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Monday 9.00am – 1.00 pm

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Office Hour for booking of Baptisms & Weddings;-

Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October 6—7 p.m.

Thursday 17<sup>th</sup> October 6—7 p.m.

Deadline for Articles for DECEMBER/JANUARY BPN = Tuesday  
26<sup>TH</sup> NOVEMBER

Buxton Team Parish is the Church of England Parish of Buxton with Burbage and King Sterndale consisting of: St. John the Baptist, Buxton, St. Mary the Virgin, Buxton, St. Anne, Buxton, Christ Church, Burbage, St. James, Harpur Hill, Christ Church, King Sterndale.

Team Rector: The Revd Liz England BA

Team Vicar: The Revd Keith Cocking Fd. Arts (Merit), Cert Theol

Team Curate: The Revd Margaret Slyfield [BA](#); [FdMinistry](#)

Associate Priest: The Revd John Overton MA (Oxon), CPA, MRSC

Parish Administrator: Jennie Parker

Charity No: 1128844

# **BUXTON PARISH NEWS**



# **NOVEMBER 2019**

**Charitable Giving For the  
FOURTH quarter of 2019 is  
HIGH PEAK HOMELESS  
HELP**



## Important Notice - Suspicious Emails

We are aware of some suspicious emails that appear to be from clergy and even from Bishop Libby. Responding to the emails will result in requests for money or gift cards. **Please DO NOT reply to the emails.**

It is important that we are all aware and be vigilant to protect our online safety and security. We are not aware of any system security breach and are in the process of compiling some website best practice guidelines so that our churches can take action to greater protect themselves.

### Steps to take if you receive a suspicious email

1. DO NOT reply to the email.
2. Check the email address of the sender – is it the same email address as usual?
3. Type in the usual email address of the clergy, rather than just hit reply. Better still, talk to them and check if they have sent this email.
4. Run a complete anti-virus scan of your computer.
5. If you have sent any money as a direct result of the email, please contact the Police to report the matter

### Steps to take if you are the named sender of a suspicious email

1. Reassure any recipients that you have not sent the email and verify your correct email address.
2. As a safety procedure, reset your email password and any clergy portal passwords.
3. Run a complete anti-virus scan of your computer.
4. If you receive any reports of money being sent as a direct result of the email, please contact the Police.

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## Help for Village Halls

Rural Action Derbyshire (RAD) is delighted to be running its 2nd conference specifically for people who help run a village or community hall. The conference is on Friday, 8 November 2019 at The Post Mill Centre in South Normanton (M1 J28) from 9.15am until 3.45pm.

Village halls are often the community hub, the place where people get together for family celebrations, exercise classes or a regular meetings of groups or societies. They are big or small, new or old and could employ staff or just use volunteers to take bookings, manage the money and organise events.

Not only do halls have to maintain the physical building and comply with a whole range of legislation, they also need know the best ways to take advantage of their hall for the benefit of the community. Some enterprising halls are now establishing themselves as successful wedding venues too.

There will be four presentations in the morning:

- Improving long-term sustainability
- Investment for your village or community hall
- Communication, marketing and community engagement
- Planning, funding and building a new village hall

In the afternoon, delegates can choose two 45 minute workshops from the following:

Session one:

- Income generation & fundraising
- Planning for sustainable halls
- Online Booking Systems - what you need to know

Session two:

- Using digital to promote your hall, engage with your community and support your users
- Recruiting and retaining volunteers - how to get more people involved
- Broadband and the internet - why it's important, how to optimise it and how to find funding

Tickets are available through the Rural Action Derbyshire website at a cost of £35 + VAT (£45). There will also be a number of exhibitors at the conference all relevant to halls from insurance and booking systems to furniture and funding.

More info by email: [office@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](mailto:office@ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk) or visit: [www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk](http://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk).

## CLERGY LETTER—NOVEMBER

### From our Deaneries

#### Carsington

##### Autumn Newsletter

The online Carsington Autumn newsletter can be viewed at: [www.bit.ly/CarsNewsAutumn2019](http://www.bit.ly/CarsNewsAutumn2019)

#### Dove and Derwent

##### Autumn Newsletter

The online Dove and Derwent Autumn newsletter can be viewed at: [www.bit.ly/DDNewsAutumn2019](http://www.bit.ly/DDNewsAutumn2019)

Learn more about your deanery and view deanery newsletters at: [www.bit.ly/deanerynews](http://www.bit.ly/deanerynews)

### The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal 2019



In mid-March this year, parts of Manicaland, rich agricultural lands in eastern Zimbabwe, were devastated by Cyclone Idai. The cyclone brought rain, flooding and landslides, but worse was the devastation as a dam burst its banks sending huge rocks, some over 10 tons, down the valley, destroying homes, crops and livelihoods.

The Diocese of Manicaland provided shelter in their schools and churches in the aftermath, bringing comfort to the bereaved, care for the injured, and food for those who had lost everything before the larger agencies came with support. The church has worked closely with other agencies to ensure the most vulnerable were not left out.

But the church wants to do more. They are really concerned about the elderly and widows who are living in communal tents, often looking after orphans. The church would like to build them simple homes, away from the danger area. The government has offered land.

As a diocese, we will partner with The Diocese of Manicaland, who will provide cement, bricks and roofing sheets, which we will finance. The community will then contribute local materials and their labour to construct homes for their needy neighbours. Each home will cost around £900 to build. We are aiming to generate funding for 20 family homes which gives us a target of £18,000.

Can you help these vulnerable people to have a dry home, safe from future storms?

Donations should be made payable to 'The Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal' and sent to:

Mr Edward Latham  
64 Birkinstyle Lane  
Shirland  
Alfreton  
Derbyshire  
DE55 6BS

Who is your favourite Saint? One of the "big names" like St Peter or St John the Baptist; Saints Matthew, Mark, Luke, or John, who wrote the four Gospel accounts of the life of Jesus? Or someone less well-known, the Patron Saint of lost causes perhaps (St Jude) or of music (St Cecilia)?

In the Church calendar we've come to the end of Creationtide, thinking and praying about how we look after the environment, the animals and plants, our stewardship of the land. In November we turn towards remembering and giving thanks for *people*.

All Saints' Day on November 1<sup>st</sup>, will be celebrated in our churches on the next Sunday, so November 3<sup>rd</sup> will be kept as All Saints Sunday. We will be remembering and giving thanks for the lives of those great men and women who have enriched our spiritual lives by their own experiences.

Let's not forget, however, that these people weren't born into sainthood. Most of them had ordinary lives, ordinary jobs – fishermen, tax collectors, doctors, tent makers, scribes, soldiers. They were transformed by an encounter with God that changed their lives forever; gave them a different perspective on what their priorities were, sometimes turning their back on a comfortable life to spread the Gospel message. The strength and power of God's grace has been at work within them.

God of holiness, your glory is proclaimed in every age: as we rejoice in the faith of your saints, inspire us to follow their example with boldness and joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

The day after All Saints Day is traditionally kept as All Souls Day or the Commemoration of All Faithful Departed, as we are encouraged to think about and pray for those whose lives and spirituality have affected us personally and helped us to grow in our faith. There will be a special service on the evening of November 3<sup>rd</sup> at St Mary's Church not just for the recently bereaved but for anyone to give thanks for their loved ones, to pray for those we love but see no longer, to light a candle to their memory. Almighty and eternal God, from whose love in Christ we cannot be parted, either by death or life: hear our prayers and thanksgivings for all whom we remember this day; fulfill in them the purpose of your love; and bring us all, with them, to your eternal joy; through Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen.

On Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> we keep Remembrance Sunday. As well as the parade and service at the Cenotaph on The Slopes, most of our churches will have their own Remembrance service as we give thanks for the soldiers, sailors and air crew who sacrificed their lives in wars and conflicts from the First World War onwards. This isn't a glorification of war, but a time of commemoration and quiet reflection on issues of war and peace, the giving of self, our corporate and communal memories as well as our individual ones.

O God of truth and justice,  
 we hold before you those whose memory we cherish,  
 and those whose names we will never know.  
 Help us to lift our eyes above the torment of this broken-world,  
 and grant us the grace to pray for those who wish us harm.

## Congratulations and Welcome to our new Readers

On Sunday, 6 October 2019, four candidates were Admitted and Licensed by Bishop Libby as Readers at a very special service in Derby Cathedral. The service also served as a Thanksgiving for 50 years of Reader Ministry by Women.

Our special congratulations to:  
 Katherine Mary (Kate) Brookbank  
 Jacqueline Haywood  
 Anthony (Tony) Hill  
 Roberta (Bertie) Walker

In addition, Brenda Silcock, who was formally Licensed in the Diocese of York was given Permission to Officiate in the Diocese of Derby.

On a later occasion, Martin Cox, Licensed in another diocese will be Licensed to the Diocese of Derby.



Significantly, the service marked the retirement of Revd Canon Geraldine Pond as Diocesan Director of Vocations with additional responsibility for clergy well being and Warden of Readers.

Readers in the Church of England are lay people from a range of backgrounds and experiences who are trained and authorised to preach, teach and lead worship. There are more than 8,500 Readers actively involved in ministry in the Church of England today.

Men were licensed into the role in 1866, but it was over 100 years later before women were permitted to become Readers. Legislation was passed in 1969 and since then the ministry of both women and men as Readers has continued to be a vital part of the life of the Church of England.



## November Highlights - Book your free place!

- Ecochurch**  
Wed, 6 November at St Wystan, Repton
- An introduction to Church, Spirituality and Dementia**  
Thu, 7 November at St John's Institute, Tideswell
- Carmelite Spirituality**  
Wed, 13 November at St Helen, Darley Dale
- Everybody Welcome**  
Thu, 14 November at St Barnabas Centre, Danesmoor
- Winter Risks**  
Thu, 14 November at Church House, Derby

NEW Autumn courses and dates now added.

Reserve your place and view all other courses -

[www.derby.anglican.org/training](http://www.derby.anglican.org/training)

# Our Diocese

November 2019



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## The Venerable Carol Coslett writes...



### Remember, Remember....

It's November and the night is dark. Searching in all the cupboards for batteries for the lamps on our bikes - we only seem to use them once a year! Before Martin and I moved up to Derbyshire this had become a regular feature

of village life in the 3B's (Betchworth Buckland and Brockham in Surrey) - because it's the night of the huge annual Brockham Bonfire. Once the batteries have been replaced in the lamps and the tyres blown up, with creaks (from the bikes and our limbs) we wobble down the lane a mile or so and pass the snaking collection of all ages carrying flamed torches in the annual Bonfire procession. Over the river bridge into the throng that already covers the Village Green. In pride of place stood the 60 foot high circular bonfire that had been built up around a central pole over the last couple of months.

The folks are already buying their hotdogs, hog roast and cups of beer as we try to wind our way to the other end of the green where we eventually meet up with the previous shift of volunteers who are shaking their - gradually getting heavier - red buckets. We swap florescent jackets and they hand over the walkie talkie and we are left for a few hours to try and collect as many donations as possible for our church (the charities are various across the site).

The stats are amazing: 20,000 people gather round the village green, over 4 tonnes of fireworks are burnt (£20,000 worth) and around £20,000 is given away each year in donations on the night.

November is the month of Remembrance, and this year we might well be remembering that once we were part of Europe! But our church calendar gives us All Saints on the 1st November, remember All Souls on the 2nd, Guy Fawkes on the 5th and then those on our War Memorials on Remembrance Sunday on 10th and Armistice on 11th November.

Towards the end of the month we celebrate Christ the King, when we are reminded that Jesus came into this world as God's Son, was anointed but crowned with thorns to offer his life as a sacrifice for us on the cross, so that a kingdom could be born of Truth, Life, Justice, Love and Peace. Our world today so desperately needs this kingdom, where our world leaders talk truth, and where people of all faith and cultures can live in peace. Our bonfire traditions harken back to an age where that was not so and yet how much have we moved on I wonder and what can our part be in shaping the future for our children and our children's children?

As Christians it is through our prayers, and a living relationship with God that can make the difference. How we live our lives giving time to God and showing love for our neighbour. For us still remembering and living our lives in the earthly kingdom, our comfort must be in allowing God to surround us with love and open our hearts to receive this love in our lives. God will always be with us, through all our remembering, our times of sorrow and joy if we only make the time.

**Remember, remember!**

**The fifth of November,**

**The Gunpowder treason and plot;**

**I know of no reason**

**Why the Gunpowder treason**

**Should ever be forgot!**

*The Venerable Carol Coslett  
Archdeacon of Chesterfield*



As we honour the past, may we put our faith in your future;  
for you are the source of life and hope, now and for ever.  
Amen.

During this season, have in your minds the words of Julian of Norwich:

**"All shall be well, and all shall be well and all manner of thing shall be well."**

Revd Margaret Slyfield

## PASTORAL CARE GROUP



It's very easy to feel low when the nights draw in and it seems to rain most of the time! Maybe by the time you read this it will be drier. But spare a thought for the housebound and elderly; do visit or contact any you know if you can.

If you need help with this from the parish Pastoral Care Group, or if anyone requires a home communion, please phone the Parish Office on 01298 77856.



[uxtonparish@hotmail.com](mailto:uxtonparish@hotmail.com)  
**Caring for Creation:  
how can we play our  
part?**

One suggestion to emerge from St John's Message Meet-ups was to consider options to improve our 'green' credentials as a church.

'Eco Church' is a scheme designed to help churches of all shapes and sizes work out what might be feasible in their situation. Potential benefits include not only saving money, but also extending our engagement with the wider community; climate change and green issues are a growing concern, especially for younger people.

Over the coming months, a small group is planning to look at a number of different areas, with a view to producing proposals for our churchwardens (Jean Luton and Roger Beck) and the PCC to consider:

- § Worship and teaching
- § Management of church buildings
- § Management of church land
- § Community and global engagement
- § Lifestyle

If you would like to hear how we're getting on, please send a message to Kathryn Barton or Rosie Shipley and they will add you to the circulation list:

[kathryn2007@btinternet.com](mailto:kathryn2007@btinternet.com)  
[rosemaryshipley@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemaryshipley@yahoo.co.uk)

**Away Day Feedback Report contd.**

**What Happens Now!**

Meeting reconvened, with a short act of worship. Rector Liz reminded the meeting that all things were possible with Christ's help and He would find a way! Each delegate was given a copy of all the information from the Message Meet Ups. Copies would also be passed to any members who had been unable to attend. Rector Liz requested that everyone should keep the information confidential, until it is shared with the general churches congregations. The aims and way forward for each church (Section 2) was read and considered. Rector Liz advised that plans would need to be formulated, faculties applied for, grants sought, finance raised and agreement from the PCC before matters are acted upon! There was a general discussion on all the plans. There was a discussion on chasubles at St Johns.

Each person present was given a wrapped chocolate coin. Rector Liz asked which church they thought they would give their support to or 'invest in' with their coin. This led to much discussion on the needs and merits of each church, with several delegates voicing their positive opinions and support. Delegates then broke again into six small focus groups and were tasked with discussing the plans for one of the churches and suggesting ways forward. These ideas were shared in a feedback session. Rector Liz then showed the meeting a new Parish Logo, which had been developed. This was warmly received by the delegates.

Rector Liz thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting, adding there were feedback sheets to complete, if delegates so desired. She also thanked Eric and Roman for the music and Paul for organising the refreshment supply. The meeting thanked Rector Liz for all her hard work, leading up and on the day! The meeting closed with the Grace.

Stop Press! The outcome of completed feedback sheets, was that everyone enjoyed the event, finding it useful and constructive in formulating our future together.

# SAFEGUARDING

The Parish Safeguarding Links are:-

Children & Young People =

Emily Tooze

Vulnerable Adults =

Aileen Warneford

DBS/record-keeping =

Jennie Parker

The Parish Safeguarding

number is:- **01298 77856**

If no-one is available in an emergency please contact Social

Services 08456 058058 or the Diocesan Safeguarding Team on

01332 388 678

If you have any concerns regarding Safeguarding, or if you just want to chat about any aspect of helping vulnerable people safely, please contact Emily or Aileen.



*Emily Tooze*



*Aileen Warneford*

## Please Remember in Your Prayers

**The sick and those in need:-** We remember the elderly, the housebound and those in residential homes. We pray for those who are ill, at home or in hospital, especially we pray for Josie Baker, Jim Campbell, Sally Green, Nathan, Frank Green, Carol Simpson, Jacob Trayler, Arthur Naden, Keith and Pat Robinson, Ed Backhouse, Kenny Jones, Kathleen, Pete, Shannon Gerrard, Maureen Barker, Lorraine Houlden, Marjorie Heasman, Betty Allen, Dorothy Crowson, Christine Dinardo.

**The recently departed:-** We pray for those who feel the pain of grief at the loss of a loved one. We remember those who have recently died, especially we pray for Edward Tagg, Dorothy Wilson.

## Pet Service—Thank You

We celebrated the third Pet service just before Harvest Festival and had the best turnout yet-12 dogs and 2 budgies. About 8 pets were “remembered” - fond memories of those who had died and care for those too delicate to bring. It was particularly special that one person brought the two small teddy bears who had been with her throughout her cancer treatment. We thank the local branch of the RSPCA for their poignant involvement in the service. We were able to give £35 to their funds. Thanks to all the owners. Your beautifully behaved pets did you credit.

## **SERVICE TIMES**

### **Sunday November 3<sup>rd</sup> All Saints' Sunday**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Family Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	Family Service, Christ Church, King Sterndale
10.30am	Family Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00am	Sung Eucharist St John's Church
6.00 pm	All Souls' Memorial, St. Mary's, Dale Rd

### **Sunday November 10<sup>th</sup> Remembrance Sunday**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.30 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
10.30 am	Family Communion, Christ Church King Sterndale
10.45 am	Holy Communion, Christ Church, Burbage
10.45am	Family Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd
10.45am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
10.50 am	Act of Remembrance—The Cenotaph
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road

### **Sunday November 17<sup>th</sup> Second Sunday before Advent**

8.00 am	Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road
9.00 am	Holy Communion, St James', Harpur Hill
9.30 am	Brekkie Church, Christ Church, Burbage
9.30 am	Family Service, Christ Church King Sterndale
10.30am	Holy Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd
11.00am	Sung Eucharist, St John's Church
6.00 pm	Evensong, St. Mary's, Dale Road
6.00 pm	Taize Service, Methodist Church

## **PCC DATES 2019**

SC Tues 12<sup>th</sup> November – Christ Church King Sterndale  
**PCC Tues 10<sup>th</sup> December – Parish Rooms**

**(SC = Standing Committee)**

**All meetings begin at 7.30 p.m. There will be optional tea/coffee/networking from 7 p.m. for the full PCC meetings.**

## **Welcome Wednesdays**

**Bath Road Church Centre**

**2.00 – 4.30 p.m.**

**First & third Wednesday of each month**

November 6<sup>th</sup> ***Women's Education Through Time***  
Netta Christie

November 20<sup>th</sup> ***Friends of Buxton Station***  
Dave Carlisle

December 2<sup>nd</sup> ***Christmas Party***

For adults of all ages - Friendship, fellowship, fun activities, speakers, afternoon tea

**All welcome!**



**Wednesday November 13**

Visit to the Methodist Network at The Methodist Church on the Market Place

Chapel Street Entrance at 2.30pm.

Please will Members bring their MU boxes for Sue to collect at this Meeting.

**Council Meeting in Matlock**

November 26<sup>th</sup> (Please note change of original date)

Venue: The Imperial Rooms

Time 10.15-2.15( packed lunch needed)

Speaker (change) Derbyshire Solidarity for Refugees

Project supported by MU Diocese.

They welcome warm knitted items for adults, gloves, socks etc as well as Moses basket items for newborns.

Raffle prizes and Bring and Buy items also welcomed to help MU funds

Coffee served

Members are encouraged to attend to meet fellow members and friends from across the Diocese and get involved with MU go-ings on locally, nationally and world wide.

**Christmas Lunch**

Booked at The Duke at Burbage

Wednesday Dec 11<sup>th</sup> at 12.30pm

Two or Three Courses to be pre-booked.£5.00 deposit required to secure booking.

Menu choices and Booking arrangements will be circulated at the November Meeting.

For further information prior to the Meeting phone Carolyn on 01298 24239

**Sunday November 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Christ the King**

10.30am

Parish Communion, Christ Church, Burbage

4.00pm

Songs of Praise, St. James' Harpur Hill

**Sunday December 1<sup>st</sup>**

**All Saints' Sunday**

8.00 am

Holy Communion (BCP), St Anne's, Bath Road

9.00 am

Holy Communion, St. James' Harpur Hill

9.30 am

Family Communion, Christ Church, Burbage

9.30 am

Activity church, Christ Church King Sterndale

10.30am

Holy Communion, St Mary's, Dale Rd

11.00am

Sung Eucharist, St John's Church

6.00 pm

All Souls' Memorial Service St. Mary's, Dale Rd

6.00 pm

Advent Carols ,St. John's Church

**Every Monday** (not Bank Holidays)

12 noon

Holy Communion, St. Anne's Bath Rd

**Every Tuesday**

9.15am

Morning Prayer, St. Anne's Church

**Every Wednesday**

10.00am

Holy Communion at Christ Church, Burbage



# Brekkie Church

"Feeding minds and bodies"

Christ Church, Burbage  
Food and informal worship  
9.30 a.m.  
Sunday 17th November

All welcome!



## St. John's Church Churchyard Working Party



Saturday 9th November  
10.00a.m.

There is plenty of autumn clearing up to do! All welcome!

## Burbage Churchyard Autumn Churchyard Working Party Dates



Tuesday November 12th

Tuesday December 10th

## AWF

### November 19<sup>th</sup>

Open Meeting at the Church Centre at 7.30pm  
We welcome Farouk Kardahji who will speak to us about  
The Lebanon. Everyone welcome to join us  
Admission including tea/coffee and raffle £2

### December 10<sup>th</sup>

Christmas Meal (Please note, second Tuesday, this  
month)

St Moritz (in the Quadrant) booked for 6.30pm.  
Please would Members let Carolyn know if you intend to  
Join us by November 19<sup>th</sup> so numbers can be passed on  
to the Restaurant.

No pre-ordering required.

### Children's Society

You are invited to.....

A Coffee Morning

On Saturday, November 30<sup>th</sup>

At the Home of Revd Philip  
Bridgwater

9, College Road, Buxton  
10-12 noon

Children's Society Christmas Cards on Sale

Raffle, Bring and Buy, Cakes

Admission £3, including Coffee/ biscuits



The Noahs



## Monday Lunch Dates

### NOVEMBER

4<sup>th</sup> Church Service only

**11<sup>th</sup> Church Service & Lunch**

18<sup>th</sup> Church Service only

**25<sup>th</sup> Church Service & Lunch**



## SERVICE OF THANKSGIVING AND REMEMBRANCE

**St Mary's Church, Dale Road, Buxton, on  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> November at 6.00pm.**



A service of Thanksgiving and Remembrance for departed loved ones to commemorate the Feast of All Souls. The names of those to be remembered are read aloud during the service and there is an opportunity for a candle to be lit in memory of them.

If you would like a loved one to be remembered in prayer please send an email or leave a telephone message:-

[buxtonparish@hotmail.com](mailto:buxtonparish@hotmail.com)

01298 77856

Deadline – Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> October

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**St. John's Church  
Advent Sunday  
1<sup>st</sup> December  
Candlelit Advent Carol Service  
6.00p.m.**

**All Welcome!**



## Buxton PCC Away Day. 28 September 2019

Report written by Philip Leyland

This away day, at Ilam Hall, was the first such event for over four years. There were a total of 26 PCC members and clergy attended.

The meeting was organised and led by Rector Liz and it gave time for worship, prayer, team building, matters of the day and time to consider and debate, how our churches can all develop and move forward in answer to the challenge our Lord has given to us, and in meeting the needs of His people in and around Buxton.

The meeting started with greetings and refreshments. Rector Liz read a passage from Ephesians 1v23, this resonated with the meeting.

*The church is Christ's body, in which he speaks and acts, by which he fills everything with his presence. Ephesians 1: 23 (The Message)*

Following a short period of worship, Rector Liz opened by saying that we are here to listen and share ideas. Sharing without fear!

Rector Liz has spent her first six months, talking, listening, and trying with God's help to discern what is happening in the Parish. What works, what doesn't, what people want and need—in order to develop God's plan.

A series of Message Meet Ups had taken place with the congregations of each church, over the past few months. This helped each church understand who they are. The agreed outcomes of these discussions would now be shared with this meeting, church by church. Photographs were shared of each churches meeting.

### St James

Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. It was also noted there are no plans to close this church and we may in time seek ways to carry out any major repairs to the fabric of the building.

### St Mary's

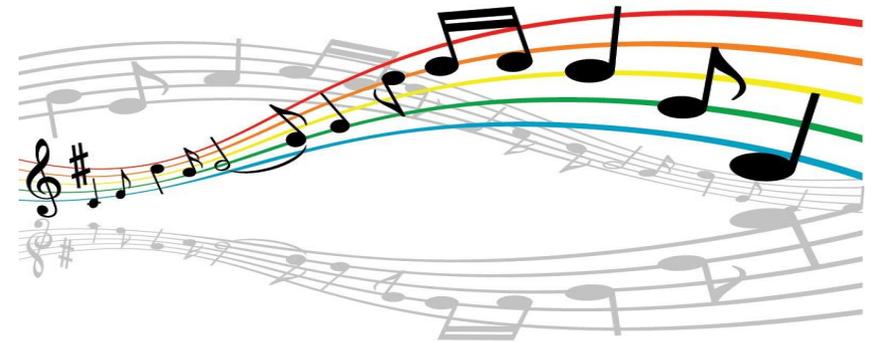
Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. It is planned to seek the opinions of the Sunday evensong congregation and include these inputs into the results.

# Songs of Praise

Join us at St. James' Church on Sunday 24th November at 4.00 p.m. for a Songs of Praise Service & Blessing of the new silver, bought with money raised by the local community to replace the stolen items.

Followed by refreshments.

All welcome!



### Wednesday Bible Study

7.30 p.m.

November 6<sup>th</sup>, 13<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 27<sup>th</sup>.  
6, Brown Edge Close

All welcome!



Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.00 a.m. Christ Church,  
Burbage

**Holy Communion**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m. St. Mary's, Dale Rd

**Family Communion**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 11.00 a.m. St. John's Church,

**Sung Eucharist**

Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> December 10.30 a.m. St. Anne's Church, Bath  
Rd

**Parish Eucharist**



**St Annes**

Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. It was noted that St Anne's data may not reflect inputs from the Monday Luncheon Club congregation.

Rector Liz hoped that in future, church members from churches other than St Anne's, would help in the organisation and running of this beautiful, very old church.

**Christ Church Burbage**

Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. It is planned to seek the opinions of the midweek Service congregation and include these inputs into the results.

**St Johns**

Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. There was a discussion on the difficulties some members of the congregation felt in the lack of consistency in who led Sunday morning worship. Previous Rectors had always taken a major part in most Sunday worship in attending and leading worship at St Johns. Rector Liz commented that she was Rector of the whole Parish and that we were fortunate in Buxton to be blessed with the number and calling of stipendary clergy and non-stipendary clergy.

**Christ Church King Sterndale**

Section 1 of the report for this church was shared with the meeting. There was a discussion on the use of instruments in services and fresh expressions of worship using coloured ribbons.

**Common to All**

Each church has decided on a colour and a word that describes and identifies them. Rector Liz has written a poem about each church and shared these with the meeting. They can be used in the future to help the church making itself known in the town and to the wider world. The meeting broke into a number of focus groups, who had an opportunity to discuss and consider the information captured from the Message Meet Ups. What had surprised us? What had challenged us? Did it seem possible? These deliberations were shared in a feedback session.

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# Advent/Christmas Services

*This is not an exhaustive list of all Advent & Christmas Events and Services, but may help you to plan your diaries. A full list will be published in the December magazine.*

Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> December 6.00 p.m. St. John's Church Buxton  
**Advent Carols by Candlelight**

Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> December 10.00–2.00  
Christ Church Burbage  
**Christmas Fair**

Wednesday 11<sup>th</sup> December 7.30 p.m.  
St. Mary's Dale Rd  
**Folk Carol Concert**

Thursday 12<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. St. John's Church  
**St. Anne's RC Primary School Concert**

Friday 13<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. St. John's Church  
**Harpur Hill School Concert**  
**1.30 p.m. Buxton Junior School Concert**

Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Christ Church, Burbage,  
**Carol Service followed by switching on of Memorial Lights**

Monday 16<sup>th</sup>, continuing for Christmas Season, 2pm to 4pm  
Christ Church Burbage  
**Christmas Tree Festival**



Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 10.30 a.m. Harpur Hill Methodist Church  
**Carol Service (Joint with St. James' Harpur Hill)**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2.00 p.m. Christ Church, Burbage  
**Burbage Band Christmas Concert**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 3.45 p.m. Christ Church, K. Sterndale  
**Carol Service**

Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> December 6.00 p.m. St. John's Church Buxton  
**Festival of Nine Lessons & Carols**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 p.m. St. James' Harpur Hill  
**Crib Service**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00 p.m. St. Mary's Dale Rd,  
**Crib Service**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 4.00pm Christ Church Burbage, Burbage  
**Handbell Ringers followed by Crib Service at 5 pm**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 p.m. Christ Church, Burbage  
**Midnight Mass**

Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> December 11.30 p.m. St. John's Church Buxton  
**Midnight Mass**

Wednesday 25<sup>th</sup> December 9.30 a.m. Christ Church, K. Sterndale  
**Holy Communion**

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