

St Mary's, Crich and All Saints, South Wingfield with Wingfield Park **CHURCH NEWS**

SUNDAY 29th NOVEMBER 2020

Welcome! To a CONTINUING way of being Church
'To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known'

Welcome #80 This week's news...

SUNDAY'S BIBLE READINGS

Psalm 80, 1 Corinthians 1:3-9, Mark 13:24-37

For the Parish Church of St Mary's, Crich

For the Parish Church of All Saints, South Wingfield

The CHURCH is still here not just in a building but throughout the community. With recent advice to close church building for worship during this 2nd Lockdown there will be no Sunday worship in the church buildings until further notice.

CSW ZOOM SERVICES THIS SUNDAY 6.00pm

This Sunday we are offering a Zoom Service for the CSW Benefice **AT 6.00PM**. To join simply make sure you have the Zoom app on your computer and hopefully use the link in the email..... Topic: Sunday 6pm Zoom Service

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81194707080?pwd=K0lraVZGTnlmekMxR3pSaGJ3M2lIQT09>

Meeting ID: 811 9470 7080

Passcode: 279953

COLLECT PRAYER FOR FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**Almighty God,
as your kingdom dawns,
turn us from the darkness of sin to the light of holiness,
that we may be ready to meet you
in our Lord and Saviour, Jesus Christ. Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers.... Those in need:

Pat Sellors, Chris and Barry, Doreen McNally, Kyle Goodhead, Iva Henshaw,
Eric Straw, Amanda Nadin, Pamela Hall, Christine and John Hopkinson,
Andrew and Cheryl Porter, Pam McCane-Whitney, Ben, Wilf & Margaret Fretwell, Jean Stead,
Brenda McCartney, James Hancox, Betty Kennedy, Heather Watson,
Gordon and Marjorie Harwood, Phil and Bridget Bateman,
Lucy, Alison and Alan

All who mourn the loss of loved ones:

Val Clark and Bryan Sellors

Bryan's funeral service is at 11 am on 15th December at St Mary's (following at the Crem)

PRAYER GUIDE

- The Coronavirus Spread, the Cessation of Conflict and the World's Climate Change
- For the people of Nigeria, Beirut and the people of Lebanon. Lord have mercy.
- For the people of America and their election results.
- Our Government, the European Union and the future of our countries
- High Lane, Crich
- Shaw Wood View, South Wingfield
- The Heads, Teachers, TA's and Staff of ALL our Schools.
- Crich Junior School on the resignation of the new head at Christmas and the search for a new Headteacher.
- The Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby & Archdeacons Christopher [soon to retire] and Carol
- CHIKS Project – their work with orphaned children & youth
- Gabriel [Nicaragua] supported through Compassion UK
- Our Hardwick Deanery esp. St John the Baptist, Tibshelf
- Our Armed Services, Fire, Ambulance, Police, Lifeboat, Mountain, Cave Rescue Services
- All Saints 'stay & play' & Crich 'pop-a-long' & 'pop-a-long babies' slowly reopening please keep all families in your prayers
- Pop-a-Long Babies on Thursday's 10am-11.30am at The Chapel

PRAYER CHAIN

We have put together a Prayer Chain for the CSW parishes, if you need prayer **NOW!**
Get in touch with Ian who will pass on the prayer request [usually anonymously] to intercessors via email.

A CALL TO PRAYER

Our Archbishops have called the Church to daily prayer during this Lockdown2

Will you set aside 6pm every day to pray for or world during this crisis.

#PrayerForTheNation Dedicated pages have been created and many resources are now available. >> [Prayer for the Nation webpage](#) >> [Daily Prayer videos \(YouTube\)](#)

Advent Hope

Between 30 November 2020 and 24 December 2020, Bishop Libby invites you to join her each week for an hour of prayer and reflection based upon seasonal Bible passages and collects, as together we look for the coming of Christ and the hope that gives us of his kingdom.

Advent Hope is open to all and will be held on Mondays from 8am - 9am and repeated on Thursdays from 8pm - 9pm. Please email halina.johnson@bishopofderby.org for the access link.

GIVING ONLINE

Many people have asked about regular collections at church.

If anyone can set up a Standing Order through their bank to St Mary's here are the details:

St Mary's PCC Crich sort code 40-52-40 account number 00019984 CAF Bank Ltd

Like many charities Churches, who totally rely upon the giving of the congregations, are struggling financially. If you are able please consider giving through Standing Order, as that makes our financial planning more stable, please contact the Treasurer at your church.

We are planning a Gift Day in November for you to prayerfully consider what you can give.

St Mary's support Derby City Mission Toy and Tin Appeal

We have all heard it before, "Things are different this year!"

St Mary's normally support Derby City Mission by holding a Toy and Tin Service at the beginning of December. This year we have decided that we will collect tins and Christmas goodies for the school/village hamper appeal and that a Tin and Christmas Cracker Service will be held at 10.00am on 6th December (Lock-down allowing).

Hamper foods can be given as described by Deirdre Offord, however, to continue to support Derby City Mission we include here how to Donate for Toys etc.

<https://www.derbycitymission.org.uk/donate/donate-to-derby-city-mission/17/credit-card>

St Mary's Gift Day 2020

We have up to date received £1,462.50 (inc. Gift Aid).

Considering we have not had a service in church for people to hand in their envelopes this is very satisfying. Looking forward to lots more envelopes when we return to services.

Dennis.

CHRISTMAS IS A COMING!

Service plans for the Christmas Period at St Mary's are very provisional and depend on Covid and how soon our prayers for Ian's recovery are answered.

December 6th – 10am 'Tin' service, receiving donations of non-perishable goods to help support less fortunate families this Christmas (see above)

December 13th – 10am Communion December 20th - 6.30 Alternative Carol Service – you will need to apply for tickets in advance. Wait for details

December 25th – 10am – Christmas Day Service – this may also have to be ticketed.

December 27th 10am – Communion

January 3rd – Christingle – tba



In the meantime, we are still looking to share **Comfort and Joy** with our parishes, the Church of England Christmas campaign follows these themes: Churchofengland.org/ComfortAndJoy

Christmas in the Village

- All being encouraged to decorate outside of our homes and have a Grand light up on 5th December at dusk .
- Make a Christmas Wreath ,the more the merrier ,and post photos unto Crich Standard website
- Invitation to create our own windows to depict the story with Stars ,angels ,or anything from Christmas Story.
- To decorate fences or nearby lampposts with stars .
- Doorstep carols on 16th December from 6-7 pm with Radio Derby . Carol sheets and more information to follow about how to join in safely ! But musical instruments welcomed.

We won't let that Grinch virus stop us celebrating the birth of our Lord ! - following safety measures of course Won't it be great when the time comes not to have to add that last statement . Deirdre

Christmas Journey – Follow the Star! 19th – 24th December

Journey with the Christmas Story as it unfolds in windows and outdoor tableaux around Crich.

Join in with a Star in your window!

A group from St Mary's, Crich Wesley and the Baptist Chapel have got together to plan a Journey around Crich during the week before Christmas. There will be decorated windows and tableaux depicting scenes from The Story. A thoughtful explanatory guide is being written, and will be available during that week, in the Telephone Box in the Market Place, along with a Hope magazine and ideas for a few activities for families to do at home to illustrate The Story. Look out for those who prophesied Jesus' coming down the centuries, at the Scout Hut. Imagine the Magi travelling from Crich Wesley, up The Common and Bowns Hill to St Mary's Porch where they find Jesus. Mary is visited by the Angel Gabriel in Lynn's porch in Bower Close, and Joseph has a reassuring dream at Anette's in Crich Chase. Mary and Joseph reach Bethlehem in the Market Place, where shepherds are visited by angels in the Bethlehem hill and rush off to find Jesus in the Manger.

Nearer to Christmas, we encourage you to put a Star in your window, or anything that illustrates something from the Christmas Story. The Star guided the Magi, and the real Super-Star in our lives is Jesus Christ, our Saviour and Lord of all creation! Let's praise him in any way we can this Christmas!

Christmas Card

A Christmas Card from church is to be delivered to each home in the Parish during the weekend 12/13 December. We are grateful to our Scouts will be delivering, but can you help too by delivering on your own street?

It would help share **Comfort and Joy** if everyone could do one street.

If so, could you contact anette.love@btinternet.com 07713955249

Christmas Hampers

St Marys are providing hampers for families who are struggling and head teachers have been approached for numbers needed . There is a growing demand! Hampers will be taken to the schools. Donations of special Christmas food and treats can be left in St Marys on Sunday mornings and Wednesday afternoons. These will be collected on each of these days. Or they can be left with us at 74 The Common, 01773853722. deirdreofford@gmail.com

If you want to contribute but need donations to be collected please let me know and I will arrive at your doorstep. Otherwise make a financial contribution via Dennis cash, cheque or BACS 40-52-40 account no 00019984

Let's pull together and shine light and love into homes who most need it . Thanks Deirdre (Offord) This initiative DOES NOT replace the need of the COMMUNITY PANTRY for ongoing donations. Many thanks to all who have already donated.

Daily Hope phonenumber to address issues of social isolation.

A free national phonenumber Daily HOPE aimed particularly at those who don't have access to the internet. Research indicates that some three million people – particularly those in an older age group have no, or very irregular, access to the internet. The line will be available 24 hours a day on **0800 804 8044**.

From Bishop Libby

Yesterday we heard the welcome news that, from next Wednesday, our buildings can re-open for public worship. We are thankful that gathering together can form a part of our preparation and celebration of Christmas. Nonetheless, this season will look and feel very different in our churches – as in our homes and wider communities – this year.

Advent is always a precious time for me. And this year it will be particularly so. It marks the beginning of the Christian year, and a period of longing – looking forward to the coming of Jesus and the fulfilment of all God promises, by looking back to the stories of God's persistent, patient, passionate, provocative love at work through human history. Advent is a season of hope, and we need that hope more than ever because hope is what gives us the courage to keep going in expectation that change for good is possible.

As we enter Advent we will need to draw on the depths of God's love that is without measure, and begin again to live out that love generously and courageously that others will hear and see in us the life-giving love of Christ.

The Book of Common Prayer Collect for the last Sunday before Advent prays that God will 'stir up' our wills that we might bring forth the fruit of good works (do check out Archdeacon Carol's video on the diocesan website as she follows the old tradition of stirring up Christmas cake on 'Stir Up Sunday'). If we are to be people of hope this coming year, we will need to pray, for God to stir us up, again and again, giving His life and love for us to draw on and live out. That's why I invite you to begin this new Christian year in Advent Hope and prepare for Christmas – whatever it may look like this year – in prayer with me. The invitation to join me for weekly prayer and reflection is below.

+Libby

A Prayer for the nation - Week 3

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days, we turn our hearts to you.
In ages past, you have delivered our nation from disaster.
Do it again, we pray.
Give wisdom beyond human wisdom to our leaders,
Give strength beyond human strength to the NHS and all our frontline workers.
Give comfort beyond human comfort to the elderly and all who grieve.

Lord Jesus Christ,
in these dark and difficult days,
turn your face towards us,

have mercy upon us,
and heal our land, we pray.
Amen.

Revd Ian writes:

Four candles or should that be fork handles, handles for forks!

I love the expectation and music of Advent, this year there will be no singing of those familiar Advent Carols, but Advent remains all be it differently.

That phrase is going to become more and more common over time, 'all be it differently'. It is already part of where we are at present but more so it will be a part of where we will be in 12months time.

Advent then, by its name, invites us to consider what is coming and although we don't know exactly what a COVID Christmas or COVID New Year will look like...we still know it's coming.

In the same way a new way of being church is coming and will affect every church and parish in England even us here. Paid full-time clergy are being reduced and that will mean more churches being joined into larger groupings. Retired Clergy, self-supporting Clergy and Readers will be heading up and providing most of the leadership in our churches and the remaining paid full-time clergy will become 'managing clergy', largely separate from the parishes.

This scenario is coming, its Advent is near, but we don't know when or how it will be here.

Advent then invites us to consider the future and to consider what we look for in the coming of Jesus, will Jesus still be King of his church? He will, but only if we allow him to become Kings of our lives and to relinquish our own self autonomy and accept the authority of Jesus day by day.

That is the only way, I have found more recently, I can live. I have no idea what my personal future looks like, ill health or healthy, in ministry or redundant, in the Vicarage or homeless, remaining a Priest or retraining. Not unlike a million other people throughout our COVID world.

And so, there is nothing else for it but to continue, we continue, once more, as best we can then, to live out and be what Jesus says:

“.... one another”

*Be **Kind** to one, **Bear** with one another,*

*Carry **Hope** for one another and **Love** one another...*



SITUATIONS VACANT

Could you be a Church Governor at one of our local Church Schools? There is the need for volunteers with various skills for these posts. If you are willing to think about this please speak to Di Fretwell.

Crich Community Pantry

'drop off what you can - take what you need'

We continue to be in need of your contribution of food stuff and store cupboard items as the need outstrips the giving.

Based in Crich at the New Vicarage,
at South Wingfield at the Parish Room,
at Bullbridge at the Canal Inn

Currently the community pantries are running at about 2 days in hand, there is the need for tinned meat products, tinned veg, toiletries, children's food items, nappies and sanitary wear, cleaning products and

The need is STILL with us! THANK YOU to all who help.

Popalong Babies

**A group for first-time mums and their babies under 1 year old
-a chance to socialise and meet other mum's and babies in a Covid safe venue.**

Thursdays 10-11:30 (term-time)

**Crich Wesley Chapel,
Chapel Lane,**



DE4 5BU

Please register your interest with Serena Hancox

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Weddings & Christenings at Crich & South Wingfield - - we are told Baptisms or Weddings can begin once more to take place. To inquire about a date contact Joanne above.

Funerals at Crich & South Wingfield: Contact Revd Ian above.

Only close family [up to 20 people] should consider attending these services

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Crich & South Wingfield Church Website: www.crichstmarys.org.uk

Weddings and Christenings can be booked once more for Crich & South Wingfield

We are told Baptisms or Weddings can begin, once more [with COVID19 restrictions], To book or enquire contact the Vicar Ian

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