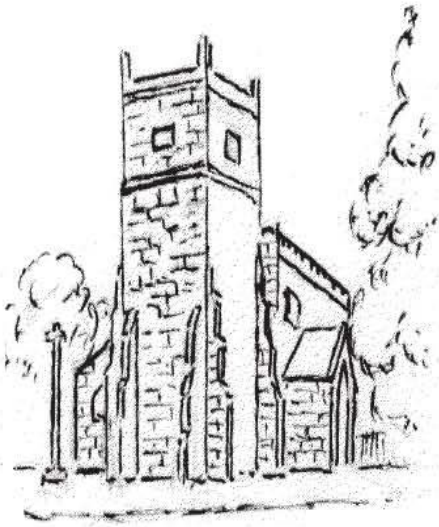
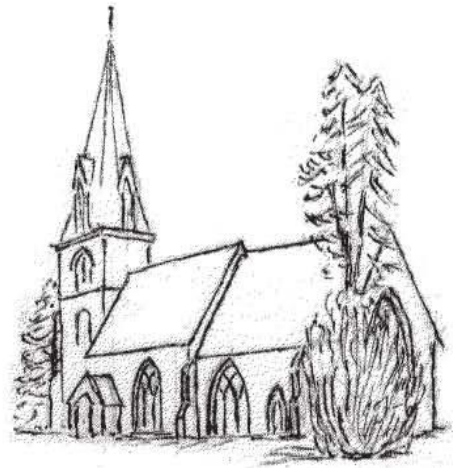


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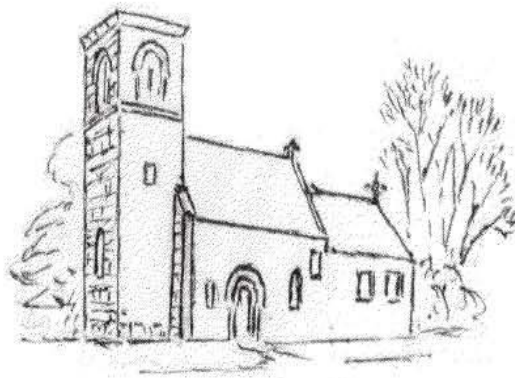


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Letter from the Vicarage, October 2025

It was lovely to see some of you at my licensing on 3rd September as Priest in Charge of Fenny Bentley, Thorpe, Tissington, Parwich, Alsop-en-le-Dale, Biggin and Hartington. Starting this new role, fresh from a lovely holiday in August driving the North Coast Five Hundred in Scotland in a motor home with my husband, I reflect that going from five parishes to seven is a bit like the difference between driving a car and a motor home. It needs the same sorts of skills, the same sorts of routes but everything feels that much bigger and needs a lot of concentration to make sure I keep safely in the correct position in the road! Pursuing the analogy, I have to look farther ahead to plan manoeuvres/services, the turning circle is larger and more space is needed for parking/meetings. However, on the plus side, there is more room inside and a great variety of amenities/skills that would not all fit in my smaller car. I pray that we will grow together as the 'Peak 7 Group' of churches (as I have the Archdeacon's permission to call us), and get happiness and support from each other as we move forwards in our mission and ministry to all our communities.

I am thrilled to announce that Annette Parkin from Thorpe has kindly agreed to step into a post of administrator covering our whole group. Although this role is only for two hours a week, it will be a great help to me. We are in the process of working out who does what, but there is now an email peak7ad@gmail.com through which you can contact her,

Finally, I want to celebrate with Clarke Lomas and Ann Unwin who were both awarded the Bishop's Badge at a service in the Cathedral on Sunday September 14th. Badges are given in recognition of distinguished ministry and service in the church and the community. I am so grateful to them, and all our church wardens and other volunteers who share the cure of souls in our parishes.



Full information at this link <https://derby.anglican.org/en/bishop-s-badge-2025-a-celebration-of-lay-mission-in-local-ministry.html>

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May God bless you and inspire you,
Nicola

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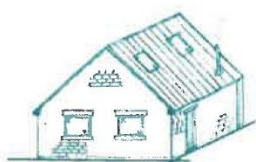
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Archdeacon Matthew writes...

Media reports link the recent increase in national flag displays to concerns about UK migration levels. I understand that migration is a genuine concern for many, including Christians, and I don't wish to dismiss these anxieties. It's important to acknowledge that our church communities include first, second and third generation migrants. For Christians seeking to faithfully follow Jesus, reflecting His holiness and partnering in extending God's Kingdom on earth, the migration debate often overlooks a crucial question: human dignity. In this month's article, I want to explore how we can balance concerns over UK migration levels with thinking, speaking, and acting in ways that prioritise human dignity.

When addressing such a topical political issue, I recognise that blanket terms like "migration" or "immigration" are problematic. These terms are too broad to properly distinguish between those entering the country by established routes to fill skill shortages, those seeking asylum, and those entering via improvised means. I understand that much of the concern expressed through protests and flag displays relates specifically to the latter. Another challenge of terms such as migrant, 'illegal' immigrant, or asylum seeker is the labelling of an individual by their documented or undocumented status. This risks reducing the fullness of a person's identity, character and life story to a single label, and an often weaponised label too.

Applying our Christian faith to current issues, injustices, and inequalities is central to following Jesus. Our deep faith traditions inspire us to act with consideration for others, especially the vulnerable, poor, and marginalised. The prophet Jeremiah wrote, 'Stand at the crossroads and look; ask for the ancient paths, ask where the good way is, and walk in it, and you will find rest for your souls' (Jeremiah 6:16). Our faith in Jesus, the Good News of the Gospel, and the biblical vision of God's Kingdom penetrating our daily lives offers an antidote to the indignity some groups face in our society. I'm making not a political argument but a theological one: while there are legitimate concerns about migration and the perceived pressure on local communities, our Christian faith calls us to think, speak and act in ways that uphold the dignity of others.

Our faith's approach to speaking of migrants with dignity begins in Genesis, where we learn that all creation is made in God's image (Genesis 1:27). Migrants possess inherent worth and dignity not because of our political ideologies or personal opinions, but because



they, like all humanity, are made in God's image. The Bible clearly connects our innate dignity and worth with justice. Proverbs 31:8-9 instructs us, 'Open your mouth for those with no voice, for the cause of all the dispossessed. Open your mouth, judge righteously, and defend the cause of the poor and needy.' Ultimately, we find our dignity in Jesus. The Apostle Paul reminds us in Galatians 3:28 that social and cultural differences do not separate us from our unity in Christ and our common dignity in Him.

Those deeply concerned about migration levels often worry about preserving what they see as solid foundations in society. The underlying suggestion is that high migration levels threaten our British way of life. Before our current debates, the late Pope Benedict suggested that society's solid foundations depend on affirming human dignity:

A society lacks solid foundations when, on the one hand, it asserts values such as the dignity of the person, justice and peace, but then, on the other hand, radically acts to the contrary by allowing or tolerating a variety of ways in which human life is devalued and violated, especially where it is weak or marginalised.

Across our churches, chaplaincies and fresh expressions in the Diocese of Derby, our vocation must be to promote the innate dignity and self-worth of all people made in God's image. This doesn't mean ignoring genuine concerns about migration, but it does mean that how we articulate those concerns matters. Christians are called to point people to Jesus, in whom we discover our common humanity, and to reflect our own dignity in how we welcome others and pray for justice for everyone on earth.

Bless all who seek refuge on this earth.
Meet their needs for safety and for home.
Move the hearts of your people to show them welcome.
Cause wars to cease and bring justice,
to the nations that no one will need to flee again.
Amen.

A handwritten signature in black ink, which appears to read 'Matthew Trick'.

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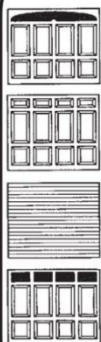
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October 19th and 26th Louise Woodroffe

Harvest

Thank you to everyone who decorated the church and brought donations; these were taken to the Ashbourne food bank.

FENNY BENTLEY INITIATIVE (FBI) NEWS

Our September Coffee Morning was in aid of MacMillan Cancer Support, we raised £305 for this very worthwhile charity. Thank you very much to everyone who supported this event.

FUTURE EVENTS:

October Walk & Coffee Morning – Saturday 18 October

The monthly walks are back! Please meet at 9 am outside Church.

Coffee Morning in Church 10.30-12.00 this will include a bring and buy clothes sale, please bring along your good quality unwanted clothing items, clearly labelled with the price, and the end of the Coffee Morning please take home any unsold items. Donations to the FBI from the sale of any clothes would be appreciated. Clothes rails will be provided.

November Walk & Coffee Morning – Saturday 15 November

For the walk please meet at 9 am outside Church.

Coffee Morning in Church 10.30-12.00 this will include a bric-a-brac sale, please bring along any unwanted items clearly labelled with the price and please take home any unsold items.

December Walk & Coffee Morning – Saturday 6 December (Please note this date is earlier in the month than our normal coffee mornings)

For the walk please meet at 9 am outside Church.

Coffee Morning in Church 10.30-12.00, Christmas sing-along, mulled wine and mince pies will be served.

Haddon Hall Christmas Market – Friday 12 December

The bus and tickets for this event are now booked

Village Day 2026

The provisional date for the Village Day is 4 July 2026.

The FBI Committee normally meet on the first Tuesday of every month at the Coach & Horses at 7.30 pm, everyone is welcome to join us.

Keep up to date with FBI news on our Facebook Page or email fennybentleyi22@gmail.com

Dear Fenny Bentley Residents,

Your church needs you

Firstly, a very big thank you

- to the residents who open up the church every day so visitors can see our lovely church and meet with God there – much appreciated as we know from the visitors book,
- to those who clean the church, and
- to all who help to maintain the church and churchyard in many ways.

In the two years I have been here, it has been a joy to get to know some of you, celebrate festivals like Harvest, Christmas and Easter as part of our 'fifth Sunday' service rota, and regularly hold collective worship for FitzHerbert School in church. The Fenny Bentley Initiative (FBI) community events in church are also great places to meet and talk.

However, as a church body we are struggling with:-

- People: the number of residents who come to church services and are part of a worshipping community is not enough to support the parish church in its primary purpose which is the practice and advancement of the Christian Religion. (There are only five people on our church electoral roll and we have no church wardens).
- Finance: money reserves are dwindling as we pay for insurance, fuel and short-term maintenance. We are currently paying only a token amount of our share due to the C of E Common Fund - which is what pays for clergy and frontline mission and ministry.
- The Building: we need both to maintain it and to build a long-term vision of how we might best configure it to serve future community needs.

In order to talk about the way forward for our church, the PCC invites you to a public meeting at 6:30pm on Thursday 13th November at the church. There will be food and hot drinks, kindly funded by the FBI.

Please come to this very important meeting so we can make a decision about the future of your church. If you would like to contact me directly at any time please do so, using revnicola@outlook.com or 01335 282100. With best wishes,

Revd Nicola McNally



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When Mary finds herself in a public scandal and the family faces financial trouble, the household grapples with the threat of social disgrace. The Crawleys must embrace change with the next generation leading Downton Abbey into the future. Bringing back original cast members, including Hugh Bonneville, Michelle Dockery, and Elizabeth McGovern, *Downton Abbey: The Grand Finale* follows the family and their staff as they enter the 1930s and lead Downton Abbey into the future.

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Friday 17th October 7.45pm

Free Entrance

Refreshments

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COMMUNITY VILLAGE LUNCH

Monday 13 October, 12.45pm in the Memorial Hall

Sausage & Mash. Fruit Crumble & Custard

All the main dishes are served with Potatoes & Seasonal Vegetables

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Thorpe

COFFEE MORNINGS

The September Coffee morning was held on a very wet day and several people were on holiday but nevertheless £70.00 was generously donated for the Ashbourne & District Stroke Support Club.



Thankyou to everyone present.

Future Dates

Wednesday, **15th October** and **19th November** between 10.30 and 12.00 in the Village Hall.

The charity chosen for October is **Ashbourne 1st Responders**. Everyone is most welcome.

Sue Smith

HARVEST SUPPER

The famous Thorpe Harvest Supper was held on 29th September. There was a massive sense of community with the village hall packed to capacity – at this rate an extension will be needed! The hard work, dedication, and generosity was truly inspiring. The now traditional pea and pie dinner was followed by homemade trifle. No small portions in Thorpe!

Thorpe's Matthew Round and Chris Wainwright conducted the auction with expertise, extracting the last penny out of the enthusiastic bidders. Many children dipped into their pocket money for the sweets on offer. Pickled onions, honey, lemon curd and marmalade fetched prices far more than Fortnum and Masons!

A total of £810 was raised, that was split between The Padley Centre and Medecins Sans Frontieres

A huge thank you to Sue and Will who have now been organising the event for 38 years. Special thanks also to Danny and Kate at Mark's Butchers, The Runway Café (who have donated the mushy peas for 20 years!), and all the helpers. All the donations both in terms of auction lots and bids are very much appreciated.



Tissington

NOTES FROM THE HALL

OCTOBER 2025

High Sheriff Legal Service

Sunday 12 October 2025 2.30 Derby Cathedral

As stated before my High Sheriff Legal Service will take place at the Cathedral in Derby on the afternoon of Sunday October 12th at 2.30. All are welcome at this service that highlights the work of the people that look after us in the County.

HIGH SHERIFF Activity 2025/26

Readers may be amused to see my thoughts on the role of High Sheriff. I have posted my diary on our website at <https://tissingtonhall.co.uk/blogs.php?cat=36> and also follow me on Instagram @ derbyshirehs.



Litter on the Estate

As some of you will have seen on social media some visitors decided to have a picnic on one of the farms down a dusty track and left all their litter under a nearby tree. Emi and I cleared it all - 8 large binbags - after the Bank Holiday weekend but please be vigilant. It is such a shame that some visitors disrespect the wildlife, the livestock and the countryside that we so dearly love.



Rev Nicola McNally - Installation

It was a real pleasure to attend the Installation Service at Hartington of Rev Nicola McNally as Priest in Charge for Hartington and Biggin by Hartington Churches in early September. It was a joy to join with the five congregations from the Peak Five to make a Seven!! Congratulations to Nicola.

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Well Dressing Donations 2025

Back in July, the Tissington Well Dressing Committee gathered to distribute the funds raised at this year's event. We are overjoyed to share that after another successful year, we have been able to distribute over £6,000 to charities and good causes both locally and nationally.

These include:

- St Mary's Church and church yard
- FitzHerbert C of E Primary School
- Tissington Methodist Chapel
- Derbyshire Air Ambulance
- Christian Aid
- Scopes4SEN
- Derbyshire Carers
- Ashbourne First Responders
- Ashbourne Playaway
- Derby Mountain Rescue
- Derbyshire Rural Chaplaincy
- Careline

In addition a donation has also been made to the “village post” project. The Committee agreed that it has always supported projects to improve the presentation and functionality of the village, and that when possible this tradition should continue, so we are pleased to make the donation in this regard.

We look forward to another busy year in 2026 when the Wells will be dressed again, from May 14th to 20th.

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Unapproved Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in Herbert's Tea Rooms, Tissington on Monday 22 September 2025 at 7.00 pm

Present: Cllrs: Sir Richard FitzHerbert (Chair), Nigel Edwards-Walker (Vice-Chair), John Etches, Di Garwood-Hughes and Stuart Naylor. Two members of the public. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr FitzHerbert welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr Edwards-Walker declared an interest as a District Councillor. Cllr FitzHerbert declared an interest as the High Sheriff of Derbyshire.

3. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 21 July 2025

The Council resolved to accept the minutes of the last meeting as a true record of that meeting.

4. Matters Arising from the last meeting

Following the conversation from the last meeting regarding the Ashbourne Reborn project, it was noted that some roads had now reopened, but there were problems with the new loading bays.

5. Invited comments from members of the public

There were no comments from members of the public.

6. Planning Applications for consideration at this meeting:

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

7. General Business:

a) Update on the Tissington Post Project

It was hoped that work on the installation of the posts around the triangle would be done in the second week of October. Currently sponsorship had been received for 48 posts, the recent Vintage and Attic events had raised funds to sponsor 2 posts. The council resolved to order 52 posts. Action: Cllr Di Garwood-Hughes

b) Quote for a 'Welcome to Tissington Village' Sign

The quote for a large sign on the main road and a small sign in the village was £1,669. The Council resolved to put this matter on hold for the time being.

8. Financial Report & Administration:

a) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £10,580.17 including donations and grants towards the post project of £5,508.

b) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to pay the following items electronically:

Derwent Valley Wind Band	100.00
Clerk's Salary - July	112.90
Clerk's Salary - August	131.50
Clerk's Expenses	9.51

9. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out by email.

10. Village Highways/Tissington Estate Business:

a) Update on items previously reported:

- Work on the cattle grids at Lea Hall Farm and the Bent Dumble had been completed.
- It was resolved that Tissington Estate would do work on the finger posts on Chapel Lane and the bottom of Church bank, the Estate to invoice the Parish Council at a cost of £50/60 per post.

Action: Cllr FitzHerbert

- Cllr Garwood-Hughes agreed to do the work on the finger post at Lea Hall. **Action: Cllr Garwood-Hughes**
- Clerk to follow up all other outstanding items. **Action: Clerk**

b) Issues raised at this meeting:

- Areas on Rakes Lane needed resurfacing and there was pothole on Saw Pit Lane. **Action: Clerk**
- It was noted that as part of a 4-day RAC rally, cars would be coming through the village on the 8 November around 16.45.
- Pea & Pie Supper on the Friday 5 December, 80 tickets had been sold, Carr family to provide music, pies have been ordered.
- A recent MacMillan Coffee Morning in the village had raised £940.
- New heritage grants were available.
- Following an unpleasant 2-hour drone filming incident at the Hall, Councillors were reminded that people flying drones should seek the permission of the Estate or Landowner

11. Dates for future Meetings

The Council resolved to set the following meeting dates: Monday 24 November 2025 and Monday 29 January 2025 at 7 pm at Herbert's Tearooms.

Signed

Dated

Tissington and District Women's Institute

Meetings of the Tissington and District WI are held on each third Wednesday of the month at 7.30pm in Tissington Village Hall. Non-members can attend any meeting and, up to three times per year, without becoming a WI member - they just need to pay £3 per meeting.

For further information please contact:

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AGM Meeting

The next meeting will be the AGM to be held at The Coach & Horses, Fenny Bentley on Wednesday 15th October at 7pm for 7.30pm

Please contact any of the people named above for bookings and further details

Thank you to everyone who helped and contributed in any way to the Table Top sales at Fern Cottage over the August Bank Holiday. The grand total of funds raised was £226 which will go towards paying for Speakers and other meeting expenses.

FORTHCOMING EVENTS 2025

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PEAK 7 CHURCH SERVICES FOR OCTOBER 2025

Sunday 5th October – 16th Sunday after Trinity

Alsop 9:15 am Morning Prayer
Hartington 11:00 am Harvest Festival
Tissington 11:15 am Harvest Festival with Holy Communion

Sunday 12th October – 17th Sunday after Trinity

Thorpe 9:15 am Holy Communion
Hartington 11:00 am All Age
Parwich 11:15 am Harvest Festival, joint with the Methodists

Sunday 19th October – 18th Sunday after Trinity

Tissington 8 am Holy Communion using the Book of Common Prayer
Hartington 11:00 am Morning Praise
Alsop 11:15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 26th October – Last Sunday after Trinity or Bible Sunday

Parwich 9:15 am Morning Prayer
Hartington 11:00 am Holy Communion
Thorpe 11:15 am Holy Communion

Sunday 2nd November – All Saints Sunday

Alsop 9:15 am Morning Prayer
Hartington 11:15 am Holy communion
Tissington 11:15 am Morning Prayer
Parwich 2:30 pm Methodist Church Service

Weekday morning prayer in different churches

These are informal occasions for anyone who feels they would like to pause and worship for 15-20 mins with Revd Nicola. All are welcome – no advance notice (or ongoing commitment) required. **Start time 9:30am.** At Thorpe we use the Northumbria Community morning prayer liturgy (NC); at other churches Church of England Common Worship morning prayer or NC as feels best to those present.

		Fri 10 th Oct - Hartington
	Thurs 16 th Oct - Thorpe	
Tues 21 st Oct - Tissington		Fri 24 th Oct - Hartington
Tues 28 th Oct - Alsop	Thurs 23 rd Oct - Thorpe	

Currently FitzHerbert School **collective worship** is held nearly every Monday in term time in **Fenny Bentley church at 09:10.** Community members, young or old, are all welcome. Not on Oct 7th, or on Oct 20th which is Hartington and Biggin Schools together.