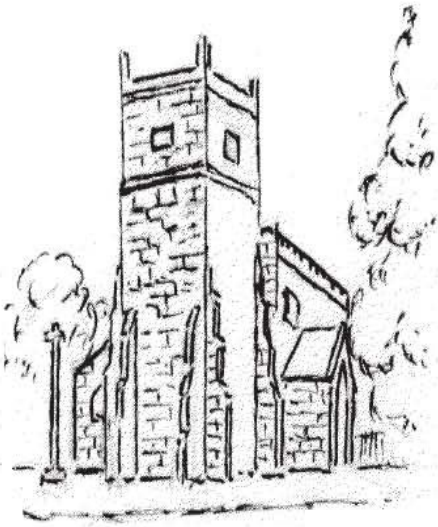
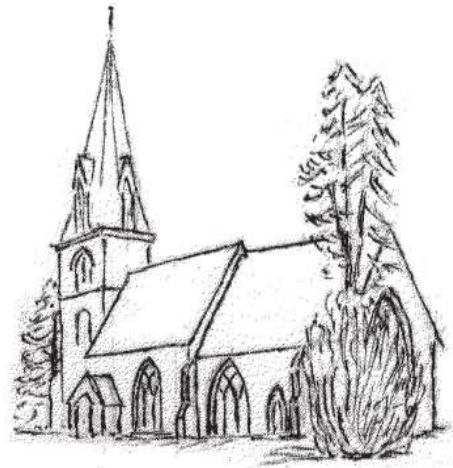


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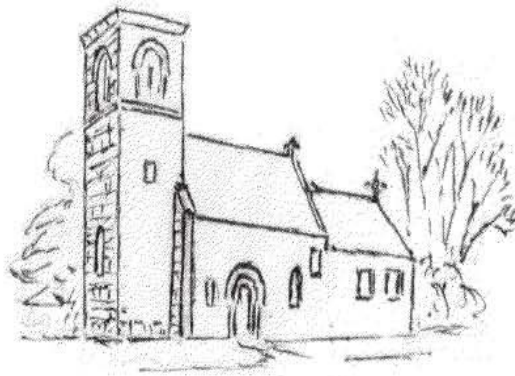


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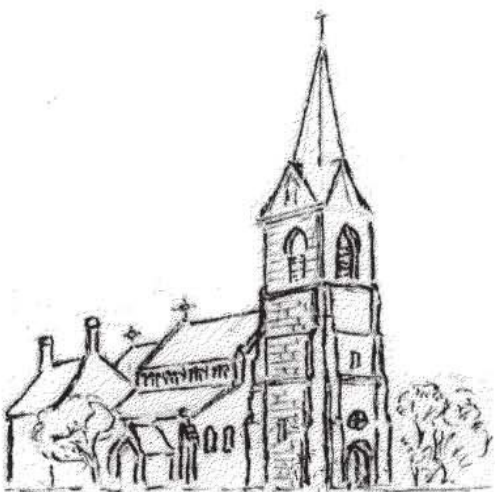
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## **Letter from the Vicarage**

Dear Readers,

I am writing this May letter to both parish magazines spread across our 7 churches since it is the time of year when all the churches have their APCMs (Annual Parochial church meetings), and it is therefore a time of reflection on the past year and looking forward. (Anyone is very welcome to the APCMs. If you want to be able to vote you need to be on the church electoral role. To do this contact your church warden or me. You need to have been baptised, be happy to declare you are a member of the Church of England, and either live in the parish or habitually worship there).

Firstly, a big thank you, on my own behalf and on behalf of our congregations and communities, to the hard-working Church Wardens, PCC secretaries and treasurers, all PCC members and other representatives who keep the cogs of church life turning. Huge thanks also to all those involved in so many ways in our church life – in fundraising events and social activities; in music; in the hidden work of daily church opening, cleaning, moving furniture and preparing for services; and the ongoing work of maintenance of church-buildings and churchyards and winding the clocks. I want too, to thank retired ministers, Revd John Fountain and Revd Lynne Bowden who both have PTO (Permission to Officiate) in our Diocese and help out in Hartington and other parishes.

It has been a privilege to worship with you all through the year. Sadly, a number of people from our congregations and parishes have died. Although this means they are physically lost from our congregations, we rejoice that they now worship on another shore in a greater light. Meanwhile, it is greatly encouraging that we are also seeing people joining our congregations. If we are tempted to play the numbers games, whilst 1s, 2s or 3s may not seem large numbers in themselves, in percentage terms of individual congregations they are not inconsiderable. Wedding couples joining our congregations (principally in Tissington but also elsewhere) for at least 6 months continue to swell our numbers in a seasonal way but are also part of our mission to tell the good news to people and trust that this bears fruit in other places.

Our lay ministry continues to flourish. We are blessed to have Diana as a fully licenced Reader. Amanda who has been with us whilst training, was licenced to Reader ministry on 18<sup>th</sup> April 2026; and both Dorothea and Liz from Hartington have started on their Church of England lay ministry training whilst continuing to offer lay leadership in Hartington services, with others, which enables this parish to offer a weekly service. Sarah, our Anna chaplain continues to minister to older housebound members of Hartington and Biggin and will be extending this to our Peak Seven parishes.

Finally, my vision for the year ahead includes:-

- To continue meeting, sharing and learning together as a Group of churches. This includes weekday discussion groups as advertised elsewhere, and I hope a Group Away day within the next 12 months.
- An annual enquirers / confirmation course. Please get in touch with me if you might be interested.
- More lay involvement in services - for churches which don't already have a rota for different people reading and/or leading intercession, what about it?
- Supporting our parishes in their fundraising endeavours. Our churches are entirely dependent upon donations to keep the buildings open and pay for ministry and mission.

May God bless, keep, and inspire you,

*Nicola*

***Copy Deadline for June Magazine: 26<sup>th</sup> May 2026***

**Articles can be submitted via email to Diana Houghton - [diana@peakfive.org](mailto:diana@peakfive.org)**

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# May 2026

Revd Canon Matt Barnes writes...

“Talk to God about men before you talk to men about God.” Those well-known words from E.M. Bounds capture something simple, profound, and deeply timely.



As we approach Thy Kingdom Come, we are invited once again into a season shaped not by pressure or performance, but by prayer. Sitting between Ascension and Pentecost, these days remind us that the disciples were neither inactive nor anxious. They waited. They prayed. They trusted that God was already at work, as He is today in our Diocese.

Thy Kingdom Come encourages us to do the same. At its heart is a very simple practice: to name five people we would love to see grow in faith—friends, family members, neighbours, colleagues—and to hold them before God day by day. Not to fix them, persuade them, or perfect our words, but to entrust them to the loving attention of God.

Prayer changes things. Sometimes it changes circumstances; often it quietly changes us. As we pray, hearts are softened, eyes are opened, and attentiveness to the Spirit grows. We become more aware of where God is already at work, and more ready to join in with what God is doing.

This season is a gift to the whole Church: a shared moment to pause, to hope, and to pray together across parishes, traditions, and generations. Whether you are confident in prayer or finding your way, whether your five names feel close to faith or far from it, God welcomes what you bring. We can pray alone, we can pray in groups, we can pray as a church or we can pray at one of our Diocesan events. However, and wherever, and with whom, please pray!

May this be a season where prayer is renewed, hope is rekindled, and love quietly grows.

Who are your five?

**The Revd Canon Matt Barnes**  
**Director of Mission, Evangelism & Parish Revitalisation**

## **Community Fire Safety – May 2026**

Welcome to this spring edition with sunshine and warmer weather now with us.

### **Moorland Fires.**

Derbyshire Fire & Rescue Service have recently been called out to several large Moorland Fires in the Peak District. These fires involve a lot of equipment and personnel to control and extinguish them. They urge you not to have barbecues on your outings to the areas of high combustibility. Discarded Glass and Bottles act as a magnifier and can easily ignite dry grassland.

### **What to do if there is a fire.**

Fire is extremely dangerous and you should act quickly. The following tips will help you keep yourself and your family safe.

- **Alert everyone'**  
Make sure everyone in immediate area knows about the fire – shout and get everyone safely away.
- **Call 999 as soon as you can and give clear instructions on the locality. A post code or Map Reference is very helpful.**

### **Garden Fires.**

If you are tempted to have a bonfire in your garden, please consider the consequences.

1. The fire may spread and set fire to your or your neighbours fencing or hedges.
2. The fire may spread to your or your neighbour's garden shed and contents.

Recently Derbyshire Fire & Rescue attended a similar fire which had spread to three properties. It took 4 Fire Crews to tackle and extinguish the fire.

**Safety rules.**

1. Have a hose pipe readily available in case of an emergency.
2. Have a bucket of water ready, just in case!
3. Do not leave the bonfire unattended.
4. **Call 999 if things get out of hand.**

- **What to do if your clothes catch fire.**

If your clothes catch fire you can stop the flames spreading and put out the fire by following the instructions below:

- **Lie down and roll around. It makes it harder for the fire to spread.**
- **Smother the flames with a heavy material, like a coat or blanket.**
- **Remember, Stop, Drop and Roll!**

### **Emergency Planning for your home and property.**

- **Make an escape plan.**

Every household should have some sort of escape plan in place just in case the worst was to happen. Hopefully you will never have to use it, but it is important to prepare for it so there is no delay when it is put into action.

### **Plan together.**

- Plan together as a family, ensuring that all the children in the household know the plan and what to do in the unlikely event of a fire occurring. Special arrangements need to be made in consideration of any elderly or disabled people.

### **The escape route.**

Ensure that the escape route is kept clear, is practical and can be safely used if needed. Regularly talk about the escape plan so it is fresh in your minds. It is also advisable to have a room in which you could all remain during a worst case scenario. It would be suggested that you always have a Mobile Phone with you so you can summon help. Make sure all the children know your address and Post Code, in case they have to telephone the emergency services.

**Parents, guardians and responsible adults should be aware that children may not wake to the sound of a working smoke alarm, therefore your escape plan MUST account for waking and evacuating children.**

- **If you have a 'Baby Sitter' ensure they are aware of your 'Escape Plan'.**

### **Shout for help.**

It's important to let firefighters know you are there, and if you haven't managed to call 999 you need to raise the alarm. Lean out of the window to breathe if you need to. Keep drawing attention to yourself. If the window is locked try breaking it with a heavy object. **Strike the window in the corner hard, to break the glass.**

### **Please Note**

Whilst in the perfect world, it would be ideal to leave your house keys in your door locks for an easy escape, we do find ourselves in a society where this is not practicable due to theft etc. If you are worried about the security of your home, it is advised that your keys should be left in a safe and suitable place, and that all the family are fully aware of this, should the worse happen.

Please ensure you have **Working Smoke Alarms** on every level of your home.

If in doubt or need assistance with this, please call the number below or if you require any further advice on any of the items covered in this article please call the Fire & Rescue Service on your Local Area Contact No. 01298 608720 or the Fire & Rescue Service Headquarters on 01773 305305.

**In an Emergency dial 999 for immediate assistance.**

Keep safe, my sincere best regards to you all.

Tony Higton QFSM GIFireE

# Alsop en le Dale

## Altar Flowers

May 3rd and 10th                      Rachel Bunting  
May 17th, 24th and 31st      Caroline Gordon

Easter Monday Tea and cakes in the churchyard was a great success. A sincere thank you to all who supported us and we look forward to seeing you again on the two May bank holidays.

# Fenny Bentley

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## FENNY BENTLEY INITIATIVE (FBI) NEWS

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Thank you to everyone who supported our April Coffee Morning we raised £94. It was nice to meet representatives from the District Council and the Police who came along with some free safety items for residents.

### **Garden Centre Trip – Thursday 7 May 2026**

There is still a couple of places left on the bus if anyone else would like to join us, the bus will leave Fenny Bentley at 9.30 pm for Little Eaton Garden Centre. If you would like to go, please contact Brenda on 07916 298107. Cost is £5 for residents, £10 for non-residents.

### **May Walk, Coffee Morning & Plant Sale – Saturday 16 May in church from 10.30 am.**

If you would like to go on the walk, please meet outside Church at 9am. If you have any spare plants please bring them along to swop with your neighbours, this has been a popular event in recent years.

### **A Gentle Walk around Ilam Park – Friday 29 May at 1.30 pm**

We are organising a gentle walk around Ilam Park with a cuppa in the Tearooms at Ilam afterwards. Meet at 1.30 pm at Ilam (Parking charges apply) or if you would like a lift let Brenda know on 07916 298107 and meet on the corner of Ashes Lane at 1.10 pm.

## **Trip to the Seaside**

Crosslow Coaches are running a day trip to Skegness on Saturday 1 August. The FBI have agreed to subsidise the cost of the trip for any village residents to £12.50 instead of the usually £25. If anyone wishes to attend, please let Brenda know as soon as possible.

## **Village Day 2026**

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

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

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**parwich film**



*Song Sung Blue (2025) is a biographical musical drama about Mike and Claire Sardina, a married couple who found success as a Neil Diamond tribute band named "Lightning & Thunder". Starring Hugh Jackman and Kate Hudson, the film follows their journey through musical passion, financial struggles, personal tragedy, and resilience.*

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**Friday 29th May 7.45pm**

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# Parwich

## Parwich Film Show

Friday 29th May

7.45pm

## Parwich Memorial Hall

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### SONG SUNG BLUE

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It is based on the 2008 documentary of the same name, highlighting the life of the real Milwaukee-based tribute act. Hugh Jackman plays Mike ("Lightning") and Kate Hudson plays Claire ("Thunder"), showcasing their dedication to performing, even after personal health crises.

The film explores the highs and lows of their careers, including opening for Pearl Jam, alongside personal hardships, such as Claire's leg amputation following a car accident.

It is described as a heartwarming "underdog story" about love, second chances, and passion for music, sometimes featuring a blend of humour and emotional drama.

The movie is written and directed by Craig Brewer and offers a behind-the-scenes look at the life of impersonators

The Guardian \*\*\*\* *"Neil Diamond tribute act gets sweet treat of movie thanks to Jackman and Hudson"*

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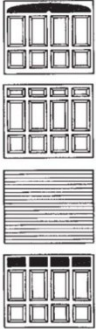
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# Thorpe

## COFFEE MORNINGS

The April Coffee morning was very well attended, extra seats were needed and the very generous amount of £128.00 was raised for Connex.



The work done by this local charity is much appreciated, but especially all the volunteers in Thorpe who give their time to help others locally.

**Future Dates: Wednesday, 20th May and 17th June** in the Village hall.

The charity chosen for May is **Aquabox**.

This charity was started by the Rotary Club in Wirksworth in 1992 to provide safe drinking water through the use of filtration units and humanitarian aid to crisis zones around the world. The Aquaboxes are assembled and packed by local volunteers ready to be sent abroad.

***Sue Smith***

# Tissington

NOTES FROM THE HALL

MAY 2026

## VILLAGE LITTER PICK

Thank you to all those that took part in the annual Litter Pick. It was much appreciated as we cleared up all the rubbish and detritus on the Main Road. Thank you to Herbert's for the refreshments and coffee. The team did a lot of good work especially on the A515 and thank you especially to Julie for her hard work.

## End of my Year as High Sheriff

I may have confused people with the photos I included of my Successor in last month's magazine as I sent in the Installation photos of the new High Sheriff of Leicestershire. Here is a photo of Syed Iftikhar from Littleover who took over as the new High Sheriff on 2 April 2026. I wish him all the best.



## **Ivy Cottage**

Welcome to Paul Woolley who has moved into Ivy Cottage. Paul is from Ashbourne but has recently moved back Ireland. Please welcome him to the village.

## **Lea Hall**

With Di and Phill Garwood-Hughes moving to Gardeners' Cottage there are new tenants at Lea Hall. Rachel Hutchinson has taken over the property and is letting the house to large family parties. You can book directly with Rachel or on line at Lea Hall Farmhouse.

## **Well Dressings 2026**

Once again can I implore on all residents and visitors to adhere to the regulations and instructions over the Well Dressings. Please can everyone adhere to the one-way system. Mervyn and Debbie King have spent a great deal of effort organising both the car parking and the signage for the week, and it would be greatly appreciated if all could adhere to the rules on account of our Health & Safety policy.

Let us pray for good weather over the week May 14 - May 20.

*Sir Richard*  
260426

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## **Altar Flowers**

May 3 and 10

Meryl Anderson

May 14 Ascension Day and May 24

Di Garwood-Hughes

## **Outstanding Magazine Subs**

Please could all outstanding magazine subs be paid as soon as possible.

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# TISSINGTON & LEA HALL PARISH COUNCIL

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## Minutes of a Parish Council Meeting held in Herbert's Tea Rooms, Tissington on Monday 23 March 2026 at 7.00 pm

**Present:** Cllrs: Sir Richard FitzHerbert (Chair), Edward Carr, John Etches, Di Garwood-Hughes and Stuart Naylor. 1 Member of the public. Clerk: Brenda Kirkham

### 1. Welcome and apologies for absence

Cllr FitzHerbert welcomed everyone to the meeting.

### 2. Declarations of Interest

Cllr FitzHerbert declared an interest as the High Sheriff of Derbyshire.

### 3. Co-option of Parish Councillor

The Council resolved to co-opt Mr Edward Carr to the Parish Council.

### 4. Approval of Minutes of meeting held on the 19 January 2026

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

### 5. Matters Arising from the last meeting

There were no matters arising.

### 6. Invited comments from members of the public

There were no matters raised.

### 7. Planning Applications for consideration at this meeting:

There were no planning applications for consideration at this meeting.

### 8. General Business:

#### a) Update on the Tissington Post Project

Order for the post receivers had been placed and delivery was awaited.

#### b) Forthcoming events in the village

The following forthcoming events were planned: Well dressings starting on Thursday 14 May; Open Gardens on Sunday 14 June and the Church Fete on Sunday 31 July. A village litter pick would take place on Saturday 28 March.

### 8. Financial Report & Administration:

#### a) Update on Finances

The balance in the current account was £4,027.51. Including reserved funds of £1,130.84 for the Post Project.

## b) Items for approval and payment at this meeting

The Council resolved to pay the following items electronically:

Derbyshire Association of Local Councils	115.15
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Clerk's Salary - February	116.90

## 10. Clerk's Report & Correspondence

All correspondence had gone out by email.

## 11. Village Highways/Tissington Estate Business:

### a) Update on items previously reported:

Items previously reported and still awaiting work were: faded white lines; manhole covers near Green Farm; and various missing/unstable footpath fingers posts around the village. It was noted that the finger post near the Church was now on the ground, Clerk to update the report. These items were to be sent to Cllr Nick Adams with a note expressing the Parish Council's disappointment that these matters had not been actioned. **Action: Clerk**

### b) Issues raised at this meeting:

- Over the previous weekend there had been 2 accidents at Tissington Gates. Cllr FitzHerbert shared the videos, these were to be sent to Cllr Nick Adams with a request that he share these with his team. **Action: Clerk**
- Tissington Estate has been asked by County Highways to cut down trees on B5056 heading south towards Fenny Bentley. Cllr FitzHerbert had requested a meeting with Cllr Adams and representatives from County Highways but had not received a response. Councillors had some concerns about safety issues if the trees were cut back.
- The cattle grid near Lea Hall was getting worse. Cllr Garwood-Hughes to photograph and Clerk to report. **Action: Cllr Garwood-Hughes and Clerk**
- The Parish Council were concerned that the current District Councillor had not resigned from his position, despite leaving the area. Clerk was asked to email the District Councillor and respectfully ask him to resign with immediate effect, as it was felt he was living too far away and as such was unable to fully represent the Ward of Dovedale, Parwich and Tissington. Clerk to send a copy of the email to other clerks in the Ward.
- County Councillor Nick Adams to be invited to the next Parish Council meeting.

## 12. Dates for future Meetings

The Council proposed the following provisional meeting dates: Tuesday 26 May, Tuesday 28 July and Tuesday 8 September all in Tissington Village Hall at 7 pm

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# **Tissington Methodist Chapel**

**Sunday 17 May**

**10.30am**

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## **OUTDOOR SONGS OF PRAISE MUSICAL CELEBRATION WITH ASHBOURNE TOWN BAND**

**Sunday 17 May**

**3.15pm – 4.45pm**

To coincide with Tissington Well Dressings we are hosting an Outdoor Musical Celebration event in Tissington village with Ashbourne Town Band. The afternoon will include a range of music to suit all ages and will also give those in good voice the opportunity to sing some well-known songs and hymns.

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## **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:

Vicky Topham (President)	07493127649
Alex Robinson	07817016342
Cathy Rowlinson	07790747834
Lynn Maule	07952432096
Ruth Wooddisse	07733073531

### **NEXT MEETING**

**Wednesday 6th May 2026**

***(NOTE: earlier date due to Well Dressings)***

Topic - Diabetes

Speaker : Di Garwood-Hughes

Competition: a recipe suitable for someone with diabetes

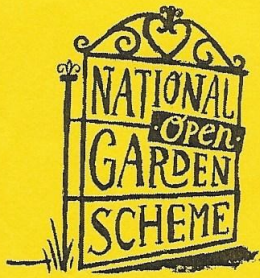
Hosts: Alex Robinson and Ruth Wooddisse

## **Open gardens aplenty in Tissington village this summer!**

With warmer days on the horizon, we look forward to welcoming our neighbours and visitors from further afield to Tissington.

Please save the dates for our garden openings in May and June.

- **Monday 25th May** - Tissington Hall open garden, the first of five dates this year with the National Garden Scheme.
- **Saturday 13th June** - The Lodge, Tissington Gates is also taking part the National Garden Scheme this year.
- **Sunday 14th June** - a host of Tissington residents are participating in Tissington Secret Gardens.



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# Tissington Hall

Tissington, Ashbourne, DE6 1RA

**Monday 25 May**

**Monday 6 July**

**Monday 17 August**

**Monday 24 August**

**Monday 31 August**

**12 - 3pm**

**Adults £9 Children £5**

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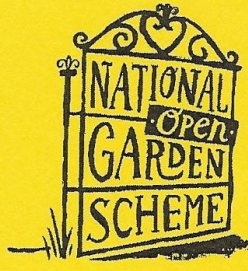
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# The Lodge, Tissington Gates

Tissington, Ashbourne, DE6 1NH

**Saturday 13 June**

**11.30am - 4pm**

Adults £4 Children free

Home-made teas



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TEAS



ACCEPTED



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# Secret gardens of Tissington

Raising funds for St Mary's Church, Tissington



**14th June, 12pm - 4pm DE6 1RA**

**£6 adults (£2.50 per child - discretionary)**



## **PEAK 7 CHURCH SERVICES MAY 2026**

### **Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May – Easter 5**

Hartington 9:15am All Age Service  
Alsop 9:15am Holy communion  
Tissington 11:15am Holy Communion  
Parwich 2:30pm Methodist Service

### **Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 6 and Rogation Sunday**

Thorpe 9:15 am Holy Communion  
Parwich 11:15am Holy Communion  
Hartington 11:15am Rogation Service (including a walk around the village)  
Hartington 6:00pm Civic Service

### **Thursday 14<sup>th</sup> May – Ascension Day**

Tissington 11:00am Ascension day service and blessing of the Wells

### **Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May – Easter 7 (Sunday after Ascension Day)**

Tissington 8:00am Holy Communion BCP  
Fenny Bentley 10:30am Beresford Service  
Hartington 11:15am Holy Communion  
Alsop 11:15am Morning Prayer

### **Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May – Pentecost**

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

### **Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May – Trinity Sunday**

Fenny Bentley 11:15am Benefice Holy Communion

### ***Sunday 7<sup>th</sup> June – Trinity 1***

*Hartington 9:15am All Age Service  
Tissington 11:15am Holy Communion  
Parwich 2:30pm Joint C of E and Methodist 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 at other churches Church of England Common Worship morning prayer or NC as feels best to those present.

<u>Tuesday</u>	<u>Thursday</u>	<u>Friday</u>
5 <sup>th</sup> Parwich		8 <sup>th</sup> Hartington
12 <sup>th</sup> Alsop		
19 <sup>th</sup> Tissington	21 <sup>st</sup> Thorpe	
26 <sup>th</sup> Biggin (porch)		29 <sup>th</sup> Hartington

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. **NO** service on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May or Monday 25<sup>th</sup> May.