



Church Update

January 2026

Start Course

14 Jan 7.30pm

Get chatting and answering questions on faith with Mags and Dom

Brunch Church

18th Jan 10.30m

Enjoy breakfast, meet people, space with God In CHURCH

Chilled Out Church

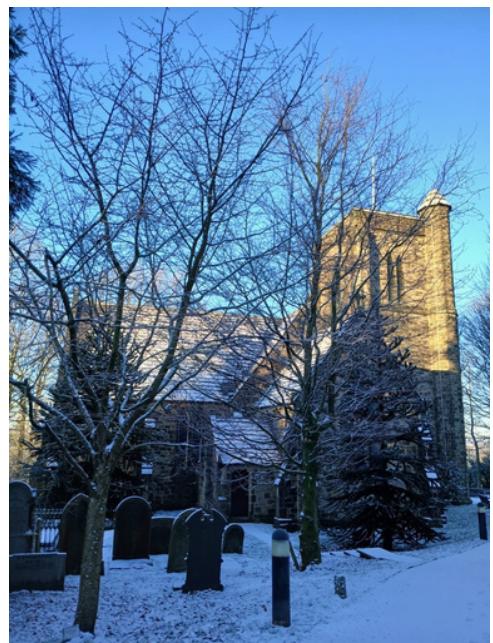
21st Jan 7.30pm

Theme of Hope
At the Two Hares, Silk Painting



Christmas was brilliant!

We really enjoyed Christmas season this year and it was busy. Thank God! . The school Carol Service was a joy and it was lovely to welcome everyone and celebrate. The year 6's were fabulous. Once again we saw new people at each service. Chilled out church had over 60 people wreath making! It was brilliant. The puppet service was packed and the puppets sang, danced and bobbed their way through the Christmas story. Midnight mass (which is my favourite service of the year) was beautiful and we were greeted by amazing stars out in the clear sky as the service began. It was incredible to welcome the birth of Christ Thank you for all your efforts, the church looked beautiful, the mulled wine flowed, carols were sung and faith was fanned....And of course Sue won the jumper competition!





*Laura's
Licensed!
There's
no going
back now!
She's
here to
stay.*



**NEW SERVICE TIME OF
10.30am
on Sundays**

Building news

There is so much happening to improve our building:

- Heating now controlled through WIFI and an AP.*
- Toilet being converted to an accessible toilet*
- Kitchen being moved around and there will be more worktop space.*
- Electrics being upgraded*
- A big clear out is happening so that we make good use of the space we have.*
- The window project continues. Please pray for the grant application that we have put in for £25,000 towards secondary glazing. Thank you for all the donations to the window project we have received already.*

Men's walking

Thurs 15th Jan. A Buxton walk lunch at Cavendish

Golf Club

Feb 5th Disley

Mar 5th Chatsworth

April 2nd Holme Valley

May 7th Local Bluebell

Walk

Message IVAN

07756488909 and join in



Lectio 365

Have you tried Lectio 365?

This is a free App that gives you a short bible reading, a thought and a prayer. Made by 24/7 Prayer it is really good. 10 minutes a day with God. And you can even listen to it rather than read. Perfect companion for walking the dog.



Glossop area morning prayer

3 minutes morning prayer on your phone by WhatsApp from our family of churches in the Valley. You will spot some familiar, and some new faces amongst the 85 people already joining in in short videos. Message Rev Chris to join.

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"Be grateful everyday."

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New YearNew Starts

The New year often brings a sense of hope and determination. I WILL do couch to 5k, I WILL be organised, eat better, not touch alcohol, eat lentils. I will NOT get frustrated, or say horrible things, I will think the best of everyone at all times..... I will try really hard and become a brilliant, better me

.... except for most of us that doesn't quite happen and by this time in January we have realised that it is not that simple.... and we have eaten our body weight in dairy milk and shouted at the cat. (Ok just me then!) You don't need to feel alone. Paul writing to the Romans chapter 7 has a similar feeling:

But I need something more! For if I know the law but still can't keep it, and if the power of sin within me keeps sabotaging my best intentions, I obviously need help! I realize that I don't have what it takes. I can will it, but I can't do it. I decide to do good, but I don't really do it; I decide not to do bad, but then I do it anyway. My decisions, such as they are, don't result in actions. Something has gone wrong deep within me and gets the better of me every time...²⁴ I've tried everything and nothing helps. I'm at the end of my rope. Is there no one who can do anything for me? Isn't that the real question?

The answer, thank God, is that Jesus Christ can and does. He acted to set things right in this life of contradictions where I want to serve God with all my heart and mind

.... A new power is in operation. With the arrival of Jesus, the Messiah, that fateful dilemma is resolved. Those who enter into Christ's being-here-for-us no longer have to live under a continuous, low-lying black cloud. The Spirit of life in Christ, like a strong wind, has magnificently cleared the air. (Message Bible)

So if you want to embrace a new start this year, embrace the journey of faith. Walk with King of Heaven each day, walk in the power of the Holy Spirit and with the love of the Father. I promise you God will transform you and your life. For some it will be dramatic 'the wind clears the air' and sets us on a new path; for others it will be slower lifting of the low-lying- cloud until our hearts burn with the fruits of the spirit; love, joy, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness and self control. Now that is proper transformation. That is what I am praying for this new year.