

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

CHURCH NEWS

SUNDAY 3rd JANUARY 2021

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

Welcome #1 This week's news...the FIRST for 2021...

SUNDAY'S SERVICES

For the Parish Church of St Mary's, Crich

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6.00pm Zoom Chat & Pray every Sunday

Contact details see p3

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Today's Readings

Ephesians 1:3-14 & Matthew 2:1-12

COLLECT PRAYER FOR EPIPHANY SUNDAY

**Creator of the heavens, who led the Magi by a star
to worship the Christ-child:**

**guide and sustain us, that we may find our journey's end
in Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.**

Please remember in your prayers....

We will be updating our prayer list throughout January 2021, please let Ian or Joanne know who needs to remain on our prayer list.

Those in need:

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:

Brian

PRAYER GUIDE

- The Coronavirus Spread, the Cessation of Conflict and the World's Climate Change
- For the people of Croatia, Nigeria, Lebanon. Lord have mercy.
- For the people of America and their new president-elect and a safe hand-over.
- Our Government, the European Union and the future of our countries
- Kinder Crescent, Crich
- Wingfield Road, South Wingfield
- The Heads, Teachers, TA's and Staff of ALL our Schools.
- The Diocese of Derby, Bishop Libby & Archdeacons Peter and Carol and the New Diocesan Vision currently in progress.
- CHIKS Project – their work with orphaned children & youth
- Kevin [Honduras] supported through Compassion UK
- Our Hardwick Deanery in this time of reorganisation esp St Martin, Alfreton
- The NHS and the incredible strain they are under
- Our Armed Services, Fire, Ambulance, Police, Lifeboat, Mountain, Cave Rescue Services
- All Saints 'stay & play' & Crich 'pop-a-long' & 'pop-a-long babies' especially with the Christmas break, 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.

SUNDAY ZOOM: CSW Chat and Pray

Time: 06:00 PM London

Every week on Sun, until Mar 28, 2021,

Jan 3, 2021 06:00 PM until Mar 28, 2021 06:00 PM

Please download and import the following iCalendar (.ics) files to your calendar system.

Weekly: <https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/tZUsfu2vrjwqEtT7jimkypCDQAAAnWzo2rQKn/ics?icsToken=98tyKuGprzluHdSSsBGHRpwcBYr4LO3ziGZfj7dpyxXsDitKciDSB8NjPIVIH4rC>

Join Zoom Meeting

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Find your local number: <https://us02web.zoom.us/u/kRLz66PJf>

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**.

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.

Health Update on the Vicar Happy New year...and thank you all for you cards and gifts over Christmas. After a battery of tests, all which were ok, the GP thinks I have Long-COVID which affects energy levels, breathing, brain function [brain fogging], anxiety levels, nerve issues and fatigue. It's a long-term prognosis with no 'cure' as such. I will be returning on a limited basis in January but what the long-term future looks like is in God's hands. Thank you all for your support and prayers.

Revd Ian writes:

With the imminent arrival of 2021 the papers, internet, FB, Twitter, and all the rest are full of what to expect, hope for, or to pray for. Many of these are hopeful and whilst acknowledging that we can't all expect to return to what was normal nevertheless a new sort of normality will eventually come.

There was one Twitter that stopped me in my tracks, however. A young man [35] said 'I don't really care if I don't wake up in 2021 it all seems so pointless and empty...' This was then echoed by others using similar phrases; from men and women, youngsters in their 20's right through to the 60yrs+. There was real feeling of emptiness and desolation in the tone of the Tweets; without human contact, without being able to do 'anything', without being able to 'do what they wanted' life for many is becoming intolerable.

What then might the words of Jesus that will speak into these lives? Because it is there that the Gospel of Jesus has got to be seen and heard, and it can't be in the trite or clichéd of "it'll be ok...".

What then would you say to that Twitter user on the eve of 2021 when even 'old man time of 2020' looks and feels like he has been hit by a train of events we didn't see coming?

That is the Christian challenge, amongst many, that 2021 will hold for us.

Alongside that is the New Diocesan Vision of a reduction by 25% of full time Vicars in Parishes, reducing Clerics in the Hardwick Deanery from 12 to 7, the formation of a new Archidiaconal area and a third Archdeacon, and the formation of churches being principally ministered to by yourselves but not the Clerics. Vicars are now not to be 'practitioners of ministry but enablers of ministry'.

Lives, society, and our churches within the community will not be returning to what we once knew as normal. My prayer for 2021 is that eventually there will still be a voice, somewhere in 2021, that will speak words of hope and faithfulness for those like that Twitter user who need to know that God sees their struggle and that they are not alone in it.

God bless us.

COMMUNITY PANTRY

The community pantries continue through our area at Crich, Fritchley, Bullbridge and South Wingfield. They are organised by a small group from the whole community on an informal basis, not wanting to become too structured or embroiled in red tape. The premiss is a simple one, we give what we can as a sign of generosity, and people take what they need without questions. If you know of anyone in need and the pantry is not meeting that particular need please contact the Vicar, Ian.

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.

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

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

To book or enquire contact the Vicar Ian

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