discover what God has in mind for them and established members evaluate their involvement. As we alternate our leaders at this time of year the opportunity invites this. We welcome new ideas as we continue our work with the most vulnerable among our congregations. Please contact us if we can help with home Communion or visits and please get in touch if you would like to find out more.

Sheila Morris

AWF

March 17th Open Meeting
Church Centre at 7.30pm
Speaker: Rev'd Liz England

Admission £2 includes tea/coffee,
biscuits and raffle.

All welcome to join members for an
hour or so of Parish Fellowship



Calling all local adults and children...



Lent thru the Lens

Lent begins 40 days before Easter, when we celebrate Jesus and what he has done for us on the cross. Lent can be a time of listening and paying attention to where God may be found. To help us do this, Buxton Team Parish is setting a challenge:

Find God in nature - by finding and photographing a Cross in nature.

If you find a naturally appearing Cross, then take a photo and post it on our Facebook page.



We will display as many photographs as we can during Lent, in our six churches.



So, start your Lenten journey today - We look forward to seeing your pictures.

Please send your photos to Buxton Parish Office, Bath Rd or upload them to our 'Buxton Team Parish' Facebook page.

Please let us know your name and where the picture was taken.

PCC DATES 2020

PCC Tues 10th March – Church Centre

APCM Tues 21st April - Church Centre

All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. There will be optional tea/coffee/networking from 7 p.m. for the full PCC meetings.

Please send reports to the PCC Secretary no later than Monday 2nd March p.woodroffe@sky.com.

Please note—the deadline for church & group reports for the APCM booklet is Friday 13th March

Children's Society

Thank you to everyone who supported our memorable Parish Christingle Service at St Mary's at Candlemas. We raised over £320 for the work of the Society with our vulnerable young people.

Thank you to the PCC for your generous donation from the Christmas Crib collections to the Children's Society. Also to new Box-holders for your response to help us with donations. Your details have been passed on to our Box Secretary, Ruth, who will be in touch. Our Regional Officer, Jane, will be coming to update us with the latest Children's Society news in April, so watch this space!





The Deanery of Peak

Eucharist to celebrate the Feast of the Annunciation of Our Lord

Wednesday March 25th - 2.30 p.m.

St. Mary's Church, Dale Road, Buxton

Celebrant: Revd Keith Cocking
(Mothers' Union Deanery Chaplain)

Preacher: Revd Liz England
(Rector of Buxton Team Parish)

Tea and cake will be available after the service.
Limited parking availability around the church.

For Members and friends wanting to spend time in our beautiful town before the service there are eating opportunities around the Market place, with public parking availability, about 10 minutes' walk away.

For further details contact Carolyn Fell
Tel. 01298 24239

Mothers' UNION

Christian care for families

Wednesday March 11th

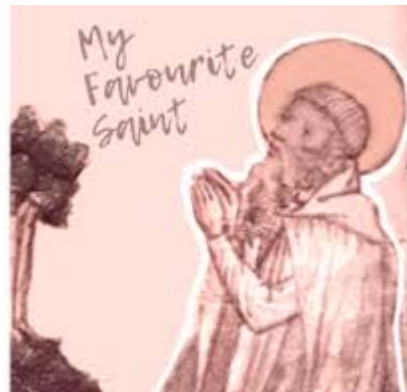
2.00 pm at the Church Centre

Speaker: Canon Christine

McMullen

"A Favourite Saint"

Teas Lynne and Sue



We are really looking forward to welcoming Canon Christine, a gifted and inspirational Speaker.

Friends from the Parish are welcome to join Members for what promises to be an afternoon not to miss.

Wednesday March 25th

Peak Deanery Feast of the Annunciation Eucharist

St Mary's Church, Dale Road, Buxton at 2.30pm

Celebrant Rev'd Keith Cocking, MU Deanery Chaplain,
Preacher Rev'd Liz England, Rector Buxton Team Parish

All Branch Members should be there to welcome Deanery Members at 2.00pm.

BUXTON MUSICAL SOCIETY

Buxton Musical Society will perform

Mendelssohn's stirring oratorio, "Elijah" at St

John's Church on

Sunday 5th April at

7.30pm. Telling the

story of the Old

Testament prophet,

Elijah, it includes dramatic scenes of a challenge to the god,

Baal, to rain down fire on a sacrifice. Baal fails to do this and

Elijah asks God to send the fire down. When God does so, Elijah

urges the slaying of the prophets of Baal. Elijah then flees to

the wilderness, to escape the wrath of Queen Jezabel. He

spends - appropriately for Lent - forty days and nights in the

wilderness. At the end of his ordeal, he is so exhausted he asks

to die, but is saved by encouraging words. There is a spectacular

earthquake and fire and Elijah ascends to Heaven on a

whirlwind, in a fiery chariot, drawn by fiery horses.



Tickets £15 each from the Opera House Box Office, or £14 each, when bought *in advance*, from members of the Chorus.

SAFEGUARDING

The Parish Safeguarding Links are:-

Children & Young People =

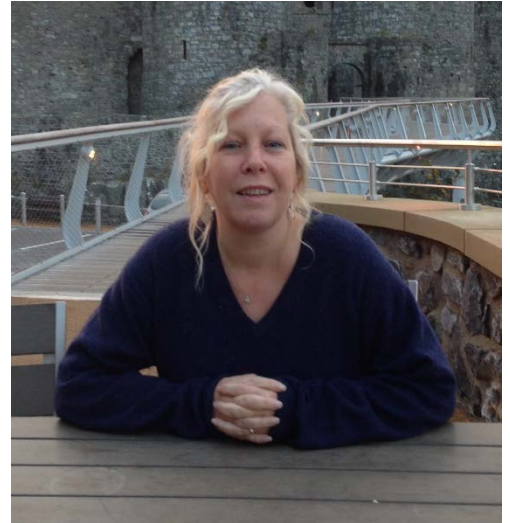
Emily Tooze

Vulnerable Adults = Aileen Warneford

DBS/record-keeping = Jennie Parker

The Parish Safeguarding
number is:- **01298 77856**

If no-one is available in an
emergency please contact Social
Services 08456 058058 or the
Diocesan Safeguarding Team on
01332 388 678



Emily Tooze



Aileen Warneford

If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, or if you just want to chat about any aspect of helping vulnerable people safely, please contact Emily or Aileen.

Safeguarding Church of England Past Case Review Phase 2 - PCR2

Protocols and practice guidance for the Church of England's Past Cases Review 2, (PCR2) have been published and are on the National Church of England Website. churchofengland.org/safeguarding/promoting-safer-church/safeguarding-news-statements/past-cases-review-2

Individual survivors who wish to make representations to the PCR2 process in the Derby Diocese or who need to come forward with information or make any disclosures regarding church related abuse are encouraged to make direct contact with the **Safeguarding Team 01332 388678**.

However, recognising that this may not feel safe for those with experience of abuse from within the church, a **dedicated national helpline - 0800 80 20 20** - operated independently from the church, by the NSPCC, was set up in September 2019 and remains available.

Survivors and victims can use the helpline to provide information or to raise concerns regarding abuse within the Church of England context; whether they are reporting issues relating to children, adults or seeking to whistle blow about poor safeguarding practice.

Survivors were not invited to contribute to the 2007-2009 PCR and the Church has wanted to ensure a different, trauma informed approach is taken by PCR2. Listening to survivor voices has helped to shape how this review will be conducted.

We are now at the beginning of the PCR2 process, this is an independent review to look at all the safeguarding files, historic and current for both adults and children, including all Church officers. The review aims to ensure that wherever concerns have been raised that the cases have been handled appropriately.

The National Church has given a commitment to undertake a new Past Cases Review (PCR2) which will not only look at all types of harm, both to children and or adults, but will probe much deeper in records or concerns held in parishes, some of which may not have been reported to the DSA. Your vicar (or church warden if in Interregnum) will now have received a letter from +Libby outlining what is required to enable this significant piece of work to be completed. We need to submit the final report to the National Safeguarding team by the end of December 2020. We will be in touch directly with PSOs' to give the detail of the next step, but it may be helpful if you identify where any parish records are held so that there is less work to do when we ask you for the details.

The timescale for responding to PCR2 in the Diocese of Derby is by 31st March 2020.

Our Diocese

March 2020



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Bishop Jan writes...



“So long, farewell, auf wiedersehen, adieu,” so sing the children in *The Sound of Music*.

Surely one of the toughest aspects of being a priest or bishop is that from time to time you have to uproot, leave behind the people and places you have grown to love so much, and move to pastures new. As you say your farewells you're reminded of the privilege of having been a part of so many people's lives, often sharing the sorrows as well as the joys, and knowing the stories behind the smiles.

For me, the most important symbol of my ministry is my pastoral staff. Not a beautifully decorated, bejewelled work of art in precious metal, but a real wooden shepherd's crook. It's a reminder that Jesus calls himself the Good Shepherd and calls his priests and bishops to tend his flock. When I arrived in Derbyshire as a shiny new bishop in 2016, I carried a shiny new shepherd's staff. Recently I said to my husband that I ought to give it a good polish as its beginning to look very scratched and battered. Andrew wisely said no, and reminded me that every scratch and imperfection is a reminder of a pastoral encounter.

Baptisms, confirmations, licensings; sermons preached from lofty pulpits and lowly steps; the Lord's Supper celebrated in cathedral and front room; joys and sorrows, confidences shared; stories received of the very many ways in which God is working in people's lives; I have loved it all.

Thank you for the cards and heartfelt messages received following the announcement of our departure. We will miss you all very much indeed. So many expressions of farewell invoke God's blessing; from goodbye (Godbweye - God be with you) to adieu (short for 'I commend you to God'). May God bless you all in all that lies ahead.

And pray for us, as we will surely pray for you.

*The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane
Bishop of Repton*

Read more about Bishop Jan's new role over the page.

Bishop Jan to move to a new role in Lichfield

The Bishop of Repton is moving on from the Diocese of Derby to become Residentiary Canon (House for Duty) at Lichfield Cathedral and Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield.

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane will move to Lichfield with her husband Andrew and take on her new role in April, after almost four years as Bishop of Repton.

It will be a return to Diocese of Lichfield for Bishop Jan who was born in Stoke-on-Trent and began parish ministry in Stafford following her ordination as a priest in 1994. From there she served in Ely and Norwich dioceses before becoming the Bishop of Repton in 2016.

Bishop Jan said: "Andrew and I will be very sorry to leave the beautiful county of Derbyshire where we have been so happy. I feel blessed to have worked with some excellent colleagues and wonderful congregations. I came to the diocese knowing there would be a vacancy-in-see to cover. The completion of that task has coincided with the silver anniversary of my ordination to the priesthood, and much reflection during my recent sabbatical on the past 26 years since I was ordained at Lichfield Cathedral.

"In addition, following five years of hospital visits I have been formally declared in remission from cancer. All of this together has led to a desire to live life at a different pace. I look forward to being able to carve out time for writing and to return to the rhythm of preaching, praying, presiding and pastoring for which I was first ordained. I'm much looking forward to returning to my home county and diocese, journeying from Repton to Lichfield quite literally in the footsteps of St Chad."

Bishop Jan will have a formal farewell at the meeting of the Derby Diocesan Synod on Saturday 7 March. She will preach at Evensong at Derby Cathedral on Sunday 8 March at 6pm and hopes to be able to say a less formal farewell after that service, to which everyone is welcome.

The Bishop of Derby, the Rt Revd Libby Lane, said: "Bishop Jan has been a rich blessing for the Diocese of Derby. With compassion and courage she has offered both care and challenge in a time of transition. She is a good friend, and has been a generous colleague - especially for me as I



arrived in the diocese. She is greatly valued and appreciated, and her ministry has been a gift to us: we thank God for her. We recognise the cost of the past few years, and honour her integrity as she moves to this new ministry in Lichfield. She will be greatly missed, but travels in the steps of St Chad with our love and prayers for her and Andrew."

Bishop Jan will be installed as Residentiary Canon (House for Duty) at Lichfield Cathedral on Friday 3 April during Choral Evensong. She will be welcomed as Honorary Assistant Bishop in the Diocese of Lichfield at Chrism Eucharist at the cathedral on Maundy Thursday, 9 April.

The Bishop of Lichfield, the Rt Revd Dr Michael Ippgrave, said: "It is a joy to welcome Bishop Jan back to the Diocese of Lichfield, where she was born, baptised, and ordained as a deacon and a priest. I am very pleased that she has agreed to assist in an honorary capacity with episcopal ministry, and I know that we will be greatly enriched by her wisdom, teaching and pastoral gifts. It is fitting that she will be commissioned during the Chrism Eucharist on Maundy Thursday, an occasion on which we pray for all who exercise ordained and licensed ministries."

The Very Revd Adrian Dorber, Dean of Lichfield Cathedral, said: "Lichfield Cathedral is honoured and delighted to receive Bishop Jan as our new Canon Custos. Her role will be primarily pastoral helping develop our links and concern for all associated with the Cathedral. We look forward to benefitting from her wisdom and experience and having her as a valued colleague. Her arrival will be a bit of a homecoming and we hope she and Andrew will enjoy this return to Jan's roots."

St Mary's Church, Wirksworth secures National Lottery grant

St Mary's Church, Wirksworth will be making essential roof repairs this Spring, thanks to a National Lottery Heritage Fund grant of £120,000. Alongside the repairs, people will be given the chance to find out about the work, tour the tower and try their hand at heritage crafts found in the church.

The Grade I listed church was put on Historic England's 'Heritage at Risk' register in 2019, because of the 'poor' condition of the roof.

St Mary's sits at the heart of the historic market town and is an important part of its identity. It's also the first point of call for many visitors, so a new exhibition will help people understand more about St Mary's unique heritage and connections to the town's lead mining history.

With the town's main annual celebrations stemming from the church traditions of Well Dressing and Clypping, the project will encourage the wider

community to connect with the church's heritage.

More repair work will be needed in future to make sure St Mary's is no longer 'at risk', so building the support of the whole town will be vital.

Commenting on the award, the rector, Canon David Truby said: "We are delighted to have received support from National Lottery players for this important project, which will restore the nave roof for generations to come. We also want to make the wonderful heritage of St Mary's more accessible to the wider community and visitors alike."

Anne Jenkins, Director, England, Midlands & East at The National Lottery Heritage Fund, added: "Thanks to National Lottery Players, we are delighted to award St Mary's Church, Wirksworth with a grant that not only carries out urgent repairs, but will also welcome new visitors, meaning this important heritage will resonate with the community for years to come."



Bishop Jan consecrates cemetery

"What have you been doing at school today?"
"We've been resurrecting dead bodies."

Actually the children of Crich Church of England Infants School had been helping Bishop Jan consecrate the new graveyard below the church. On a perfect February afternoon with a pure blue sky and low winter sunlight pouring down the hill, the gathering of children and adults had witnessed an ancient rite which none had seen before nor were likely to see again.

Bishop Jan in her full regalia complete with Doc Martens first fielded such questions as 'Why are you dressed like that?' and 'Why are your eyes orange?' Once such matters had been cleared up she explained the nature of the ritual, held her crook aloft and announced she was chief shepherd. The children were encouraged to answer with a few bleats but from then on they were drawn into the beauty and the sacredness of the proceedings. Bishop Jan led the procession along the hedgerows reciting psalms and pausing at each corner to mark a solemn cross in the wet grass. Where the gas



main bisected the burial ground the gathering was informed that this stretch could not be consecrated, because it might be necessary one day to disturb the pipeline. The children, silent and respectful, carefully picked their way around the unhallowed plot. At the conclusion the Registrar in her wig and gown read the declaration and Bishop Jan told the children that this was now a place where the villagers could lie safe and at rest in Jesus. And for a few minutes the children and all the gathering stood quietly in that glorious winter sunlight and thought about the past and the present and the future and the eternal rest that Jesus gives.

Then Bishop Jan led her flock up the lane and into the church for drinks and cake.

Coronavirus (COVID-19) guidance for parishes

Whilst we are all mindful of the risk of COVID-19 (and the flu) at the moment, the latest guidance from Public Health England (17 Feb) suggests we should not be alarmed:

Whilst in places of worship there is no need to avoid other people who are well. Take usual infection prevention precautions including washing your hands (with soap and water for at least 20 seconds) or using hand sanitiser (containing at least 60% alcohol) after using the toilet facilities; before eating food or snacks or if you are in close contact with someone who is unwell. This is particularly important after taking public transport.

Churches should already be following best-hygiene practices that include advising parishioners with coughs and sneezes to refrain from handshaking during The Peace and to receive Communion in one kind only. At present, there is no Government advice that suggests the use of the Common Cup should be suspended. It is also best practice for churches to have hand-sanitisers available for parishioners to use.

In addition, priests presiding at the Eucharist, communion administrators and servers should wash their hands, preferably with an alcohol-based (minimum 60%) hand-sanitiser. Intinction (practice of partly dipping the consecrated bread into the consecrated wine before consumption by the communicant) is not recommended (even by celebrants or communion administrators) as this represents an infection transmission route.

Best hygiene practice should continue to be observed in all pastoral contacts.

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March

- Wed 4: Together Magazine issue 8 published
- Sat 7: Diocesan Synod
- Mon 9: Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)
- Wed 25: Peak Deanery Synod

April

- Sun 5: Palm Sunday
- Thu 9: Maundy Thursday
- Fri 10: Good Friday
- Sat 11: Holy Saturday
- Sun 12: Easter Sunday
- Mon 27: Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)

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