

St Mary's, Crich and All Saints, South Wingfield with Wingfield Park Church News

Welcome to a CONTINUING way of being Church

'To Know Jesus and for Jesus to be Known'

Please send inclusions for the Church Newsletter by

Wednesday at 12.00PM to:

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SERVICES ON 14TH APRIL 2024 IN CSW BENEFICE, THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER.

SUNDAY 14TH APRIL

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10.00AM—HOLY COMMUNION LED BY VENERABLE ANDIE BROWN.

11.45AM—BAPTISM.

ALL SAINTS AT ZION METHODIST CHURCH

11.00AM—MORNING PRAYER LED BY DIANA MARSHALL, READER & MARK IRVING.

Risen Christ,

You filled your disciples with boldness and fresh hope,

Strengthen us to proclaim your risen life,

And fill us with your peace,

to the glory of God the Father.

Suggested Prayer Topics For This Week:-

- ◆ As Archbishop Justin Welby visits Derbyshire this weekend, we pray blessings on every aspect of that visit that God will hear the prayers that Archbishop Justin makes for our County in each place that he visits; that those who gather to meet him or just to see him, will also meet with God in their own prayer life, both on Saturday and on all the days following this visit.
- ◆ Once again, we thank God for all the families who joined our Easter weekend worship and activities in the Benefice, asking God to continue the work of faith that was nurtured in their hearts over Easter. May the Easter message of Resurrection that families and children heard at Easter continue to flourish and thrive in our Parishes of Crich and South Wingfield.
- ◆ We continue to pray for our friends in South Wingfield, still unable to worship in the Church building that they love. May God give them all peace and joy as they hold on to hope for the future of the Anglican Church in their Community.
- ◆ We thank God for all the young people we are linked with in our Community—through our schools; the Glebe activities; the youth club; 1st Crich scouts; our daily lives in our own families and workplaces. We pray that God will guide will guide each of those young people to know how much God loves them. May God give us the wisdom to speak the right words and to be Christ for them in our encounters.

- We continue to pray for Christians worldwide and especially for Christians who worship in a country where law order is breaking down and peoples continue to war with each other—Israel & Gaza; Ukraine; Haiti; Sudan; Yemen—that God will hear their cry for strong and just leadership to be restored.
For International Agencies that work to bring food, medical help, education and shelter to those who live in war torn areas and refugee camps, especially or the families who now mourn for the Agency workers killed last week in Gaza as they tried to bring food aid to starving people.
- We pray again about the upcoming elections this year, both local and national in the UK & for the President of God’s choosing to be elected in the USA. May God guide the future leadership of each of our two nations—that both nations will be led ethically and with true justice in all its affairs, both at home and across the world.
- For Derby diocese as the leadership continues to grapple with the difficult balance between finances and the future deployment of Clergy and lay ministry. May the Anglican Church in Derbyshire be blessed with a Spirit-led future for all our Clergy and congregations. We pray for the group of trainees who will be licensed in the next few weeks as LLM’s (Local Lay Ministers); as Deacons (curates) or as full Priests.
- We pray for St Mary’s Annual Church meeting on 28 April, especially that we may find a second Churchwarden to work alongside Jo. We thank God for our Churchwardens and our PCC members in All Saints and in St Mary’s—may God help all the lead members of our Benefice to be resilient and united in love and respect for one another in the continuing long vacancy.
- In our Country, we pray for all those badly affected in the national Post Office software scandal. As the public enquiry drags on, we pray for those who still suffer mentally from the memories of the injustice they experienced that, God will give the comfort and help in their mind as they support each other.
- We pray for all parents who have missing children—runaways, abducted, or missing and whereabouts unknown. Help those parents each and every day as they pray and hope. Help the Police in their searches.
- We pray again for the many families and businesses that struggle with their finances. At this time, especially for women affected by the change of their pension dates and for the many families with a faulty smart meter that results in unfair energy bills.
- We continue to pray for our NHS and for all those affected by the ongoing disruption and dissatisfactions in the workforce, that a united and fair resolution concerning pay and conditions will be found.
- For Countries affected by earthquakes and unseasonable weather patterns.
- We continue to pray for our NHS.

Please pray for :-Pam McCane-Whitney, Dennis Holmes, Tina Holmes, Andrea Wellby, Joyce Williamson, Fred Sayles, Steve Holtam, Donna Steer, Laura Kelso, Neil & Sarah and Sandra.

If it’s a prayer for the sick or bereaved continue to contact Dennis Hooton: If you have a prayer request you would like mentioned in the intercessions during the service, write it in the notebook at the back of the Church before the service begins.

The Diocesan Vision Prayer

Gracious God, in your mercy, and for your glory, renew us, reshape us, revive us - with generous faith, courageous hope, and life-giving love -that, in transformed lives, through growing church and building community, we may see your Kingdom come and be good news for all. Amen.

A CHURCH NEAR YOU Keep abreast of what's happening at St Marys.

St Marys Website: <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13152/>

All Saints, South Wingfield <https://www.achurchnearyou.com/church/13164/>

Regular Events

HEALING PRAYER: Meeting once a month, on the third Tuesday at 2pm, at Crich Wesley Chapel. Contact: Rev. Jim Gray (01773 857921).

FAMILY CAFE CHURCH: On 3rd Sunday 9.30 – 11.00am. At Crich Wesley Chapel, Chapel Lane. CONTACT: Lynda Gray 07890 688021 jimlynda.gray@btopenworld.com.

BOOK OF COMMON PRAYER HOLY COMMUNION: at Crich Wesley Chapel at 8.00am every Sunday. Rev. Jim Gray (01773 857921) .

POPALONG—Meets Fridays during Term time 9.30 at Wesleyan Chapel, (Contact Lynda 01773 857921) .

WEEKLY PRAYER: meeting 9.00am Mondays at the home of Heather & George Johnson, 16 Culland View.

SATURDAY MORNING WEEKLY PRAYER: 9.30am from the home of Dennis Hooton, 22 Cromford Road, Crich. All are welcome and we intend to meet for 30 minutes.

HOME GROUP: 2nd Monday in the month 2pm. Usually at Sylvia Nutt's home (21 Culland View) and sometimes at Lynda and Jim's home (Holmleigh, Market Place). You are welcome to join this small, friendly Bible-study group. Speak to Sylvia or Lynda for more information, or just come! We have a great time sharing God's Word, with a time of prayer and refreshments.

HELP NEEDED:-

On the 1st Sunday of the month—Could you help Michael with refreshments on the 1st Sundays of the monthly please? Tina is unable to do this whilst she waits and recovers from surgery. Many thanks

Also if you are able to help out when they crop up, (only occasionally) it would be greatly appreciated.

Please have a word or contact me.



Many thanks, Lynn.

'I was wondering about the last time that you prayed to God for a vicar? Despite all the hard work that the Church Representatives have put in, we are still waiting so, I ask that your prayers appeal again to God for a replacement for our Benefice. God hears our prayers yet sometimes He makes us wait even though He loves us. Let us tell Him that we don't wish to wait any longer. Dennis'

POPALONG needs back-up help with setting up Popalong early on a Friday morning. Jim Gray and Martyn Offord set up the equipment and toys for Popalong each Friday morning at Wesley Chapel, between 8.15 and 9am.

Sometimes one or other of them are away, and we could do with someone, reasonable strong, to learn where everything goes and be a back-up when needed. If you feel you may be able to help occasionally please speak to one of them or to Lynda. Thank you.

Jim Gray and I always set up the play equipment for Popalong from 8.15 am on Friday mornings. We would appreciate a bit of help sometimes and there is an occasion coming up when we're both on holiday. Unless there's someone else who could step in Popalong will have to be cancelled that day, which is a blow to parents and children. If there's anyone who is prepared to learn how to do it please get in touch with me: martynofford@gmail.com or 01773 853722.

ADVANCE NOTICE – ST MARY’S ANNUAL CHURCH MEETING

The Annual meeting for St Mary’s, Crich will be held at 10:30am (or a few minutes afterwards) on SUNDAY 28 APRIL 2024 immediately following a short Communion led by Venerable Andie Brown.

Please think and pray about these things:

Am I on the Electoral Roll so that I can vote at this meeting? (Speak to Di Fretwell if in doubt)

Am I interested in being elected as a member of the PCC? (Speak to Lynda Gray or to James Hancox or to a churchwarden if interested in being elected to our PCC).

We need to elect one new churchwarden at the Annual meeting (Speak to Lynda Gray, James Hancox, Jo Morton or Lynn Penson if you are interested in being nominated for this vital role).

Reminder: Archbishop Justin's visit for a Prayer and Picnic event on Saturday is a ticketed one. There are still family tickets available on:

<https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/844631675077?aff=oddtcreator>

A message from Harriet Rice

One of the many joys of getting involved in children's work of any kind at St Mary's, whether it's through our schools, Popalong or our All Age Services and events like Good Friday morning, is to watch those children grow up into being incredible adults and growing their own family life.

Two of the many children that we have watched growing up in our church family are James Neal – who is now vicar of a flourishing New Wine network church in Manchester - and his sister Harriet. Our friends Nigel and Jill Neal are their parents. But joys can sometimes be mixed with tears.

Harriet became Mrs Rice in 2021 and has a beautiful little girl now – a real joy! About a year after her daughter's birth, Harriet was diagnosed with cancer and she has been undergoing regular chemo treatment for several months now.

Last week, Harriet posted this message on her Facebook page and she has given me permission to copy it to our Newsletter. It is one of the bravest, most positive messages I have ever read and it's worth sharing to encourage all of us when things get tough. Thank you, Harriet! Thank you, Jill and Nigel, for gifting her to our church family in her growing up years!

Di F.

Harriet's post on 4 April 2024:

Chemo FINISHED! 🎉

By far the hardest thing I have ever EVER had to go through but I DID IT.

Last October after my 2nd chemo I can remember feeling so low and wondering how on earth I was going to get through 10 more sessions. It felt totally impossible.

Chemo strips you of so much. Although it has been my cure (👍), it has also been my worst enemy. The 2 week cycles of planned unwellness have at times felt like torture, both mentally and physically. The intense body aches, heartburn, sleep deprivation, loss of taste, fatigue like you've never known, weakness, low mood, wobbly legs, sore mouth, hospital admissions, sepsis, hair loss, the list goes on.

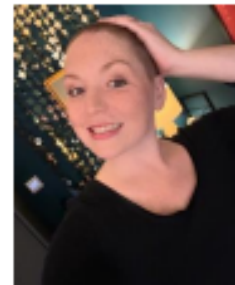
In the last 6 months I haven't seen friends, haven't gone back to work, I stopped taking Isabelle to groups and play dates, missed out on lots of family gatherings. I haven't hugged people, haven't had the energy to even go for short walks. I spent Isabelle's 1st birthday away from her in Manchester discussing my different chemo options. These are times/moments/memories I will never get back.

But I am also thankful. Thankful that my cancer can be cured. Thankful for having access to chemotherapy and all the other medications I've had to take. Thankful to have been cared for by such incredible people who have somehow made me smile when I've felt at my very lowest.

Honestly, I look back and can't really believe all of this has happened to me. I can't believe what my body has been able to endure. It has been both a whirlwind and a total marathon, with a very painful crawl towards to the finish line!

To each and every person who has been there for me, please know that you have kept me going. Every message, every gesture has meant more than you could ever know. To my absolutely wonderful family who have seen me and loved me at my very worst and put their lives on hold to care for me and look after Isabelle, I love you so much.

I now have a bit of an agonising 6 week wait for my final PET scan to see if the chemo has done the job but in that time I'm SO ready to embrace life again and slowly but surely get back to feeling like Harri!



Upcoming Services at St Mary's:

21ST APRIL 2024—10.00AM MORNING WORSHIP LED BY IAN PAUL.

28TH APRIL 2024—HOLY COMMUNION LED BY VENERABLE ANDIE BROWN, FOLLOWED BY THE APCM AT 10.45AM.

Contacts

To book a **Wedding or Baptism at St Marys Contact:-**

Benefice Secretary: Tina Fielding cswsecretary2@gmail.com

Funerals at Crich & South Wingfield: Contact Dennis Hooton 01773 852158

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