

March 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.

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

March Events:

Friday 1 st March	7.00pm – World Day of Prayer, from Slovenia Wesley Chapel. All Welcome.
Saturday 2 nd March	9.00am - Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd
Sunday 3rd March	8.00am – Communion 10.15am – All Age Service 6.30pm – Celtic Communion
Wed 6 th March	10.15am – Ash Wednesday Service
Friday 8 th March	7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 9 th March	9.00am – Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd
Sunday 10th March	8.00am – Communion 10.15am – Communion 6.30pm – Refreshments before - 7.00pm – Second Sunday & 7 Worship with Pete Townsend and Trace Taylor
Wednesday 13 th March	1.30pm – Lent Course on John – Glebe
Thursday 14 th March	2.15pm – Mothers' Union - Glebe
Thursday 14 th March	7.45pm – Lent Course on Ephesians 6 - Glebe
Friday 15 th March	7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 16 th March	9.00am -- Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd
Sunday 17th March	8.00am – Communion

10.15am – Communion
10.15am – Sunday Stars
6.30pm – Celtic Evening Service

Monday 18th March 2.15pm - Ministry Team at 3 Chase View
Wed 20th March 1.30pm - **Lent Course on John** - Glebe
Thursday 21st March 7.45pm – **Lent Course on Ephesians 6** - Glebe
Friday 22nd March Church Cleaning up high
Friday 22nd March 7.30pm - Choir Practice
Saturday 23rd March 9.00am Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd
Saturday 23rd March Church Cleaning ground level
Sunday 24th March 8.00am – Morning Praise Communion
10.15am – Communion
6.30pm – Evening Prayer
Wed 27th March 1.30pm – **Lent Course on John** – Glebe
Thursday 28th March 7.45pm – **Lent Course on Ephesians 6** - Glebe
Friday 29th March 7.30pm – Choir Practice
Saturday 30th March 9.00am – Prayer for new vicar, 22 Cromford Rd
Sunday 31st March 8.00am – Communion
10.15am – **Mothering Sunday, All Age**
6.30pm – Healing Prayer. Communion

Advance notices April 2019:

Monday 8th April - **Licensing of our new Priest in Charge, Revd. Ian Whitehead**, 7.00pm followed by refreshments at The Tramway

Thursday 25th April – St Mary's **AGM** 7.30pm

Lent courses

1. 'Journey with Jesus through John's Gospel.'

Weekly from Wednesday 13th March 1.30-3.30pm

at The Glebe led by Anette and Di.

2. Ephesians 6

Weekly from Thursday March 14th – April 11th 7.45 for 8pm start **at the Glebe, led by Lynn Penson and Deirdre Offord**

Our news is full of the division, anger, fear, despondency and insecurity that our country faces at this time. Added to this there are times when we face personal battles - with our family, our friends or even with ourselves. So often we try to sort difficulties out in our own strength, forgetting that God's intention was not to leave us to face difficulties alone but to stand secure and strong in Him.

These studies in Ephesians 6 will help us to discover and explore how as Christians and as a church we can hold on to hope and bring reconciliation and a sense of peace to ourselves and to our communities.

Sign-up list at back of church, to give an idea of numbers..

Blessing each other! 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, in the name of Jesus. Why not be biblical and bless your family, your friends, your street, your village or town, your country or other countries. Why not think about not only praying your blessing, but also speaking your blessing?

Oh praise ye the Lord – because it's good for you!

We are told by both Old and New Testament writers alike to praise the Lord. There are times when the Almighty Himself takes up the issue, not only to encourage our praise but to demand it! Psalm 50 is a good example.

This raises the question: Why does God insist on being praised? Is it because He needs constant reassurance that He is good and great? Is it because there is a need in God that only praise can fill? Or is God so insecure that He wants us to boost His ego, by our praise, like a vain man or woman constantly angling for a compliment?

The truth is that, while God does not need our praise, He delights in it. Teachers often talk of the presents that their pupils have given them. One received a cheap tie, the product of hard-earned pocket money. Did he need it? No. Did he want it? Yes.

God does not need our gifts. He does not need our thanks. But does He want them? – oh yes.

Nothing we can do can meet a need in God, for he has no needs. He is, however, a Father who wants the gratitude of His children and takes great pleasure in their thanks, however hesitant or inadequate they may be.

Modern day psychology is discovering something that has been a law of life ever since humankind appeared on earth, namely that we are not made happy by what we acquire but by what we appreciate. In other words, the degree to which we are thankful or appreciate determines our happiness in every area of our life.

To admire, appreciate and praise God is to be awake, alert and aware of reality. Not to admire Him or praise Him is to lose out on life, for this is what we are originally designed for.

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