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New Life and New Opportunities - Rev. Elliot George

The season of new life has begun! Just like Christmas, Easter doesn't end on the big day, but it's just the beginning of the season of celebration. In an odd sort of way, we mark this with our church structures too – this time of year features our annual parish meeting (also known as APCM) where we elect new members onto our church and parish councils, and new people come on board with fresh ideas and wisdom.

It's a great time of year to think more widely about the life of the parish too, as we reflect back over the last twelve months. Perhaps in this season of new life, there might be new chapters in our groups and events too. There will certainly be opportunity to become part of our councils at the APCM, but also opportunities to get involved in other areas: children and youth ministry like Sunday Club and Messy Church, joining the warden team, communication roles like the magazine and newsletter, homegroup hosts and leaders, mission and outreach, prayer and pastoral groups, and many more.

Might God be prompting you to get involved in something, or perhaps even start something new? If so, I'd absolutely love to have a chat! Perhaps, even, it's time to take a step back from something to begin a new chapter of something else.

Since I've been here, there has been a huge buzz of excitement and enthusiasm, and an eagerness to explore together what the next chapter of this Parish might look like. I'm grateful to all those who have offered their creative reflections as I've bedded in at all three churches over the last few months, but equally I'm grateful to those who have questioned and challenged the hows and whys of what we do. Family is about moving forward together, recognising difference and embracing diversity.

I'm so excited for what the future might hold for us as a Parish family. No doubt there will be changes on their way – some near, and some far off; some surface level, and some deeper. Change often brings uncertainty, questions, and trepidation when the path ahead feels unclear. In times like these, what matters most is not having all the answers, but knowing we are not facing it alone. Together, we support one another, adapt, find strength

in unity, and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus at the center. Every challenge becomes lighter when it is shared, and every step forward becomes more meaningful when we take it side by side.

Together, let's turn the page and see what new life God has in store for us, both as individuals, and as one big Parish family.

Blessings,
Elliot

Deputy Warden at St Peter's Church - David Skelton

We are looking for a new Deputy Warden at St Peter's to support David and Julian with their work. We seem to be busier than ever, and Steve has decided to stand down to spend more time with his family. We would like to thank Steve for his service over the past few years; he has learnt a lot and always been keen to help.

The role of Deputy Warden is not an arduous task and can be quite enjoyable. The rewards are a salary of £0000, but the satisfaction of serving and helping others.

As the constitution states 'Parish Wardens should only serve for six years, relected every year.'

If I am elected at the APCM it will be my seventh year, as the PCC voted to keep me on when Anne was here. It would be good for someone to shadow me for a year with a view to taking over.

I was a Deputy Warden for a year before being asked to be Parish Warden (which I enjoy tremendously). You get the benefit of meeting members from the other churches and having a say in how the church is run by being an ex-officio member of the PCC.

Please come and talk to Julian or me, and pray about it.

Front Cover:

"We've got lambs at the bottom of our garden!"

Easter at St Mark's-John Walker

Changing a reluctant donkey and a reluctant disciple.



The commemoration of the death of Jesus and celebration of his resurrection at Easter is the most important festival in the Christian Year. Without resurrection, Christmas would have been pointless. Without Easter, there would have been no Pentecost when the Holy Spirit fired up the church.

The week before Easter began with a search for our reluctant St Mark's donkey. It eventually came out of hiding when bribed with a carrot. Sometimes it's good to get into a story by imagining yourself as one of the characters. And what better character for Palm Sunday than the reluctant donkey?

What could possibly go wrong? We thought about all sorts of objections we might have to following God's calling. We might not want to hear, or we might make mistakes, or just want to stay where we're comfortable.

But the donkey was important to God and so are we. Without the donkey, Jesus would not have entered Jerusalem in the way that prophets had foretold centuries before. Like the donkey, we have a part to play in God's amazing plan.

We continued our celebration of Easter at St Mark's with a parish service on Maundy Thursday evening, the eve of Good Friday. Should that be celebration or commemoration?

Elliot took us on an adventure back in time using drama, music, video and reflection. As we shared communion, we were reminded that this was indeed a celebration of God's love for us.

As well as many of our regular congregation and those from elsewhere in the parish, we were delighted to welcome a huge gathering of the Sewter Family who chose this memorable day to gather, just as the disciples gathered on that day with Jesus.

What Jesus and the disciples were celebrating was Passover, a reminder that the angel of death passed over the homes of the Israelites, sparing them the loss of their children. The events of the eve of the first Good Friday were a celebration of the release of the people of Israel from slavery many centuries earlier.

This was the final act which convinced Pharaoh to free them from bondage. This was celebration indeed. But what came next? For the Israelites it was forty wilderness years, the result of their own ingratitude to God.

As we reflected on this on Maundy Thursday, we wondered how the participants at the Passover celebration on the eve of the first Good Friday felt. Judas, maybe with a heavy heart or charged with anger, left to betray Jesus. The other eleven apostles perhaps put on a brave face, unsure whether to celebrate or cry.

Jesus, knowing what was to come must have experienced a grief he was unable to fully share; a sorrow which continued as his disciples slept in the garden of Gethsemane while he prayed his anguished prayer "Your will be done, not mine".

Some stayed on after our Maundy Thursday celebration to reflect quietly on those events of Gethsemane in preparation for Good Friday. For many of us, Good Friday began with a walk of witness in King Street and an opportunity to invite others to share the good news.



Easter Sunday at St Mark's was certainly a celebration, led by Philip Waller. We shared the joy of the risen Lord; the darkness of the crucifixion and emptiness of Easter Saturday now behind us.

The Sunday after Easter is sometimes referred to as 'Low Sunday'. Perhaps it's because it's the first opportunity for a holiday with a reasonable chance of sunshine, but numbers in

church are often lower than usual. In spite of many of our regular congregation being away, it certainly wasn't a low Sunday.

We welcomed a good number of children to enjoy family worship together. Having enjoyed three family services in March and April, the creative team has been very busy - thanks especially to Sarah and the girls.

Our theme was 'Seeing is believing?' as we explored the account of Thomas meeting the risen Lord. Again, we wondered how the disciples felt, and especially Thomas as he'd missed out on the first meetings with Jesus after the resurrection.

Was he upset about this? He was initially reluctant to believe.

By the end of the story, Thomas was one of the first of Jesus' followers to address him as "My Lord and My God". We may not be able to touch Jesus in the flesh, liker Thomas did, but we know God's love in so many ways as we walk with him.

Thomas was no longer reluctant to believe. He is no longer 'doubting Thomas' and should be better remembered as 'faithful Thomas'.

We finished with the words which Jesus spoke to us: "Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have believed." That's the question for all of us: Do we need to see, or are we ready to believe?



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Graham Hughes 1937 - 2026 (David Skelton)



Grahame was one of our unsung Bellringers for over forty years! Every Sunday, he would be up in the ringing room with his band of people making the wonderful sound that welcomes us to church.

Sadly, a few years ago he had to give it up as the long difficult walk up the tower steps got too much, however he still took an avid interest in bellringing which his wife Gill, now our tower captain, and his Grandson also enjoy.

Graeme had been a bell ringer for almost seventy years. He learnt to ring in Macclesfield after he left the church choir due to his voice breaking. He progressed quickly and was soon ringing peals with the prestigious band at Christchurch, Macclesfield. He was Ringing Master of the Birmingham University band during his time there but after university he rang very little until he married, ringing for a while at Duffield. It was not until much later, as the family grew up, that he was enticed to Belper as they were short of ringers to ring for a wedding. He joined the Belper band in 1980 and was appointed tower captain in 2008 after the sudden and unexpected death of Arnold Morley, the tower captain at that time.

During his time at Belper, he rang almost eight hundred quarter peals - a hundred and thirty - three at St Peter's, and the majority of the others in Derbyshire towers. He gave up ringing in 2018 when the stairs became too much for him, shortly before he was diagnosed with Parkinson's Disease.

**Graeme's funeral will be at St Peter's on
Wednesday 13th May at 2 - 30pm. All are welcome.**





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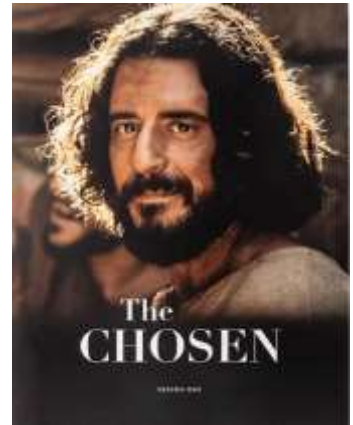
Container Challenge



Arrived in Romania - Thank you!

THE CHOSEN-Alan Price

We are screening Season 1 of THE CHOSEN, the acclaimed drama series based on the life of Jesus, seen through the eyes of those who knew Him. The show has been watched by an estimated two hundred and eighty million people worldwide, a third of whom are not religious. The response has been generally positive among Christians, though there have been various controversies over aspects of the show, mainly over aspects on interpretation of Biblical text.



The producers are quite up-front in saying that some locations and timelines have been combined or condensed, and backstories and some characters, or dialogue, have been added.

The first season portrays Jesus starting his group of disciples and his ministry. In episode 1, shown in April, we were introduced to Mary Magdalene and a few of the disciples, getting to know who they are before meeting Jesus. We met Simon and Andrew, fishermen who are struggling with their tax and gambling debts. We met Matthew, a tax-collector for the Romans. Interestingly, we meet the Pharisee Nicodemus who attempts to exorcise a demon-possessed woman in Capernaum's Red Quarter named Lilith but is unsuccessful, causing him to question his faith. The episode concludes with this poor woman encountering Jesus, who identifies himself as the Creator of humanity and calls her by her true name, Mary Magdalene.



Further episodes will introduce us to other people with different backgrounds who become his followers. In a very realistic way, we are not given formal introductions and sometimes it takes a while to identify who is who - Mary Magdalene; the stonemason Thaddeus; the choir member Little James; the fishermen Simon, Andrew, Big James, and John; the caterer Thomas; the vintner Ramah; and the tax collector Matthew.

Tuesday 12th May at 7.00pm is our next showing at St Swithun's, when we will watch **Episode 2 'Shabbat' and Episode 3 'Jesus loves the children'**, because they are short episodes. Other episodes are generally around fifty minutes long, but, if possible, we will try and show two episodes in one evening – (two episodes last around the same time as a 'normal' film). We will discuss this with our audiences in coming sessions.

Future proposed screenings will be **9th June, 7th July, 8th September, 13th October & 10th November** with a Christmas Special 'Messengers' on 8th December.



HOPE for Belper NEWS

There are currently three main projects run by Hope for Belper:
The Food and Community Hub, The Plot, and Next Steps



Thank your your ongoing
support, prayers and donations
for the Hub.

A few items we are short of this month
are:

- Angel Delight
- Tinned potatoes or packs of mash
- Custard
- Rice pudding
- Sponge puddings
- Sugar
- Toilet rolls
- Deodorant

A big thank you to all who have
donated recently, we appreciate
it so much!

The Food and Community Hub
is open on Tuesdays and
Fridays, from 12 - 2pm
at Belper Baptist Church.
All welcome!

A meal is provided every Tuesday
and Friday, and support is
available from Citizens Advice
(CAB)

Creative sessions also take place
one Tuesdays each month thanks
to Fleet Arts (see below for recent
creations!)





Food grown at The Plot is given away at the Food & Community Hub, and used in some of the meals!

The Plot gardening project found a new gardening space in the autumn to continue their fantastic work, growing food for the Food and Community Hub

Currently meeting on Thursday mornings



Next Steps is a coaching project which supports people attending the Food & Community Hub by linking them with a volunteer coach who supports them in setting and working towards their own goals.

If you would like further details of these projects,
please contact:
secretary@hopeforbelper.com
and your email will be passed on to the relevant people

Different paths, different wilderness, same desired destination -

Nick Gee.

As the Lenten period , Passion Week and the Celebration of Easter draws to a close, I wanted to share with you how I have been journeying through my particular wilderness, and yet at the same time, been surrounded by many others also journeying.

You may be aware that this year the holy seasons of Lent and Ramadan coincided. This is a rare occurrence as the festivals only overlap roughly every thirty-three to thirty-four years. This year, however there was a major convergence as both began within one day of each other; something not seen since 1943!

As part of my role as Associate Professor of Accessibility and Inclusivity, I am blessed and privileged to be invited to an abundance of different faith events, and indeed interfaith events throughout the year, but this year has so far been particularly special.

The act of fasting, either through restricting food and beverage intake or indeed through restraint and ‘giving things up’ for a period of time, is one of the most poignant and moving ways to re-focus the mind and to allow space for deep reflection and a period of calm to journey and walk according to our



faith. It is also a way to more clearly see common ground with others, as we are all joined through the same basic human needs.

This Lenten season I have spent time with many faith and community leaders, sharing experiences and perspectives, engaging in deep dialogue and having the humbling privilege of breaking bread together. Whilst our bread and our wine, dates and other fare, may symbolise different things, the act of fasting and feasting together brings about so many shared perspectives.

Perhaps one of the most poignant reminders of this is seen through Jesus's words in Matthew 7:12 and Luke 6:31 where the Golden Rule 'Do to others as you would have them do to you' (NIV) is spoken, but it is also important to note that this is not something which occurs only in the Bible, or indeed only in the Christian faith, as the following citations demonstrate.

Baha'i: "Blessed is who prefers his brother to himself" (Bahà'u'llàh tablets - 19th century).

Buddhism: "Whatever is disagreeable to yourself, do not do unto others" (The Buddha, Udana-Varga 5.18 – 6th century BC).

Confucianism: "Do not do to others what you do not want them to do to you" (Confucius, Analects 15.23 – 5th century BC).

Judaism: "What is hateful to you, do not do to your fellow-man. This is the entire Law, all the rest is commentary" (Talmud, Shabbat 31d – 16th century BC).

Jainism: "In happiness and sorrow, in joy and in pain, we should consider every creature as we consider ourselves" (Mahavira, 24th Tirthankara – 6th century BC).

Hinduism: "This is the sum of duty. Do not unto others that which would cause you pain if done to you" (Mahabharata 5, 1517 – 15th century BC).

Islam: "None of you will believe until you love for your brother what you love for yourself" (Hadith 13, The Forty Hadith of Imam Nawawi – 7th century).

Seneca: "Treat your inferiors as you would be treated by your betters" (Letter 47 11 – 1st century).

Shintoism: "Be charitable to all beings, love is the representation of God" (approximately 500 CE: Ko-ji-ki Hachiman Kasuga – 8th century BC).

Sikhism: “I am a stranger to no one, and no one is a stranger to me. Indeed, I am a friend to all” (Guru Granth Sahib, religious scripture of Sikhism, p. 1299 – 15th century).

Zoroastrianism: “Do not do to others what is harmful for yourself” (Shayast-na-Shayast 13, 29 - between 18 and 15) century BC).

It is therefore even more moving when people of all faiths and none converge together from a foundation of love and respect to listen, to hear, to learn and to journey together. A dear friend of mine, who happens to be a Buddhist, once said ‘Sometimes in life we get very hung up on who is driving the bus and who is already on board, instead of asking where the bus is taking the passengers and deciding whether or not to hop aboard ourselves and enjoy the ride together’.



During this holy month, I attended Birmingham Central Mosque with Archbishop Bernard Longley, Archbishop of Birmingham, and my dear friend

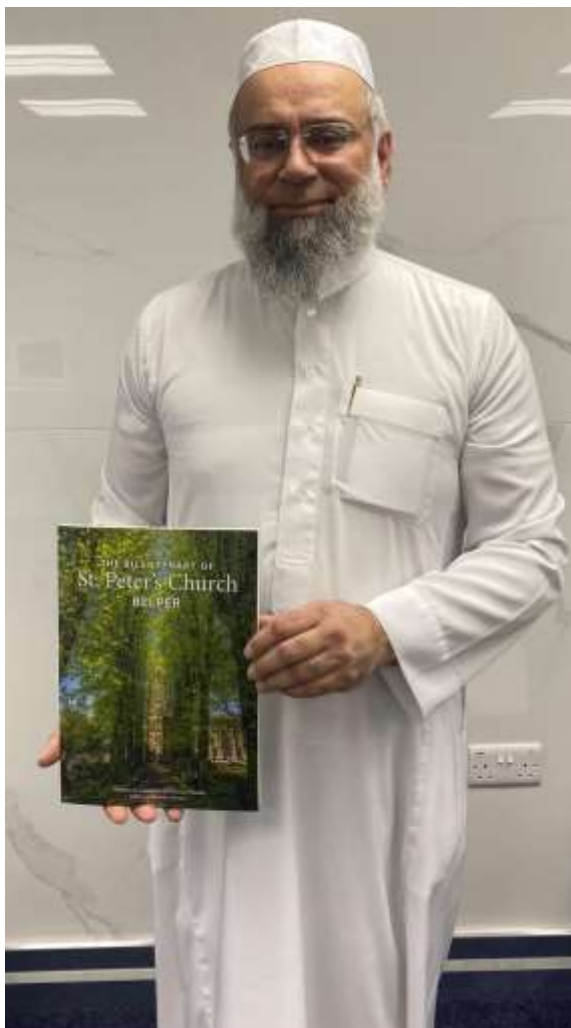
and fellow Christian Dr Barbara Howard - Hunt (also an Associate Professor of Diversity and Inclusion), to visit our friend Imam Mohammad Asad MBE, Lead Imam of Birmingham (and winner of the top fifty most influential Muslims in Europe award), to observe Friday prayers.

During this special time of worship, dialogue was held about the coincidence of Ramadan and Lent, and prayers for worshippers of both faiths were offered. We enjoyed a tour of the splendid building, which is the second purpose-built mosque in the UK, and was built in 1969. It is a truly wonderful space, so peaceful, prayerful and respectful. We laughed together as, with any place of worship, upkeep comes at a high price, and

we exchanged stories of fundraising for windows, damp-proofing, bereavement areas, community outreach and much more!

Following the visit to the Mosque, Archbishop Bernard hosted Imam Mohammad at St. Chads Cathedral in the City for a similar time of reflection and shared prayer, further uniting both holy places and their communities.

Following our time together, I presented Imam Mohammad and Archbishop Bernard with copies of the St. Peter's Bicentenary book (Barbara already has her copy as she was at St. Peter's for our daughter Violet's baptism, which is when some of the photographs were taken – page 79 if you're interested!).



The purpose of me writing this article (besides just wanting to share with you what has been a really enriching time for me), was to urge us all to remember that within our whole community there is far more that unites us than divides us and in this troubled world and the turbulent times its people navigate, that steadfast foundation can only serve to do good.

“And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love” 1 Corinthians 13:13.

Editorial Comment.

One of my most moving experiences ever, was visiting the Tombs of the Patriarchs and Matriarchs in the Ibrahami Mosque in the West Bank City of Hebron, the traditional burial place of three biblical couples: Abraham and Sarah, Isaac and Rebekah and Jacob and Leah. At the time a Jewish Wedding Party had been granted permission to enter the Muslim Area to get closer access to the Tomb of Abraham. To share the space with members of all three Abrahamic religions was a very special experience and a reminder of the common roots of all three religions. Nick’s Article reminds us of how much key World Religions share. This a very appropriate moment to celebrate common bonds that so many people share at a time when there is a heart breaking emphasis on highlighting elements that divide us.



The Tomb of Abraham, Cave of the Patriarchs.

Derby Refugee Solidarity Lunch-John Hastings-Thomson

On Tuesday 21st April a group from Derby Refugee Solidarity were entertained to Lunch in St. Petr’s West End. Refugees from Eritrea, Ethiopia and Somalia were among the refugees.



Another opportunity to develop ties with the Group. Many thanks to everyone involved.



Summary of our Parish's Annual Meeting (APCM)

Rev Elliot George

The APCM is a wonderful opportunity to find out about, and celebrate, the last twelve months of the Parish's life, and also look ahead to the next twelve months – so, thank you to all who came and joined in on the 21st April.

It's been a big year for the Parish in lots of ways, and there are so many more thank yous to say! Details of the last year can be found in the APCM Report booklet which has been meticulously assembled over the last month or so (first thanks go to Jane, Mary and Tracy for their hard work). At the meeting, we also heard additional details about the Parish's finances which are currently healthy, thanks to God's generosity (and also thanks to Patience, Chris and David for their diligence).

We also had a safeguarding update, and a reminder of how fundamental it is to keep everyone safe in our church communities (thanks to Sue for her commitment and responsibility).

There have been several additions to our Parish's worshipping community over the last year, which is also very encouraging (thanks to Siân for her administration of this). But these reports only scratch the surface of how much this Parish is thriving in all sorts of ways – groups, hobbies, concerts, fellowship, spirituality, and so much more – and I'm so grateful for everyone who plays their part in keeping us growing!

Looking to the year ahead, I'm really thrilled that our parish council (PCC) will be joined by three new faces – Chris, Bonnie and George – who will bring some fresh perspective and ideas. But there's also so much more opportunity to get involved: with children and youth work, wardens and stewards, administration and communications, and so on. It really does take everyone to keep this Parish thriving, and I echo Julian's gratitude for all who have got stuck in and kept the momentum, through the vacancy and beyond. Especially when change comes in the months ahead, let's continue to grow in love of God and each other, and together keep our eyes open to where God is leading us in the upcoming year!



Twenty - five years of Valley CiDS (continued) - Kate Gough.

The Turner Farm Project is the product of a merger between the Turner Educational Trust, established in 1740, and Valley CiDS. Once a forty - eight acre farm on the outskirts of Swanwick, the land is now home to a smallholding, a Vocational Learning site and a Men's Shed.

To quote from CiDS website 'Our goal continues to be the delivery of a financially viable, environmentally friendly site that creates life-changing opportunities for young people and is of significant benefit to the local and wider community.'

The learning facility offers alternative education programmes for young people who, for one reason or another, have disengaged from or cannot access mainstream education. The success rate of this is phenomenal - building skills, confidence and self-esteem in the young people who spend time there, over a thousand so far!



There are now plans to build a purpose-built Vocational Learning Centre on the site, a one to one and a half million pound project. To quote the CEO of CiDS 'God leads us to make plans so BIG that ONLY God can fulfil them!'

Underpinning everything they do is the desire for young people to turn their lives around and achieve their God-given potential.

If you'd like to learn more about CiDS or visit the Turner Farm look at their website <https://www.valleycids.co.uk/> or ask Kate and David.



Church Summer Party - The 46ers!

Those of us who were born in 1946, or thereabouts, have lived through eight decades of peace and prosperity in the UK in a way that no previous generations have done...in the words of Harold MacMillan "You never had it so good!"

In gratitude for that, and as a very small 'Thank you', some of us are organising a Summer Party. It's not a birthday party - no cards or presents expected. It's just an excuse for folk in the Parish to get together and enjoy each other's company, strengthen old friendships and perhaps forge some new ones.

It will be at the Nailer's from 7 – 11 on Friday June 26th, and the food will be on a bring-and-share basis. There will be music, and dancing for those who are brave and fit enough to boogie!

There's a limit on the numbers we can accommodate, so admission will be by free ticket, and these will be allocated to the three churches on the basis of their regular Sunday attendance numbers.

In the next couple of weeks, sign-up sheets will appear in each of the three churches, which will let you apply for a ticket and also indicate what food you are planning to bring.

We're sorry that we can't take requests to reserve tickets.

If you have any questions, please ask any of us and we'll do our best to answer...Sue Allen, Wendy Batley, John Hastings -Thomson and Tony Ward.

We look forward to seeing you there!





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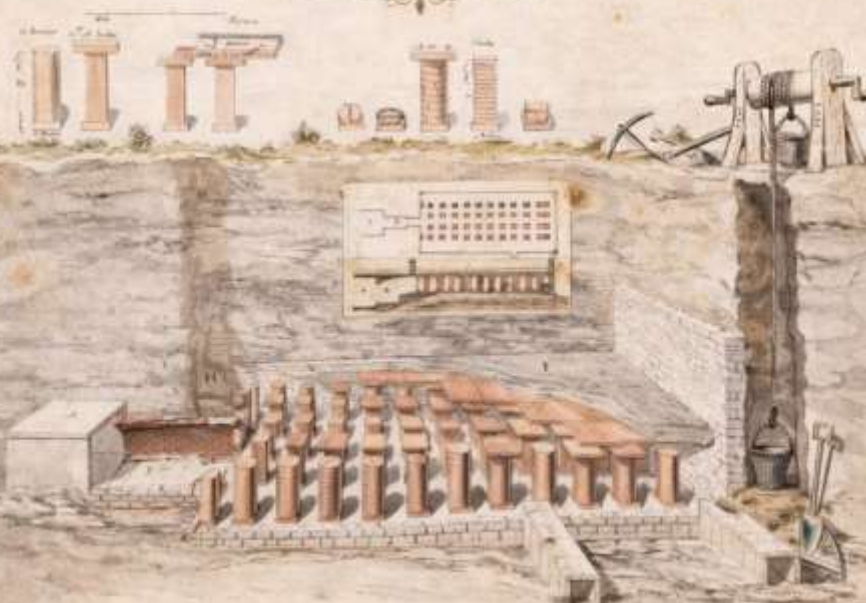
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9th	Saturday - 8:30 to 1pm a stall on Belper Farmers' Market - come and say hello!
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12th	Tuesday - Whatstandwell - 5 miles
13th	Wednesday - Lower Hartshay, Ripley - 7.5 miles
14th	Thursday - Flamsteed Memorial Park, Denby - 5 miles
15th	Friday - Firestone Layby, Farnah Green - 5 miles
16th	Saturday - Whatstandwell Station - recreation of our original walk from 50 years ago followed by a buffet lunch

All our walks are open to non-members
Please keep checking our website as some details may change

www.ambervalleyramblers.org.uk

You can also find us on Facebook

Monthly Mid-Week Communion



A mid-week service of Holy Communion takes place on the first Wednesday of each month at St Swithun's.

It begins at 9.30am - just before the usual Coffee Morning at 10.15am.

Please do join us if you are able.



Churches who pray together grow together. If you can, please take the opportunity to pray, both individually or with others at one of these weekly meetings:

St Peter's: Tuesdays at 11.30am

St Mark's: Wednesdays at 10am

St Swithun's: Thursdays at 11am

Zoom: Wednesdays at 7pm

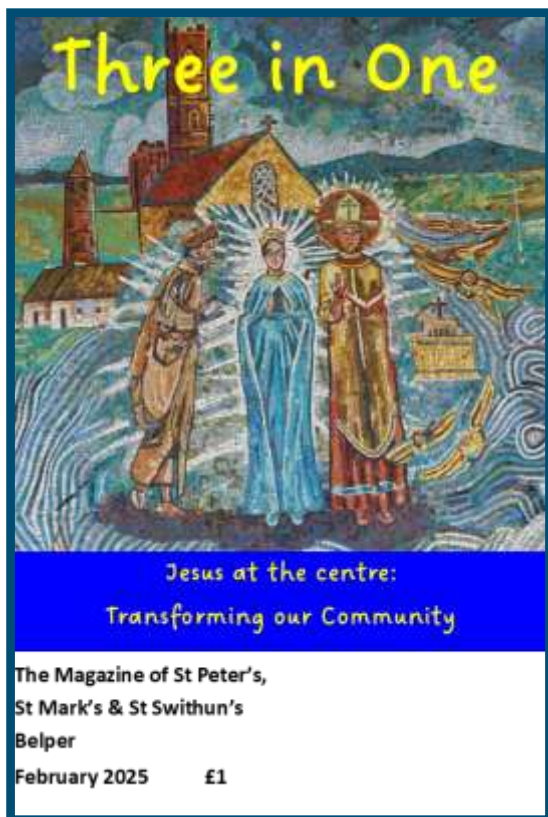
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Parish Online Prayer Chain

This is a way of sharing Prayer Requests for those we know and love.
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**First Tuesday of the month
at St Peter's
Next date: 5th May**



Could you help prepare
families for Baptism or
Thanksgiving?

Sessions are 3rd Sunday
(generally) at 2.30pm – 4pm in
St Peter's.



Family Occasions



Funerals

St Peter's:

13th February: Peter Taylor (79) of Dovedale Crescent, Belper

26th February: Doreen Scallion (80) of Heanor Rd, Ilkeston

27th February: Geoffrey Birch (82) of Haddon Hall Care Home,
Buxton

9th March: Patricia Ann Ford (77) of Spencer Grove, Belper

17th March: Margaret Frecknall (95) of New Breck Rd, Belper



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Services in May

	St Peter's	St Mark's	St Swithun's
Sunday 3rd	10am Morning Worship	10am Holy Communion	11am Morning Worship
Sunday 10th	10am Holy Communion	10am Family Worship Service	11am Morning Worship
Sunday 17th	10am Relaxed Worship	10am Morning Worship	11am Holy Communion
Sunday 24th	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship	11am Morning Worship
Sunday 31st	10am Holy Communion	10am Morning Worship	10am Morning Worship

May themes and readings

Sunday 3rd Fifth of Easter	Acts 7: v 55 - 60	John 14: v 1 - 14
Sunday 10th 6th of Easter	Acts 17: v 22 - 31	John 14: v 15 - 21
Sunday 17th 7th of Easter	Acts 1: v 6 - 14	John 17: v 1 - 11
Sunday 24th Pentecost	Acts 2: v 1-21	John 7: v 37 - 39
Sunday 31st Trinity Sunday	2 Corinthians 13: v 11-13	Matthew 28: V 16 - 20

Derwent Valley Open the Bible Assemblies (Formerly Open the Book)



We are currently looking for one or two people to join our team for the 'Open the Bible' assemblies at St John's School in Belper on a Thursday afternoon, once a month, at 2.15pm-3.20pm.

Full training given...

**If you are interested, please call or email Tracy in the office,
01773 828772 / office@stpetersparishbelper.org.uk**

Thank you !



**Found in Ely Cathedral
by John Walker.**

Dates for your diary in May

Mondays	Craft Group at St Peter's (excl 4th May)	6.30 - 9pm
Sun 3rd	Art's Trail Venue - St Peter's	12 - 4pm
Sun 4th	Art's Trail Venue - St Peter's	10 - 4.30pm
Tues 5th	Coffee Morning at St Peter's Prayer Group	10.30 - 12pm 11.30 - 12pm
Thu 7th	'Cobbles' knitting group at St Peter's	12 - 3pm
Sat 9th	Coffee Moring at St Mark's Messy Church at St Swithun's Classic Rock Revival Concert at St Peter's	10 - 12.00pm 4 - 6pm 7.30 10pm
Mon 11th	Games Afternoon at St Peter's	2 - 4pm
Tues 12th	Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study at St Peter's Prayer Group at St Peter's St Swithun's TLC meeting St Mark's TLC meeting	10 - 11.30am 11.30 - 12pm 2.30pm 7.30pm
Thu 14th	Widow's Might... group at St Peter's	10 - 12pm
Sat 16th	First Aid Course at St Swithun's Dalesmen Male Voice Choir Concert at St Peter's	9 - 4pm 7 - 10pm
Tues 19th	Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study at St Peter's Prayer Group at St Peter's St Peter's TLC	10 - 11.30am 11.30 - 12pm 7.30pm
Mon 25th	Bank Holiday - Parish Office Closed No Craft Group	
Tues 26th	Tuesdays @ 10 Bible Study at St Peter's Prayer Group at St Peter's	10 - 11.30am 11.30 - 12pm
Thu 28th	Widow's Might... group at St Peter's	10 - 12pm
Fri 29th	'Two Queens - One Crown' Play at St Peter's	7.30 - 9.30pm
Sat 30th	Chris While and Julie Matthews in Concert at St Peter's	7.30pm

Parish Pray Diary for May

1st Young People's Fellowship (YPF)	11th Smiles, Romania	21st Cultural Diversity
2nd Algeria	12th Creativity	22nd PPC/TLCs
3rd Items in the news today	13th St Crispin's, Pune	23rd Morrocco
4th Those taking exams	14th Ascencion Day Prayers	24th Pentecost prayers
5th Care Homes in Belper	15th Belper Food Hub	25th National Government
6th Local Government	16th Belper Food Hub	26th Churches Together in Belper
7th Children's work across the parish	17th Praying for the Diocese	27th Interfaith Relations
8th War and Conflicts	18th Central African Republic	28th World Poverty
9th Mauritania	19th Ukraine	29th Royal Family
10th The cost of living crisis	20th The Natural World	30th Those who need our prayers
		31st Mental Health

Regular Groups

Mondays

Games Afternoon	2-4 pm on the 2nd Monday at St Peter's (excl August)
Craft Group	6.30 - 9 pm (except Bank Holidays) at St Peter's
2nd Belper (St Peter's)	
Guides	Contact Donna Roberts for details: stpeterguide@btinternet.com

Tuesdays

Coffee Morning	10.30am on the 1st Tuesday at St Peter's
Bible Study	10 am weekly except the 1st Tuesday at St Peter's
Prayer Group	11.30am St Peter's (except the first Tuesday of the month)

Wednesdays

Holy Communion	9.30am on the 1st Wednesday at St Swithun's
Prayers at St Mark's	10am every Wednesday at St Mark's
Coffee Break	10 am on the 1st Wednesday at St Swithun's
Little Church	10am - 12pm in term time at St Peter's
Community Gardening	2 - 4.30pm at St Peter's
Bellringers	6.30 pm weekly (Gill Hughes 823115) at St Peter's
Prayer Group	7.30pm @ 'Fourways' Anne and Andrew Hardy's

Thursdays

Prams and First Shoes	9.30 - 11.30am in term time at St Mark's
Widows Might ...	10 - 11.30am on 2nd and 4th Thursdays at St Peter's
Craft for Charity Group	2pm on the 2nd Thursday at St Mark's
Music Team	7.30pm every week at St Peter's

Fridays

Young People's	
Fellowship (YPF)	7.15pm every week in term time at St Peter's

Saturdays

Messy Church	4 - 6pm on the 2nd Saturday at St Swithun's
	and 4 - 6pm on the 4th Saturday at St Mark's

Sundays

5 - 6pm Contemplative Prayer Group - Meadow Court Resident's Lounge (behind Riversdale)

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