

February 2019 Events and News

Events and News is a temporary replacement for St Mary's Magazine and is available in church, at the Glebe or on the Church Web-site, however, we will try to deliver a free copy to our old magazine customers.

Church Notices!

"Churchyard maintenance is becoming increasingly difficult and it will be appreciated if parishioners will cut the grass around their own graves."

"The Vicar is going on holiday next Saturday – could all Missionary boxes be handed into the Vicarage by Friday evening at the latest."

The vicar announced That they would having an additional font placed in the church so that babies could be baptised at both ends.

The preacher for Sunday next will be found hanging on the notice board in the porch.

January Events:

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| Friday 1 st February | 7.30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's |
| Saturday 2 nd February | 9.00am - Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd |
| Sunday 3 rd February | 8.00am – Communion
10.15am – All Age Service
6.30pm – Celtic Communion |
| Friday 8 th February | 7.30pm – Choir Practice – St Mary's |
| Saturday 9 th February | 9.00am – Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd |
| Sunday 10 th February | 8.00am – Communion
10.15am – Communion
6.30pm – Refreshments before
7.00pm – Second Sunday & 7 with Peter Swales |

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| Thursday 14 th February | 7.30pm – Mothers' Union - Glebe |
| Saturday 16 th February | 9.00am - Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd |
| Sunday 17 th February | 8.00am – Communion
10.15am – Communion
10.15am – Friends and Heroes
6.30pm – Celtic Evening Service |
| Thursday 21 st February | 7.30pm – PCC in St Mary's |
| Saturday 23 rd February | 9.00am Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd |
| Sunday 24 th February | 8.00am – Communion
10.15am – Communion
6.30pm – Evening Prayer |
| Friday 1 st March | 7.00pm – Women's World Day of Prayer |

The choir was practicing the anthem.

The choirmaster said to the trebles, "Now don't forget, when the tenors reach 'The Gates of Hell', you come in."

My **recommendations** for the coming month are: The **All Age Service on 3rd February at 10.15am; Second Sunday @ 7** with Peter Swales on **10th February** at 6.30 for 7.00pm.

Parishioner to Vicar's wife: "Did you wake up grumpy this morning?"

Vicar's wife: "No, I thought I'd let him sleep on."

The Bishop thanked the congregation for inviting him to come and preach. As he moved into the pulpit they sang, 'Dear Lord and father of mankind forgive out foolish ways.'

Advance notices 2019:

Monday 8th April - Licensing of our new Priest in Charge (VICAR) 7.00pm followed by refreshments.

Thursday 25th April - ACM 7.30pm

Notice Board bloomers:

"Today's Sermon: 'How Much Can a Man Drink?' with hymns from a full choir."

"Due to the Vicar's illness, Wednesday healing services will be discontinued until further notice."

Evening massage - 6p.m.

The Pastor would appreciate it if the ladies of the congregation would lend him their electric girdles for the pancake breakfast next Sunday morning. The congregation is asked to remain seated until the end of the recession.

Although we have not prepared a Church Christmas card, not wanting to steal Ian's glory, I would like to suggest 2019 should be the year when we use: **John 3:16**

'For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.'

Well know! Easy to memorise! Explicit! Comforting! Believable!

Blessing each other! During Advent and into the new year one house group has been studying The Blessings Course, by Roy Godwin and Dave Roberts, which discovers what the bible says about blessing each other with God's blessings. Why not be biblical and bless your family, your friends, your street, your village or town, your country or other countries. Why not only pray your blessing, but also speak your blessing?

If you want to include any information in the monthly Events & News then please contact Dennis on dennishooton@talktalk.net or 01773-852158

I dreamed I had an INTERVIEW WITH GOD.

"So, you would like to interview me?" GOD asked.

"If you have time," I said.

GOD smiled. "My time is eternity... what questions do you have in mind for me?"

"What surprises you the most about humankind?"

GOD answered "That they get bored with childhood, that they rush to grow up, and then long to be children again."

"That they lose their health to make money... and then lose their money to restore their health."

"That by thinking anxiously about the future, they forget the present, such that they live in neither the present nor the future."

"That they live as if they would never die, and die as though they had never lived."

GOD's hand took mine... and we were silent for a while.

And then I asked, "As a parent, what are some of life's lessons you want your children to learn?"

GOD replied, "To learn they cannot make anyone love them. All they can do is let themselves be loved."

"To learn that it is not good to compare themselves to others."

"To learn to forgive by practicing forgiveness."

"To learn that it only takes a few seconds to open profound wounds in those they love, and it can take many years to heal them."

"To learn that a rich person is not one who has the most, but is one who needs the least."

"To learn that there are people who love them dearly, but simply do not yet know how to express or show their feelings."

"To learn that two people can look at the same thing, and see it differently."

"To learn that it is not enough that they forgive one another, but they must also forgive themselves."

"Thank you for your time," I said humbly.

"Is there anything else you would like your children to know?"

GOD smiled, and said... "Just know that I am here. Always."