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Boulton St Marys Church

All Contributions gratefully received



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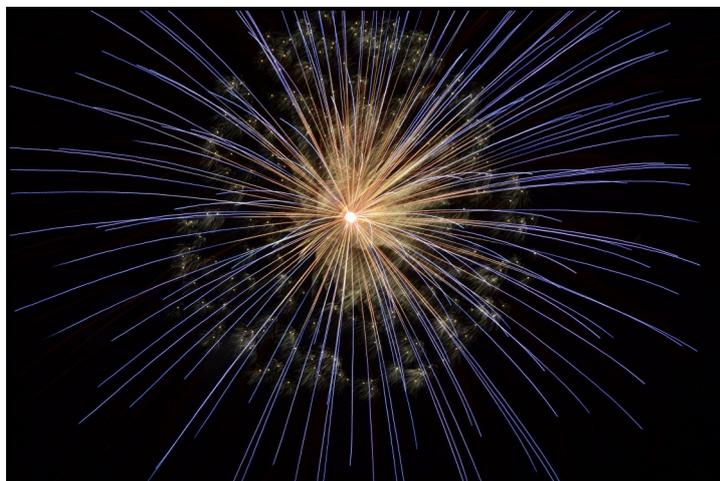
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Welcome to the editors' piece.

We would like to use this space to ask for future submissions, whether it be a funny anecdote, a colouring page or a serious letter; we want to hear from you.

Teresa and myself are putting together some ideas for a new format and re-structure of our quarterly magazine. We want to make it more readable, more informative and more of what you want to see. The last few editions have begun to see some changes with Spotlight, Parish Pets and the Artist Corner.

Would you like your birthday putting into our birthday page?

Do you have activity ideas that we can put in for both adults and children?

We now have a new email address **bsmmagazine01@gmail.com**.

Thank you Lisa W and Teresa x

WATCH THIS SPACE & IDEAS TO CONTEMPLATE!

A mini BSM Library Corner as part of the ongoing Pastoral Team and Community outreach initiative.

Kathryn and Teresa have volunteered to head up this complementary addition, the aim being to work alongside what can be at times be a difficult and challenging area of ministry.

It is felt generally that books can be a good 'conversation opener.' They can be borrowed with the idea of returning them, but no formal return policy will be put in place. If the book has helped in any way, then it will have done its job!

Any books out there that members feel we could use but perhaps no longer want or need, they would be more than welcome on the shelves! It is early and uncertain days, but we are looking to begin in January 2021 possibly a Thursday afternoon 2pm until 3.30pm and to see how it goes. Refreshments in the seating area will also be available.

Your comments are welcome!

Kathryn Leyland
Pastoral Team Coordinator

a word from . . .

YOUR READERS

Services at Church

Things are constantly changing with regard to government advice, but your Readers are doing all they can to keep services running as near to normal as possible.

As I write we are currently open on a Sunday morning from 10am with a presentation of bible verses, reflective thoughts and prayers on screen from about 10.30 am to fit in with the readings for the day. The church is also open on a Wednesday from 2.30pm with something similar on screen from 3pm.

Assuming we are allowed to hold services again in December then we will resume as before with Morning Prayer or Holy Communion at 10.30am.

The services in December will be slightly different as we aim to bring as much Christmas flavour to them as possible under the restrictions:

Sunday December 6th – Morning Prayer : Advent Celebration 10.30am

Sunday December 13th – Morning Prayer : Blue Christmas 10.30am

**Sunday December 20th – Holy
Communion 10.30am**

**Christmas Eve – Midnight service
by candlelight 11.30pm**

Christmas Day Celebration 10am

**Sunday December 27th – Christingle
3.30pm**

In January services will resume at the normal times.

Your Readers thank you for all your support and encouragement during these difficult times of vacancy and pandemic.

Cheryl, Lisa, Marie and Sue



"Nice idea, Amelia, but I don't think that the Angel of the Lord Zooming with the shepherds would have the same dramatic effect."

Book Review

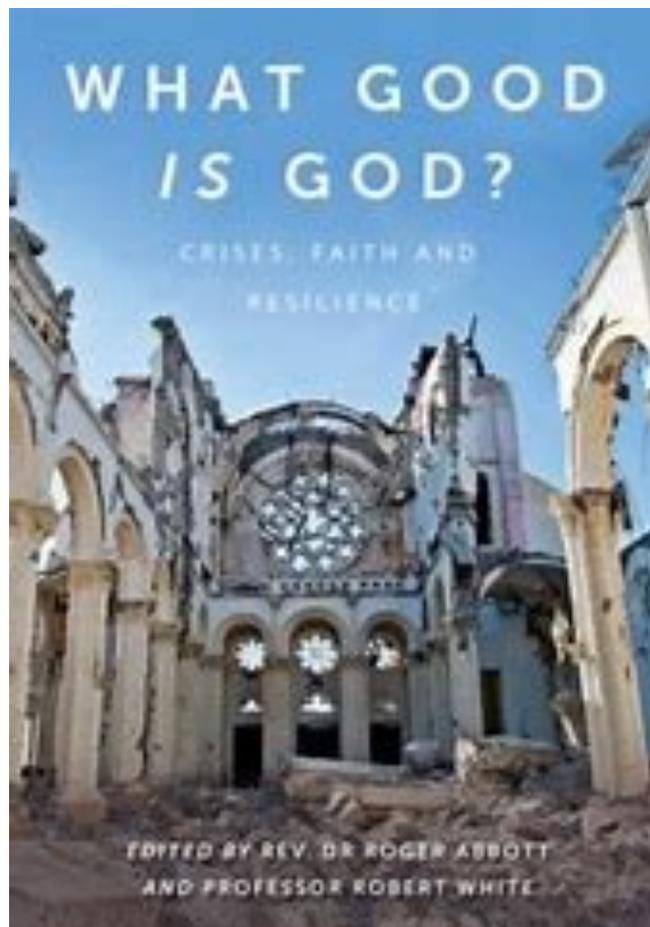
What Good is God? – Crises, faith and resilience

By Roger Abbott and Robert White FRS, Monarch, £9.99

The world's natural disasters are increasingly impacting upon our lives. This book explores how we might respond practically and faithfully to such tragedies.

The perspectives of survivors, responders, and academics are brought together, providing a multi-layered and compassionate examination of a difficult subject.

Making sense of earthquakes, tsunamis, and pandemics, is not easy, but readers may find this book an inspiring resource for thought, prayer, and action.



Parish Pets



Here are some pictures of Archibald the tortoise.

He is 3 years old and loves digging and eating cucumber!

He weighs 500g and fits snugly in the palm of your hand.

Archibald is very grumpy in winter because he hates the cold but he is a happy tortoise in the summer when it's warm.

Do you have a Parish Pet?

Would you like him/her to feature in a future edition?

Let us know via the email address on the Editor's page.



STREET PRAYER

Each Magazine we will pray for individual streets and local businesses, schools, care homes in the area.



DECEMBER

Tuesday 1st Boulton Lane, Alvaston Medical Centre, Nunsfield House, Nunsfield Dr, Boulton St Marys Church, Alwards Cl, Courtland Dr, Longshaw Gardens, Rosedale Ave

Tuesday 8th Franklyn Dr, St Marys Cl, Oak Dr, Ferris Ct, Rockhouse Rd, Maple Dr, Thanet Dr, Boulton Lane Baptist Church, Crayford Rd

Tuesday 15th Crayford Road Shops, Holbrook Rd, Tilbury Pl, Tonbridge Dr, Rainham Gardens, Oakwood Junior School, Oakwood Infant School and Boulton Children's Centre, Sandgate Cl

Tuesday 22nd Waldene Dr, Field Lane, Garth Crescent, Lilley St, Chapman Ave, The Court, Shardlow Rd, Courtland Gardens, Harvey Rd

Tuesday 29th Barrett St, St Marys Community Centre, Wyndham St, Hawtrey Gardens, Wyndham Primary Academy, Rosedale Store, Harvey Road Shops, Matthew St

JANUARY

Tuesday 5th Holloway Rd, Lang Rd, Anthony Dr, Anthony Crescent, Brackens Lane, Strathmore Ave, Rosslyn Gardens, Casson Ave, Boulton Drive

Tuesday 12th Siddons St, Garrick St, Thorndike Ave, Robson Cl, Ashcroft Cl, Ainley Cl, Radford St, Anderson St, Booth St

Tuesday 19th Macready Pl, Irving Pl, Kemble Pl, Kean Pl, Neilson St, Benson St, Coleman St, Kiwi House Care Home, Coleman Street Medical Centre and Lister House, Businesses on Coleman Street

Tuesday 26th Burbage Pl, Terry Pl, Jefferson Pl, Penalton Cl, Jubalton Cl, Merrill Academy, Landau Forte Academy Moorhead, Stanley Rd, Excelsior Ave

FEBRUARY

Tuesday 2nd Frederick Ave, Brackens Lane Shops, Holtlands Dr, Arlington Dr, Moorhead Ave, Dalkeith Ave, Lansdowne Ave, Bracknell Dr, Aycliffe Gardens

Tuesday 9th Harlow Cl, Basildon Cl, Stevenage Cl, Hatfield Rd, St Martins School, Noel Baker Academy, Crawley Rd, Maidstone Dr, Faversham Cl, Boulton Lane.



In the summer of 2018 I travelled to India for 3 weeks, an opportunity gained through the University of Derby alongside other students on creative courses. The aim of the trip was to volunteer as teaching support of English and the arts in the Tibetan Children's Village Palampur, which houses and educates Tibetan refugee children.

We had to raise funds to cover travel and accommodation costs, through events such as a 80s disco night, bake sales, and even an India-themed coffee morning here at Boulton St Mary's! Once our funds were raised and we were prepared, we embarked on our 24 hour plane and coach journey to Palampur, Himchal Pradesh in North India.

One of my first observations was how different India and the UK are; having only travelled as far as Spain previously, the culture shock was massive! The village we were staying in was packed full with people, market stalls, busy traffic and wonderful smells of food.

With our accommodation being based at the foot of the Himalayan Mountains, the scenery of everywhere we travelled was immense! We travelled the mountainous terrain and winding roads every day; it was such a change from the vast fields of the Midlands.

We began our work in the school, and I felt so privileged to be welcomed into such an amazing organisation that supports, houses and educates over 850 refugee children, while also preserving the Tibetan culture. We spent the 3 weeks working in the school by teaching English and incorporating art, music and dance into their lessons. I struggle for words to describe the children in the school; they were totally amazing. Each and every one I met was kind, compassionate, and they all had a passion for learning and engaging.



I felt so privileged to be able to share in their education, and to simultaneously learn from one another.

Alongside our work, we also spent some time travelling around Northern India, particularly visiting Buddhist and Hindu religious sites. The temples were beautifully formed and full of colour and nature. On these visits we were welcomed on to the religious sites by those residing, and had the opportunity to speak to various people from all religious walks of life. We were even invited into a Buddhist Monastery to witness their afternoon scripture practise; this was amazing and humbling to see. Amongst all the religious sites and temples we saw, all the places had a spiritual presence and each person we met was kind and welcoming to everyone. As a Christian, I felt humbled to be welcomed in so openly to these places of worship.

One of my favourite memories from the whole trip was when the children took over the lesson! We had a plan but the class of 30 burst into song as they had wanted to show us their singing together.

The words of the songs encompassed being kind to one another, looking after our planet, showing love and respect to all people and beings. To hear these children sing such words with so much truth behind them was truly amazing.

From all the different people I met and experiences I had, the main thing I took away from this trip was that no matter how different our countries, cultures and customs are; we are not at all that different. Each person I met shared my own core beliefs of kindness, compassion, protecting our earth, love and respect. I still to this day feel so humbled and privileged to have met so many amazing children and adults alike who are not that different from us, even halfway across the planet.

Danni Garton



THE HISTORY OF BOULTON ST MARY'S CHURCH by Carol Watson

Incumbents of Boulton, often shared with St. Michael and All Angels' Church,
Alvaston 1270 - 1884

Robert, presented by Geoffrey Barri c.1270
Sir Humfrey Shelley, 1547, Curate of Boulton
Thomas Pegge, 1553

John Edmunds, 1614 – 1639, Combined with Alvaston in 1614
Thomas Palfreyman, 1663

Joseph Cope, 1684, Chaplain of Boulton
T.V.Grongnet, 1698
Hugh Broome, 1702

Charles Williamott, 1715, also of Osmaston
William Lockett, 1716 - 1722, also of Osmaston
Thomas Shipton, 1772 – died 1774

Joseph Smith 1774 - died 1809, also of Osmaston
William Spencer, 1809 – died 1843, also of Dronfield
Henry Peach, 1829, Curate of Boulton

Edward Poole, 1843 – died 1884. The last incumbent of the combined benefice of
Alvaston and Boulton

The reference to the parish of Osmaston is to the Church of St. James which was
situated where Ascot Drive is today.

To be continued.....



Reflection by Betty Swinscoe

I write this in my Sitting Room. I like that name 'Sitting Room'. It conjures up for me a welcoming kind of place – a place to come back from school, work, shopping, or activities of all kinds in the great outside world. A place in which to sit, relax and be yourself!

I think back to the Sitting Room in my young days in my parent's home. It was a cosy place – warmed on cooler days by a cheerful coal fire. A place of comings and goings – sisters, brother, father and myself coming in like homing pigeons to sit, relax, eat, listen to the wireless. Mother always around, adding to our comfort! (I should add that we had a Front Room also, but that was a different place entirely – always tidy, kept for special occasions and special visitors!)

I glance round my sitting room today. On the wall, by my favourite chair, are two cork boards covered by small family photographs – smiling faces of loved ones young and old. Those still in my world and others who have been taken, I trust to the place which Jesus went to prepare for his friends (John 14 v 2) – that welcoming, joyful place of rest and refreshment.

On a shelf my old clock gently ticks on after more than 60 years of faithful service! All around are small reminders of friends and family through cards and little gifts received. And so I use a 'thank you for food' prayer and include with it my grateful thanks for my living room and the memories it holds of so many blessings.



'For these and all your mercies Lord, your holy Name be praised.' Amen.



A Different Christmas by Elaine Hicklin

This year, for many, Christmas will seem bleak. Many view Christmas as a time of bright lights, humorous novelty sweaters, sparkling glitter and merriment, they miss out on the one vital element, the humble but wondrous birth of Jesus Christ our Saviour.

There were no streamers, or parties that hailed His arrival. His birth place was a dim, bleak stable, no room for Him anywhere, not even in hearts except for one kind inn-keeper who offered shelter in his stable and His mother Mary, a virgin, welcomed her baby infant with a simple kiss as He entered our world.

Only a small gathering came to greet the new born, shepherds with a lamb, wisemen, and kings laden with gold, incense and myrrh.

This Christmas in quietness, let us remember its true meaning, give Jesus room in your hearts. In silent prayer invite Him to comfort you in your loneliness and despair. Let Him Light up your world.

Remember Christians are our family and we are children of God.

Our church will be open and remains a safe haven against the storms of the world and the enemy of Covid 19. Light a candle for loved ones that we cannot be with and for those who do not yet know the true message of Christmas.

I conclude with a prayer and God's blessings for you all.

“Heavenly Father, radiate your light and love into every troubled heart

Heal the sick and comfort those who mourn

Feed the hungry, give shelter to the homeless

Guide us all in your knowledge and wisdom

Help your church and its people to be a welcome beacon to everyone

Strengthen our faith daily and work with doctors to cure us of this deadly enemy

Let us remember your delivery into a bleak world and the humbleness of You

*Silently You came to light our world with heavenly love and keep this memory alive
in us*

Accept the songs of praise in our homes

*Show people it is not about greed and drunken festivities but about compassionate
hearts and souls, and love*

Guide us to a path from the hurt and suffering of this earthly home

For we know in you, all things are possible.

*Lord pour your forgiveness, blessings and grace
on us all*

Amen”



Our Rejuvenation Project – An Update!

Hello, yes, it's me again and yes, I'm talking about my favourite topic, our brilliant Rejuvenation Project!

So many things seem to have occurred since I last did an update and so many things have distracted us, for good reason, from currently moving forward as quickly as we would have liked. But since we are rapidly entering the season of Advent which is a time of focussed reflection with a joyful anticipation of what is to come, I thought it might be useful to summarise our journey so far; starting to focus once again on the great work that God is going to accomplish within Boulton St Mary's.

However, before we begin to explore the issues, for those who might not be familiar with some of the words being used, the following will be useful to know:

DAC – The DAC stands for the Diocesan Advisory Committee and their job put simply is the care of church buildings. If a church, such as Boulton St Mary's, want to substantially alter the building their planning consents must be obtained from the DAC before work can commence.

Faculty Process – This is the formal planning process whereby a church must complete the requisite forms together with other evidence to justify and ask permission to undertake specific building works.

Re-ordering – This is the term given to the specific building works that a church is seeking permission to undertake.

Rejuvenation Project – This is the name we have agreed to use at Boulton St Mary's for our reordering process, because in reality it is all about 'rejuvenation', both a rejuvenation of the building, but also a rejuvenation of 'us', using the newly refurbished building as a base to undertake new projects and to develop existing ones, all of which will grow hope and confidence across our community.

Our Journey So Far

Following our Mission Action Planning process in 2017 a clear vision emerged for our way forward. That vision was to embark on a church-wide project to build flourishing and grow opportunity within our Alvaston community. One of the biggest aspects of this project was the reordering of the physical space within the church. However, the physical reordering was to be just a means to an end, the end being to create a warm, loving, safe space for all, whatever their circumstances. To be a refuge for those whose current circumstances require a listening ear, a friendly face and perhaps practical advice, guidance and support. Indeed, in these times of COVID-19 to be a place where individuals can lay down their anxiety and fear and be both physically and mentally refreshed.

The physical work to be completed in our proposal covered the following:

- Improved access via a new entrance foyer.

- Professional standard kitchen.

- Welcoming community café.

- Bespoke glass, bi-folding doors to separate the café area from the main body of the church.

- New toilet area.

- The installation of heating in the newly configured areas and the upgrading of the heating for the whole church.

The re-configuring of pews at the back of the church to create a more flexible internal space.
New internal lighting.
The incorporation of a purpose built creche area.
Private meeting space for 1-2-1 support.
A defined space for the church office.

As well as identifying the physical building works, we also outlined our clear God-given justification for the work we were about to seek permission to complete:

In this time of uncertainty, pressures are mounting on individuals and families as they are finding it more and more difficult to just survive, let alone realise their full potential as parents, employees and responsible citizens. It is becoming increasingly clear that significant areas in and around Alvaston have been struggling with anti-social behaviour, substance misuse and drug dealing.

One of the main areas we are keen to impact on, as part of this Rejuvenation Project is education, offering targeted support for teachers both in school and in the Church building, together with support for parents, particularly isolated mums in the area.

The Government's Social Mobility Index compares, across all areas of the country, the chances of a child from a disadvantage background doing well at school and getting a good job. Derby's Social Mobility Index is 303rd out of 324 districts.

Both secondary schools within our community have a long and embedded history of underperformance, particularly those with the highest levels of deprivation, and both currently have an Ofsted ranking of 'inadequate'. Too many of our children and young people do not have access to high quality cultural and life experiences that will help them to engage in learning, achieve at school and make informed decisions about their future.

Therefore, as a church community we want to offer our support to our local schools, to walk alongside our teachers. to be both 'salt and light' to them. New research undertaken by the Children's Commissioner states quite clearly that the danger time for many children are the hours between 4 pm and 6.30 pm. This is the time when many are left to their own devices and come into contact with gang and drug culture with its tragic consequences. Offering a safe space to do homework, have some refreshments and meet friends to chat without pressure is one of our highest priorities.

But this is not just about 'them coming to us', it is about us moving out, beyond the confines of our church building and going into our schools and supporting the staff and students with specifically focussed projects.

Too many of our families are struggling to make ends meet, weighed down with debt and unable to rise above low pay and long hours, even if, after the furlough scheme ends, they have a job. The development of our Community Café would be a safe meeting place for the vulnerable, the lonely and the anxious. It could become a place where mums meet after dropping off children at primary school, a place for a cuppa, a chat and support!

Our Rejuvenation Project focuses on putting in place both the physical structures and the people structure that will enable Boulton St Mary's to more confidently reach out to the people of Alvaston.

Building on the foundations of what we are currently doing, we want to expand and grow our offering to our neighbours. We want our church to become a vibrant centre for community engagement and growth. A place where everyone is welcome, a place that is safe and nurturing, a place of learning, friendship and hospitality. A place where individuals can share their problems, a place where God's love is shining brightly, a place where human flourishing is the goal, a place where we can 'tell out' the Good News of Jesus in practical and loving ways.

As part of the formal submission to the DAC, all the above bullet points were combined to produce the required Statement of Need, ie the compelling reasons why we, as a church, want to physically alter our building.

A formal Faculty submission is a long and complex process and following the 'green light' from the PCC on 10 September 2019, the completion of documents, plans and other evidence, including the Statement of Need were produced and finally submitted to the DAC for their formal appraisal on Monday 27 July 2020.

The outcome of that submission was that the DAC, whilst supportive of both the principles of what we were seeking to achieve and our missional aims, they recommended that before the required permissions could be fully given for our Faculty submission to be approved, we should engage the services of a qualified conservation architect who would both appraise our current status as well as acting as a Project Manager throughout the life of the build.

We took this advice and arranged a meeting with Mark Stewart who as a suitably qualified conservation architect, and someone who knows our Church over a period of many years would be well placed to advise us and work on our behalf. Mark agreed to come to the church on 9 September to discuss next steps. Not all members of the PCC could be present on the 9th but there was a significant representation of members at the meeting for a useful open discussion to take place. The outcome of all of this is that we are currently arranging meetings (obviously via Zoom!) between Mark Stewart, members of the PCC and Mayway Construction who will be undertaking the building work for us, to plot the way ahead. At the next meeting of the PCC in early January firm proposals will be put in place to move our project forward once again. Needless to say, I will keep you all informed of the outcome of this meeting!

2. What Can You Do Right Now to Support This Project?

As I said at my last verbal update in August we have to keep moving forward in trust, believing in God's Will, God's Wisdom and God's Power. So, can I ask you to do two things please until I 'pop' up again.

Firstly, please keep this project in your prayers, trusting that our gracious God will finish the work He has started here at St Mary's.

Secondly, reflect on your own experience and skills and begin to identify how you might use them to support the project; remembering that the ultimate aim is to connect with our community, inviting them into our church so that they might hear and respond to the Good News of Jesus Christ.

In Matthew's Gospel Jesus gives His disciples their 'Great Commission', in effect what he wants them to do once He has ascended to His Father.

Then Jesus came to them and said, ‘All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptising them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit and teaching them to obey everything I have commanded you. And surely, I am with you always, to the end of the age.’

(Matthew 28: 18-20).

These words of Jesus still hold true for us now in Alvaston in 2020 – they are our ‘Great Commission’ and the ultimate outcome of our Faculty process. Jesus uses the word ‘teaching’ which implies that there is more to this than just preaching the Gospel. It should also lead to discipleship which involves the work of helping, supporting and nurturing new Christians along their journey with Jesus. So, in effect every one of us has something to offer the Rejuvenation Project, because it is much wider and more encompassing than just inviting people in; we want them to stay and become part of the family!

In order to help you identify how you might support the project I intend to set up a Rejuvenation section on our Facebook site in the next few weeks - actually with the help of Jamie who knows much more about the mechanics of this than I do!. The purpose of this page is to get us all thinking and talking about the project. It will enable us to begin to identify and discuss new ideas; a place where we can all tap into our God-given creativity without judgement – there’s truly no such thing as a ‘daft’ idea! So do please keep a look out for this and come and join in enthusiastically and with passion!

Everyone has something to offer and following on from our first Discovery Workshop way back in February, I am going to hold another early in 2021 to build on the success of the first.

Thank you for taking the time to read this update; now please do something and by that I mean set aside time to pray for a clear understanding of how God can use your experience, skills and talents to connect with our community, bring them into St Mary’s and nurture them in Christ. This project is about us, **all of us**, working together for the Glory of God; truly there is nothing better to do than this in all the universe – be part of it!

Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us, to him be glory in the church and Christ Jesus throughout all generations, for ever and ever! Amen.

(Ephesians 3: 20-21)

Pam



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Child Safeguarding Officer	BSM	07376929370
Adult Safeguarding Officer	BSM	07376929331
Community Centre Bookings	Grant Wright	679600

Children and Youth Groups

Footprints	Lisa Walsh	07368133098
Route 66 (Sunday School)	Rachael Dunn	07752451057
F.R.O.G. (Youth fellowship)	Cheryl Baxter	574645
Family Fun Saturdays	Zac Walsh	07913120785

Sister Act	Vacancy - PCC	
Men Behaving Acceptably	Zac Walsh	07913120785
Wednesday Group	Mary Cross	571945

Boulton/Alvaston Uniformed Organisations

137th St Mary's Beavers at the Community Centre	Alan Seagrave	07968 415854
137th St Mary's Cubs at the Community Centre	Zac Walsh	07913 120785
137th St Mary's Scouts at the Community Centre	Maureen Burgoyne	731129
172nd Beavers at Oakwood School	Dave Thompson	07967 668008
172nd Cubs at Oakwood School	Tom Hilton	07800 536977
172nd Scouts at Shelton Lock Scout Hut	Jo Cudworth	07796 542371

ACTIVITIES IN COMMUNITY CENTRE

Monday	9.45am—12.45 Livewell	3.45pm United Dance
	7.00pm Artemis Archery Group	
Tuesday	Footprints Parent, Baby & Toddler Group inc. Breakfast Café 9am-11.30am	
	4pm United Dance	Alvaston Ladies 2:00pm (second Tuesday)
	Women's institute 2:00pm (4th Tuesday)	
Wednesday	4:30pm Livewell	
	St Mary's Wednesday Group 2.00pm-4.00pm (2nd/4th Wednesday)	
Thursday	6pm Footlights Tap	8pm L&B Line Dance
Friday	5.30-9.00pm	137th St Mary's Beaver/Cub/Scouts
Saturday	** Check for Availability **	

Derby City Council 01332 293111
Derbyshire County Council 01629 533190
Derbyshire Police Call: 101
Royal Derby Hospital 01332 340131
Alvaston Medical Centre 01332574487
Alvaston Library 01332 718140
Boulton Sure Start Children's Centre 01332 574902
Derby County FC 08714 721884
Derby Museums 01332 641901
Derby Live 01332 255800
Community Action Derby 01332 227743
Alcoholics Anonymous 01159 417100
National Gambling Helpline 08088 020133



Covid-19 Contact numbers

Silverline: 0800 4 70 80 90—for older people confidential helpline

Domestic Violence: 0808 802 3333

Samaritans: 116 123

Derby Covid Hub: 640000 or text service for the deaf

0777 4333412

THANK YOU

I would like to take this opportunity to thank each and everyone of you for the lovely comments, donations and kind words I received on stepping back from the Churchwarden role.

After three years of service I felt it was the right time to step back and pursue new adventures and experiences.

My passion is working with children and the Community so come 2021 I will be looking into what opportunities may open up to me.

With the kind donation I received I treated myself to a few things that would make me happy, a new sewing machine, a new winter blanket for the sofa, a cross stitch kit and an electronic handwarmer for when out walking and doing my Archery.

I have spent the last couple of months doing jobs around the house and spending much needed quality time with my family.

One of the things that made me realise I had made the right decision was the children being happy to see me back on the church walk and sitting in a pew with them without doing a million other things.

Once again thank you, God Bless and look forward to seeing you all soon.

Lisa Walsh x





Fully Rely On God

Your Youth Leaders are looking at exciting new ventures as soon as we are able to meet again. Hopefully it won't be too far away but in the meantime we continue to hold all our young people in our prayers.

Happy Christmas love Cheryl & Skye



We hope you have been enjoying the activity bags we have been distributing as much as we have enjoyed putting them together.

We are missing you all but look forward to proper meetings again soon. Rachael may even be able to bring along her own baby Route 66er very soon to meet you.

Have a super Christmas and remember it's all about another very special baby—Jesus!

Love Rachael & Chloe xx



FOOTPRINTS

We are working hard in the background. Over the Summer months we have been meeting socially distanced at local parks enjoying picnics or just some general time to chat and check in with each other. As I am writing this we are currently putting together some activity packs with lots of Christmas activities to do along with a gift from Santa. If you happen to pass Wathall's in Alvaston please stop and look at the window display done by us.

Lisa and Team wish you all a Very Merry Christmas and A Happy New Year x

All activities are currently on hold but Skye, Cheryl, Rachael and Lisa W are all continuing to check Government information and CofE websites for when we can all meet back.

FOODBANK



2020, what a year! So many things have changed including the way foodbank is administered. In March, plans were quickly put into place to enable foodbank provision to continue safely, culminating in the formation of a Community Hub and The Derby Food4thought Alliance.

Boulton St Mary's, along with the other ACT Churches are an integral part of this alliance. Volunteers from ACT continue to work tirelessly, now at one church hall location, taking referrals, often in an emergency situation, storing and quarantining food donations, packing and distributing the food parcels and providing pastoral support.

All ACT Churches are able to access the storage building when needed, working together for the good of all.

The Alliance is a city wide support network made up of multiple faith groups and Derby City Council, supported by Derby County FC, The Community Trust and many local businesses. The aim of the alliance is to not only provide food in the short term but to help people break out of the cycle of food poverty by supporting them to engage with alliance partners providing support & advice.

The generous donations of both food and cash from Boulton St Mary's and the wider local community have been invaluable. Although we are sadly unable to safely provide direct foodbank provision at St Mary's due to Covid 19 protocols, please be assured your donations are being used for those families and individuals in need in our local area.

In these unusual times many people have found themselves in a situation that they would never have anticipated due to illness, isolation, furlough, redundancy etc. If you or anyone you know find yourself in need, please know that as part of the Community

The Church is still collecting Foodbank Supplies, these are to be left at the back of church during open sessions.

The foodbank is currently operating from Alvaston Church Hall (St Michael and All Angels)

Hub, Derby Food 4 Thought Alliance is here with support, advice,

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

DECEMBER

1st Helen Lillie
6th Valerie Potts
18th Lisa Walsh (1983)
18th Molly Walsh (2009)

JANUARY

1st Zac Walsh
8th Ruth Wilkinson
16th Sheila Handley
19th Luke Hill (1995)
20th Marie Hall

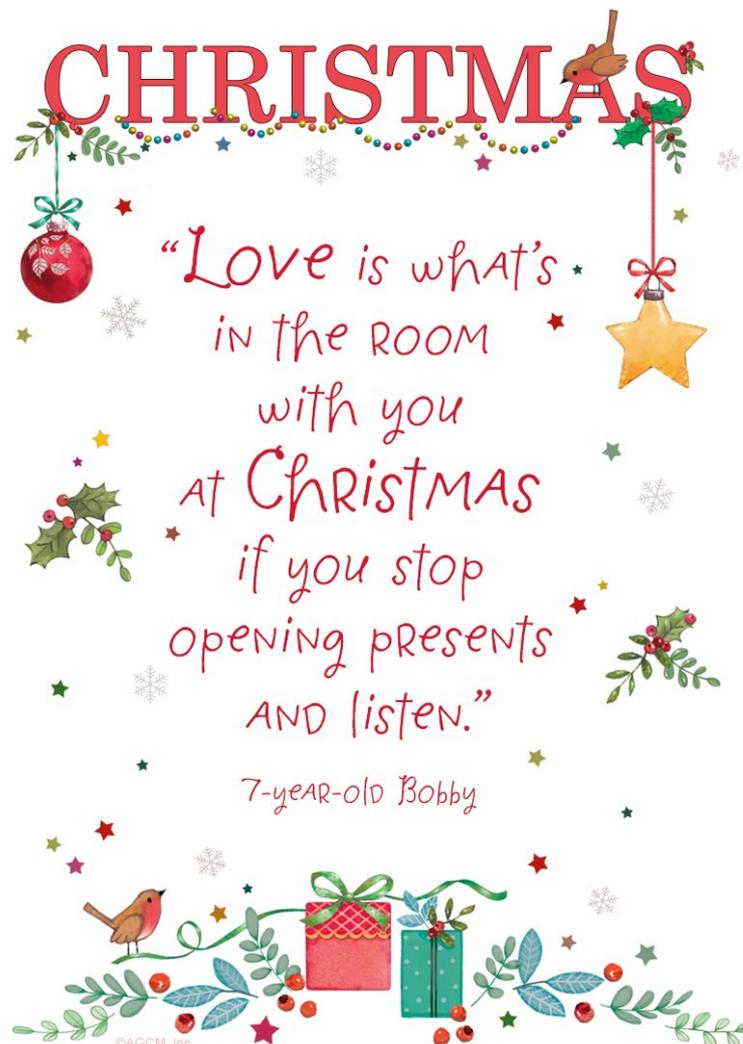
FEBRUARY

13th Helen Stewart



Please let us know if you would like a birthday or an anniversary adding to our page.

We would like to wish all our birthdays a very Happy Birthday and hope that you all have a lovely day.

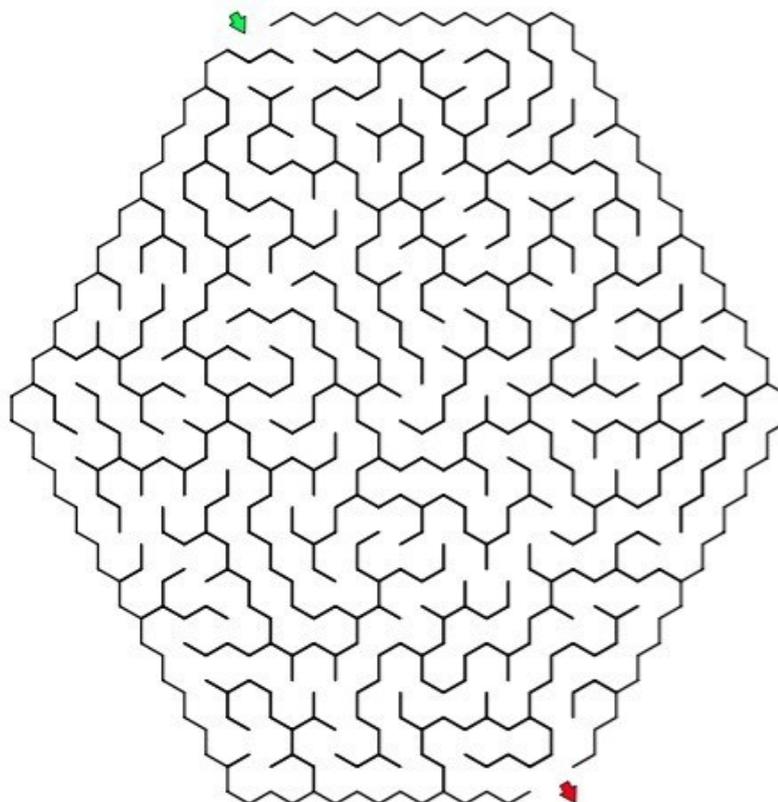


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ANSWERS ON BACK PAGE





SPOTLIGHT

ALAN NOBLE (Elaine Hicklin's betrothed)

Age: 79

Born: Benson Street Alvaston Derby

Which Bible do you own: NIV

Favourite passage: "...our sin was great, Christ's love was greater"

Favourite hymn: Abide With Me

Best thing about coming to St Mary's: Sermon and Prayer

Favourite hobbies: Reading and watching Sport

Favourite food: Lamb Roast

Favourite smell: Summer bonfire

Favourite TV programme: Current Affairs, News and Sport

First record(vinyl) you ever bought: 'Ten Years After' by Alvin Lee

Last DVD/CD bought: 'If Tomorrow Never Comes' by Garth Brooks

Which mags/papers do you read: Derby Telegraph, People, Non League Sport

Name your favourite holiday destination: Devon/Cornwall

What things do you like: Spending time with Elaine and watching football/rugby

What are your dislikes: Public Speaking and Swearing

If money were no object what would you treat yourself to: Country/Coast cottage

What was your best subject at school: English

As a teenager whose posters were up on your bedroom wall: None

Did you have a nickname at work: No

Who or what makes you laugh: Tommy Cooper

You're on a Desert Island what 3 items have you taken: Reading, TV and Radio

In a film about you which actor would you choose to play you: No idea!

Share with us a little known fact about you: I was an identical twin (passed away 2004) and as a teenager I played piano and guitar

Do you have any unfulfilled ambitions: To deliver a great sermon and front a rock/blues band

What famous person alive or dead would you most like to meet: Elvis Presley

Using 4 words, describe yourself: Leave that to God!



Artists Corner



'You Raise Me Up' was written by a well known Irish song writer and novelist Brendan Graham and originally composed by Rolf Lovland from the Norwegian-Irish duo Secret Garden.

Initially an instrumental piece entitled 'Silent Story,' Graham was approached to write some lyrics to it. He believes many of the best poetry produced is in the form of song, and this one was no exception. Brendan's inspiration came after reading 'The Whitest Flower,' set during Ireland's 'Great Famine,' a period of mass starvation and disease in 1845-1849. Around a million people died and around a further million emigrated causing population to fall 20-25%. It was a devastating natural event due to Potato Blight which was to affect throughout Europe too.

This moving piece of work has served as a back-drop to many pieces of news and film footage including 'The Lion King.' It has been covered by numerous artists almost 400 times, was awarded 'Million-Air' status by the Performing Rights Society - USA - and has been broadcast over one million times on USA radio alone and is the most downloaded sheet music of all time.

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Advent

I am. I was. I will be.

I am not coming soon I am here.

I was born on a cold night in a cold place

Unnoticed, unheralded by cold people

Who turned my mother away.

On that night were you listening?

On that night the "least of your brothers" was me.

Now do you see, do you hear and do you care?

I am not coming soon I am here.

In your life do you see me

In the ragged men and women

Who search the cold street

Looking for my reflection in your heart?

Do you hear my voice in

Their muttered plea or in their tear?

I am not coming soon I am here.

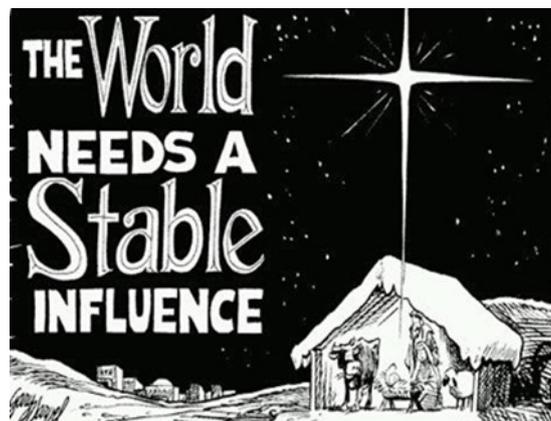
Do you hear me when your friend turns to you

To ask forgiveness and trust?

Do I not forgive you always?

Do I not give you a merciful ear?

I am not coming soon I am here.



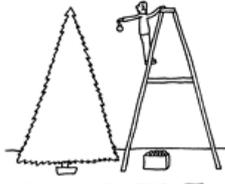
Are We Ready?

THE CHRISTMAS CHECKLIST

FOR CHURCHES



DIG OUT THE CRIB FIGURES



DECORATE THE TREE AND CHURCH



CHOOSE PEOPLE TO READ THE LESSONS



MAKE SURE THE CHOIR IS READY



DELIVER THE CHRISTMAS PUBLICITY LEAFLETS



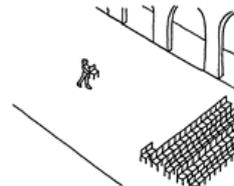
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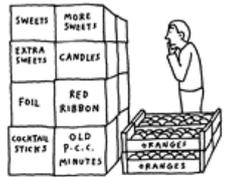
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PREPARE THE CANDLES



MAKE THE CHRISTINGLES



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ORDER SUPPLIES FOR VICAR'S POST-CHRISTMAS BREAK

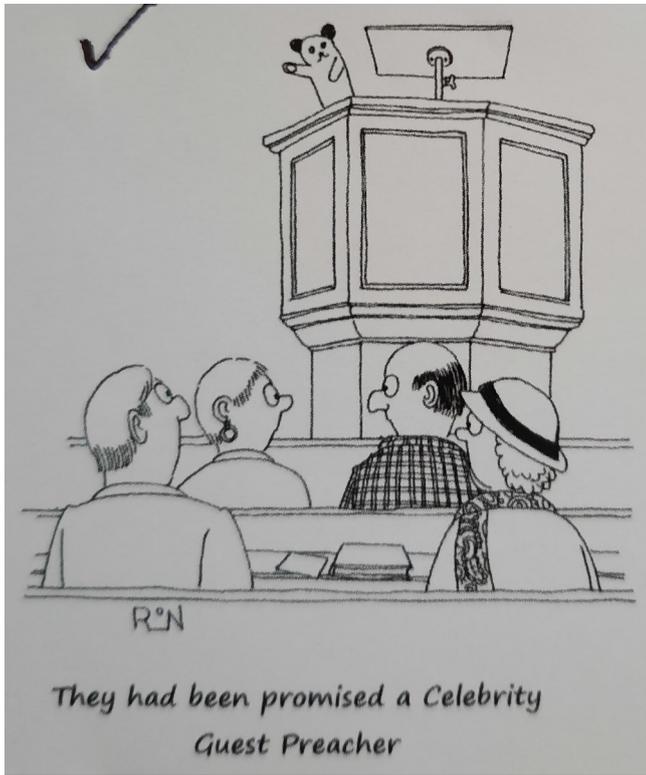
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Christmas – It's Almost Here

Christmas is coming
 And apples getting fat
 Lots of lovely gadgets
 Landing on your mat
 You may have an iPhone
 An iPad or a Mac
 But there is an alternative
 That won't leave you in lack.

Jesus is the answer
 He comes to you intact
 No need of apps or downloads
 He is complete, in fact
 You'll have no need of gadgets



Did you find the 7 Christmas mice hidden in this magazine?



Prayer of hope

Father, thank You that nothing is impossible with You. You are the God who breaks through barriers, who opens eyes and transforms lives of even the most unlikely people. Help us to be encouraged and full of hope for our loved ones. In Jesus name, Amen.

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