THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BLIDWORTH AND RAINWORTH



St Mary of the Purification Blidworth





Rainworth



December 2022 & January 2023



Dear friends

Another year has nearly come and gone, another Christmas is around the corner and is the "Wow Factor" still there for us as it was in Bethlehem all those year ago?

Joseph you're going to be a dad but the baby isn't yours, it's conceived by the Holy Spirit. And by the way, his name will be Jesus because he's

going to save people from their sins. When Joseph woke up, he may well have rubbed his eyes and said "Wow that's no ordinary dream" before he willingly obeyed God's angel and his life was changed forever.

Mary, God has chosen you and you're going to have a son and you've got to call him Jesus. He'll be a great man and will be known as the Son of the most high God. Another "Wow" from Mary before she said "Ok God".

The Shepherd were keeping an eye on their sheep when it was as if a light switch had suddenly been turned on as the sky became aglow with a choir of angels singing, "Glory to God in the highest and peace to his people on earth." These terrified shepherds couldn't help but say "Wow" as they went to Bethlehem to see the Christ Child and then couldn't stop telling everyone about the good news they had seen and heard.

The wise men heard of the birth of the expected Messiah and went on a long journey to see him, minus sat nav but with a star to guide them. When they entered the stable their 'Wow' was to bow down and worship Jesus, followed by another 'Wow' from Mary and Joseph as they saw the gifts they had brought and realised their importance.

Jesus went on to 'Wow' people throughout his life. An encounter with Jesus is always life changing – it changes lives forever. A friend of mine once shared this story with me about a young man who hated Sunday mornings because that meant church and for him that meant boredom as he went through the motions with those around him. The only positive thing about church was the youth group which meant they went away together. One evening at the camp, they were sitting outside watching a beautiful sunset as it shimmered in the still reflection of the lake. As his young man gazed speechless, he turned and said "Wow, that's the most amazing and beautiful thing I have ever seen!" A friend asked him, "Do you think God likes it when we say things like that, when we enjoy beautiful things?" "Yes" he replied and then something clicked

in his mind about worship on Sunday mornings. "Perhaps part of worship is about enjoying something God has made or done for us", he said. The next time he worshipped in church and looked around him, he saw the same look of awe and wonder as he had experienced by the lake. "Maybe this feeling of 'Wow' is worship!" he thought. "It isn't the motions we go through, it is when you see or hear or experience something so amazing and that it takes your breath away and makes you say "Wow" and then praise and thank God for it".

I wonder what 'Wow' moments lie ahead for you this Advent, Christmas and in the New Year? Here are a few of mine: grandson's first Christmas and birthday, the awe and wonder on children's faces as they hold their lit Christingle orange in a darkened church, the presence of God experienced in a yearly Carol Service when we are moved by the words we sing; the feeling of anticipation at Midnight Mass as we celebrate once again that moment when history changed long ago and we encounter the Living Lord with us today.......

As we journey through Advent, Christmas and the New Year: may the blessings of love, peace, joy and hope and moments which often catch us unaware but cause us to respond with "Wow", encourage, strengthen, support and uphold us now and in the year ahead.

Wishing you a Blessed Christmas and New Year Revd Zoe



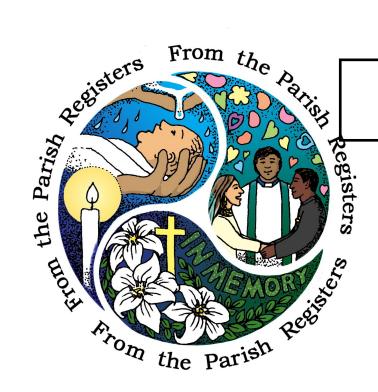


Prayers for this month:

An ADVENT PRAYER CALENDAR

is included with your Parish Link.
Please use this to help with your daily prayers this month.





FROM THE MONTH OF NOVEMBER 2022

Weddings

Maria and David Baker

Funerals

Mary Bramwell, Rosealie Ashley, Lilian Chrichlow, Margaret Hamilton

WE PRAY FOR EVERY STREET WITHIN THE PARISH BOUNDARIES ON A ROTA BASIS.

Week beginning 4th December: Cutts Way, Dale Close and Dale Lane in Blidworth and Curzon Close, Darricot Close, Denbigh Close and Derwent Close in Rainworth.

Week beginning 11th December: Emma Bates Way and Farr Way in Blidworth and Diamond Avenue, Dukes Meadow, Eaton Close, Egham Close and Farnsworth Avenue in Rainworth.

Week beginning 18th December: Field Lane, Fishpool Road, Forest Road, Forest View and Forestry Cottages in Blidworth and First Avenue and Forest Close in Rainworth.

Week beginning 25th December: Everyone who lives, works, or has any connection with our villages.

1 st Dec Read Chapter 1 of Matthew's Gospel Thursdays during Advent we will share an Advent Reflection on Zoom – the 1 st is today. We pray that during Advent we may all grow spiritually deeper in our faith.	2 ^{nt} Dec Read Chapter 2 Phone a family/church member/friend and tell them one thing you appreciate about them. Pray for family, friends and loved ones.	3rd Dec Read Chapter 3 Today is the foodbank collection at Tesco, the Christmas Fayre and the Christmas Tree Festival begins in Rainworth. We pray that we may grow in our understanding and commitment to work together as communities	4th Dec Read Chapter 4 Pray for bereaved families and for pastoral care extended to our communities through the Carol service/Tree of Memories services. May all who gather today in Rainworth experience God's love and comfort.
5th Dec Read Chapter 5 Deanery Prayer Time today on Zoom. Pray for Mansfield Deanery: for the parish communities in the Deanery; for Deanery Leadership Team, Chapter, Synod and support networks as well as the churches in vacancy.	6th Dec Read Chapter 6 & 7 Pray for the residents and staff of Sherwood House and Lodge and our local Care Homes: Haywood Oaks, St Mary's, Hatzfeld and Ashlands. Pray for those who are cared for in their own homes	7 th Dec Read Chapter 8 & 9 Give thanks for different forms of communications we use to enable people to know and share the love of God.	8th Dec Read Chapter 10 Pray for the Toddler groups in our communities especially Bizzy Beez – for the team who run this and the families who come along – may friendship, support, care and love flourish.
9th Dec Read Chapter 11 & 12 Pray for our ecumenical partners: the Methodist Churches in Blidworth and Rainworth and Sherwood Forest Community Church.	Pray for the work of the Social Action Hub, the Food Share Projects and Social Supermarket, Sam's Workplace, Blidworth on the move and the work of Sherwood Forest Foodbank.	Pray for those who will place baubles on the Christmas Tree at St Mary's and for those who seek God's comfort, peace and hope	12 th Dec Read Chapter 15 & 16 Pray for the Local funeral directors: Co-op, Lymns & the Independent Funeral services
13 th Dec Read Chapter 17 Charity concert today for Framework. Pray for the people who live on the streets, for night shelters	14th Dec Read Chapter 18 Pray for those who will be preparing for weddings/wedding blessing in the days/months ahead	15th Dec Read Chapter 19 Pray for all who work in education; for our local schools: Blidworth oaks, Lakeview, Heathlands, Python Hill, Dawn House & Joseph Whittaker	16° Dec Read Chapter 20 Pray for our ministers, churchwardens, PCC members, for the varied ways we seek to grow disciples: wider, younger, deeper and for all hidden ministries
17th Dec Read Chapter 21 Pray for all organisations & groups which use our facilities: Youth Group, Guides, Coffee Shop, Coffee & Friendship, Bingo, Talk & Tea, Sunday lunches and Bizzy Beez	18th Dec Read Chapter 22 Today we will gather for 9 lessons and carols. We give thanks for the gift of music: for Gordon our organist and our choir	19th Dec Read Chapter 23 Talk & Tea Christmas party. Pray that those who will gather will be blessed. Pray for the vulnerable, elderly isolated and lonely.	20th Dec Read Chapter 24 Pray for all who have been baptised in our parishes this year and for opportunities to connect with them and share God's love.
21" Dec Read Chapter 25 Pray for all who are struggling with their wellbeing: physically, mentally, emotionally, socially and spiritually.	22 rd Dec Read Chapter 26 Pray for Nation & Local government. Our MPs, County, District & Parish Councillors	23rd Dec Read Chapter 27 Ring someone to wish them a happy Christmas	24" Dec Read Chapter 28 Thank God for all the blessings you've received this Advent



Advent and Christmas Services 2022

Advent Carols Sunday 27th November

10am St Mary's Blidworth 10.30am St Simon and St Judé, Rainworth 6pm online on Zoom

Christmas Carol Services and Tree of Memories Sunday 4th December

4pm Outdoor Light Switch on with Carols and then indoors for The Tree of Memories, St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth

Sunday 11th December

4pm Tree of Memories, St Mary's Blidworth

Sunday 18th December

6pm Tradition 9 lessons and carols, St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth

Christingle Services Friday 23rd December

4pm St Mary's Blidworth Saturday 24th December

4pm St Simon and St Jude Rainworth

Midnight Mass Saturday 24th December 11.15pm St Mary's Blidworth

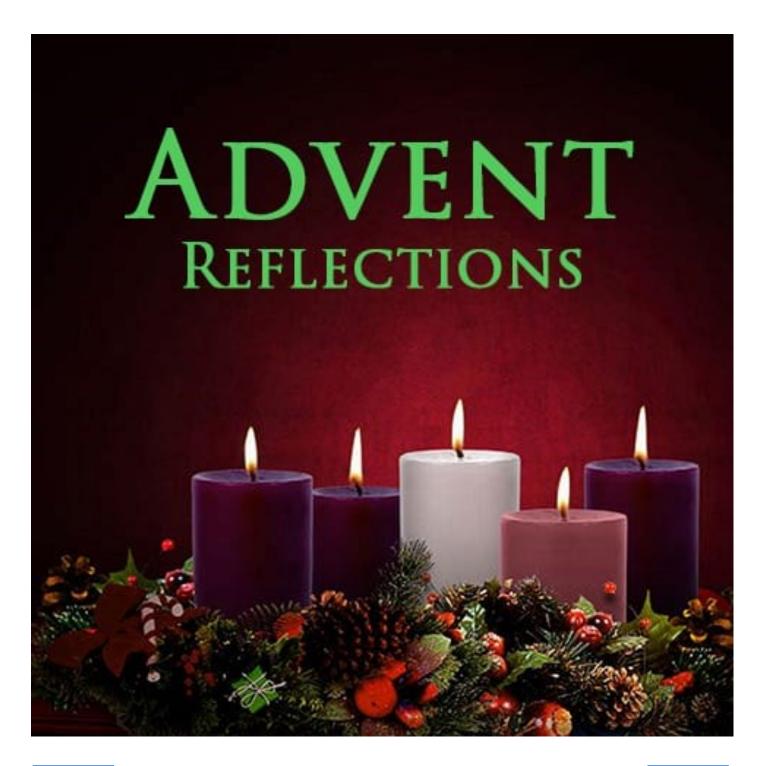


Christmas Morning Holy Communion Sunday 25th December

9am St Simon and St Jude, Rainworth

New Year's Day Service Sunday 1st January 2023

10.30am St Andrews Community Hall, The Crescent, Blidworth





Advent Reflections on Zoom.



Do join us at 7pm on Thursdays during Advent. Each reflection will stand alone, so if you are unable to do them all, join whenever you are able.
The same link serves for all.

Dec 1, 2022 7:00 pm Dec 8, 2022 7:00 pm Dec 15, 2022 7:00 pm Dec 22, 2022 7:00 pm

Meeting ID: 829 1621 1273 Passcode: 310609

READINGS FOR THE MONTH OF DECEMBER

4TH DECEMBER

1st Reading: Isaiah 11:1-10 Gospel: Matthew 3: 1-12

11TH DECEMBER

1st Reading: Isaiah 35: 1-10 Gospel: Matthew 11: 2-11

18TH DECEMBER

1st Reading: Isaiah 7: 1-1 Gospel: Matthew 1: 18-24

CHRISTMAS EVE

1st Reading: Hebrews 1: 1-4 Gospel: John 1: 1-14

Christmas Day

1st Reading: Isaiah 9: 2-7 Gospel: Luke 2: 1-14

New Year's Day

1st Reading: Numbers 6: 22-27 Gospel: Luke 2: 15-21

ZOOM LINKS FOR DECEMBER SUNDAYS

Sunday 4th December 10:30 AM

Meeting ID: 825 9690 2639

Passcode: 566598

Topic: Sunday 11th December - Blended 10:30 AM

Meeting ID: 882 6556 8038

Passcode: 674170

Sunday 18th December 10:30 AM

Meeting ID: 853 2777 3597

Passcode: 381800

THERE IS NO ZOOM SERVICE ON CHRISTMAS MORNING PRAYING TOGETHER ON ZOOM ON MONDAYS

DEANERY PRAYER TIME: 5TH DEC, 2022 9.30AM

Meeting ID: 863 6613 1018 Passcode: 227448

MORNING PRAYER ON MONDAYS

DEC 12TH, 2022 8:00 AM DEC 19TH, 2022 8:00 AM

Meeting ID: 823 6212 0647

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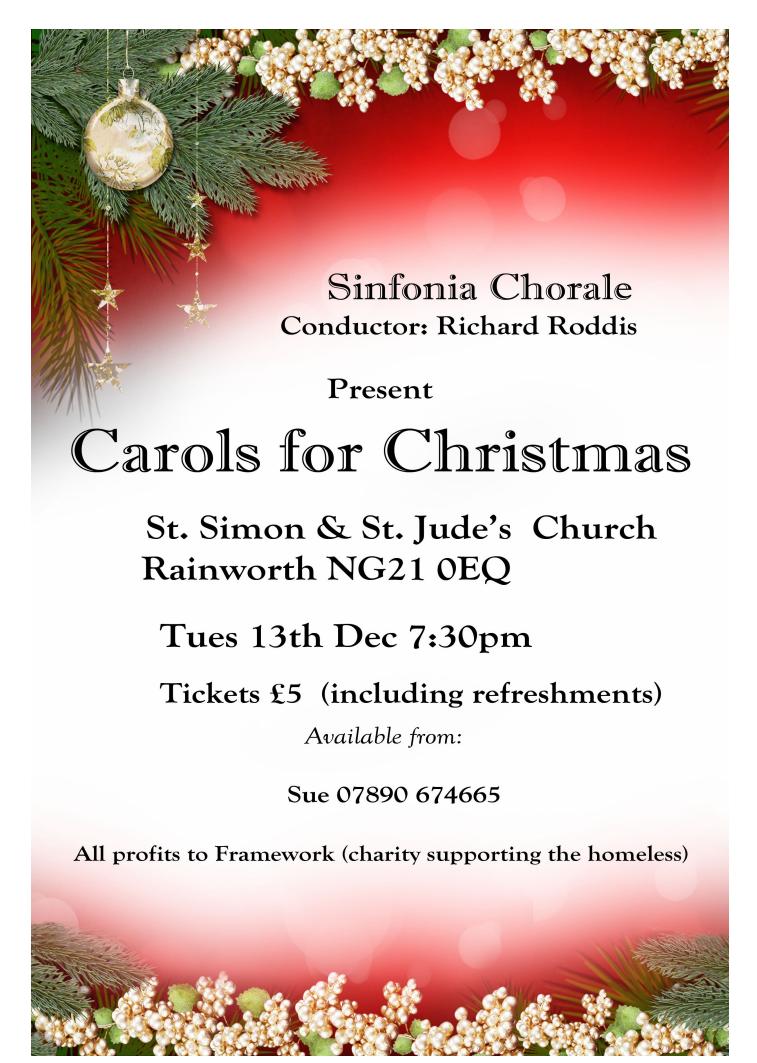




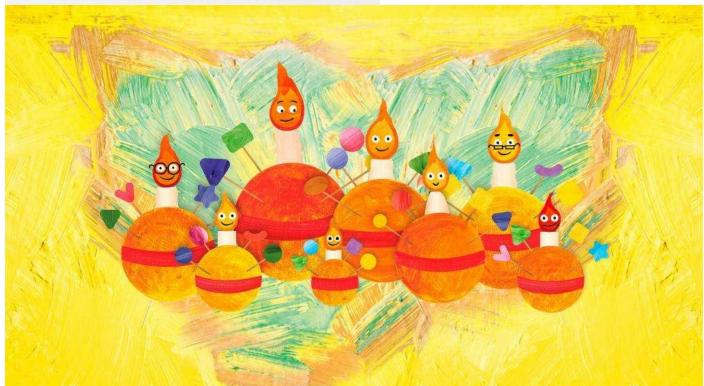
The Festival will be open from
Saturday 3rd December,
on Friday 12th, and every
Saturday morning during
Coffee Shop 10.00 –12.00
and our Sunday services until
18th December, and by
arrangement for groups with
Maureen Garner 07401087007 or
msjchurches@gmail.com



If you are unable to come to the service, you are invited to bring your bauble into St Simon and St Jude's Church on Saturday 3rd between 10.00 and 12.00 or into St Mary's on Saturday 10th between 10.00 and 12.00







Christingle Services
Friday 23rd December
4pm St Mary's Blidworth
Saturday 24th December
4pm St Simon and St Jude
Rainworth



Poppy arrangements by Janet and Stephen



Remembrance Sunday



The War Memorials in both of our villages after the Remembrance Day Services on Sunday 13th November



Inspired by the stories you read here?

This has become one of the most valued and interesting parts of the Parish Link in recent months.

Everyone has a story to tell. You might not think yours is very interesting, but we all have times in our lives when the presence of God has been active in our lives. You could tell us about it!

You might not feel able to write it down yourself, but spending an hour with me having a chat could mean that your story might be next.

Who are you, where did you come from, how did you get here? I'm likely to come to you, if you don't come to me!!!

Maureen Garner, Editor

COFFEE MORNING FOR ALL, INCLUDING THOSE LIVING WITH DEMENTIA



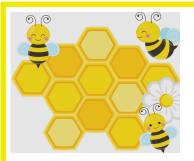


Wednesday 21st December

2.00-4.00pm
and on the
Third Wednesday
of every Month

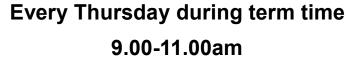
Meet new people socially and spend time together on a regular basis

50p contribution towards refreshments welcomed St Simon and St Jude's Church



BIZZY BEEZ

Baby and Toddler Group St Andrew's Hall Blidworth



Lots of activities, snacks etc. £2 to help with running costs





ALL WELCOME

Every Tuesday 2.00pm St Andrew's. Bingo with Stephen

CASH PRIZES

GOD'S CHRISTMAS STORY

Luke 2:1-20 and Matthew 2: 1-12

by Kathryn Shaw from her book The Daisy Chain

The day arrived, as I knew it would, a bitter-sweet day, a day I'd looked forward to and dreaded in equal measure. When the day came I longed to put it off yet it had been ordained since the dawn of time, that moment, the perfect moment.

But how could I give him up, my one my only son, give him up to a cruel and hostile world? Give him up to enter the world as a mighty invincible warrior – yes, but to enter it as a vulnerable and defenceless baby, how could I?

Yet it's the way it had to be. How could a warrior take my message of love to the world?

My son was to be Prince of Peace. Isaiah had spoken of him long ago: "A bruised reed he will not break, and a smouldering wick he will not snuff out."

My son was to be wonderful, counsellor, willing sacrifice, saviour. And on that understanding I gave him up to the world and for the world.

But I didn't just let him go; I followed his every step, I lavished my care on him, I provided for him, I put people in place to bring him blessing.

It began of course with Mary, lovely, faithful Mary, who risked her reputation and her future to become the mother of my son and care for him all the way to the cross.

And then there was an innkeeper with a heart of gold who allowed Mary and Joseph to rest in his stable.

You're probably thinking, what sort of care, what sort of provision was that, no room at an inn, no palatial residence, just a draughty smelly stable, a bed of straw and a few animals for company.

What better company than the trusty donkey who'd carried his precious load all the way to Bethlehem, and whose descendant, some 30 years later would bear Jesus into Jerusalem, worshipped by the crowds.

And there was no better place – no more accessible place – what palace guard would have let the shepherds in? My son was to be a man of the people,

welcoming the needy, befriending sinners, available to all who came to him.

The shepherds were his first visitors. I honoured them because the world didn't. I chose well. Because they didn't mix with the world they were less cynical, more open, more able to take in the wonder of it all.

And so Jesus grew. I never left him for a second, like Joseph I worked quietly in the background, never forced myself, but to my great joy, I found that he sought me out, he spent nights in prayer with me, he never forgot whose he was.

I was so proud of him. That moment at his baptism my joy just over-flowed, "This is my beloved son, in whom I am well pleased."

And that's my Christmas story, the story of a much loved and cherished son.

But why would I tell you the Christmas story? After all most of you have grown up with it, celebrated it year on year, played the parts, read the readings, sung the carols.

I've told you because I need you to know that you are as special to me as Jesus was.

It was because of my love for you that I gave him up.

Your birth was ordained from the dawn of time, the perfect moment. I welcomed you in to the world and I've never let you go. I follow your every step, I lavish my care on you, I provide for you, I put people in place to bring you blessing.

Mostly I work quietly in the background, but I'm always there, working things together for your good. I will never leave you nor forsake you.

I see you when you struggle and long for you to call on me, to meet with me in prayer, to trust yourself to me, the Father who loves you.

And there will be struggles; you live in a fallen world, a world that despite my love and care crucified my son.

But I'll give you strength to endure, joy in the midst of sorrow, peace in the midst of turmoil.

When you hear the Christmas story let it forever remind you of a Father's love. A Father who watches, and waits and hopes and trusts and reaches out to you every second of your life.

Have a very happy Christmas.



What a wonderful morning we had at Southwell Minster on Sunday 20th November, when Clare and David Harris and Tom Smith were confirmed by the Right Rev Paul Williams, Bishop of Southwell

and Nottingham.



Tom's Journey

To the question of 'Why I want to be confirmed', I can answer very simply - because it feels like the right thing for me to do.

As to the 'journey' of my faith, though Christened as a child, until relatively recently I never actively engaged with Church. My logic was always that I felt it was 'my' Church regardless, so didn't necessarily need to involve myself any further. However, attending Church over the last year or so following the baptism of my daughter, it has become clearer to me that I want to further myself in the Christian faith, not just as an outside observer with feelings of a vague sense of ownership, but as someone who is actively emersed within the Church itself. The decision to be confirmed feels, in a way, like its organising my thoughts and regarding faith, and giving a sense of order to my feelings. It is not something I have decided to do lightly, it is something I have given serious thought to, but now that I have decided to go ahead with my confirmation, I feel very content in myself and with my choice, and know that, again, for me, this feels like the right thing to do.

Though I have little doubt that I would have come to the decision to be confirmed naturally at some point in my life, I also have little doubt that my journey has been thoroughly enhanced by the presence of my Vicar, Zoe Burton. I am particularly grateful to have received a blessing on Sunday in place of communion, and always found it a particularly soothing experi-

ence, however, I am excited to receive my first 'proper' communion as a fully fledged member of our Church, and see it as the natural next step on my journey.

Tom Smith November 2022

Clare's journey

My journey of faith started during the pandemic and following the death of my father and mother-in-law within a few months of each other. On Thursday evenings our neighbourhood came together for 'clap for carers'. One of our neighbours, Maureen, chatted to us and we started receiving the Parish Link. I found the words to be comforting, particularly after two bereavements. As the weeks went on I joined in the Sunday Zoom services and when the restrictions were lifted I attended church. When I am in church I feel a sort of 'calm' and 'loved' feeling; as if I have someone with me who is constantly present.

David's journey

For a number of years I have had the desire to become closer to God; to be part of his family. My journey into the Christian faith started with my recent baptism. This was a very special day for me at St. Simon and St. Jude's. To be Confirmed would to me, be like taking marriage vows with God. A couple of my favourite hymns sum up my feelings perfectly; God is Love & O Jesus I Have Promised.

Our Confirmation – Sunday 20 November at Southwell Minster

After a few months of preparation, and guidance from Rev Zoe, the day of our confirmation had finally arrived. In the spectacular setting of Southwell Minster, we both felt totally relaxed and had an overwhelming sense of love and pride. The service itself far exceeded our expectations and will stay with us forever. It was also special to share this day with Tom Smith who was also being Confirmed.

We would like to express our thanks to Rev. Zoe and our wider church family for their support and encouragement during this special time

Clare & David Harris November 2022



Operation Christmas Child (samaritans-purse.org.uk)

There is still time to take part in the Annual Shoebox Appeal on line if you wish, and feel able to do so.

THE DEADLINE IS SATURDAY 10TH DECEMBER

This year, we will be collecting the 200 millionth shoebox gift since Operation Christmas Child began in 1993. We praise God for His faithfulness

and for so many children who've heard the Good News of Jesus Christ! Everyone who packs a shoebox is helping to fulfill the Great Commission, bringing the Gospel to the ends of the earth!

Packing a shoebox online is simple, fun and can have an eternal impact for boys and girls around the world!

Just log in to the website above and follow the instructions.

Simply choose which age and gender category to pack for, select from a range of gifts, make your donation and then we'll pack the shoebox and send it for you.

This year we are also filling a special lorry with Shoebox Online gifts for children in Ukraine. You can send a gift-filled shoebox and encourage a child in Ukraine through the Ukraine the page on the website.



<u>A Christian Spiritual Retreat..</u> My Experience: Nov. 22 By Jacqui Burton

So what is a Christian Retreat? This is my personal article, my experiences and my take on this. Proper more learned people will be able to advise you better, but as a relative newbie, over the last decade or so, I can only give you the value of my simple, unbiased experience.

As I see it: a Retreat is a "Time Out". In the case of a Christian Retreat, it is time, however long, to disengage from the Day to Day... of Family, Friends, Social Media, TV, Internet & all the Worldly Distractions and thoughts that stop and intervene in our ultimate, private and intimate relationship with God.

Previous experiences of Christian Retreats have been a one day, Group Retreat at Sacristan Prebend in Southwell: interesting, illuminating and enjoyable; but years later, talking to people and hearing a consistent, niggling from God; I realised it was something He Needed ME to do; to have that time out with HIM, and er maybe, for little old me, to make me hear & actually listen!

After researching suitable Retreats; some not great for me on timings/distance & personal requirements... The Community House at Dereham with the Carmelite Nuns called to me... and I booked in, apprehensive, scared of my own Demons & Judgement... I KNEW God told me... He'd got this & it was His Will! http://www.walsinghamcommunity.org/

I arrived there, Sunday afternoon. 3 days after a gruelling 6 hour Chemo session (after which I'd been saturated walking to my car...only 3 weeks after being hospitalised with Pneumonia). After 3 hours driving I was there!

I'd already spoken via telephone with my, to be, Spiritual Guide, Sister Camilla, (a former Palliative Nurse) who knew what I wanted from my Retreat & the basis of my Christian Beliefs.



I had a meeting with her and the only other Retreatant (a Catholic Priest). She explained that the accommodation was self catering but we could eat as we wished with the Sisters, and join in as many or as little of the Daily Services as we wished, with our individual hour of Spiritual Guidance with times and questions and readings to contemplate on in between.

I voiced my fears... I've not spoken Latin since I was 14 at O Level! I wasn't Roman Catholic! How can I cope?? My assurances came not just from her but from my prayers (actually no Latin required)!

During my times of Spiritual Guidance... it was HARD! Having to be so brutally honest about some of the things Life has given me to deal with. (Some of which you will have seen on last months Parish Link.)

How physically weak I feel not being able to attend all the services...Naaah...no judgment here, just chastisement about how hard I'm on myself really (no change there then... gotta be kinda to Meself!)

Things I learned..

Nobody's got all the answers...

- When you are born, a Baby is safe & warm in the Womb... to be born into this Earthly Life is a painful & traumatic transition for a Child & Mother.
- Death is much the same; to go on to be reborn into Heaven can be more traumatic or less; how we come to terms with that final, inescapable eventually which we all must go through..
- In between, every Life's Lesson is a Jewel sewn on by God to my Eternal Wedding Gown to be re united in Eternity with my Maker...

My take on this time on my Retreat... Incredible. I'm so Peaceful now. I've realised this is my take on Life for me to do this... it's a 3 Pronged attack, this Earthly Life from my point of view:-

Physical... this Earthly Body: Doctors, Medical etc.

Psychological: Friends, Family & councillors...

• Spiritual: Keep your Faith & Soul Healthy! Never decry needing Spiritual help, guidance & support...

And when you ever think this bit is not relevant to you, too embarrassing to ask for and talk about... I'll talk to you and won't judge or laugh at anybody!







My 'cell' for the Retreat.

St Simon and St Jude's Church Rainworth.



A warm welcome awaits at the Coffee Shop and Drop-in
Come and meet up with old friends

Come and meet up with old friends and make new ones.

10-00 12.00

Every Saturday and on 2nd and 4th Friday of each month. 1st Saturday offers cooked breakfasts



Coffee Shop dates in
November
Saturday 3rd Christmas
Stalls and
cooked breakfasts
Fridays
9th
Saturdays
10th and 17th

CLOSED FOR CHRISTMAS on 23rd 24th and 31st December, reopens 7th January





TALK & TEA Mondays 2.30-3.30pm

19th December 16th January 20th February 20th March 17th April 15th May

> St Andrew's Mission Hall, The Crescent, Blidworth

Come and join us for a chat and a cuppa.

Donations towards refreshments welcomed.

For more information contact: Rev Zoe Burton 01623 793758 Marilyn Brown 01623 794977or Maureen Garner 01623 793232

WINNING NUMBERS FOR OCTOBER



1st - 481, 2nd - 485,

3rd - 287, 4th - 171.



For October

1st 121 2nd 127

3rd 7 4th 20

If you would like to join either of these Clubs, please contact:

Stephen Fox for the 200 Club 01623 795327

or Sue Daunt for the 50/50 Club 07890674665

This is YOUR Parish Link

Thank you to those who have sent in articles and photographs for the Parish Link this month.

There are many people in our parishes who have stories to tell, we see them on Facebook all the time, so **PLEASE**, write something.

Send photos of your holidays or days out, special occasions etc, tell us where you have been and what you have done.

Do you have a favourite poem, or a special interest in something? What do you do when you are not here in church? What about your Journey as a Christian? What brought you to our churches? Where did it all start?

Perhaps talk about your favourite hymn and why you like it.

Maureen Garner, Editor

THERE WILL BE NO PARISH LINK IN JANUARY, BUT YOU
WILL GET A DIARY SHEET.
ANY ARTICLES AND PHOTOS FOR FEBRUARY BY
MONDAY 23RD JANUARY PLEASE.

THE UNITED BENEFICE OF BLIDWORTH AND RAINWORTH

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Please contact the Vicar.

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