

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

**4 JULY 2021**

Welcome! To a CONTINUING way of being Church

*'To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known'*

*Please now send inclusions for the Church Newsletter to MARTYN OFFORD*  
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**SERVICES ON 4 JULY (5<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Trinity) IN CSW BENEFICE**

**St Mary's Church, Crich: 10am.** Rev Ian Whitehead will lead us in Holy Communion.

**All Saints, South Wingfield: 11am.** Diana Marshall [LLM(Reader)] and Mark Irving (Churchwarden) will lead the morning worship

**6pm** Evening worship events for the benefice are still under review by St Mary's PCC

**WELCOME BACK TO CHURCH.** It's safe! On Sunday 27 June we rejoiced to see so many folk worshipping with us at St Mary's and it felt very safe and as comfortable as possible in our ancient pews!

Although our churches are still subject to the same rules as during Lockdown – masks, spacing, sanitizing etc we have reached the point where practically everyone in the congregation has been vaccinated.

We still can't sing but we can meet and chat to our friends outside!

And we CAN (and do) worship in our hearts, minds and spirits!!

**PRAYER GUIDE**

*It has been so encouraging to see Rev Ian leading in services again, but please continue to remember him in your prayers as he continues a phased return to work – please respect this.*

*Also pray for:*

Elaine Maltby, Doreen McNally, Kyle Goodhead, Iva Henshaw,  
Pam McCane-Whitney, Wilf & Margaret Fretwell, Jean Stead, Marjorie Harwood, Lucy, Phil and Bridget Bateman, John Coles, Keith and Elaine Fearn, Lyn Davey and Scott, Hallam Langford, Harry.

**All who mourn the loss of loved ones, especially for the families and friends of:**

**Pat Nicholls; Sybil Denton; Kenneth Fearn (Keith's brother).**

*Please continue to pray:*

- For the priests and deacons who were ordained at Derby Cathedral last Saturday (26 June 2021) as they settle into their ministries in their different Parish situations
- For continuing peace negotiations in the different areas of our world where people do not live in harmony with each other
- For victims of injustice in various parts of the world
- For the continuing fight against the impact of the Coronavirus especially in India and those countries who do not yet have full and easy access to the vaccination.

- For equitable distribution of medical supplies throughout the world
- For those already battling with the impact of climate change – for the excessive heat wave in Canada and the USA over this past week
- For the people of faith across our world who suffer persecution because of their faith.
- For our Government, the European Union and the future of our relationship with Europe.
- For constructive solutions in Northern Ireland
- As school term draws to an end this month, for the Heads, Teachers, TA's and Staff of ALL our Schools; particularly for the impact of the school holidays for poorer families
- For our young people who are leaving their current schooling at the end of this term – Y3; Y6; Y11 and Y13 as they move on to new classes; new schools; higher education or into paid work.
- For the continuing welfare of our village in the light of all the new developments.
- For those planning weddings and Baptisms in the coming months
- For the Diocese of Derby, Bishops Libby & Malcolm, Archdeacons Peter and Carol and the New Diocesan Vision currently in progress.
- For the CHIKS Project – their work with orphaned children & youth in Kenya
- For the children still supported by Benefice members through Compassion UK
- For our Hardwick Deanery in this time of reorganisation
- For the NHS and the continuing strain that they work under
- For the emergency Services still working through the rubble of the collapsed apartment block in Florida and for the families awaiting news of their loved ones who lived there.
- For Crich 'pop-a-long' & 'pop-a-long babies', please continue to keep all families in your prayers.
- For the development of emerging new Youth work in our community. *(See Deirdre's report on page 3)*

**During the past few days, the Festival Days have occurred when we think about the lives of St Peter and St Paul and also of St Thomas (doubting Thomas – who had questions and needed proof before he could believe that His Lord was truly alive.**

#### **Collect prayer for Peter and Paul's Festival**

**Almighty God,  
whose blessed apostles Peter and Paul glorified you in their death as in their life:  
grant that your Church,  
inspired by their teaching and example,  
and made one by your Spirit,  
may ever stand firm upon the one foundation,  
Jesus Christ your Son our Lord. Amen.**

#### **Collect prayer for St Thomas' Festival**

**Almighty and eternal God, who, for the firmer foundation of our faith,  
allowed your apostle Thomas to doubt the resurrection of your Son  
until word and sight convinced him:  
grant to us, who have not seen, that we also may believe  
and so confess Christ as our Lord;**

who is alive and reigns with you,  
in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever. Amen

## FURTHER NEWS

### **CRICH'S YOUNG PEOPLE A report from Deirdre Offord**

The consultation meeting for young people took place on 24th June. The aim was to learn if the local youngsters (11-16 year old group) wanted a local youth group and (if so) what they would like to be included in it?

23 young people aged between 11 and 14/15 came along - mainly in small groups or with a friend or in some cases with a parent. Parents were soon encouraged to leave by their off spring! Two youth workers from Blend, the planning team and Rev Ian facilitated the evening, chatting with the youngsters about the questions we had thought about eg "What rules would you want in the club", What kind of refreshments/food/activities/special evenings?

The table tennis was out and well used with "Matches" timed by Gwen Roe so everyone had the chance to have a go. There was table football, board games, music and refreshments. Some were surprised (and pleased) that the refreshments were free! Adults on the team participated in the games, when appropriate, and kept an eye out to ensure no one was left out. Mainly the young people attended Antony Gell school and (to my amusement and delight) there were about 8 Popalong "graduates". It is so special seeing children growing up and their different stages of development.

We were really impressed by how obedient and appreciative the young people were. Also that there was hardly a mobile phone in sight and how popular the board games were. We have now had the offer of a small pool table, something which was mentioned in the feedback.

We hope to start in early September on Thursday evenings.

In the meantime funding will be sought, from grant making bodies,, plus (hopefully) contributions from our community, and from fund raising events. Work will be done on policies, procedures, and practice guidance so that this group is built on solid foundations and so that future volunteers are clear about their roles and in order that parents are confident that their children are in safe hands .

Please pray that enough funding will be forthcoming and that the next stage of the planning will go smoothly and most especially that those other young people not there on the night will come along.

Thank you for your encouragement at St Marys and your donation. Deirdre

### **HEALING PRAYER**

**Healing prayer** at Wesley Chapel **July 13<sup>th</sup> 2pm**. A time to pray for others and each other within our worship of our Lord Jesus, who understands our needs. Prayer works!

All welcome. (Jim & Lynda Gray 857921)

**EVERYDAY FAITH.** St. Mary's is going to be a pilot church for this. The PCC will hear details of it from Rev Anette at their next meeting on 8 July. Watch out for further details which will be shared with us all in the coming weeks!

**MONDAY PRAYER MEETING.** It is important and an encouragement to pray together at the Wesleyan Chapel, 11am on Mondays. There is plenty of space to sit socially distanced. We follow a short Ffald-y-Brenin liturgy as a framework, and share and pray for whatever is on our hearts, whether local, national, overseas or for friends/family. We usually finish by 11.45. All welcome.

### **TWINNING OUR CHURCH REFUSE BINS!**

St Mary's church toilets are already twinned and now the PCC would like to twin our church refuse bins as well! **WHY?** You will find the answer by checking out this website:

<https://www.bintwinning.org/>

The cost of the twinning has been underwritten by a church member who really wants this twinning to happen, but if you would like to donate a small amount towards the cost of the twinning our two church bins, then please give your donation to our Treasurer Dennis Hooton or else put your gift in an envelope in the Church plate labelled "**BIN TWINNING**"

**Better still - why not twin your own refuse bin at home?**

### **A DATE FOR YOUR DIARY: CELEBRATING OUR SPONSORED CHILDREN**

On Sunday 19 September there will be a visiting speaker at the 10am Service at St Mary's. A representative from the charity **Compassion** will be with us that morning. We have a few children sponsored with Compassion by our church members.

Di Fretwell will be contacting those of you who she knows are already sponsoring children through Compassion, but are there others of you who sponsor children through other sponsorship schemes please? It would be good to celebrate **all** of the children supported by church people on 19 September! Please phone me on 01773-852460 if you are a child sponsor!

### **ARE YOU WONDERING WHERE THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND IS HEADING?**

If so, there was a link to some webinar videos in last week's Bishop's COVID update letter. Stephen Cotterell is a panellist in three of them and a video is now posted to CSW Digital Church Facebook page. The videos are thought provoking and worth watching. You can find the link to them here:

<https://www.churchofengland.org/about/leadership-and-governance/emerging-church-england/vision-church-england-2020s>

**Crich Community Pantry**

**There is a continuing need for the Community Pantry!**

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

## BISHOP MALCOLM'S MESSAGE

*Note from Di Fretwell:* I have deliberately highlighted one question in Bishop Malcolm's message this week. This is because our church member, Keith Fearn, is already involved in Tim Rourke's disability inclusion working group for the Diocese. Keith has strong views about inclusion and our PCCs will be hearing more from him in the coming months. Keith has thoughts about how we can become even more inclusive in our Benefice than we are now.

### From Bishop Malcolm (dated 29/07/2021)

Dear friends,

This coming **Sunday, 4 July**, has been named a national **'Thank You Day'**.

Just as many of us last week were able to express our gratitude on 'Thank a Teacher Day', I hope as churches we can all join in in saying that 'thank you' to all those who have worked so hard through the pandemic, often at risk to themselves, caring for the sick, providing for our needs, and protecting us from harm. Even if this is the first we have heard of this special day, it is not too late to do something to say our own heartfelt 'thank you'. Of course, after all that has happened, thanksgiving will lead to reflection on what it means to 'build back better'.

I have been reminded this week of one area where there is much we could do as local churches. In February this year, the Office for National Statistics showed that 60% of the deaths from Covid-19 were disabled people. Many people will have assumed that is because they are 'vulnerable' or have 'pre-existing conditions' and that has made them, in some ways, expendable. The figures actually indicate that the raised figures were as much a matter of pre-existing inequalities linked to poverty, cramped housing and unequal access to healthcare. It has been even more deadly to 'Black and Asian disabled people'. [*The Guardian - 24 June 2021*]

Each of us is wonderfully made in God's image, and nobody is less valuable or expendable. **In moving forward, how are we as churches to reflect this view of disabled people?** And how can we enable them to respond fully to God's call on their lives? If, like me, you would like to follow this up, or know someone who could help us do so, please get in touch with our Disability Inclusion Officer - [tim.rourke@derby.anglican.org](mailto:tim.rourke@derby.anglican.org)

In the meantime, let us give thanks, especially for God's love reflected in human kindness.

'I thank God every time I remember you...' Philippians 1.3

With every blessing, +Malcolm Bishop of Repton

**The latest advice, links to guidance, and answers to FAQs are available on the Church of England website: [www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus](http://www.churchofengland.org/coronavirus)**

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We are taking bookings for **Weddings** contact Ian.

**Funerals at Crich & South Wingfield:** Contact Christine Port 07800 942455.

*Please check Government regulations on attendance figures*

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