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Parish Vision: Part Two

Rev. Elliot George

Since our Parish Weekend in Wydale, we've been exploring the question, "Where do we go from here?" The three key words that came to mind as we move forward as family were Commit, Evolve, and Grow, and this month we'll delve into what it means to **Evolve** together.

As last time, let's start by looking at the story of Ruth which we explored at Wydale. Ruth's commitment to Naomi which we highlighted last time, wasn't just for one moment, but required Ruth changing her whole life as she looked to the future, not the past. Ruth came from Moab, a nation who refused to let Israel pass through into the promised land during the Exodus a couple of centuries earlier, and instead went to war with them. They weren't just outsiders, they were cursed enemies. If Ruth really wanted to commit to Naomi, it would require her to evolve too – giving up her own family, culture, and identity, and embracing a new one as she moved to Israel. Boaz, her future husband, also recognised this evolution, saying, *"I've heard about how you left your family behind in your native land to come and dwell with a people you did not know"* (Ruth 2:11), and exactly a chapter later, she'd become famous for this transformation, as Boaz says that *"all the people of the town know you and your noble character"* (Ruth 3:11).

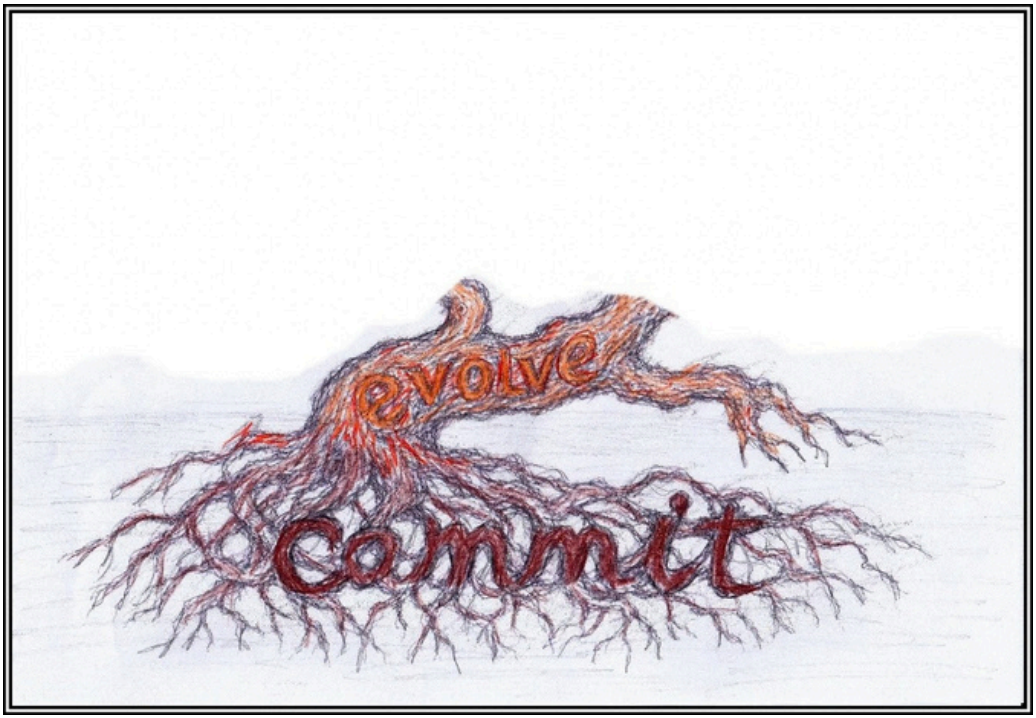
Interestingly, the word usually translated as 'town' here is ***shaar*** which more literally means 'gateway'. Ruth has passed through both the physical and cultural gateway, and was no longer an outsider or cursed enemy, but had fully assimilated into her new identity, and become part of the townsfolk of Bethlehem.

I wonder what it might look like for us as a Parish to be committed enough to each other to be able to evolve together. Evolution, like Ruth's, isn't just change for the sake of change, but learns from the past in order to make the best for the future. Churches can often get stuck thinking about the good old days, rather than learning from the past, assessing where they are now, and exploring

where God wants them to be in the future. Times change, and the world keeps spinning and moving, but God too is always on the move. He won't rest until all creation is renewed, and we're certainly not there yet! What about us – are we so focused on how things have been that we lose sight of how things could be?

Here's some gold-digging trivia: gold seldom replenishes in the same spot, and relentless digging in one mine is more likely to cause damage. But, gold veins often come in clusters. Maybe we're stuck deepening the same old pit, when a few metres along there could be a treasure trove waiting. I'd love for us to foster a sense of boldness and creativity, not being afraid to try out different things in a world which has changed so much, even just in the last six years. These changes aren't arbitrary, but hopefully they help us keep in step with God as he guides us into the future, sharing his love and truth more effectively in 2026 and beyond. So, let's keep asking: where are we currently missing opportunities to share Jesus's good news?

The third and final part comes next month!



St Mark's Family: From soap opera to epic of biblical proportions

John Walker

After spending several Sundays looking at the soap opera of Abraham's family in Genesis, we moved on to the biblical epic of Exodus.

Our look at Genesis focused on a single family. It was a family fraught with deceit and underhand dealings. Yet, throughout it all, God remained faithful to his promise to make Abraham the father of many nations, with descendants as numerous as the stars in the sky. That isn't a reason for us behaving badly in order to gain God's favour!

Exodus begins with a cast of thousands - God's promise was already being fulfilled. But, the numerous Hebrews were enslaved by a harsh and cruel foreign king. Although we often associate the stories of Exodus with epic films such as The Ten Commandments, it really begins with just a handful of actors.

A couple of midwives were empowered by God to defy Pharoah's orders to kill the newborn Hebrew boys. They honoured God and refused. Even though they never appear in the Bible again, we still know their names three and a half thousand years later.

A more famous name came onto the stage. Without the midwives' small act of defiance, the great leader, Moses, would never have survived. We can still be amazed at the consequences of even the smallest of our attempts to honour God in our lives.

This was reflected by the testimony of one of the members of our Wednesday prayer meeting. She thanked the God of epic stories for his interest in her apparently trivial concerns. He had answered her prayers during the previous week when some relatively minor issues were troubling her. We were encouraged.

We also continue to be encouraged by the turnout for prayers each Wednesday morning. There are usually at least a dozen of us meeting to thank God and talk with him about local and sometimes global concerns.

Sometimes it seems that God is slow in answering our prayers when we are troubled – especially in the ways we want. I am reminded that peace isn't the absence of affliction, but knowing God's presence in times of difficulty. We may not be able to change the world overnight, but God will honour us in every little thing we do or ask in his name. The consequences can be unimaginable as we hear when we follow the story of Moses.

Back to the Bible story, and moving on a few years in the life of Moses, Linda spoke perceptively about the Passover. She compared our situation with that of the Hebrews who were instructed to be ready to travel and journey with God. Are we slaves to tradition, for example? What are the things we need to be free from?



For our September family harvest, we left Moses and looked at the gospel reading from Matthew 18: Jesus' parable of the unforgiving servant. It was a busy and joyful occasion with gifts generously presented for the food bank. Generosity was the subject for the morning, not just financial and material, but also generosity of spirit. Forgiving one another is the expression of a generous spirit and it was amusing to see one of our church wardens dramatically sentence the other to prison (aka the pulpit) for being an unforgiving servant. We did eventually let her out. Don't miss our next family service on 11th October.

Our regular activities have re-started after the summer break with the addition

of a new home group. We now have four groups meeting fortnightly for fellowship and an opportunity to look in more depth at the previous Sunday's subject.

We enjoyed our September coffee morning with Joan's usual delicious cakes and an occasion to chat and share one another's company. We were delighted to welcome Julie back, now recovering after her spell in hospital. It was encouraging to hear her say how well supported she had felt by St Mark's.

Back to the cinematic theme: Film Club will be starting again on 3rd October at 4pm. All are welcome as we show a film for family viewing with refreshments provided. There's no charge - it's another act of generosity! This will also be an auspicious day for another lovely church family reason: it's David and Valerie's wedding day. We wish them all the best as they begin their lives together.



Welcome Chris!

David Skelton



We are pleased to announce that, after months of praying and asking, we have a new Deputy warden at St Peter's. Chris Pott is joining the team on a trial basis.

Chris and Louise have been coming to St Peter's for about two years now; they came to Belper initially renting a property to see if the Lord was calling them to leave their beloved Bristol home and church and move to be closer to their daughter and grandchildren who have lived in Belper for some time. They now have bought their own house in Belper, so are, unless the Lord decides differently, here for the long term.

Chris brings with him a wealth of experience, having been heavily involved in church life in Bristol (their previous vicar even sent glowing references). Chris's working life was in the joinery trade having worked on many major structural projects over the years. His input on the fabric side of the church will be most gratefully received.

They both soon settled into St Peter's attending our Sunday service, joining and sometimes leading our Tuesday morning Bible Study group, as well acting as sidespeople, and helping with teas and coffees.

Julian, Judie and I are relieved and thankful that we have another member joining the team, and look forward to working together.

It's A Kind Of Magic

David Anderton

One dream, one soul
One prize, one goal
One golden glance of what should be
(It's a kind of magic)...



Well, the magic was certainly in the air at St Swithun's when Rob Comber, (aka 'Freddie', frontman with the Queen tribute band The Bohemians) came to entertain us with music and reminiscences from his life before and during his time with the Bohemians. Tales about auditioning, learning the piano on the job, and exploring how to harmonise. A new world of wigs and stick-on taches, and "looking the part"! Then came feelings of 'imposter syndrome' and concerns of giving up a 'proper job' and going fully professional.

The audience was captivated! Interspersed with his back-story were various Queen songs performed on piano and acoustic guitar. Especially poignant were *Love of my Life* and *Hammer to Fall*. We finished off with some community singing (*Bohemian Rhapsody* – a first for St Swithun's!), and a short Q&A session to end.

Around 70 people packed into St Swithun's for what was a wonderful, uplifting, and, yes, magical night. Many thanks to Rob, and to Tracy for organising this very special event. Your hard work was appreciated by all.

Harvest Celebrations

Jane Harlow

Many singers and musicians joined together from most of the Churches in Belper. We sang and played to the people in Belper's King Street for an hour. It was a lovely sunny morning, and we engaged with many people, some of whom asked us to pray for them which we did on Sunday. It was a great occasion.





We rounded off a busy week with a well-attended Parish Fish and Chip Harvest Supper at St Peter's, followed by a lively concert with our friends, The Amber Band, who are frequent performers at St Swithun's.



Alpha

We're running an Alpha course this autumn, which is a great opportunity for those new to thinking about faith to come and ask the big questions about life! The first session will be on 7th October at 7pm. Please pass these details on to anyone you think might be interested, and contact Elliot for more information.

Reflections on the Neurodiversity Training

Chris Craddy

My grandson, daughter and niece have all recently received varying diagnoses of ADHD and autism. We all realise that my late mum's emotional difficulties were almost certainly associated with similar neurodivergence and that I, unsurprisingly, have a number of traits in common too. So I had personal, as well as general and past professional, interest in the recent training at St Peter's. The presentation was more basic than I had hoped, being a general introduction to the subject, but it provoked some useful discussion. I think there is some suspicion among much of the population, probably fuelled by the right-wing media, that neurodiversity is the just latest fad, excusing and medicalising what others might term bad behaviour. Comments like "We didn't have ADHD in my day, now everyone seems to have it!" are relatively common.

The truth, I suspect, is that as psychology, neuroscience and medicine progress at an ever-accelerating pace, more and more is understood about the variety of human experience, inner life and behaviour. To begin to understand neurodiversity, we first need a basic grasp of statistics, specifically related to something called the Normal Distribution Curve. I won't use diagrams, but rather take human height as an example to illustrate. I would guess, without



checking the facts, that most people do not consider a man between, say, 5ft 6in and 6ft 2in to be unusually short or tall. AI tells me that approximately 83% of UK men are within these figures. Therefore 17% are either shorter or taller. That is about one in six of the men you see in a day. So, there is nothing remarkable in this. However, if we now look at 6 inches either way, and make the boundaries 5 ft 0in and 6 ft 8in, suddenly just over 99% of men fall within these figures, and less than 1% are either shorter or taller. So, we are much more likely to notice, and perhaps remark on, such a short or tall person, even if only in our own mind.

Now, height is a very visible thing about people and easily observed. To state the obvious, what goes on in people's heads is not. As we observe someone, and maybe interact with them, we make guesses about their state of mind. And guesses range from being relatively accurate to totally inaccurate. Our own personal biases, be they religious, political, philosophical or other, are very liable to affect our guesses/opinions. As does the media we choose to read or watch, the other people we mix with, our own self-esteem, upbringing, etc.

I may use a term incorrectly, only to be corrected by someone who knows the more recently adopted one, when terms seem to change so frequently, as the powers that be strive to improve and de-stigmatise them. Neurotypical people are perhaps best described as what most folk would call "pretty normal". Neurodivergent people are those we (and/or maybe they themselves, though very commonly not) may think are somehow different, maybe in a way we can't quite put our finger on. Think now for a moment about intelligence (quite difficult to define, and a lot more controversial a subject than it once was thought to be). If we meet someone we judge or know to have very low intelligence, we may have a number of different reactions, from pity, to love, to disdain. On the other hand, on encountering someone with very high intelligence, we may feel envy, admiration, fear, etc. Similarly, we

may feel very different about someone who is extremely logical, and "head driven", valuing thoughts above feelings, as opposed to someone more obviously emotional, thus more "heart driven", giving feelings more priority than thought.

Although neurodiversity is a very modern term and concept, many modern thinkers view the following historical figures as having probably been neurodivergent: Albert Einstein, Joan of Arc, Isaac Newton, Charles Darwin, Beethoven, Mozart, Jane Austen, Leonardo da Vinci, Churchill and many others. As well as being evidently intelligent, their neurodiversity would almost certainly have been a large factor in their success and fame. The people on this list are obviously widely valued for their contributions to humanity. For those readers who have watched *The Chosen*, the tax collector turned disciple Matthew is beautifully portrayed as thinking and behaving in a different way, and I think it would have fitted Jesus's plan to have neurodivergent representation among the Twelve. But we must also consider that many of the negatively influential, hated, despised and feared individuals of history will have been neurodivergent too. There is much less speculation about such people's neurodiversity, for very understandable reasons, which are interesting, though not relevant to this article.

So, to conclude, I am trying to say that neurodivergence is neither a negative nor positive quality. It can however contribute to human wellbeing or harm, in both the individual concerned and wider society. The gospels show that Jesus was clearly a champion of neurodiversity 2000 years before the concept arose, by valuing and including the different, and declaring good news for all humankind. My prayer is that I (and we) will increasingly be able to view all people who think, see the world, and act differently from us with less and less judgmentalism and more and more understanding and valuing.

(I originally had an additional conclusion to this article, which some of you might have guessed. Feel free to ask me about it if you are interested.)



Wet Felting Quiet Day Exploring prayer 17th October

Wring out my clothes
Such love does
the sky now pour
that whenever I stand
in a field
I have to wring out
the light
when I get home.

(St Francis of Assisi)

Join Alison Brown at St Swithun's
17th October 9.30am-3.30pm

We will be using a wonderful range of colours and textures of wool fibres and silks to explore what prayer means to each of us and what part prayer has in our lives. The day will include time and space to reflect together and individually and to enjoy working with the materials.

No previous experience of wet felting is required! Tea, coffee and cake will be provided. Bring your own lunch. Cost £20. Places are limited, so please book your place by emailing alisonbrown3141@aol.co.uk

Parish Party

The rearranged Parish Party will now take place on:

Friday 23rd October

Nailers Function Suite at 7pm

We've tweaked some of the arrangements that were in place for the original event which was postponed because of the heat.

So...

- There will not be a disco or any unduly loud music
- We will eat at 7.30pm, so no one will be getting increasingly hungry as the evening wears on
- We're not flagging up an end time... leave when you need to

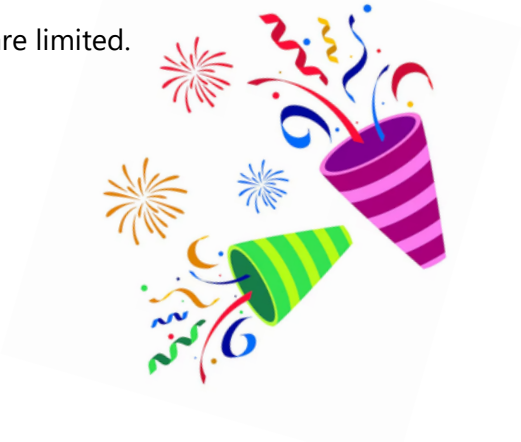
But...

- It will still be food on a bring-and-share basis
- There will still be fun games for anyone who wishes to join in
- The Nailers' bar will still be serving your favourite beverages

It will be a great way to check in with old friends and make some new ones, as well as get ready for the forthcoming winter months.

Admission by free tickets as numbers are limited.
Sign-up lists are in churches now!

Tony W, Sue A,
John HT, Wendy B



What do Colombia, North Korea, and Kazakhstan have in common?

Richard Marsden

No, this isn't a pub quiz question. It has nothing to do with population, flag, language, currency or sporting prowess. It's because all three of these countries feature in the annual World Watch List, published by the charity Open Doors each year.

What is the World Watch List? It is launched in parliament each February and lists the top 50 places in the world where the Christian Church is attacked, persecuted, restricted or harassed in some way. It's estimated that 360 million Christians worldwide now face restrictions in some form or other.

This may be relatively 'mild' – being denied access to higher education if your parents are known to be Christians, having undue bureaucratic demands put on your church and being closed down if you don't fully comply. It may be more severe – arson attacks on the homes of known Christians, arrest and imprisonment without trial. In some cases, kidnapping, 'disappearance' or murder.

All of this should come as no surprise to us because Jesus said "In this godless world you will continue to experience difficulties." But he also said "Take heart! I've conquered the world".

Open Doors supports with prayer, counselling, legal advocacy, safe houses, training for leaders, and start-up loans to help those who have lost their livelihoods or to rebuild homes and churches. Our Parish has supported Open Doors for many years and continues to do so.

Look out for their bi-monthly magazines and email newsletters, or visit **opendoorsuk.org** for more information.

Smiles Prayer Meetings

John Hastings-Thomson

The Smiles Foundation in Romania, one of the Chosen Charities we support at St Peter's, held their Monthly Prayer meeting on Monday 28th September. Smiles regularly features in our monthly Prayer Diary which is a very important part of The Smiles Family Life. It is based on the deep conviction that God hears our prayers and that he does answer them in his own way, in his own time. He does want us to trust him more and to keep working to share the Good News of the Gospel with the people who are in need of his help and support. We pray particularly for Kevin Hoy, Smiles CEO, who will soon embark on yet another exhausting trip, fund raising in the USA.

Branded Clothes

You can now order your very own hoodie, sweatshirt, or fleece with the new Parish logo! Scan the QR code to complete the order form, or get in touch with the Parish Office.



Cinema Corner

Rev. Elliot George

Ridley Scott's latest movie is *The Dog Stars*, which certainly doesn't rank among his all-time greats like *Alien*, *Blade Runner* and *Gladiator*, but does pose some interesting questions about life, death and purpose. It's set in a dystopian near-future when an unknown virus has wiped out the majority of human life, and survival is all that people strive for especially when new gangs of poachers form. Mild spoilers ahead!

At one point, the protagonists find an eerie 'paradise' where the creepy rulers say that God has blessed them. One character flippantly retorts, "Oh, so this is where He's been hiding!" Sadly this is how many people see God today, if at all – absent, uncompassionate and neglectful. Though, for many of us, the opposite proves true: when we hit rock bottom, God is our rock at the bottom. In times of sorrow, his peace is our refuge (Psalm 46:1).

Meanwhile… The cynical loner mocks a nearby family of Mennonites (Christian communities similar to the Amish) for their archaic beliefs and lifestyles. But, they have something he doesn't: happiness. In this world full of grief and hopelessness, the only visible moments of happiness are when it's shared between people who have given up their fear of the 'other' and embraced them to fulfil the primal need for human connection. Is this not the gospel too?! No matter how dark and 'apocalyptic' the world may feel, or how self-preserving our instincts tell us to become, our purpose is still to show love, build relationships, break down barriers, and offer Jesus's message of hope, life, and death-conquering love.



Updates from the Church Committees

Rev. Elliot George

Here's a summary from September's three Church Committee meetings:

At all three, we discussed the new Parish Vision: for us to commit, evolve, and grow together. More info will be shared at belperparish.com/vision in the coming weeks. Noticeboards have all been refreshed. October coffee mornings will raise money for Macmillan.

St Peter's: Exploration continues about the altar and font positioning. Financial giving is down and insurance costs are up. Upcoming building projects may include bell tower, east churchyard steps, and storage space outside of the office. Helpers required to organise the Winter Market on 28th November. And Chris Pott has agreed to be the new Deputy Warden!

St Mark's: There are two vacancies for the committee (please speak to Geraldine or Elliot if interested). A fourth homegroup has now launched. Work is needed on multiple outdoor walls and the car park tree, costing upward of £10,000 in total, but currently finances are balanced.

St Swithun's: Messy Church now on Fridays after school, and midweek communion is after the coffee morning. Exploring options for updating AV systems and card-reader machine. Wifi has now been installed. Organ and boiler to be serviced soon.

What Has Nature Ever Done For Us?

Anne Clark

This is the title of a book I am reading at the moment. In fact, the full title of the book is, *What Has Nature Ever Done for Us: How Money Really Does Grow On Trees*. The book is written by Tony Juniper, an environmental campaigner and former director of Friends of the Earth. Today, he is the Chair of Natural England, the official government organisation working for the conservation and restoration of the natural environment in England. The main theme is that without nature, all our human-made production, miracles of food and other products that make life so nice, would crumble. Therefore, it's not either/or, either we worry about the economy or we worry about nature. Without nature, the economy sinks.

The book was written in 2013 but I have only just discovered it. I have also listened to several TEDx talks that Tony has given and he starts by making the point that governments are often telling us that we have to make a choice between ecology and economic development. Throughout the book he explains that without nature and a stable environment, there can be no economy, business, jobs, and a functional society. Money truly does grow on trees.

Tony starts with the example of the vulture, a creature with a grim and unpleasant reputation. The vulture, however, serves a useful ecological function in many parts of the world. India is a country with vast herds of cattle and in the past when animals died and their corpses littered the landscape, vultures could clean up a carcass in minutes, leaving only bones. Several years ago, however, Indian farmers began using a new anti-inflammatory drug on their cattle. Traces proved to be lethal for vultures, who were killed in vast numbers. Dead cattle were left to rot with disastrous effects and there was an explosion in the population of wild dogs. More dogs led to more dog bites and that caused more rabies infections among people. The disease killed thousands of people and cost the Indian government about £22 billion.

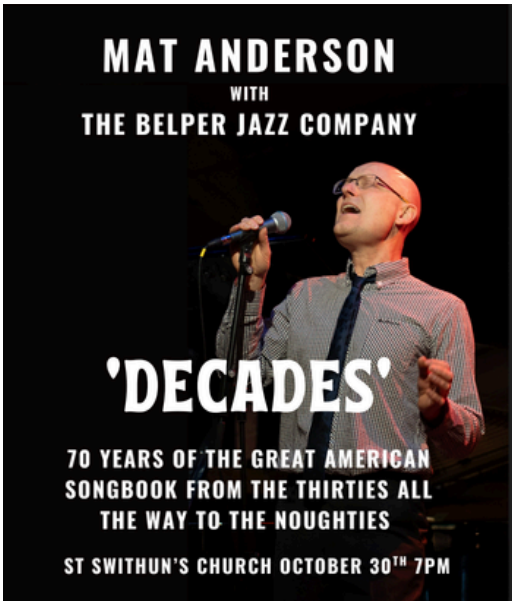


This book, along with many other books, about nature and the environment can be found on the bookshelf in the right-hand back corner of St Peter's church, by our Eco display area. There are two books there by Dave Bookless, (*God Doesn't Do Waste* and *Planetwise*) which are very inspiring and easy to read. Dave Bookless is a Church of England vicar who felt he heard God say, "**How do you think I feel about what you're doing to my world?**" Dave eventually went on to start A Rocha and then ten years ago the Eco Church movement. A reminder that St Peter's became the first church in Derbyshire to receive a Silver Award, 2nd church in Derbyshire and 57th in the country to gain a Gold Eco Church Award. Derby Cathedral now has a silver and Christ Church Belper has a bronze. St John's School Belper has a bronze school award awarded by keepbritaintidy.org.

We are planning to show an inspiring eco film in St Peter's on Saturday 31st October. Doors will open at 6.45pm with the film starting at 7.15. The film lasts for 75 minutes and afterwards we will provide refreshments and a chance to chat. It is an inspiring documentary about a British couple who tear down fences on their failing, 400-year-old historic estate to let nature restore the depleted land. The project became one of the most significant habitat restoration efforts in Europe.

The photography in the film is amazing, with reviewers comparing the quality to high-end natural history programming. It features detailed macro shots like an owl eating a worm and a bird catching a dragonfly. It also includes rare captures, such as an active turtle dove nest and extraordinary footage of Tamworth pigs diving for mussels. As this magazine goes out to the wider public, under the rules of our video licence we can only promote a generic event (i.e. Eco Movie Night) without naming the specific film title. However, you can message the church to find out the name of the film. Once you know that, you can invite friends and tell them the title, word of mouth is okay.





On **Friday 30th October**, St Swithun's gets ready to swing through 70 years of vocal jazz in a night of music, stories, and impeccable playing.

From Sinatra to U2, Mat Anderson with the Belper Jazz Company brings his own distinctive interpretation to classics from the Great American Songbook, alongside a selection of more contemporary surprises.

Combining musicianship with engaging storytelling, Mat explores the songs, artists and eras that shaped popular music.

Tickets available from Eventbrite via **belperparish.com/events**

Coffee Mornings



All our coffee mornings in October
will be raising money for Macmillan:
St Peter's: Tuesday 6th, 10.30am-12pm
St Swithun's: Wednesday 7th, 10-11.30am
St Mark's: Saturday 10th, 10.30am-12pm

Hope for Belper

You can download the *Bank the Food* app to find out what our local food bank is most in need of.
At time of print, they are specifically asking for:

- Beef stew (tinned)
- Minced beef and onion (tinned)
- Baby wipes
- Deodorant
- Ravioli
- Rice

food & community hub


Messy Church
Everyone's welcome!
Crafts, stories, songs and food for the whole family
St Swithun's
Now on Fridays!
3.30-5.30pm
11th September
9th October
13th November
11th December
St Mark's
Saturdays
4-6pm
19th September
17th October
21st November
19th December

Family Occasions & Life Events



Baptisms

6th September at St Peter's

Evelyn Jefferiss
Callie-Rose McCormack
Charlie McCormack
Samantha Baldrick



Weddings

19th September at St Swithun's

Samuel Baker & Chandni Maugi

26th September at St Peter's

Samuel Mycock & Maria Helena Fernandes Djaite

Sunday Services in October

	St Peter's 10am	St Mark's 10am	St Swithun's 11am
4th October ***18th after Trinity*** Exodus 20:1-20 Matthew 21:33-46	Family Worship *Elliot & April*	Holy Communion *Philip & Charles*	Morning Worship *Helen*
11th October ***19th after Trinity*** Exodus 32:1-14 Matthew 22:1-14	Holy Communion *Carol*	Family Service *Linda & Elliot*	Morning Worship *Elliot & Michael*
18th October ***18th after Trinity*** Exodus 33:12-23 Matthew 22:15-22	Relaxed Worship *Elliot & Wendy*	Morning Worship *John & Michael*	Holy Communion *April*
25th October ***Last after Trinity*** Deuteronomy 34:1-12 Matthew 22:34-46	Holy Communion *Judy & Linda* **7pm:** Hope & Light	Morning Worship *Charles & John*	Morning Worship *Elliot*

October Diary

Prayer Focus

Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
			1st Government	**2nd** YPF	**3rd** Fairtrade	**4th** News and the media
5th Black history	**6th** Macmillan coffee morning	**7th** Farmers & agriculture	**8th** Turkiye	**9th** Messy Church	**10th** Mental health	**11th** Dyslexia awareness
12th Women & girls' equality	**13th** Smiles, Romania	**14th** Egypt	**15th** Items in the news today	**16th** Neurodiver gence	**17th** Music & worship	**18th** Menopause
19th Comoros	**20th** Ukraine	**21st** Those who need our prayers	**22nd** St Crispin's, Pune, India	**23rd** Qatar	**24th** Parish finances	**25th** Art & culture
26th Hope for Belper	**27th** Scripture Union	**28th** Children's work	**29th** South America	**30th** Open Doors	**31st** Remembering those we have lost	

Events

- Belper 250: The Concert
  3rd October, 7.30pm, St Peter's
- Cold Flame: Jethro Tull tribute
  10th October, 7.45pm, St Peter's
- Derwent Valley Wind Band Night at the Movies Gala Concert
  17th October, 7.30pm, St Peter's
- Zep Meddlin': Led Zeppelin tribute
  24th October, 7.45pm, St Peter's
- Familiar 2 Millions: Oasis tribute
  30th October, 7pm, St Swithun's
- Mat Anderson & Belper Jazz Company
  30th October, 7.45pm, St Peter's
- Eco Film Night
  31st October, 7pm, St Peter's

Regular Groups

Children, Youth & Families

· Little Church at St Peter's
Wednesdays (term time), 10am–12pm
· Prams and First Shoes at St Mark's
Thursdays (term time), 9.30–11.30am
· YPF at St Peter's
Fridays in term time, 7.15pm
· Messy Church at St Swithun's
Usually 2nd Fridays, 3.30–5.30pm
· Messy Church at St Mark's
Usually 3rd Saturdays, 4–6pm
· Film Club at St Mark's
Usually 1st Saturdays in the winter months, 4pm

Activity Groups

· Craft Group at St Peter's
Mondays at 6.30pm
· Games Afternoon at St Peter's
2nd Mondays at 2–4pm
· Gardening Group at St Peter's
Wednesdays at 2pm
· Bell ringing practice at St Peter's
Wednesdays at 7.30pm
· Worship Band practice at St Peter's
Thursdays at 7.30pm
· Craft for Charity at St Mark's
2nd Thursdays at 2pm

Homegroups

· Monday afternoons
· Monday evenings
· Wednesday afternoons (x2)
· Wednesday evenings (x2)
· Friday evenings

Bible & Prayer Groups

· Lydia Group at St Peter's
Every 3 Mondays at 11am
· Bible Study at St Peter's
Tuesdays at 10am
· The Chosen at St Swithun's
2nd Tuesdays at 7pm
· Service at Spencer Grove
4th Wednesdays at 2pm
· Prayer on Zoom
Wednesdays at 7pm
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· Service at Coxbench Hall
Last Fridays at 2pm
· The Chosen at St Peter's
2nd and 4th Thursdays at 2pm
· Silent Prayer at St Peter's
1st Sundays at 8am
· Silent Prayer in Meadow Court Residents' Lounge
2nd Sundays at 5pm

Social Groups

· Coffee Morning at St Peter's
1st Tuesdays at 10.30am
· Coffee Morning at St Swithun's
1st Wednesdays at 10am
· Coffee Morning at St Mark's
Usually 3rd Saturdays at 10.30am
· Widows Might at St Peter's
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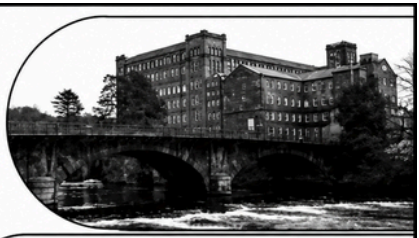
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