

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

**APRIL 11<sup>th</sup>**

**Welcome! To a CONTINUING way of being Church  
'To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known'  
It's still Easter so - 'Hallelujah - Christ is Risen!' to  
which the response comes 'He is Risen Indeed! -  
Hallelujah!' Jesus is alive!**

***Please remember Rev. Ian in your prayers and also:***

**Those in need:** Elaine Maltby, Doreen McNally, Kyle Goodhead, Iva Henshaw,  
Pam McCane-Whitney, Wilf & Margaret Fretwell, Jean Stead, Gordon and  
Marjorie Harwood, Lucy, Phil and Bridget Bateman

**All who mourn the loss of loved ones:**

**PRAYER GUIDE**

- The Coronavirus Spread, the vaccination programme, the Cessation of Conflict and the World's Climate Change
- For the people of Myanmar and the Church in Ethiopia. Lord have mercy.
- Our Government, the European Union and the future of our countries relations, especially the issue of the availability of vaccines.
- For a cessation of violence and constructive solutions in Northern Ireland
- The Heads, Teachers, TA's and Staff of ALL our Schools, with the return of all school children.
- 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
- Gabriel [Nicaragua] supported through Compassion UK

- Our Hardwick Deanery in this time of reorganisation
- The NHS and the incredible strain they are all under
- Our Armed Services, Fire, Ambulance, Police, Lifeboat, Mountain, Cave Rescue Services
- All Saints 'stay & play' & Crich 'pop-a-long' & 'pop-a-long babies' as they plan to resume, please keep all families in your prayers.
- Pop-a-Long Babies on Thursday's 10am-11.30am on Zoom

**PRAYER CHAIN...**We have a Prayer Chain for the CSW parishes, for if you need prayer **NOW!**Get in touch with Ian who will pass on the prayer request [usually anonymously] to intercessors via email.If anyone would like to join the intercessor prayer chain let Ian know.

## **WHAT'S ON THIS COMING WEEK**

### **For the Parish Church of St Mary's, Crich**

**Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> 10 am Communion in Church**

**For the Parish Church of All Saints, South Wingfield**

**Sunday April 11<sup>th</sup> 11 am Morning Service in Church**

### **For Both Churches**

Here is the link for the 6pm zoom [Chat and Pray](#) on Sunday next and for the foreseeable future. Zoom have changed the system for recurring meetings and have set it up for "anytime" which means exactly that!

Diane Fretwell is inviting you to a scheduled Zoom meeting.

Topic: CSW Benefice Chat and Pray

Time: This is a recurring meeting Meet anytime

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82686019710?pwd=V0lUc2Q3d0ZJYnZXSENoUFNUTFhkUT09>

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## AN EASTER JOURNEY ROUND CRICH

Many of us in Crich have been thinking of storytelling this Lent. There are of



course many ways of telling a story and one way is to go on a journey round the village. The Easter Journey started in Crich's iconic telephone box where everyone collected their bag of activities, their quiz and booklet before heading off to the first installation – Palm

Sunday at the scout hut. Jesus had his feet anointed in a very well appointed

garage and his Last Supper outside the Wesleyan Chapel. Gethsemane was in our front garden, where Jesus prayed resolutely through gales, drizzle, cold and frost, sunshine and then back to icy winds again. Realising that people were inspecting my front garden meant some hurried weeding, until someone mistook me for a living installation. The trial was in the window of Archway House and a rather superior sort of cock marked Peter's betrayal beside a very authentic looking fire – so authentic that it was a marvel that no one threw water over it. Three bare willow woven crosses stood at a road junction, which was gorgeously decked with flowers on Easter Sunday. In the church porch, where the tomb stood open presided over by our huge willow angel, visitors were invited to collect the materials to make their Easter Garden.

Having completed their quiz (or not) the children made off to collect their Easter egg prizes. Some were surprised at the rather lax criteria by which the quiz was assessed and only one very scrupulous child insisted that his quiz be checked before receiving his egg, which was pronounced 'yummy'.

It was a powerful way of taking the glorious Easter story out of church and installing it in the community. Each chapter was explained by information boards and the booklet and one couldn't help listening in to the parents and grandparents telling the story to the children, answering questions and sharing the good news as a family. It was also very gratifying to receive thanks and appreciation from the visitors.

Another way, of course, of telling a story is to watch it on video and you can do just that thanks to Alan Richmond. Thanks also to St.Mary's, Crich Wesleyan Church, Crich Willow Weavers and Crich Open Gardens Gang.



<https://youtu.be/TDJZoMFudJQ>

## **Lectio365 can now help you to sleep at night!**

Over a year ago a Reader friend introduced me to the app called **Lectio365**. I downloaded it to my Ipad and have used it every day since, it is a really good ten-minute start to my day. The structure is that everyday we will pray (P.R.A.Y.) very simply. P – Pausing to be still; R – Rejoicing with verses from a Psalm and REFLECTING with verses from Scripture; A – Asking God to help us and others and Y – Yielding to His will in our lives, come what may.

On Easter Monday, the app has introduced a 6 minute night prayer as well as the morning P.R.A.Y session. It is very calming! Give it a try if you've had difficulty getting to sleep during lockdown. Don't worry if you fall asleep while it is still running – you can sleep peacefully knowing that God's Word is going into your ear as you enter the land of dreams!

The app called **Lectio365** can be downloaded from Google Play or from Apple store – whichever works best for your own device. I can recommend it!

Di Fretwell

## **Thy Kingdom Come**

"Thy Kingdom Come" is happening from 13th to 23rd May. Prayer booklets will be available nearer the time for all church members who wish to use them.

## **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**.

**THE FOLLOWING ITEMS HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED EACH WEEK BECAUSE THEY ARE IMPORTANT AND REQUIRE SOME RESPONSE – PLEASE RE-READ THEM, PRAY AND RESPOND WHERE YOU CAN.**

## 2020 ANNUAL REPORT FOR OUR CHURCHES

For the APCM instead this year of regurgitating the same old group reports I want to ask each one of you, from within the church and community, **to make your contribution**. In a new way.

**Can you email Ian your own thoughts and reflections? Perhaps by briefly answering these three questions:**

- What have you missed, found hard or lost during 2020? Psalm 13
- What is there to give thanks for, or seen God at work in during 2020? Psalm 105:1-2
- What are the signs of hope for the year ahead in 2021? Psalm 55:22

Don't rush these three questions, linger, and reflect on what we consciously and unconsciously are carrying in these days.

## CHURCH ELECTIONS & CHANGES

This year at St Mary's Martyn Offord will be stepping down as Warden after many years steering you through the vacancy and the first year of this COVID19. You will need therefore to select and elect a new Warden to replace him. **Please prayerfully consider if you could be that person called by God, full of the Holy Spirit and willing to serve his Church of St Mary's.** Details about the role are in previous editions of this news letter or phone Martyn 01773 853722

The PCCs are currently looking at Ian's proposals as to how our churches will move into the new post Covid era. Clearly there will be significant changes and we need new PCC members who have a real commitment to the future. (Our current PCC members have quite a lot of 'past'). Please come forward yourselves or approach people who you feel might be appropriate. Above all pray for guidance in this.

## FROM DENNIS THE TREASURER AT ST MARY'S

*As we begin to return to church and some sort of normality, Dennis is asking us to think about our giving, perhaps what we didn't give last year and what we might feel able to give next year. Read all 55 verses of Malachi along with this shortened version of Dennis's message from the last few weeks.*

2020 was a difficult year for us all in our responses to Covid19, lockdowns and loss of freedom. It was also a somewhat difficult year financially for people and the Church. Sadly, the biggest knock-on will be felt in 2021 when Gift Aid (based on April last year to April this year) will be much reduced.

I would ask everyone to consider their weekly/monthly giving to God and perhaps find a way of increasing it. No one is pressuring people to give more as it may not be possible to do so but, I would ask that time spent in prayer and calculation might bring forth a positive result. (Gift Aid can be counted as part of your giving May God bless your reading and may you take time to consider your giving.

Dennis Hooton 01773 85215807801 720992

## **CHILDRENS SOCIETY**

Christine Mee will be in touch soon about returning the collection boxes – meanwhile she is looking for someone else to take on this worthwhile ministry.

## **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. We have a shortage of tinned fruit and veg together with other cupboard basics such as tea, sugar, coffee, soft drinks etc. 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 and  
at Fritchley Congregational

## **ADMINISTRATOR WANTED**

To provide administrative support to the Vicar of St.Mary's Crich with All Saints South Wingfield, the Reverend Ian Whitehead

This not a salaried post but a monthly honorarium is payable. Hours vary but the tasks require on average about 10 hours per month.

Certain computer skills are essential and the work is largely done from home.

If you are interested in finding out more please contact Ian on cswvicar@gmail.com or 01773 425077 or one of the wardens

## **CONTACTS**

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**Benefice Secretary:** Situation vacant

**Weddings & Christenings at Crich & South Wingfield** - - we are told Baptisms must cease for the time being and that Weddings can only have very few numbers attending.

We are taking bookings for **Weddings** though for 2021, 2022 and 2023 contact Ian.

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

Only close family [up to 30 people] should consider attending these services

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