

St Mary's Events and News September 2019

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Vicar's Message September 2019

Building and more Building

Have you noticed the amount of building going on around the area? Of course, we have! If it is not an old building getting a face-lift then it is an old building being pulled down and new buildings being put up in their place. Seldom do you ever see an old building pulled down and a 'green site for all to use' put in its place! Not that I am against new building, parts of the village and town need it but sometimes, it is just that sometimes I dream of more open space in towns and cities.

When the bulldozers move in it looks as though chaos reigns. Destruction is never easy to watch; how much life and time was invested in some of those old buildings? Yet over time the site takes on more of an organised feel to it. From the piles of rubble and broken bits of buildings come a bit of a pattern of trenches, pipes and foundations. A new pattern emerges, and you realise how little you can remember of what was there before it all started. Walls begin to rise, roads appear and what was once chaos or simply an old building there comes something new, something that is to be.

Without realising it I have just described the work that God is doing in hearts and minds all over the world as you read this. Our God is in the business of restoration & rebuilding lives. Lives that may not be total wrecks but in need of a little re-building. Lives that may need a bulldozer before being built into something new. In all this sometimes it can be panicky when the first work takes place. Yet with God you can be confident that although 'the bulldozers are in... the builder is booked'. God through Jesus Christ wants to give to each one of us a spiritual rebuild with strong foundations and beautiful architecture! That is what God

offers to each one of us. The cost? Nothing to pay because the Site Supervisor - Jesus Christ - has financed the whole thing a long time back.

So why wait around to see the latest building site in the village take shape? Make a New Start now with God and risk that the site in our lives that now may read, "Under Construction" will begin to look different with a new sign that will read 'Under New Management'!

September Events:

Sunday 1st September

8.00am – Communion
10.15am – All Age Service
6.30pm – Celtic Communion

Monday 2nd September

2.00pm – Ministry Team

Friday 6th September

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 7th September

9.00am – Corporate Prayer at St Mary's

Sunday 8th September

8.00am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Holy Communion
10.15am – 'D' Group
6.30pm – Refreshments before
7.00pm – 2nd Sunday @ 7

Thursday 12th September

7.30pm - PCC

Friday 13th September

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 14th September

9.00am – Corporate Prayer at St Mary's

Sunday 15th September

8.00am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Sunday Stars
6.30pm – Celtic Evening Service

Friday 20th September

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 21st September

9.00am - Corporate Prayer – St Mary's

Sunday 22nd September

8.00am – Holy Communion
10.15am – Holy Communion and
Thanksgiving

3.00pm – Confirmation of 3 adults, Pete Townsend, Joanne and Jim Morton at
All Saints, Ashover

6.30pm – Evening Prayer

Friday 27th September

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 28th September

9.00am – Corporate Prayer in St Mary's

Sunday 29th September

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.15am – Healing Holy Communion

6.30pm – Evening Service

Friday 4th October

7.30pm – Choir Practice

Saturday 5th October

9.00am – Corporate Prayer - St Mary's

Sunday 6th October

8.00am – Holy Communion

10.15am – All Age Harvest Service

6.30pm – Harvest Praise

*Come and See **'Not Just Fish and Ships'** at Bolsover Parish Church,
High Street, Bolsover, S44 6HF on **Saturday 28th September at 3pm***

Entry by donation

There's nothing like a good old religious quarrel to get the juices flowing. It's the year 664. Pagans in Britain have been converted by two very different sets of missionaries – the authoritarian Romans and the laid-back Irish. They're each doing their own thing, and sparks are flying over the dating of Easter and the monks' haircuts.

The King of Northumbria – with a personal interest in these matters - orders a meeting at Whitby Abbey to sort things out once and for all. The Roman side is led by the ruthless, ambitious Wilfrid, Abbot of Ripon; the Celts by the impetuous Abbot of Lindisfarne. It falls to Abbess Hilda to navigate these choppy waters – and to fulfil her own destiny.

A portrait of monastic life in Anglo-Saxon England, *Not Just Fish and Ships* is a courtroom drama with a light touch, with more than a little resonance for our own quarrelsome times. The audience are present at the Synod and close to the action. The play was awarded Arts Council funding and was warmly received at its premiere in Southwell Minster and at subsequent performances at St Peter's, Nottingham.

The outcome of the Synod had a lasting influence on the Christian Church. As a journalist for Church Times, Pat Ashworth has reported on many a fractious meeting of the Church of England's General Synod. She rather wishes she had been at this one.

Headland Theatre presents

NOT JUST FISH AND SHIPS

A new play by
Pat Ashworth



A courtroom drama set in 664AD,
with more than a little resonance
for our own quarrelsome times.

Saturday 28th September 2019 3pm
Bolsover Parish Church of St Mary & St Laurence
Hornscroft Road / High Street
Bolsover
Derbyshire S44 6HF

This is a 'pay what you feel' performance -
donations will be taken on the day and no ticket is required.

For more information visit:
headlandtheatre.co.uk

A couple of audience
reactions:

*"A brilliant mix of history,
entertainment, inspiration
and topical comment."*

*"The performance last
night was simply amazing.
To bring such an episode
of our history to life in
such a well-researched
and vivid manner,
blending humour,
theology, church history
and even some implicit
comments on church
politics today was truly
remarkable... I was thrilled
that we could be a venue
for the play."*