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View from the Hill

Firstly I am sorry if you were looking out for the new Vicar's Van in November – it sprung a leak in a roof light so with all that torrential rain it had to be fixed, my apologies. As I write it is fixed, and back on the road.

Secondly, I wanted to write something about December's General Election. The Church of England doesn't advise anyone <u>how</u> to vote. However, that doesn't mean that the Church of England avoids politics. Indeed, we have some of our Bishops sitting in the House of Lords, I believe that to be such a privilege; to be a part of the established Church that allows for those voices to be heard. Sadly, as an American Citizen I cannot vote, but I still listen carefully to what each political party is saying, and what they are not saying. What they promise, and how they back those promises up. Looking at their track record, and their leaflets as they drop in the door. Please look out for opportunities to hear and join in any debates, such as a Hustings. There is one in the early stages of planning in early December in Ashbourne.

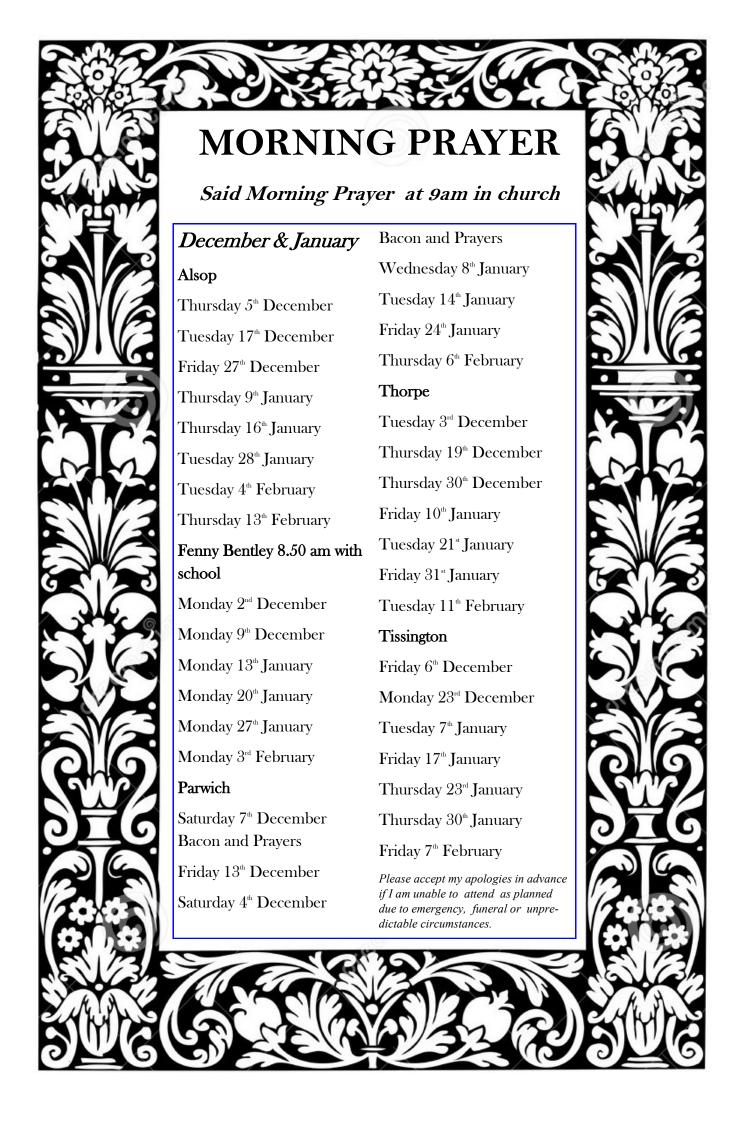
What the Church *does* do, is to ask you each to exercise your vote; cast it, having considered carefully, overlaying Christian wisdom and teaching, your own life experience and knowledge, rooted in prayer, asking for discernment for those in government and with power to care for God's creation, kingdom and people.

Thirdly, if you would like to join our management committees (called Parochial Church Councils) you'll be very welcome to enquire. You need to be over 16, either a resident of the parish, or on the Electoral Roll, and you can put your name forward. Those who join us, or who are already a member, are required to complete the safeguarding check DBS, and to do two short one off safeguarding courses, one online and one in person, which take about 3 hours total. Please have a think; you don't need to be a weekly attendee at the church, but do need to have the church's interest, along with your community, at heart.

I am here, as your Priest, for everyone who lives and works in the parishes, not just the regular churchgoers. Do get in touch if you think I can help.

Wishing you all a Peaceful Christmas, and a Healthy New Year.

Revd Carollyn



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December

Alsop Station Saturday 14th 11-12

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Thorpe Tuesday 17th 1.30 – 2.30pm The Old Dog



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NEWS

Follow the Star 2019

Some of you may remember last year we provided a little booklet to read during the days over Christmas and into January – the 12 days of Christmas. This year the booklet will be available in our churches, please take one, and maybe a second to give to a friend or neighbour who doesn't get out and about much, to share the good news of the Birth of our Saviour.



Tissington Fellowship

A stimulating and prayerful exploration of a seasonal theme, Tissington Chapel 7.00 pm Wednesday 11th December All welcome. Ring Richard and Joyce to arrange a lift should you need one. 01335 419319

Carol Services in the Peak Five

You can see the future services and special services on the website A Church Near You.

This year's Carol Services are as follows:

Saturday 14th December - 7.00pm Tissington
Sunday 15th December - 11.00am Thorpe
Sunday 15th December - 6.00pm Parwich
Wednesday 18th December - 2.30pm Christingle Fenny Bentley
Sunday 22nd December - 7.30pm Alsop

Please book your preferred service in your diary – we'd love you to come to your churches!

Many congratulations to Esther Tyson (our local Parwich artist) who got the top award for her Raven Studies at London's 'The Natural Eye' exhibition.

Peak Five Fifth Sunday Benefice Service

Sunday 29th December 2019 11.00am St Edmunds Church Fenny Bentley

A great sing, and a service of Holy Communion to give thanks for 2019, looking forward to all God's Blessings and strength for 2020.

Bible Study December

Advent Readings, continued from November.

These reflections are from Ruth Burgess' book Hear my Cry, Wild Goose Publications, 2005.

Isaiah 40:31 Those who trust God for help will find heir strength renewed: they rise up on wings like eagles.

We pray; O Pilgrim God, abandoning that which is no longer needed: come with us on our journey; show us how to travel lightly, keeping only what we need to grow.

Questions to consider. How lightly do you travel? Are you carrying something in particular that you need to trust into God's hands?

Matthew 7:12 Do for others what you want them to do for you. This is the meaning of the law of Moses and the teaching of the prophets.

We pray, O ruler of Israel, You speak through Your prophets; Your words hold us and challenge us and keep us right: Come and tell us the truths that we need to know and write them into our hearts and lives.

Questions to consider. What truths do you live by? What do you want for yourself?

Psalm 148:10,11 Praise God; hills and mountains, animals tame and wild, kings and all peoples, princes and other rulers, young women and young men, old people and children too.

We pray, O King of the peoples, You cherish and love all Your creation, You long for the nations to be at peace: Come, help us to love and care for your world.

Please Watch and Pray. Watch the news and pray for those who are happy. Pray for rulers and world leaders. Pray for those who are in trouble or need.

Luke 2:12 You will find a baby wrapped in strips of cloth and lying in a manger.

O baby Jesus, alive and vulnerable in our world, more like us than we could have ever imagined: the waiting is over, God is here.

Sing your favourite Christmas Carol before you go to bed on Christmas Eve!

Bible Study January

This year the Church of England is focusing on Matthew's Gospel, so most of the Gospel Readings in our services will be from this Gospel. It is one of the three Gospels which tell the life and meaning of Jesus' ministry (Matthew, Mark and Luke) with St John's Gospel (the fourth) delving more into the 'Spiritual'. You might like to set yourself the challenge of reading the whole Gospel during January. There are 28 chapters, so that gives you some days off! It's good to get the overview of the life of Jesus, alongside deeper looks at some verses in our Sunday worship. You'll find 45 times the word 'Father'. The word 'Follow' is written 25 times. The 'Son of Man' 28 times, displaying Jesus' humanity. And then there is 'wailing and gnashing of teeth' five times! (the joke is – teeth will be provided!). You might spot parallels with the life of Moses in Jesus' life – threatened by a tyrant at birth, fleeing in exile, passing through water, testing in the desert, and teaching on a mountain. Matthew takes an interest in linking the Old Testament with the New, seeing the Work of God continuing in both.

Let me know how you get on, and if you'd like to talk about anything you read I'm always ready for a cuppa and a chat.

Rev Carollyn

Reflections on stained glass windows The final of a series of articles - St Leonard's church, Thorpe.

There you will find quite a range of stained glass, some ancient, some more modern. A booklet in the bookshelf tells you something about the history, which is interesting. If you venture carefully up a few steps under the bell tower you will see a window with a scene of a picnic. This is the area of the church where the Sunday School was held, in a time when the village had many children living there. Please don't pull the bell ropes, there are safety issues to take first!

In the picnic scene there is a Mum; Mary and a little boy; Jesus, who is holding a cob/roll/bap of bread in his hand. In the picnic basket is a bottle of drink. Beside Jesus grows a lovely full vine of grapes, and birds fly overhead. A canopy of trees shades them from the blue sky, near a clear river; it looks idyllic and is perhaps reminiscent of a summer day in Thorpe itself! I wonder if you would like to think of a caption for what Mary is saying to her son, and what Jesus might be saying to his Mother?

A simple picture of a family enjoying the outdoors together, relaxing, chatting, watching nature. A prophetic picture, looking forward to Jesus' first miracle; turning water into wine. Then also feeding the 5000 and the 1000 with bread and fish, in a miraculous picnic many years later. And the remembering Jesus asked us to do, with bread for his body and wine for his blood, shed for us.

"I am come that they might have life" is the quotation under the scene. This is John 10:10, and you might like to look up the verse to see the context of the quotation, and think about this – what life does Jesus want us all to have?

I hope that you can visit our churches for refreshment in your Spirit, and perhaps call in for a cuppa in one of our local café's or pubs for physical refreshment over the winter.

Rev Carollyn

I came across this article recently and it really made me sit up and think, for all our churches, and especially while Thorpe PCC is undertaking the consultation with the village. What do you think of this? Is it food for thought for you too? How does it affect how we think of all those who help at the church building, the churchyard, and even serving our communities?

"I wrote that *it takes a whole village of volunteers to make all of this happen*.... But then I found myself hitting the backspace button. Because "volunteer" is not quite the right word for what our people do at church.

I know I'm not the only one who cringes when someone sees me, without kids in tow, and asks if my husband is "babysitting." Well, no. I mean, yes, he is at home with the kids tonight. But I do not think you can effectively say "babysitting" when it is *your own kid*. I'd say we could just call that parenting.

I feel the same when people talk about "volunteering" at church. And yes, I know it's just a word. But it's the wrong word, for a lot of reasons.

If you ask a grandparent, or an elder of your church, I'm pretty sure they will tell you that the church they grew up in never asked them to volunteer. Historically, the church has asked people to serve—as deacons, as greeters, as Sunday school teachers, or on the property committee. Whatever the job, it was considered a service. A ministry.

The language of volunteerism is a pretty recent addition to the church lexicon. "Volunteering" is something you're asked to do, right off the bat in *big churches*. It gets folks engaged, which is great. Maybe you give them a flashy name badge that says "VOLUNTEER" in big red letters, or a brightly coloured t-shirt that declares "VOLUNTEER" on the back. This identifies you as someone who's there to help; one who can answer questions, give directions, or generally point you toward the donuts. That's a good thing.

But I balk at the secular nature of what it means to volunteer. To volunteer means that you are an outside resource, stepping in to help an organization in need. Volunteering is what we do when we pick up trash at the park, or build a house with Habitat, or help sort food at the local food *bank*. Volunteering is what I do at my kids' school on Fridays.

In other words, it's what you do at a place that is important to you—but not at a place that belongs to you.

And I guess that is the important distinction for me... You cannot volunteer at your own church, in the same way you cannot babysit your own kid. Because the church belongs to you in the same way your family does. It's your own place, your own people. So of course you help take care of it. Of course you do *cleaning and maintenance* work and make coffee and teach the kids and sing in the choir and whatever all else it is you do for the home and the people that you love.

A volunteer, in most cases, is just visiting. A fly-by. Maybe it's a helpful fly-by, but it's not the same as belonging to something. It's not the same as contributing to something bigger than you, something that's part of who you are.

Call it serving. Call it discipleship. Call it the priesthood of believers, or mission, or the ministry that we all share together. Admittedly, "Priesthood of Believers" does not look great on a t-shirt. And it maybe doesn't invite visitors to ask you where the bathrooms are... But whatever we do, we should remember that we don't just belong to the church—it belongs to us.

APRIL 20, 2017 BY ERIN WATHEN

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Group Community Fire Safety – December 2019/January 2020

Hello to you all once again.

December and Christmas time is a special time for celebration and we all look forward to bringing in a New Year. This period should not end in tragedy because of the extra hazards that are present at this time of year.

How you can be safe from fire this festive season?

12 days of Christmas fire safety tips.

*	Day 1 tip:	Check your Christmas tree lights conform to the British
		Standard.

**	Day 2 tip:	Never place candles near your Christmas tree or
		furnishings and don't leave them burning unattended.

**	Day 3 tip:	Make a <u>fire escape plan</u> – just in case you have an
		emergency during the festive period.

Day 4 tip: Decorations can burn easily - Don't attach them to lights or heater.

Day 5 tip: Always switch Christmas lights off and unplug them before you go to bed.

Day 6 tip: Remember! After drinking alcohol, the risk of accidents in the kitchen is greater.

Day 7 tip: <u>Most fires start in the kitchen</u>, so don't leave cooking unattended.

Day 8 tip: <u>Drive safely this Christmas.</u>

❖ Day 9 tip: If you smoke, make sure that your smoking material is extinguished before you go to bed.

Day 10 tip: Use Christmas as a reminder to <u>clean your smoke alarm</u> to remove dust.

Day 11 tip: Don't overload plug sockets.

Day 12 tip: <u>Check on elderly relatives and neighbours</u> - make sure they are fire safe.

Fairy Lights

- Check the fuses are the right type (see the box for the maximum size of fuse you should use).
- If bulbs blow, replace them.
- Don't leave fairy lights on when you go out or when you go to sleep.
- Don't let the bulbs touch anything that can burn easily, like paper.
- Don't overload sockets.

• Always use a circuit breaker (RCD) on outdoor electrical equipment.

Decorations.

- Decorations made of light tissue paper or cardboard burn easily.
- Don't attach them to lights or heaters.
- Don't put them immediately above or around the fireplace.
- Keep them away from candles.

Christmas Trees.

Special fire safety precautions need to be taken when keeping a live tree in the house. A burning tree can rapidly fill a room with fire and deadly gases. Needles on fresh trees should be green and hard to pull back from the branches, and the needle should not break if the tree has been freshly cut. The trunk should be sticky to the touch. Old trees can be identified by bouncing the tree trunk on the ground. If many needles fall off, the tree has been cut too long, has probably dried out, and is a fire hazard.

Caring for Your Tree.

Do not place your tree close to a heat source, including a fireplace or heat vent. The heat will dry out the tree, causing it to be more easily ignited by heat, flame or sparks. Be careful not to drop or flick cigarette ashes near a tree. Do not put your live tree up too early or leave it up for longer than two weeks. Keep the tree stand filled with water at all times.

Disposing of Your Tree.

Never put tree branches or needles in a fireplace or wood burning stove. When the tree becomes dry, discard it promptly. The best way to dispose of your tree is by taking it to a recycling centre or having it taken away by a community pickup service.

Candle Safety Advice.

The Do's and Don'ts:

- Always put candles on a heat resistant surface. Be especially careful with night lights and tea lights, which get hot enough to melt plastic. TVs are not fire-resistant objects.
- Put them in a proper holder. Candles need to be held firmly upright by the holder so they won't fall over. The holder needs to be stable too, so it won't fall over either.
- Position them away from curtains. Don't put candles near curtains or other fabrics – or furniture. And keep them out of draughts.
- Don't put them under shelves. It's easy to forget that there's a lot of heat above a burning candle. If you put it under a shelf or other surface then it can burn the surface. Make sure there's at least three feet (one metre) between a candle and any surface above it.

- Keep clothes and hair away. If there's any chance you could lean across a candle and forget it's there, put it somewhere else. You don't want to set fire to your clothes or your hair.
- Keep children and pets away. Candles should be out of reach of children and pets.
- Keep candles apart. Leave at least four inches (10cm) between two burning candles.
- Take care with votive or scented candles. These kinds of candles turn to liquid to release their fragrance, so put them in a glass or metal holder.
- Don't move them when they're burning. Extinguish candles before moving them. Also, don't let anything fall into the hot wax like match sticks.
- Don't leave them burning. Extinguish candles before you leave a room.
 Never go to sleep with a candle still burning. And never leave a burning candle or oil burner in a child's bedroom.
- Use a snuffer or a spoon to put them out. It's safer than blowing them, which can send sparks and hot wax flying.
- Double-check they're out. Candles that have been put out can go on smouldering and start a fire. Make sure they're completely out.

Some of the key Safety Points to consider are:

- Ensure you have a Fire Emergency Escape Plan for your home.- 'In case of Fire' can we all get out safely through doors or windows.
- Are all your family and guests aware of the Fire Emergency Escape Plan.
 Plan and practice an escape route. If a fire does break out Get out, stay out and call 999.
- Don't block exits with Christmas trees, presents etc.
- Be wary of being distracted from cooking due to a houseful of guests.
- If you've been out for the night, get a take away rather than attempt to cook.
- If you are using extra heaters ensure they are away from curtains, sofas, Christmas trees and decorations etc.
- Check on elderly relatives and neighbours as they are at greater risk from fire.
- 'Check' and 'Test' your 'Smoke Alarms' weekly, include those of your loved ones and elderly neighbours who may not be able to test their own.
- Push the button', working smoke alarms save lives.

Kitchen Safety.

- Take extra care in the kitchen Over 50% of accidental house fires start in the kitchen!
- Smoke safely If you have to smoke, ensure you put cigarettes out RIGHT OUT!

Make sure you sleep safely – Before you go to bed, carry out a bedtime safety check – it could save your life

Winter Safety Tips.

Heating your home:

Open fires.

- Be careful when using open fires to keep warm. Make sure you always use a fire guard to protect against flying sparks from hot embers.
- Make sure embers are under control and properly put out before you go to bed.
- Keep chimneys and flues clean and well maintained.

Using electric blankets:

- Never use hot water bottles in the same bed as an electric blanket, even if the blanket is switched off.
- Unplug blankets before you get into bed, unless they have a thermostat control for safe all-night use.
- Store electric blankets flat, rolled up or loosely folded to prevent damaging the internal wiring.
- Test electric blankets every 3 years.

If the electricity fails Alternative lighting:

Keep a battery operated light or torch handy in the event of a power cut or failure.

- If you have to use candles or matches always take special care. Put them out completely before leaving the room or going to bed.
- Make sure candles are secured in a proper holder and away from materials that may catch fire – like curtains.
- Keep a mobile phone handy so you can still make an emergency call if there is a power cut.

Please do not forget to 'Test Those Smoke Alarms Weekly'

If you require and further advice on any of the items covered in this article or have problems with your 'Smoke Alarm' please call the Fire & Rescue Service on 01773 305305

I wish you all a very Happy and Safe Christmas and a Happy New Year.

Sincere regards,

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Burbage Band Christmas Concert

Christ Church, Burbage 22 December - 2pm

Carol Service

St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood 22 December - 3pm

Carol Service

Christ Church, King Sterndale 22 December - 3.45pm

Festival of Nine Lessons and Carols

St John, Buxton 22 December - 6pm

Carols by Candlelight

St Peter, Belper 22 December - 6.30pm

Family Carol Service

St Philip, Chaddesden 22 December - 6.30pm

Carol Service

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Carol Service

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Christingle Service

St Peter, Belper 24 December - 6pm

Christmas Eve Carol Service

St John the Evangelist, Derby 24 December - 6.30pm

Carol Singing in the Nags Head Garden

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Learning in Faith

Our 2020 course programme is now open for bookings

The new 2020 Learning in Faith course programme, 'Pray, Learn, Tell and Serve Together', is now available. All PCC secretaries should have received a copy and booklets for every church will be distributed with the December edition of Together Magazine.

There is a huge array of courses on offer - from familiar favourites, such as 'Talking Faith for Ordinary People' and Vocations Exploration sessions, to brand new sessions on 'Instagram' and 'Twitter', and 'Unexpected Child in the Church Area', to name but a few.

Booking a place is easy - visit www.derby.anglican.org/training or call 01332 388687.

As well as attending sessions yourself, please add Learning in Faith 2020 to your PCC agenda and take the opportunity to discuss what is on offer and how the courses may support your own church to pray, learn, tell and serve together.

In her introduction, Bishop Libby says 'Taking part in this programme is one way to be fed and nourished by Christ'.

The Learning in Faith team wish you a Happy Christmas and look forward to seeing you in 2020.

Our Diocese December 2019

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The Rt Revd Libby Lane, Bishop of Derby writes...



December always feels a bit frantic to me. And this year the unusual timing of a General Election only adds to that. Whatever else we might think of this election, perhaps its timing during Advent will encourage us to take a wider perspective and longer view.

We try to make Advent visible in our household: we decorate the house, but gently (we change decoration on Christmas Eve in celebration); each Sunday we light a candle on an Advent wreath; we put up the traditional pine or spruce, but until Christmas Eve it is a Jesse Tree, softly lit, hung daily with simple olive wood images depicting salvation history through the stories of God's people in the Bible. These are outward reminders to us that the season of Advent is not simply a countdown to turkey and tinsel.

It's not that I think we just ought to replace one kind of outward display with another more pious. And I'm not a grinch. I enjoy the hospitality of the run up to Christmas. I admire the ways people find time and resource to focus on family and friends – I'm not very good at present finding, but my (now grown up) children have the knack of identifying often small, inexpensive or home-made gifts that are just right and show an attentiveness that's not just turned on for Christmas. These things can also be outward reminders of important and precious things – of love and hope and desire.

And Advent should be full of desire: 'come, Lord Jesus ... even so, come'.

That desire is, I think, wonderfully subversive. This season, if taken seriously, strips away all self-reliance. If we allow it to, the eternal hopeful themes of the season can reveal the lack of substance in the relentless consumerism of the public face of the approach to Christmas – and this year, perhaps, undercut the hubris of political manoeuvring.

December always feels a bit Amid all the noise and activity of December, frantic to me. And this year the unusual timing of a General Election only adds to that. Amid all the noise and activity of December, Advent is the thundering silence of God, putting all our striving to shame, reminding us that we cannot save ourselves nor, in the end, hide from God.

Advent offers a perspective that reverses and upturns the views we too easily accept. It takes courage to journey through Advent. There is no hiding, no wrapping the truth up with ribbon and baubles, or indeed with election promises and campaign spending.

The extraordinary, outrageous mercy of Advent is the discovery that, as we yearn for Christ's coming – in both humility and glory – we discover that God has always risked trusting the outworking of salvation to the stuff of creation and to human flesh.

'Annunciation' by Bishop Stephen Cottrell

There is only one thing that prevents
The gentle movement, heaven into earth:
Not the fear that godly greeting brings,
Nor cold presumption (God could never speak),
Nor empty tomb, nor barren heart,
Nor eyes searching, voices how long blaze,
Nor the silence where there should be praise,
Nor the bitter taste of human failing:
But the lack of trust that what was promised
Might in human flesh be born, achieved,
How happy she who for us all believed,
Strength of God in human weakness blending,
Tenderly the humble servant lifted,
From foetal cry the fatal mending.

The Rt Revd Libby Lane

Bishop of Derby

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Derby Churches Nightshelter

Working with an army of volunteers, the nightshelter provides safe accomodation and a substantial meal for up to 35 guests each night during the coldest months of the year (December - March).

Seven churches in or near the city centre provide a welcomina venue, each opening their doors for one night each week.

As auests bed down for the night in new, warm sleeping bags and blankets, night staff are there to offer support and prayer throughout the night.

Before leaving at 8am the next morning, quests tuck into a healthy breakfast of cereals, toast and fresh fruit. Many are given ongoing support to address their needs.

It costs £137,000 every year to run a winter nightshelter. To donate please visit: www.derbycitymission.org.uk

Nightshelter locations:

Monday:

Derby Cathedral, DE1 3GP

Tuesday:

Hope Centre, Curzon St, DE1 1LL

Wednesday:

Peartree Baptist Church, 154 Peartree Road, DE23 6QD

Thursday:

Ashbourne Rd Church, DE22 3AG

Friday:

New Life Church, Normanton Rd, **DE23 6UU**

Saturday:

Ozzy Road Baptist Church, Charnwood St, DE1 2GU

Sunday:

St Mary's Church Hall, Darley Lane, DE1 3AX



Pupils raise £242.85 for Harvest Appeal

Pupils at St Peter's C of E Primary School in Netherseal have been doing their bit for the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal, raising £242.85 through various table-top sales. After the teachers shared details of the appeal, a Year 6 pupil asked if they could do something practical to help - and the Save Zimbabwe Sale was born.

Headteacher Melanie Machell said: "The children worked extremely hard and organised everything! They designed posters, bought 'stock' for their stalls, wrote letters to businesses for donations, baked cakes, designed games and collected from parents. It was fabulous that the children felt so empowered to make a difference and we are very proud of their achievement."

The 70 pupils at St Peter's also spent time discussing the plight of the people of Manicaland and praying for them. Read more on www.derby.anglican.org

Church fills 255 **Christmas** shoeboxes for Romanian children

Volunteers at St Andrew's church. Langley Mill spent Saturday 9 November filling and wrapping an amazing 255 shoeboxes with Christmas gifts for children in Romania. The boxes are then sent to their partner church in Poiana where they are distributed to local children. Many thanks to the generous donors who provide gifts and cover the transport costs and, of course, all those who help pack the boxes each



Christmas events around the Dioc

Tov service

St John the Baptist. Tibshelf 1 December - 11am

WI Carol Service

St John the Evangelist, Hazlewood 1 December - 2.30pm

All Age Christingle

St Michael, Pleasley 1 December - 3pm

Advent Carol Service

St John the Evangelist. Derby 1 December - 4.30pm

Advent Carols by Candlelight

St John, Buxton 1 December - 6pm

Advent Carol Service

St Mary & St Laurence, Bolsover 1 December - 6pm

New Opera Company Derby Concert "Winter Warmers"

St Philip, Chaddesden 4 December - 7.30pm £8 on door or 01332 701886

Christmas Tree Festival

All Saints, Turnditch 5 to 8 December - 10am : 4pm (Sunday 12pm - 4pm)

Christmas Tree Festival

St John the Evangelist, Derby 6 to 9 December

Christmas Tree Festival

St Thomas. Brampton 6 to 10 December - 10.30am: 7pm (Sunday 1.30pm - 5pm)

Christmas Fayre

Findern Village Hall 7 December - 10am - 12 noon

Christmas Craft Market

St Thomas, Brampton 7 December - 10am : 1.30pm

Christmas Festival

St Bartholomew Flyaston 7 December(10.30am - 5pm) 8 December (11.30am - 5pm)

Derventio Choir Christmas Tree Festival

St John the Evangelist, Derby 7 December - 7.30pm

Christmas Fair

Christ Church, Burbage 7 December - 10am : 2pm

Carol Service of Hope and Thanksgiving

St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood 8 December - 3 pm

Christingle

St Matthew. Morley 8 December - 3pm

Beer and Carols Evening

Holy Trinity, Milford 8 December - 6.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter and St Paul, Eckington 10 - 15 December Open 10-12 Dec: 10am - 3pm, 13 Dec: 3pm - 6pm, 14 Dec: 10am - 6pm, 15 Dec: 11am -4pm

Folk Carols and Readings

St Mary the Virgin, Buxton 11 December - 7.30pm

Wathall's Memorial Service

Derby Cathedral 12 December - 6.30pm

Christmas Tree Festival

St Paul, Quarndon 13 to 15 December - times vary. Visit stpaulsquarndon.org.uk

Christmas Tree Festival

St Peter, Littleover 14 to 16 December

Carol Service & switching on of **Memorial Lights**

Christ Church, Burbage 15 December - 9.30am

Christingle Service

St John the Evangelist, Hazelwood 15 December - 11am

Carol Service

St Matthew. Morley 15 December - 11.15am

Candlelit Carol Service

St Peter Littleover 15 December - 6pm

Nativity Play and Carols

St Bartholomew, Elvaston 15 December - 6.30pm

Carol Service

St Laurence, Shottle 15 December - 7 pm

Christmas Tree Festival

Christ Church, Burbage 16 December - 2pm: 4pm

Scrouge A Ghostly Tale for **Christmas**

St Lawrence, Barlow 18 & 20 December - 7 pm Tickets £5 - email julie.ferreday@ icloud com

Christmas Carol Service

All Saints, Curbar 20 December - 6pm

Music Evening with Sarah Hinds

Holy Trinity, Milford 20 December - 8 pm: 10 pm

Choral Morning Prayer

St Bartholomew, Elvaston 15 December - 10.30am

Carol Service

St Swithun, Belper 19 December - 7.30pm

Alsop en le Dale

Altar Flowers

December 1st, 8th and 15th Mrs B Fentem December 25th and 30th Mrs H Bradbury

January 5th and 12th Mrs B Fentem
January 19th and 26th Mrs JL Woodroffe

Please let me know if you would like to read at the Carol Service, which is on Sunday 22nd December at 7.30pm.

Fenny Bentley

Church cleaning rota

December – Andy Stone & Kathy Dutton January – Andy Stone & Kathy Dutton

Church flowers

December 7th – Amanda Everitt December 21st – Donated by Terence Dickinson

January 11th - Brenda Kirkham

Thank you to everyone who has cleaned the church & provided flowers throughout the year it's very much appreciated.

I will be renewing both rotas in the new year and will presume you're happy to be included again unless I hear from you.

Thanks, Kathy

Recent Obituaries in the parish

Les Baldwin, husband of Stephanie, sadly passed away; our condolences go out to all his family.

Chris Whittaker, husband of Lynn, also sadly passed away, our condolences also go out to his family.

Thank You

Eileen Sims and Dennis Stone (church wardens) wish to extend their thanks to everyone who helps at St Edmunds Church, regular donors to church funds, altar flower donors & arrangers, flowers in and around the porch, cleaners & rota arrangers, the door key keepers, the belfry cleaner, Treasurer & members of the PCC, the Vicar, Ros & other readers, organists, the providers of refreshment & decorators on special occasions, visitors and their comments, the Fitzherbert School's support, distributers of magazines etc.

The Church history information booklet for sale has been kindly refurbished and republished for us by Joyce Beresford. Ralph Beresford (BFS Secretary) has supplied the photographs, it looks very attractive, thank you both.

After being broken into last February, Mr Brian Hayes has refurbished and strengthened the donation box on the wall by the door, our thanks go to him too.

Our congregation may be small but there is body of people out there supporting their Church. (Sorry if we missed anyone).

Many thanks everyone and we wish you a peaceful and happy Christmas.

Eileen & Dennis





PLEASE SAVE YOUR POSTAGE STAMPS FOR RNIB!

I am collecting used postage stamps for the Royal National Institute for the Blind, there is a box for them in Fenny Bentley Church (on the chest near the font) or pop them through my letter box at 7 Ashes Lane, Fenny Bentley.

Stamps should be cut from the envelopes leaving approx. 1 cm ($\frac{1}{2}$ inch) around each stamp.

Each kilo of stamps collected raises £20 for this very worthwhile charity.

Thank you in anticipation of your support.

Brenda Kirkham

Copy Deadline for February Magazine: 25th January 2020
Articles can be submitted via email to Diana Houghton - diana@peakfive.org

To place advertisements, please contact Val Kirkham on 01335 390458

FITZHERBERT SCHOOL NEWS – December 2019

At the beginning of November we held our annual Speaking Competition, this is a tradition at FitzHerbert which is organised each year by one of our Governors, Mrs Hughes. Not only did each child stand up and recite some poetry, a rhyme or a story but they did so in front of the whole school, staff, Mrs Hughes and her friend Rosemary who was also judging. We are so proud of the effort that everyone went to and that everyone had a go. Our winners were:

Key Stage 1 – Zac Spencer (Year 2) / Years 3 & 4 – Jack Julian (Year 4) Years 5 & 6 – Evie Herridge (Year 6)



On the 15 November the children all entered into the spirit of 'Children in Need' doing some brilliant fundraising and also decorated their own Pudsey themed cupcakes. Mrs Wibberley even made some mini Pudsey sponge puddings for school lunch! The event raised over £100 for Children in Need.

Our Key Stage 2 children will be taking part in a Christmas Choir Competition, held at the INTU Derby shopping centre on Tuesday 26th November, our performance slot is scheduled for 10.25am, if you happen to be in Derby that day, then please pop along and give the children your support.

As a school we do not hold 'Open Days' like many other schools, but for us every day is an open day. We like visitors to see our school as it really is, so we are always happy to welcome new families to our school, anyone interested in looking around should contact us on the details given below.

If you would like any more information about any of the events mentioned then please get in touch, tel. 01335 350362 or more information about school can be found on our website: http://www.fitzherbert.derbyshire.sch.uk/

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Ben Elton's witty script provides the story for this beautifully shot film. The year is 1613, and Shakespeare is acknowledged as the greatest writer of the age. But disaster strikes when his renowned Globe Theatre burns to the ground. Devastated, Shakespeare returns to Stratford, where he must face a troubled past and a neglected family. Starring Judi Dench, Ian McKellen and Kenneth Branagh.

PARWICH MEMORIAL HALL



Friday 13th December 7.45pm

Free Entrance

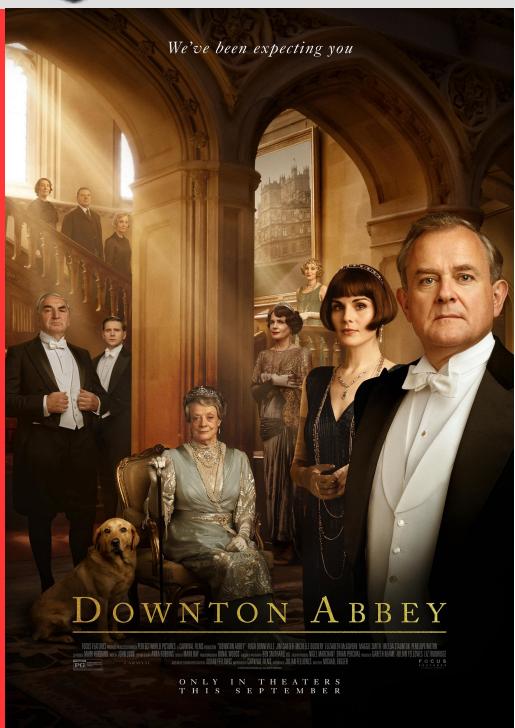
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PARWICH MEMORIAL HALL

Friday 31st January 7.45pm 🛦



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Parwich Film Shows



ALL IS TRUE FRIDAY 13 DECEMBER 7.45PM

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Telegraph review**** "Kenneth Branagh's witty, lovely meditation on Shakespeare's legacy"

DOWNTON ABBEY FRIDAY 31st JANUARY 7.45PM

A stunning film that needs no introduction! Starring the original cast including Dame Maggie Smith, Hugh Bonneville, Laura Carmichael, Jim Carter, Michelle Dockery and Elizabeth McGovern. Excitement is high at Downton Abbey when the Crawley family learns that King George V and Queen Mary are coming to visit. But trouble soon arises when Mrs. Patmore, Daisy and the rest of the servants learn that the king and queen travel with their own chefs and attendants -- setting the stage for an impromptu scheme and other shenanigans.

Free Entrance. Refreshments. Raffle Parwich Memorial Hall

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- Special hi-fi headphones for those with hearing difficulties, please ask.

COMMUNITY VILLAGE LUNCH

Monday 2 December 12.45 in the Memorial Hall

Roast turkey, stuffing, roast potatoes, sprouts and carrots Christmas pudding or trifle. Wine and Crackers.

Monday 6 January 12.45 in the Memorial Hall

Mince Beef & Onions. Apple Pie and Custard.

All the main dishes are served with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

Only £5 - please phone Val on 390 458 to let her know if you are coming, and for any special dietary requirements

Welcome to the Community Diary from the Parwich Blog for Alsop-en-le-Dale, Ballidon, Parwich & Pikehall

For any events that you would like adding to the diary, please email parwich@hotmail.co.uk. For up to date details go to http://parwich.org/diary/

December 2019					
Date	Location				
Sun 1st		No Service	Alsop Church		
Sun 1st	9am	Sunday Football	Parson's Croft		
Sun 1st	2.30pm	No Service	Parwich Church		
Sun 1st	2.00pm- 5.00pm	Christmas Fayre	Sycamore,Parwich Church Hall, Legion		
Mon 2nd	9am to 10.30am	Toddler Group	Memorial Hall		
Mon 2nd	11am	Pilates	Memorial Hall		
Mon 2nd	12.45pm	Parwich Lunch Club Christmas Dinner	Memorial Hall		
Tue 3rd	6-10pm	Badminton/Table Tennis slots book via Cheryl tel 617	Memorial Hall		
Wed 4th		Grey bin and food caddy collection	Parwich		
Wed 4th	4.30pm to 7pm	Fish & Chip Van tel. 0751 107 6249	The Green		

Wed 4th 6-10pm		Badminton/Table Tennis slots book via Cheryl tel 617	Memorial Hall
Thu 5th	11am to 1pm	Evie's Artistic Session More info: 390488	Memorial Hall
Thu 5th	7pm	JH Fitness fitness class	Memorial Hall
Fri 6th	3.15- 3.45pm	School Book Fair	Parwich School
Sun 8th	9.30am	Holy Communion	Parwich Church
Sun 8th	11.15am	Baptism Service	Alsop Church
Tue 10th	12.30pm	Over 60s Christmas Dinner with Raffle	venue tbc
Tue 10th	7.00pm	Christmas Bingo	Legion
Wed 11th		Green bin, Blue bin and food caddy collection	Parwich
Fri 13th		Parwich Ladies Group Tea at Castern Hall (Details from Angela tel. 519)	
Fri 13th	7.45pm	Parwich Film	Memorial Hall
Sun 15th 11.15am		Holy Communion	Alsop Church
Sun 15th 6.00pm		Carol Service	Parwich Church
Mon 16th 7.30pm		Carols on the Village Green	Village Green
Fri 20th		Children break up for Christmas	Parwich School
Fri 20th	9.00pm	Music at the Legion	Legion
Sun 22nd	9.30am	Mattins	Parwich Church
Sun 22nd	7.30pm	Carol Service	Alsop Church
Tue 24th	3.00pm	Crib Service	Parwich Church
Tue 24th	11.30pm	Midnight Mass	Parwich Church
Wed 25th		Christmas Day	
Wed 25th	11.15am	Family Holy Communion	Alsop Church
Thu 26th		Boxing Day	
Tue 31sth	8pm	Peaky Blinders Party	Sycamore Inn
		January 2020	
Date	Time	Event	Location
Wed 1st		New Year's Day	
Mon 6th	12.45pm	Parwich Lunch Club	Memorial Hall
Wed 15th		Parwich Ladies Group Tea and planning 2020 Program (Details from Angela tel. 519)	

Thorpe

COFFEE MORNINGS

On Wednesday, 20th November we had an excellent Coffee Morning which was well attended. Clare Sales came and brought along a variety of *Traidcraft* items to sell such as food, Christmas cards and gifts for us to buy. She rang me later in the day to say that her stall had made £173.15 and a total of £37.50 was given to their charity *Traidcraft Exchange* which provides training and education and support for Fairtrade producers and groups who are working towards becoming Fairtrade producers.

The morning became extra special because Sir Richard Fitzherbert brought along Sarah Dines the new Conservative candidate, who hopes to succeed Sir Patrick McLoughlin who is not seeking reelection as a Member of Parliament. Mrs Dines brought along her husband and son. They appear to be a really nice family. Afterwards they were to continue to go around our five parishes to speak to people.

A letter has been received from Juliet Short, Operations and Development Manager of Connex Community Support based in Ashbourne, which is a charity dedicated to helping people in need. She wrote to thank us for our donation from the October Coffee Morning on behalf of *Readycall Macmillan*. She wrote that it was 'very much appreciated and assures us that the money will be put to very good use.'

Future Dates: December 18th and January 15th both Wednesdays in the Village Hall at the usual time between 10.30 am and 12 noon. In December, the charity to benefit from donations will be *The Salvation Army* which does such wonderful work throughout the year, particularly at Christmas time. Sherry and mince pies will be served! On 15th January 2020 the charity to benefit from any donations will be *Derbyshire Dales Careline*, which has many volunteers who talk with people who are lonely or disabled and need to chat with someone. Please come along. You will be most welcome.

Fellowship Meetings

These will be held on the following dates at 3.00 pm:

Tuesday, December 3rd at Bank House, Thorpe Tuesday, December 17th Tuesday, January 14th

The other venues will be discussed at the first meeting.

The theme at each session will be a Christmas carol chosen by Revd Carollyn McDonald.

Battle of the Brains!

10 teams packed into the village hall on Friday 22nd November to go head to head in a fundraiser Quiz Night.

After 8 intense rounds, it was an extremely close call but in the end it was the 'Ner'er do wells' who emerged victorious, despite being a man down!

Questions ranging from what makes a 'Dirty Martini' dirty to what two colours do you mix together to make purple got everyone scratching their heads.

Thank you to David and Denise for supplying the spectacular food hamper that was won in the raffle by Sarah and Andrew Clark.

Also thanks to David at Dovedale Garage, Jayne & David, Will & Sue, Janneke, Irene & Clarke, for their generous donations of flowers, chocolate, wine and whiskey and all those who bought tickets and attended the event.

In total we raised £419 for The Village Hall.

Answers - Olive brine makes a martini dirty. Red and blue makes purple.

Beverly

THORPE VILLAGE HALL - RATES OF HIRE 2020

Charity Registration Number 520526

GENERAL RATE	LOCAL SOCIAL HIRE - For Thorpe Residents
£12 per hour	£8 per hour

A minimum hire charge of 1 hour is applicable to all bookings.

To enquire about booking Thorpe Village Hall please contact.

Beverly Bock 01335 350665 beverlybock@btinternet.com

Start a new activity in January!

Sign up for a free taster to try out Nordic Walking.

If you're planning to get fit in 2020, then I've got a variety of Nordic Walking classes to help you achieve your goals, no matter your age or fitness level. The walks are mostly 1 hour (three miles or less), with varied terrain that will help build your stamina. There are plenty of beautiful views too, which provide the perfect motivation to head outside and get active.



taster sessions:

Wednesday 15th January at 10am. Meet at the Barn, Green Farm, Thorpe. DE6 2AW

Low impact taster: Thursday 16th January at 1.15pm. Meet at the Old Dog car park, Thorpe DE6 2AT

Please wear shoes & clothes according to the weather. Nordic Walking Poles provided for all tasters.

For details or to attend a taster session contact:

White Peak Nordic Walking: Janneke Gorzeman 07469895267.

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NOTES FROM THE HALL

DECEMBER 2019

<u>Christmas at Tissington Hall-Star of Wonder</u> <u>Final Weekend 7th/8th December 2019</u> From 11-3pm

Thank you to all that decorated the Hall for our Star of Wonder exhibition. The final weekend is 7/8 December. The Hall has been well received by all and many thanks to David Walker and his team for all their hard work.





Guides at Tissington Hall

We are always looking for new Guides at the Hall to take WI groups, History Groups and the like around the house and grounds. All of our visitors enjoy their trips and it is a rewarding experience. Please contact the Office for details on 01335 352200.

Plans for 2020

We hope to have better weather in 2020 to host the Church Fete in the grounds at the Hall. The proposed date is Sunday 26 July 2020. Please pop that in your diary.

Sir Richard

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Macmillan Coffee Morning

John, Susan and Ann would like to thank everyone who came to our Coffee Morning, donated prizes, gave donations and helped in any way. We raised £642.69.

Many thanks.

Susan Etches

TISSINGTON VILLAGE HALL HIRE CHARGES 2019

Standard rate £20 per hour

Discounted rate £8 per hour

(For Tissington Residents)

A minimum hire charge of 1 hour is applicable to all bookings

For any enquires regarding booking Tissington Village Hall, please contact:

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Diana Houghton

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Services for December 2019 and January 2020

December 1 st – 1 st Sunday of Advent						
Alsop		no service				
Fenny Bentley	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Revd C McDonald			
Thorpe	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald			
Tissington	11.00 am	Family Service	Revd C McDonald			
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Alsop	11.15 am	Baptism Service	Revd C McDonald			
Fenny Bentley		no service				
Parwich	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald			
Thorpe	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Miss R Hunt			
Tissington	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Miss R Hunt			
December 14th	Catuudan					
December 14 th -		Carral Carraina	David C MaDavald			
Tissington	7.00 pm	Carol Service	Revd C McDonald			
December 15 th –	3 rd Sunday o	of Advent				
Alsop	11.15 am	Holy communion	Revd C McDonald			
Fenny Bentley	2.30 pm	Christingle Service	Revd C McDonald			
Parwich	6.00 pm	Carol Service with Methodists				
Thorpe	11.00 am		d A Griggs/Ms R Hunt			
Tissington	11.00 am	no service	a 11 Oliggs/1vis R Hall			
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Parwich	9.30 am	Mattins	Revd C McDonald			
Thorpe	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald			
Tissington		no service				
December 24 th	December 24 ^{th -} Christmas Eve					
Fenny Bentley	8.00 pm	Holy Communion	Revd A Griggs			
Parwich	3.00 pm	Crib Service	Revd C McDonald			
1 at with	11.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Revd C McDonald			
Thorna	4.30 pm	Christmas Family Praise	Revd C McDonald			
Thorpe	4.30 pm	Midnight Mass	Revd M Rode			
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December 25th – Christmas Day

Alsop	11.15 am	Family Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Tissington	9.30 am	Family Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald

<u>December 29th – 1st Sunday of Christmas</u> Fenny Bentley 11.00 Benefice Service + Holy Communion Revd C McDonald

<u>January 5th – 2nd Sunday of Christmas</u>

Alsop		no service	
Fenny Bentley	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Revd C McDonald
Parwich	2.30 pm	Methodist Covenant Service	Revd T Morris
Thorpe	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Tissington	11.00 am	Family Service	Revd C McDonald

January 12th – 1st Sunday of Epiphany (The Baptism of Christ)

Alsop	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Fenny Bentley		no service	
Parwich	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Thorpe	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Miss R Hunt
Tissington	9.30 am	Morning Prayer	Miss R Hunt

January 19th – 2nd Sunday of Epiphany

Alsop	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Fenny Bentley	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Miss R Hunt
Parwich	10.00 am	Family Service	Revd C McDonald
Thorpe	11.00 am	Morning Prayer	Miss R Hunt
Tissington	8.00 am	Holy Communion (said)	Revd C McDonald
Tissington Chapel	10.30 am	Hymns and Psalms	Mr R Sales

January 26th – 3rd Sunday of Epiphany

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Alsop	11.15 am	Morning Prayer	Mr K Stone
Fenny Bentley		no service	
Parwich	9.30 am	Mattins	Revd C McDonald
Thorpe	11.15 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Tissington		no service	
St. Oswald's	6.30 pm	Week of Christian Unity Service	ee

February 2nd – Candlemas (Presentation of Christ in the Temple)

Alsop		no service	
Fenny Bentley	3.30 pm	Evening Prayer	Revd C McDonald
Parwich	2.30 pm	United Worship	Mr P Dawson
Thorpe	9.30 am	Holy Communion	Revd C McDonald
Tissington	11.00 am	Family Service	Revd C McDonald