

Notices for Sunday 8th February

Second Sunday before Lent

SUNDAY WORSHIP

All Together Worship at 10am

As our journey through John's gospel continues with John 5:1-15, we'll be exploring a story of healing, restoration and completeness when Jesus invited a man to get up, pick up his mat and walk. This inclusive service is for all ages, with opportunities to participate as you feel comfortable, all are welcome.

Evening Communion at 6pm

Come and join us as we explore Jesus' invitation to come and *be made well*.

OTHER SERVICES & EVENTS

Woodland Working Group - Saturday 7th February 1.30-4pm

Please come and help out with the maintenance of our lovely church site, if you are able. We are a friendly group and always open to new members as we seek to keep the church and woodland in good order. No particular skills are needed, but enthusiasm and a good pair of strong gloves come in useful. Looking at the forecast, waterproofs and strong boots would be recommended for this weekend! Come anytime between 1.30-4pm and stay on for woodland worship if you would like to.

Woodland Worship - Saturday 7th February at 4pm

Come and engage in the beauty of God's creation! Woodland worship is a relaxed, liturgy-based service which takes place every 1st Saturday of the month. Centred around the fire pit, the service focuses on God, creation and reflects on our impact on the world. Now it will be dark you might wish to bring a torch. Everyone is welcome.

Monday Morning Group – Monday 9th February at 10:15am

Our next meeting is at Emmanuel on 9 February, a New Year General Knowledge Picture Quiz with Richard Harries. We start with coffee at 1015. All ladies and gentlemen are welcome to this and to any of our monthly meetings.

Deanery Synod – Tuesday 10th February 7.30pm at Christchurch Mountsorrel

All are welcome to attend the deanery synod meeting on Tuesday. Only elected reps are allowed to vote on any business-matters but you may like to come along to hear news from other churches in our deanery.

Midweek Communion and Lunch - Wednesday 11th February at 12pm

Everyone is welcome to join us for a short service of communion followed by an optional simple but delicious soup lunch. This is a great chance to worship and get to know others within a small and friendly group. Please invite friends and think if there is anyone who might welcome a lift.

Worship with a Classical Flavour – Sunday 15th February 6pm

Our new season of Worship with a Classical Flavour starts back on Sunday 15th with a service of Evening Prayer followed by a short concert of music. Our musician for this month is the wonderfully talented pianist Jeremy Kimber, well known to many of us and who never fails to delight! WWCF will be every other month through this year. Do spread the word and invite people to come along. For the poster please see [here](#)

Experience Easter, Holywell School, mornings of Tuesday 3rd and 10th March

We are pleased to be invited back to visit the children of Holywell School, presenting our 'Easter Experience' to children in EYFS and year 3. As ever, we will need a large number of volunteers to help run the different experience stations, helping the children engage with the story through simple activities. Many people at St Mary's have helped over the years and found it very rewarding. We hope many of you will be willing to help out again, and it's always good to welcome new volunteers. Please don't wait to be asked – have a word with Adele or Hazel if you are willing to get involved or simply want to know more.

OTHER NOTICES

Messy Church Goes Wild – Diomail

The wonderful work the intergenerational team is doing has been recognised in this week's Diomail. To read the article please see [here](#). Everyone is welcome to our next meeting which will be 'Messy Pancakes' on Saturday 14th February 4.00-5.30pm at the Scout Hut.

Electoral Roll

It is that time of year again when we need to make sure the Electoral Roll reflects the congregation of St Mary's before the APCM on the 22nd of March. If you are not already on the Electoral Roll and would like to be added, please email helena@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk and we will forward you the relevant form. Alternatively, please see the back of church for a hard copy should you require one. I will need to finalise the Electoral Roll by end of February/beginning of March so will need completed forms by Sunday 15th February. Thanks, Helena Wilkinson.

APCM Reports

The time has come to prepare for the APCM. Emails will be sent out shortly to all those who will need to submit a report. If you think you need to be writing a report and do not receive an email, please contact kirsty@stmaryincharnwood.org.uk

Funeral of Barry Cholerton

Please pray for the family and friends of Barry Cholerton whose funeral Adele will be taking at St Mary's on Tuesday 10th February

COMMUNITY NEWS

The Beloved Son – Saturday 7th February 7pm at All Saints Loughborough

All Saints warmly invite you to join them as they stage the one-man play 'The Beloved Son' written by Murray Watts and inspired by the life of Henri Nouwen. Tickets are £10. For further details and to purchase tickets please see this [poster](#).

SOAR project showcase – Monday 9th February 7:30-9pm at All Saints Thorpe Acre

We warmly invite you to the SOAR showcase, to hear stories about all that God is doing through the work of SOAR, where He is leading us and how you can get involved and support the work- while enjoying a pudding and fellowship! [To RSVP please click on this link](#).

Emmanuel Lunchtime Concert – Thursday 19th February at 12:45 at Emmanuel Loughborough

Will Prior (countertenor) and Matthew Clemmet (piano) are two postgraduate students from the Royal College of Music, London, and will perform English, German and French songs from the Renaissance to the twentieth century, including music by Quilter, Schubert and Debussy.

Admission free, donations appreciated. Soup and roll lunch served from 12.00. For further information phone 01509 261773 or see www.facebook.com/emmanuelconcerts Click [here](#) for the poster.

Christian Aid Soup & Puds – Sunday 22nd February 12:15 at Trinity Methodist Loughborough

All are welcome to join the members of Trinity Methodist as they raise funds for Christian Aid. Booking not essential but is appreciated, please email andythorpe01509@gmail.com Click [here](#) to see the poster.

Friends of Launde Abbey Updates

Information about the Launde Abbey Programme of retreats, quiet days and concerts for 2025 can be found here:

<http://www.laundeabbey.org.uk/events>

For the January newsletter, please see [here](#)

ADVOCATE SLOT

Our charity for February is Hope Against Cancer.

Hope Against Cancer was founded in 2003 by Allison Wilson CBE who, having been diagnosed with cancer, was told by a consultant that local research facilities in Leicestershire and Rutland would help improve outcomes for local people with cancer. Since then, they have been supporting research which directly benefits local people, families and communities. This knowledge is shared with the wider scientific community to help national and international efforts to overcome cancer which also increases the reputation of Leicestershire and Rutland as a centre for cutting edge research and care. <https://www.hopeagainstcancer.org.uk/>

Prayer pointers:

- Please give thanks for the continued work of HOPE, for the skill and perseverance of the researchers, and the dedication of the medical staff.
- Pray for all those cancer patients currently taking part in trials - that they may have their own hope for successful treatment.
- Pray for continued funding for this important work