

From Duncan

Dear friends,

What are you doing this Lent?

We may find ourselves being asked this question as we enter the season of Lent on 26th February. Lent is traditionally a season of preparation for Holy Week and Easter, a time of reflecting on our spiritual health, a period of being penitent. But sometimes I wonder whether I fall into the trap of doing too much in Lent – trying to give something up, reading a religious book, leading a Lent Course and holding special services. Maybe a Lenten challenge for me - and perhaps you - would be to focus more on simply “being”. It would be nice if lots of people in the parish got involved in the different things on offer for you to do during Lent (see advert elsewhere in this magazine for articles)! However, I think it’s important that we mark this season by making space for God, looking at where Jesus is leading us, allowing the Holy Spirit to change our hearts and minds.

One morning, Amanda and I were saying Morning Prayer together, and at the end we both commented how good it was. To me it presents a good reminder that if only we took more time to look around us, we would see God at work in many, many ways. And so I started to reflect:

I'm sitting at Evensong in church, and perhaps it's the music, or the Spirit, but the darkness doesn't seem too strong. I'm praying for miracles in Ashbourne — for healings, and redemption, and justice, and revival, and all those usual ‘God’ kind of things. But tonight, as I do so, I find myself suddenly startled like a boy blinking at fireworks - bewildered by how many miracles there already are.

It occurs to me that here in my town today, doctors dispensed healing - can you imagine anything more wonderful? Neighbours did favours. Dog-walkers in the park silently admired the shape of trees. Jokes were told in nursing homes. For a moment or two,

thousands and thousands of people prayed, or wished, or merely unwittingly wanted what God wanted.

Chances are that somewhere today a young man and a young woman began to fall in love (although they don't yet know it). A teenager picked up rubbish she had not dropped. A single mother decided, just for once, to buy herself a slice of chocolate cake and to celebrate the moment in long, slow, mouthfuls of happiness. A painter-decorator stepped back from a wall he'd just painted the colour of claret, and maybe at that moment the sunlight broke through the window, and he saw that it was a good piece of work. A man resisted the temptation to click the link he wouldn't want his wife to see. Maybe he failed yesterday. Maybe he'll click it tomorrow. But today he overcame. In the hospital, perhaps a surgeon pinned a broken arm with immaculate skill. Delicious food was prepared and cooked and served in thousands of homes joyously. A vicar's words, so carefully crafted, brought a little comfort to grieving relatives. People cried, but a check-out girl smiled at a lonely old lady.

People died, of course, but babies were also born. From time to time today, I was born too. We all were. A million, minor miracles.

We do not pray ex nihilo. We pray for more of whatever it is we see. Nothing comes from nothing - certainly not faith like this. Tonight, I am aware of the evidence of miracles; the pre-existing goodness, the presence of Christ in these streets, these surgeries, these schools, these art galleries, these pubs, these homes, these hospital wards. Witnessing so many minor miracles, I applaud the world. If all of this is happening all around me, what might not happen next?

And so I sit here in this place of prayer and it seems self-evident that there is more light in the night than darkness in the day. There is goodness breaking through, everywhere I look.

Ultimately, almost inevitably, love wins the day quietly.

I wonder how much more our relationship with God would grow if we were aware of the daily miracles he performs? Perhaps this Lent, you might like to commit yourself to spending time in the presence of God, looking out for miracles, and turning to him in thanks and praise for the wonders he is doing all around you.

With love,
Duncan

Holy Week and Easter at St Oswald's

Palm Sunday 5th April

The service includes blessing and distribution of Palm Crosses. These are traditionally kept in the home until Ash Wednesday the following year, when they are mixed with oil and spices and burnt to provide the ashes for our services.

8.00 am	Traditional Communion service
10.30 am	Palm Sunday liturgy with procession
6.30pm	Tenebrae

Monday 6th	7pm Compline
Tuesday 7th	7pm Compline
Wednesday 8th	7pm Compline

Maundy Thursday 9th April

This service commemorates the Last Supper. The word 'Maundy' comes from the Latin phrase Mandatum Novum, which means 'New Commandment'. At the conclusion of the relaxed family meal in the hall, the church is stripped of all ornamentation, in recognition of the

solemnity to come on Good Friday. The service ends abruptly, reflecting the chaos and confusion of the night Jesus was arrested.

12 noon Clergy gather in Derby Cathedral
7.00 pm Maundy Thursday Eucharist in Church,
followed by Stripping of the altars at 8pm
8.30pm Vigil in church until midnight

Good Friday 10th April

9.00 – 10.15 am Breakfast Church activities in Church (children friendly)

12noon Easter outdoor service in town centre

2pm At the foot of the cross: reflections for Good Friday

7pm Music for Easter

Easter Sunday 12th April

6.30am Easter Sunrise service
Including the blessing of the Easter Fire, the blessing of the Font, the renewal of Baptismal Vows, the lighting of the Paschal Candle, the singing of the Exultet and the ringing of bells.

8am Traditional Holy Communion
10.30am Easter Day Communion
A special Sunday morning service in church celebrating the joy of Easter. Together we'll be creating an Easter cross of flowers, followed by an Easter Egg Hunt in the Churchyard (inside if wet ...)

6.30pm Sung Evensong

It's all too easy to jump from the celebration of Palm Sunday to the joy of Easter day, without experiencing the emotions of Maundy Thursday and Good Friday.

This Lent and Easter, why not join us in the journey?



Easter is almost upon us, and at Ashbourne this year there will be the traditional cycle of services: the Palm Sunday procession, Tenebrae, Compline from Monday to Wednesday, the Maundy Thursday meal, the Good Friday stations of the cross, the choir singing Stainer's Crucifixion, and then the great Easter day celebrations. Palm Sunday, Easter: these you may be familiar

with – but what about Tenebrae?

The word 'tenebrae' is Latin for shadows. The purpose of the Tenebrae service is to recreate the emotional aspects of the passion story, so this is not supposed to be a happy service, because the occasion is not happy. If your expectation of Christian worship is that it should always be joyful and exhilarating, you won't appreciate this service until the second time you attend it!

The dramatic retelling of the events leading up to Jesus' death is by candlelight, and as each step in the story unfolds, so a candle is snuffed out. As the story darkens, the shadows lengthen – until only one candle remains, and a solo voice slowly sings a lament.

Then Jesus' death is announced.

The final candle is extinguished; the book is slammed shut. There is silence – unbroken by blessing or final prayer. In Luke we're told that once the crowd saw Jesus die, they went away in "deep sorrow". But Jesus' friends stood at a distance, watching. For some reason they stay in front of the cross, with all that they had hoped for, hanging in front of them – destroyed. Tenebrae is a very uncomfortable kind of service. It resolves without hope. It leaves us, like Jesus' friends, standing at the cross. And it

leaves us there for the whole of Holy week – in silent vigil, in ignorance of what will happen on Easter Sunday.

All too often we skip over the significance of Holy week. It is a place of confusion, of loss, of anger; days for voicing doubts and what-ifs. Perhaps they are also days of wonder: “Surely this was the Son of God”. For some it's a day of realisation, for others of hope.

It is a week, not for rushing to close the deal, but for sitting with our questions. Not just our questions – but those others bring us too. It's a week to sit with those who rail at the absence of God, those who feel loss, those who are not ready for neat answers and certainties. In our accelerated culture. Tenebrae is a chance to travel slowly from the horror and love of the cross, to the power and hope of the empty tomb.

Tenebrae: St Oswald's Church, Sunday 5th April, 6.30pm.



Church Events in the Benefice of Ashbourne

Baptisms

12 January 2020

St Oswald's

Mason Galvin

Funerals

10th January

St Mary's

Lionel Maskery, 84 yrs

16th January

St Oswald's

David Fearn, 77 yrs

23rd January

St Oswald's

John Goldstraw, 81 yrs

28th January

St Oswald's

Philip Lynn, 62 yrs

31st January

St Oswald's

Brian Allen, 55 yrs

To arrange for Christenings, Weddings or Funerals please contact the Parish Office Tel. 01335 343052 ashbournechurch@gmail.com

St Oswald's Church, Ashbourne

Church Services for March 2020

Sunday 1 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion / Baptism
	12.30 pm	Baptism
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 8 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	9.00 am	Breakfast Church
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 15 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 22 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion
	6.30 pm	Evensong
Sunday 29 March	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.30 am	Holy Communion

Sanctuary Flowers

No flowers for the month of March as it is the period of Lent.



We operate a community bus once a month for the 10:30am service at St Oswald's. The bus collects passengers from their homes, starting from 9:30am arriving at St Oswald's church about 10:20 am. The bus returns passengers to their home after coffee. If you would like to use this service please contact Paul and Gill Elliott on 01335 343059.

Future Dates: Sunday 15 March, Sunday 19 April

Breakfast Church on the 2nd Sunday of each month in the Church Centre!



**Breakfast
CHURCH**

8th March 2020 - 'God gives us a new start'

God a bacon butty and a fresh mug of coffee – all welcome. 9h00 – 9h40.

April 2020 Special Breakfast Church on Good

Friday 10 April – 9h00 to 10h15



QUIET MORNING
at
NORBURY CHURCH
Saturday 28th MARCH

On the 28th March, as the period of Lent will be coming to its conclusion and before we enter Holy Week, we will hold a QUIET MORNING at the church of St Mary & St Barlok in Norbury from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

The format of the morning will include plenty of tea and coffee, listening to readings, each followed by time for personal reflection and time for private prayer at special Prayer Stations. The clergy team will be on hand if you wish to share your thoughts and have someone pray with you. The morning will conclude with a short Service of Holy Communion.

Everyone is welcome to attend for some or all of the morning but the best way to maximise this opportunity for some spiritual peace and quiet will be to attend for the whole morning.

For our planning, it will be helpful, but not essential, if you please add your name to the sign-up sheet in each of our churches or let a member of the clergy know that you plan to attend.

St Mary & St Barlok, Norbury and Roston.

Church Services for March:

Sunday 1 March	11.00 am	Morning Prayers – Linda Herbert
Sunday 8 March	11.00 am	Holy Communion – Nigel Rode
Sunday 15 March	11.00 am	Morning Prayers – Linda Herbert
Sunday 22 March	11.00 am	Holy Communion – Duncan Ballard

Saturday 7th March: a fundraising event The Chinese Auction. If you have anything that would be suitable please give Joy a ring on 01335 324288.



At the February meeting of Carers Count, a number of our Carers benefitted from a massage or reflexology, provided courtesy of Derbyshire Carers Association. These Pamper Sessions are

just a small way in which the Carers are recognised for the care that they give to others which responsibility would otherwise fall upon the Local Authority to provide.

The Carers much appreciated the Sessions and felt relaxed and reinvigorated to return home to those that they care for.

At the meeting of Carers Count on **Wednesday 1st April** there will be a talk given on Fire Safety which will focus specifically on issues that might relate to Caring for someone in the home. Anyone who is caring for someone else is welcome to attend this and all other meetings for a brief period of respite. You're assured of a warm welcome, a friendly face and a listening ear.

The next meeting of Carers Count will be on Wednesday 4th March

For further information give Maggie or Nigel a call on 01335 664159.



Ashbourne Churches Together

Lent Lunches:

4 th March	Methodist
11 th March	Elim
18 th March	St Oswald's
25 th March	St John's
1 st April	All Saints

All at **12.30pm**. A short introductory reading and then a Lent Lunch of soup and a roll.



*Choral Music
at
St Oswald's*

Sunday 1st March

8.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Parish Communion
6.30 Evensong

1st Sunday of Lent: St David's Day

Jesu Ukukhana (Jesus is Light) with baptism
Make me a clean heart O God/Ley
O Lord my God/Wesley

Sunday 8th March

8.00 Holy Communion
9.00 Breakfast Church
10.30 Parish Communion

2nd Sunday of Lent

I lift my eyes to the quiet hills
Christ be our light/Farrell
Moore 3rd Service Sanders responses
God so loved the world/Stainer
Litany to the Holy Spirit/Hurford

6.30 **Choral Evensong**

Sunday 15th March

8.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Parish Communion
6.30 Evensong

3rd Sunday of Lent

When Israel was in Egypt's land
O Saviour of the world/Goss
Lord for thy tender mercies' sake/Tye

Sunday 22nd March

8.00 Holy Communion
10.30 Parish Communion
6.30 Evensong

4th Sunday of Lent: Mothering Sunday

Ave Maria/Lindley
Salve Regina/Johnson Manning
Thou wilt keep him in perfect peace/Wesley

Sunday 29th March

8.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Parish Communion

for all six churches at St Oswald's

6.30 Evensong

*for all six churches at Mappleton - Turn thy face from my sins/Attwood***5th Sunday of Lent: Passion Sunday**

Ave verum Corpus/Elgar

Crown of Roses/Tchaikovsky

HOLY WEEK**Sunday 5th April**

8.00 Holy Communion

10.30 Parish Communion

6.30 Tenebrae

Palm SundayWere you there when they crucified my Lord?
with palm crosses and dramatic reading of the
Gospel

Palm Sunday antiphon/Morgan

Taize and more.

Monday 6th, Tuesday 7th, Wednesday 8th April**7.00 pm Compline****Maundy Thursday 9th April**

7.00pm Parish Communion

Ave Verum Corpus/Mozart
and stripping of altars**10th April - GOOD FRIDAY****12.15 Walk of Witness****2.00 The Last Hour at the Cross****7.00 LIFT HIGH THE CROSS. Words and Music for Holy Week****EASTER DAY 12th April****6.00 Sunrise Communion****8.00 Holy Communion with hymns****10.30 Festal Parish Communion**

The strife is o'er/Ley

Gloria/Vivaldi

Jesus is risen/Bell

6.30 Festal Choral Evensong

Brewer in D: Sanders responses

This joyful Eastertide

Ye choirs of new Jerusalem/Stanford

Thank you

Michael Halls
Director of Music

St John's Church, Ashbourne

Church Services for March:

Sunday 1 March	9.15 am	Holy Communion - Amanda Marshall
Sunday 8 March	9.15 am	Holy Communion – Maggie Rode
Sunday 15 March	9.15 am	Holy Communion – Nigel Rode
Sunday 22 March	9.15 am	Holy Communion – Amanda Marshall

Yes, the March parish magazine seems early to be thinking about Palm Sunday - Lent has only just started - but I need to be looking ahead.

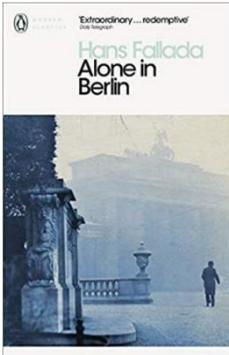


At St. Oswald's in 2016, we started the three-yearly cycle of readings of the Passion story and this year, we're back to Matthew's gospel. I'm hoping to recruit some new readers so if you would be interested in taking part, let me know, or I might even tap you on the shoulder one morning and ask you! Some parts are quite short, but all are important.

We'll have a read-through after the 10.30 service on March 29th for about 30-40 minutes, and again on **Palm Sunday morning, April 5th, at 9.30**, before the service. You will need to be able to commit to these dates. Those who've taken part before have felt it to be a privilege and it would be good to continue to extend the opportunity to others.

Deirdre Wilmore
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MAYBE FOR LENT?



“Alone in Berlin” by Hans Fallada is a novel we plan to discuss with friends when they visit us in Ashbourne in April. I purchased a copy recently (Penguin 2009, £9.99) and found it a compelling read but far from an easy one emotionally.

First published in 1947, it’s described by the Jewish writer Primo Levi as “the greatest book ever written about the German resistance to the Nazis”. The main mover in the novel is Otto, an ordinary German in a low-paid job. He tries to stay out of trouble. But the death of his only

son at the front in France shocks him into an extraordinary act of resistance. He starts with the smallest of actions to stand against Hitler but knows that, if caught, he’ll be executed.

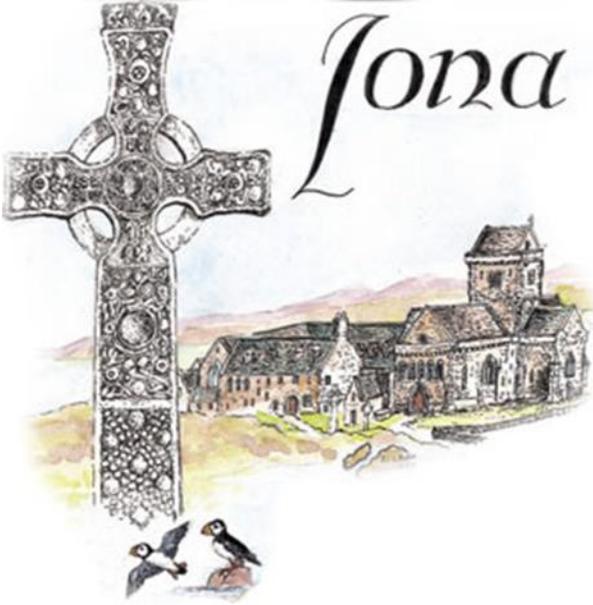
Soon his wife Anna joins him in this work and they diligently plant seeds to draw attention to the awfulness of Hitler’s leadership. Anna’s one wish is that, whatever happens, they will be together until the end. The Gestapo tries many approaches to track down the guilty couple and eventually they succeed.

Otto, once in prison, is visited by one very good chaplain and one appalling chaplain. He tells them both that there is no God, but there are hints towards the end that perhaps he has begun to think differently. The decency of another prisoner with whom Otto shares a cell, and of a Jewish professor who was a neighbour in their apartment block, shines out from one of the bleakest pictures, otherwise, I’ve ever seen painted in words.

“Alone in Berlin” might deepen our sense of what Christ achieved. He too endures everything that human wickedness could devise for him, and shows us the divine way of absorbing evil and turning it to good account. This is not so very different from what Otto and Anna, in this fictionalised version of a true story, quietly and courageously also achieve.

So maybe, if you’re looking for something inspiring but disturbing to read before Easter, “Alone in Berlin” is the book for you.

Maybe for Lent.....
Edmund Urquhart



Proposed Visit to Iona

Iona is a tiny tranquil island, barely four miles long and one mile wide. Yet its contribution to the history of Scotland and, indeed, the world, is large. It was here that St. Columba founded his famous monastery, and the

island is known as the cradle of Christianity in Scotland. It is also beautiful, with white sand beaches, a treasury of wildlife and plants, and a deep sense of peace. George Macleod, the founder of the Iona Community, described Iona as the place where earth and heaven meet.

We plan to stay at Bishop's House overlooking the sea and the Isle of Mull with accommodation for just 23 people.

A group from St Oswald's visited Iona some years ago, but we would now like to plan another visit, hopefully with folk from all of our Parish Churches, either for the week of 19th to 26th October 2021 or Spring of 2022 at a date to be announced. Yes! We have to book that far in advance to stay at Bishops House.

We do not ask for commitments at this stage but, so that we can progress the plans, we do ask that you speak with either Nigel or Maggie **no later than Friday 6th March** and let them know that you are interested in joining the visit.

Derbyshire Singers
and Derbyshire Sinfonia

BRAHMS REQUIEM

Clare Lloyd-Griffiths *Soprano*

Andrew Ashwin *Baritone*



ACADEMIC FESTIVAL OVERTURE

BRUCH

VIOLIN CONCERTO

Lizzie Ball *Violin*

Saturday 21 March 2020 | 7.30pm

Highfields School, Matlock DE4 5NA

Tickets £15 (students and accompanied U-16s free)

Available from Robert Young Florists (Crown Sq, Matlock)

Natural Choice 01335 346096 (Ashbourne) from choir members
or online at derbyshiresingers.org



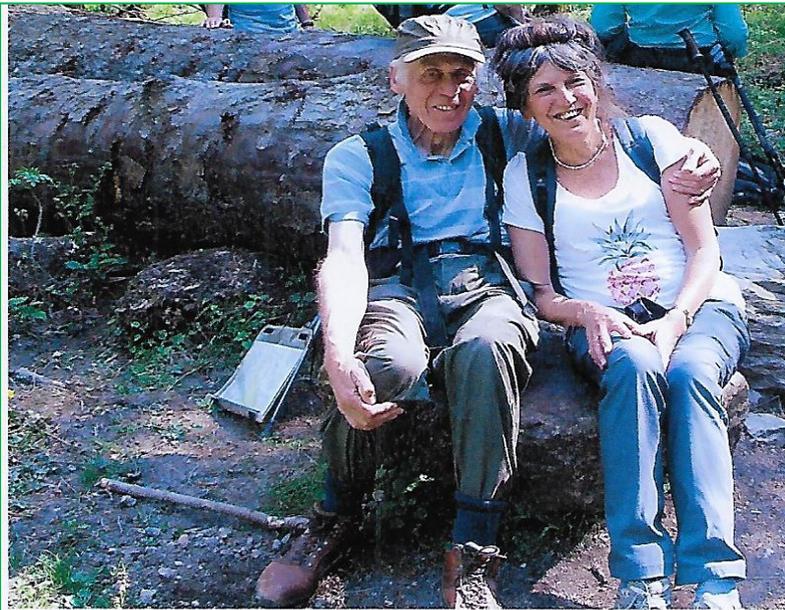
ST. OSWALD'S WALKING GROUP

Saturday January 25th 2020



There was a splendid turnout for our second January walk, with 14 of us plus Fly and Rustie meeting at Weag's Bridge in the Manifold Valley, having successfully navigated all the country lanes and hairpin bends to get there!

The route of the walk, entirely in Staffordshire, was specially devised to include a visit to the village of Waterfall, where Anthony Hall, one of founder members of our walking group, was born and is buried in the churchyard of St. James and St. Bartholomew. Anthony was a very keen walker, regularly participating in our monthly walks and joining in all our bi-annual long-distance walking holidays – indeed he was responsible for discovering two of them on the bookshelves of the local charity shops: A Dales Walk in 2014 and the Furness Trail in 2016. He is very much missed and fondly remembered by all of us.



Setting off northwards up the Manifold Trail we passed Thor's Cave high above in the limestone cliffs on our left, and reached Wetton Mill. Here we left the tarmac to walk west along the rather muddy and slippery banks of the Hoo Brook.

Everyone managed to stay upright however and after about half a mile we climbed out of the valley to the hilltop village of Grindon. Here we stopped for coffee by the church, taking advantage of the “seating” in the children’s playground!

We continued our walk south along lanes and bridleways towards Waterfall, passing several farms in varying states of repair, with lovely views west over the moorlands. After the hamlet of Back o’ th’ Brook we crossed a ford and reached Waterfall church. There has been a church on this site since the twelfth century. Inside is a striking Norman arch and two of the three bells date from the fifteenth century. The impressive stone pillars at the churchyard entrance were originally chimneys at nearby Ilam Hall. The church is beautifully kept and we enjoyed a very warm welcome from the church warden, Anthony’s sister- in- law, who made us all a cup of tea! After lunch here our return leg was down along lanes and what looked like a very old pathway lined with gnarled trees to regain the Manifold Trail which we followed back to our starting point.

It had been a super day altogether – good walk, good company and good memories. It was rounded off nicely by tea and delicious home-made cakes at the Schoolhouse Tearoom in Wetton, which kindly stayed open late for us!



Some of the Walking Group enjoying tea at the Schoolhouse Tearoom, Wetton.

Total distance: 9.5 miles; total ascent: 990 feet.

Future Walks:

Saturdays, March 28th, and April 18th (?).

Saturday May 2nd – 9th: The Cateran Trail, Scotland.

Jackie Burns



EDWARD BEAR

Praise and Play

at St Oswald's Church

Edward Bear has been meeting regularly through January and February and is about to have a 'drop in' in the February schools half term.

We seem to be welcoming new families most weeks and are thrilled to have so many new mums and babies joining us. We are also pleased to see our regular families coming along with their children, familiar with the routine of an Edward Bear morning and all the joy and laughter that it brings.

Recently seven people from Edward Bear and three interested parties joined in with the Scout Leaders to attend a First Aid Course delivered by Derwent Training in the Church Centre. A First Responders Plus (6 hours) course, running over two Thursday evenings. A thorough and worthwhile course enabling those members who attended from Edward Bear to be kept up to date of 'best practice' should first aid ever be needed.

We are making plans for the 20th year celebration of Edward Bear, a ticket only event on Saturday 16th May 2016. Keep this date in your diaries.

Edward Bear is also planning the annual Teddy Parachuting Event for Saturday 27th June. We are hoping to make this event bigger this year with additional stalls. All proceeds will be given to the Church and Church Centre funds.

Members of the Edward Bear team were very sad yet proud to attend the recent funeral of our dear friend Rutha, a long-term member of the team. Chris Haycock delivered a eulogy on behalf of Edward Bear and spoke fondly about the love, generosity and kindness of Rutha. Her legacy will most certainly live on in the hearts and lives of many of us.

We are about to have a bench placed outside the Church Centre for families to enjoy. The bench is to be funded from last year's Teddy Parachuting.

For more information about Edward Bear please contact the Church Office 01335 343052 or visit the church website ashbournechurch@gmail.com

EDWARD BEAR

Holy Trinity Church, Clifton

Church Services for March

Sunday 1 March	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 8 March	10.45 am	Morning Prayer
Sunday 15 March	10.45 am	Holy Communion
Sunday 22 March	10.45 am	Morning Prayer

Clifton WI:

The President welcomed our members together with Liz Neal, our adviser, who had come along to help with suggestions to promote our WI and hopefully recruit some new members.

All our business items were discussed and this was followed by our speakers, Chris and Chris Duffle who had had an amazing holiday in the Falklands and brought slides and a talk to convey to us the conditions and geography of the islands. They went out to meet up with friends who now live out there.

There are two islands, east and west. They covered a large area of both. We were shown pictures of the small villages and the very bleak surroundings and beautiful bays. They had seen a number of different birds of which we were shown photographs and there are a large number of seals and sea lions and then there were a number of penguin colonies. These were the Rockhopper, Gentoo, and Magellanic penguins. The Rockhopper have a crest of spiky yellow feathers poking out on each side of their heads. The Falklands are home to the largest population of Gentoo penguins in the world. Gentoo are a very classic looking penguin. The Magellanic are entirely black and white with thin border like bands of black around their neck and torso for a slight zebra effect.

We concluded with refreshments and chatting. If you would like to come along and join our WI, we have a variety of speakers every year and friendships formed and social events, make for a really interesting past-time.

We meet every second Wednesday in the Clifton Smith Hall at 7.15 pm and please call Phyl Kirkman on 01335 343498 or Tina Harbinson on 01335 343749 for more details.

The following are the dates for Clifton Lent Lunches

- Wednesday, 11 March - Mrs Bradley (01335 300049)
- Wednesday, 18 March - Mrs Nicholson (01335 342514)
- Wednesday, 25 March - Mrs Radford (01335 346273)
- Wednesday, 1 April - Mrs Harbinson. (01335 343749).



Tissington Well Dressings Thursday May 21 – Monday May 25

Each year the ACT One World Group organises a stall at the Tissington Well Dressings. We sell slices of cake to the visitors and some Traidcraft goods. The proceeds go to Christian Aid.

This year, since it is Bank Holiday Monday, we are there from Thursday 21 – Monday 25 May, one day more than usual. We hope you will help again and we would also welcome new people. We need at least 2 people at a time in 2-hour stints from 10.00 am to 4.00 pm. That makes 6 or more people per day and so a minimum of 30 people over the 5 days!

PLEASE CAN YOU HELP? No previous experience necessary. Please consider carefully and prayerfully whether you could spare a couple of hours (or more!!) to help. It is not onerous work and it is a good opportunity to meet both visitors to the Well Dressings and your fellow helpers from other churches or none.

We also need people to bake tray bakes and cakes for the stall that we can sell by the slice, not as whole cakes. **We sell between 200 and 300 slices per day!!** It would be helpful if cakes and tray bakes were not cut up in advance, then we can ensure consistency in size of portions.

After Easter there will be lists in the various churches for staffing the stall and for providing cakes. Please try and help this very worthwhile event.

John Hurfurt tel 01335 342859 email jandehurfurt@supanet.com





Ashbourne Stroke Support Club

Following on from the success of their 'Pop-Up' charity shop the Ashbourne Stroke Support Club are now arranging a concert which will be free to all.

The Derby Rock Choir will be bringing up to 50 members to sing at The Venue, The Bowls Club, Wyaston Road, Ashbourne DE6 1NB on Tuesday March 17th. at 2.30 pm.

There will be a raffle and tea and biscuits. Please come along and support your local charity.

Val Humphries 07794972257

Ashbourne Animal Welfare MARCH MADNESS OPEN DAY



Sunday 8th March 2020 11am – 4pm
The Ark, Wyaston Rd, Ashbourne DE6 1NB

Leap into Action and Visit The Ark

Visit the Cattery and Kennels
Homemade lunches and teas – Gifts, books & Bric a Brac
Free Admission

For more info telephone 01335 300494 or go to the website:
www.ashbourneanimalwelfare.org



Would you consider supporting our work reaching out to new people in our community? Do you love to work behind the scenes with a team of friends?

If so, we would love you to join our kitchen team at Breakfast church once a month.

Inter-generational initiatives are growing at St Oswald's. Both Ozzie's Kitchen and Breakfast Church are regularly getting 40-50 people of all ages along each month. Research shows that once a room reaches 60-70% capacity then people stop coming. Both events have reached that capacity in the church centre and we want to double the number of times a month we offer these events to our community.

However, we can't grow our work without a support team in the kitchen to offer bacon butties, Danish pastries, cereal and toast for 40-50 people once a month. Irene and her team already support us with a super breakfast once a month, but do not have the time or energy to do this twice a month.

You would only need to offer 2.5 hours once a month.

If you are interested to know more please contact me or Duncan by email (details on the back of the magazine) or catch us after church.

Revd Amanda Marshall



The Ashbourne Branch of the Mothers' Union meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month in St Oswald's Church Centre at 2:30 pm

and on the 3rd Thursday of the month at 7:30 pm at different venues. A warm welcome to anyone wishing to join us either in the afternoon or in the evening. Please contact Nancy Bell on 01335 347915 nancyatthebeach@gmx.co.uk.

Mothering Sunday this year falls on 22nd March. Families across the UK are preparing to celebrate. It's a special time to say thank you to all mothers and caregivers for the selflessness with which they nurture, love and help us to grow.

This Mothering Sunday why not celebrate or remember someone special by supporting the MU 'Make a Mother's Day' appeal with a gift that can help empower women, children and communities worldwide to tackle the challenges they face and make positive changes that grow and last.

Ask me to see the gift catalogue or look on line: www.makeamothersday.org

Nancy Bell



Community Café in Ashbourne

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

**Volunteers Information Session
2.30pm – 4pm Tuesday 10th March**

We are now regularly welcoming between 50 and 60 guests each month and we know that there are many more folk who would like to benefit from enjoying a meal in the company with others

We are delighted to announce that arrangements are in place to open **Ossie's Kitchen** on the second Tuesday of each month as well as the fourth Tuesday. The start date of this additional opening will be dependent upon recruiting more volunteers to join the team to help with cooking the meals, hospitality, co-ordinating transport and administration, not to mention pot washing! Apart from the Cooking Team, the time commitment required will vary, depending upon the task, from one to three hours, either once or twice a month.

A Volunteers Information Session will be held in St Oswald's Church Centre between 2.30pm and 4pm on **Tuesday 10th March** and anyone interested is very welcome to come along to find out more, or phone either Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159 to learn how you can enjoy being a part of this much valued activity for the community by the community.

Next date for Ossie's Kitchen is Tuesday 24th March, 2020.

Suggested donations of £3 per adult and £1 per child

For enquiries & to request transport
call Maggie or Nigel on 01335 664159