

## St Johns and Gamesley Newsletter. February 2024



### Services @ St Johns

Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Holy Communion
Feb 11th	Open church service
Feb 18th	Morning Worship
Feb 25th	Morning Worship

### Services @ Gamesley

Feb 4th	Morning Worship
Feb 11th	Holy Communion
Feb 18th	Morning Worship
Feb 25th	Breakfast service

### To prepare for worship, you will want to look at the planned readings

Feb 4 <sup>th</sup>	Proverbs 8. 1,22-31. Psalm 104, 26-end. Colossians 1. 15-20. John 1. 1-14.
Feb 11th	2Kings 2.1-12. Psalm 50, 1-6. 2Corinthians 4. 3-6. Mark 9. 2-9.
Feb 18th	Genesis 9. 8-17. Psalm 25. 1-9. 1Peter 3. 18-end. Mark 1. 9-15
Feb 25th	Genesis 17. 1-7, 15-16. Psalm 22. 23-end. Romans 4. 13-end. Mark 8. 31-end

### Interregnum contact

Although we are in interregnum, all normal church services, as well as weddings, baptisms and funerals are available for the community.

There is a new email and telephone number for contacts and there will be monitoring the telephone and email during "business hours".

The email address is: [SaintJohnsCharlesworth@gmail.com](mailto:SaintJohnsCharlesworth@gmail.com) And the telephone number is: 07935556535

### 8.00 am services

Glossop wide 8.00 am services are held in St. Andrews church and the next service is 4<sup>th</sup> February

### A Fund Raiser for The Children's Society

Glossop Ukulele Band are playing at Glossop Labour Club on Wednesday March 20th at 7.30pm in aid of The Children's Society. No entry fee but donations would be gratefully received. There will be a raffle and a quiz. The bar will be open. It would be great if you could support us. Any further details please ask Ann or John Howarth.

## Rahoca Christmas Card

We successfully raised £150 for Rahoca at Christmas this year

Thank you so much to everyone who donated. We saved all that extra paper on Christmas cards and sent a lovely gift to the Rahoca project. So thanks everyone.

## Church heating

The cost of heating the church has increased significantly over the last few months.

We have reduced the timings slightly to try to manage the costs. Please do not change the heating controls or the thermostat

## HOUSEGROUP AT ST JOHNS

Housegroup provides an opportunity for us to share our lives, listen to God (exploring the bible) and pray together. We meet informally and intermittently throughout the year. The dates for our next meetings are:

**Monday 5th February** (thinking about Anger) and **12th February** (thinking about Mercy). On each evening, we will access teaching from The Vail Church.

And **Monday 4th, 11th and 18th March.** (Lent Theme)

We meet at 7.15pm at 16 Springmeadow and all are very welcome!

Contact Joy, Jan or Steve to find out more.

**Jigsaws Galore**  
at  
Holy Trinity Church,  
Dinting Vale, SK13 6NX

22nd, 23rd & 24th February 2024  
Open 10 am - 4 pm each day

**FOR SALE**  
the completed jigsaws displayed  
also Wasgij puzzles  
& brand new boxed jigsaws

Sandwiches, cakes & drinks for sale

Admission £1 covers all three days  
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Contact: Janet Rickards 07550 077054  
Facebook: Holy Trinity Church Dinting Vale

## Open church

As mentioned above the next Open Church meeting will be 11<sup>th</sup> February. The theme so close to Valentines day is of course "Love".

Please come along and support these special services

## Men's Walking Group

A big thank you to everyone who played any part at all in my 70<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebrations. I was truly humbled by the kindness and generosity shown to me.

This significant birthday was marked by having an enhanced January walk on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> January. This was a walk down memory lane for me as we visited those places that had been important to me since I first came to Glossop as a new, fresh Police Constable over 50 years ago.

There was a record turnout for this event which included a few good friends that I had invited especially. 28 of us ( and two dogs) took part and we set off from Wetherspoons after enjoying a bacon butty ( and a pint of Ruddles in my case!) . The places we visited included the Leisure Centre, Manor Park, Glossop Police Station, Glossop Magistrates Court ( that was) Glossop FC football Ground, Gamesley Estate and Church where we had a brew and biscuits. We also visited two of our former homes, a very grotty flat and Gamesley Police House and Police Station ( that was). We were treated royally at Glossop Police Stations where we were given a tour of the cells, interview rooms and the intoxylizer room. The station isn't open to the public presently but is still used by officers. We ended our walk at the Hare and Hounds where we were joined by our ladies and non walking friends and we had a very enjoyable time indeed. I had friends who visited from all over the county and beyond, which was amazing in view of the weather and road conditions.

Our February walk will take place on Thursday February 1<sup>st</sup>. It will be a walk on the trails in the Whaley Bridge area and we will travel by public transport there and back.

We are a very friendly group and we always welcome new members. Please get in touch with me if you need any further information.

Ivan Taylor Tel 07756488909.

## APCM

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM) will be held on 24<sup>th</sup> March after the joint service at Gamesley.

9.30 am, coffee and croissants

10.00 am Morning Worship

11.00 am coffee followed by APCM

## Lent challenge

The Advent Challenge meant that we sent a large amount of much needed produce to the foodbank. It has been suggested that we collect Easter chocolate during the early Lent period (maybe instead of eating it yourself – note to Monica!!) so that families who rely on the foodbank can have some treats over Easter. In order to get it to the families before Easter we will need to start collecting from the beginning of Lent (18<sup>th</sup> February 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent). We know that many of us give to the foodbank regularly but this is just a way of providing a treat in pretty bleak times for many.

## APCM Reports

Please could you start your annual reports for the APCM as soon as possible and get them to Monica for compiling by the 24<sup>th</sup> February at the latest. All our groups contribute so much to the life of the church and we know how much work it involves but its so good to hear about it at the APCM. We value these reports.