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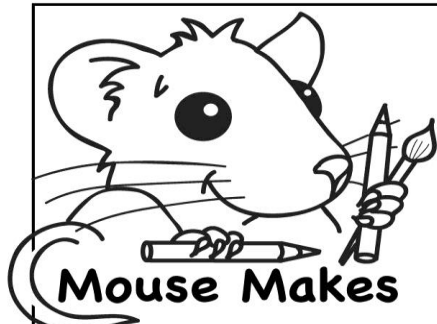
Breaston and Draycott Church and Village News January 2015

It is now January 2015 Happy New Year to one and all. We say new but there are some things we bring from last year in to this one. One of those things might be a New Year's Resolution that seemed good at the time but in the cold hard light of day that track suit with that intention to lose weight suddenly doesn't seem so appealing anymore. My wife bought such an item in pink but when it arrived the shocking fluorescent pink item was a bit too much for her; just a bit too visible for her liking; so I believe that exercise will be off the agenda for a while. Could it be the same for you? I just make a New Year's resolution that I know that I'm not going to keep like "I'm not going to have any chocolate this year" and I feel really bad when I fail, well maybe not!!! Even so Christmas may truly be gone but there is something or even someone that we carried throughout December and bring with us into this year. These are the sentiments of our Advent Candles, the first being The Candle of Hope, the Second is The Candle of Peace, The third is The Candle of Love, the fourth is The Candle of Joy and the fifth is The Birth of Christ. It is in carrying these truths in our lives of Hope, Peace, Love and Joy with the light who is Christ in our lives guiding our footsteps into the known and unknown places; where certainty and uncertainty are roads which we will walk through in 2015. It is only as we allow God's word to be a light to us, that is; "A **light to My Path** and a **Lamp to My Feet.**" That our fleeting reminiscing and resolutions concerning the past become just that another year all too quickly gone and instead can be replaced with the light of Hope, Peace,

Love and Joy becoming the signposts to Christ and Christ in turn journeying with us and lighting our way into and through 2015; but only if we will allow Him to enlighten our hearts along the way.

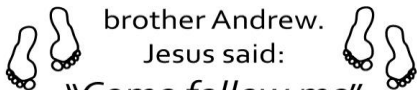
Rev'd Arnold Dixon

Children's Pages



A NEW BEGINNING- Jesus calls his first disciples

As Jesus was walking beside the Sea of Galilee he saw two fishermen, Simon called Peter and his brother Andrew.



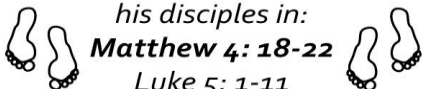
Jesus said:

"Come follow me"

At once they left their nets and followed him. Further on he saw James and his brother John in a boat with their father. Jesus called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed him.



Read this story and the other stories of how Jesus called his disciples in:



Matthew 4: 18-22

Luke 5: 1-11

John 1: 35-51

Matthew 9: 9

**When Jesus calls you
will you follow him?**

JESUS said

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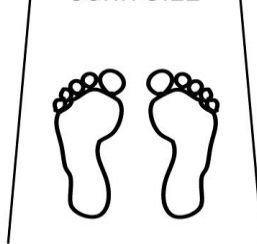
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JESUS said
"I am the light
of the world.
If you follow
me, you won't
have to walk
in **darkness**,
because you
will have the
light that
leads to life."

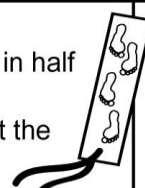
John 8:12



To make the bookmark:

Colour in then cut around the outside, fold in half along the dotted line and glue together.

Add a tassel to the bottom by punching out the holes and tying through a length of ribbon.





BABUSHKA

Once in Russia, there was a woman called Babushka. Her house was perfect because she was always cleaning. One night, a star appeared above the village: everyone rushed outside to see it but Babushka missed it because she was too busy sweeping and polishing.

Three Kings came to the village following the star. Babushka invited them into her house and cared for them very well. As they left, the Kings asked her to join them on their journey. They were following the star to find the new-born King of Kings, the baby Jesus. Babushka wanted to follow them - she promised to catch them up, as soon as the house was tidy. It was days before the house was clean and then she set off, carrying a basket of toys for the baby.

But she was so far behind and when she arrived in Bethlehem, the kings and the baby had gone. So, still to this day, Babushka travels the world with her basket of toys, leaving them as presents for good children, just in case the child is Jesus.

PUTTING THINGS OFF

Sometimes we put things off because other things are more important to us, or because we are too frightened to start something that is different. There is a word for putting things off until tomorrow, it is

PROCRASTINATION

How many words can you make out of the letters of this word? Try today and don't put it off!

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What do you call a magic dog?

A Labracadabrador.

Where does the three legged horse live?

In the unstable.

What's small and cuddly and bright purple?

A koala holding his breath!

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Babushka is the Russian word for 'grandmother'. Some Russian nesting dolls are called Babushkas, but mostly they are called 'Matryoshka' which means 'mother'.



St Michael's Children and Youth Activities

Reaching up, reaching out, together

Children and Youth – January 2015 Newsletter

- Sun 4th Jan** No Children's or Youth activities
- Sun 11th Jan** All Age Worship – Christingle Service - No separate activities
- Sun 18th Jan** Kool Kidz and Kidz Extreme activities
Frenz 10.15am
- Sun 25th Jan** Kool Kidz and Kidz Extreme activities
Frenz 10.30am
Please note the service starts at 10.30am and is at Breaston Methodist Church
- Mon 26th Jan** Messy Church at Breaston Methodist Church 3.30-5.30pm



Message from Dawn Sycamore – Everyone at Young Church wishes you all a Happy and Healthy New Year. As the year begins, I would like you to examine whether you are able to join the valuable work that Young Church does in supporting our children in their faith journey. Without the help of volunteers, we cannot continue. Full training will be given and your help can be tailored to your skills and the time you have available. Please contact me to discuss this further. Thank You (dawnsycamore0@gmail.com or 07746213482)

Our groups – The **Creche(birth-2yrs)** is where babies and toddlers can play and be cared for in a friendly environment and where Christian principles and stories can first be introduced. **Kool Kidz(3-7yrs)** the children can explore their faith and develop their knowledge with fun activities such as singing, stories, role-play and craft. **Kidz Extreme (7-11yrs)** understanding and knowledge of the Christian faith is developed to a deeper level, whilst keeping the activities fun and stimulating. **Frenz(11yrs+)** is where young people explore through faith-orientated activities with the help of Rosie, our Youth Worker.

Our services – Children of all ages are welcome to any of the 10.15am services. Usually, the 2nd Sunday of each month is an All-Age Worship Service where a mix of songs, stories and activities are selected to suit both children and adults and where children can take an active part if they want to. On other Sundays, if children would like to go with the children's groups, they start off in church then, at the indicated time, walk with leaders/parents to the church hall. They will return towards the end of the service and share with the congregation details of their activities .

For all services, please help yourself to the **activity bags** at the back of the church/bell tower, which are appropriate for children upto 10 yrs. They are colour coded as follows: Red – baby/soft toys; Purple – under 5's; Brown – over 5's. Please return the bags at the end of the service. Also, we have **Children's Bibles** in the pews, which were kindly funded by the generosity of those at St Michael's Church. Thank you to everyone for all their support in this project.

Other weekly activities include: **Youth Café** on Friday evenings at 7.30pm –

led by Rosie and volunteers; **Sunbeams** on a Wednesday at 10.30am at St Mary's Church Hall, Draycott – led by Ruth (0115 9726321)

For more information or if you have any suggestions / comments, please contact Dawn, our Young Church Coordinator on 07746213482 or dawnsycamore0@gmail.com and Rosie, our Youth Worker on 07849220601 or rosietheyouthworker@yahoo.co.uk

News from the Methodist Church

Happy New Year – may it be a good one for our village.

On 7th December, we held our Gift Sunday service which was attended by Christine from the Rainbows Hospice in Loughborough. She gave a short outline of the work done at the hospice for children from two weeks' old up to age of thirty years. The improvements in the world of medicine have seen children with incurable, progressive diseases live far longer than was usual years ago.

As the Rainbows Hospice relies very heavily on donations, we were asked to give money instead of craft items as this would benefit more patients overall. Funds are desperately needed.

On the afternoon of 7th, a selection from Handel's Messiah was performed by an augmented choir and donations at this event were again for Rainbows Hospice. A sum of £600.00 was gratefully received, again by Christine. We pray that the money given at these two events will be used wisely for the wonderful work done by staff and volunteers at the Hospice.

The stars in the village looked very seasonal and hope everyone added theirs to the three trees in the memorial garden. The Brownies and rainbows made stars and these decorated the church communion area and the windows in the hall which could be seen from Blind Lane. The Flower Circle and The Art Group decorated our foyer very tastefully and we extend our thanks to them.

THE WESLEY GUILD

The January programme for the Guild is as follows:

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| 8 th | The Long Eaton and Sawley Food Bank | Norman Thomas |
| 15 th | Heavenward Bound | Mr C Hayne |
| 22 nd | Italian Splendours -an illustrated walk | Stuart Bramwell |
| 29 th | Quiz Evening | |
| February | | |
| 5 th | Forever Angels Baby Home - Rachel and Hannah Towlson | |

BROWNIES AND RAINBOWS

Brownies hold their meetings on our premises on Mondays from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. Contact Louisa Theyers, Brown Owl on 01332 232366 for more information.

Rainbows also meet in our hall on Tuesdays from 5.00pm until 6.00pm. Anyone needing more information should contact Melanie Arden on 01332 875059.

BREASTON CHURCHES TOGETHER LUNCH CLUB

Date for the Lunch Club during JANUARY -The first date in 2015 will be 9th January then 23rd followed by 6th February

We are currently seeking a volunteer to help one of the cooking teams once a month on a Friday.

Also anyone with a little time to spare would be appreciated to convey participants to and from the Lunch Club held in the Methodist Hall. Please contact Thelma on 01332 873312.

METHODIST CHURCH SERVICES FOR DECEMBER

All Sunday services start at 10.30am unless stated otherwise

January

4 th	Covenant Service and Sacrament	Rev Arnold Dixon
11 th	Service	Ted Perfect
18 th	Service	Neil Jones
25 th	United Service in the Methodist Church	Deacon Terry Street

February

1 st	Sacrament	Rev Arnold Dixon
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Thelma Mortimer



Breaston Community Forum

HAPPY NEW YEAR from Breaston Community Forum



Thanks to all who displayed festive stars in their windows around the village
Special thanks to Firfield Breakfast and After School club, for the stars they made for the village businesses to use in their windows



Christmas Carols on Duffield Close, was enjoyed by many, and the mince pies and mulled wine went down well on a cold, crisp evening
The Salvation Army band did an excellent job playing for the community singing, the Village Singers sang three carols accompanied by Jonathan and Rev Chris Smedley gave a talk on love and sacrifice in the new film Frozen
Breaston Community Forum displayed stars, which people could write on and then hang on the Christmas trees which were situated in the Memorial Gardens. Donations will go towards the cost of the trees and the lights which were purchased to light up the corner outside the Co-op.



Didn't the Christmas trees look good in the Memorial Garden, lots of hand written messages fluttering in the breeze, thanks again to William from the Farm Shop for all his help
Many thanks to everyone who wrote a star for the trees at the Carols on Duffield event, it was very touching to have so many children writing messages to remember relatives who have passed away.
Huge thanks to Cresswell Caterers for the star shaped biscuits, which were enjoyed by everyone.
A big thank you for all donations to the Breaston Community Forum - all money raised will be used to fund more events for the village.



Bring your ideas for 2015 to our next meeting on Tuesday 20th January 7.30pm St Michaels Church Hall. Please come and join us

Thank you to everyone who has helped in any way during 2014

Watch the village notice boards- for further updates

For more details please contact Doreen Williams - doreenwilliams78@gmail.com or 01332 873149

Men's Danger Club

With Christmas rushing ever quicker towards us, the Men's Danger Club met for a Christmas wine tasting. What a chance to try a variety of wines to suit each course of your Christmas dinner! Why choose the normal 'plonk' when there are many other available delicious varieties from which to choose and enjoy with your Christmas dinner?

Tony Prior brought 7 wines to compliment the possible 5 Christmas dinner courses. (Aperitifs, Fish course-often prawn cocktail or salmon, Main course, Cheese and biscuits and Christmas pudding.) Thanks to his expert advice and guidance we were able to detect the distinct differences in their flavours. Seasonal nibbles were provided for most courses, nuts etc for aperitif, salmon canopies, NO cold turkey, a variety of cheeses with baguettes and finally stollen which allowed us to appreciate how the wine compliments each course and creating an ambience to put us in the mood, 'Looking forward to Christmas'.

We were now fully knowledgeable so, after visiting our local supermarkets or Majestic in Derby, we amazed our relatives and friends, and especially our wives, over the Christmas period with our perfect choice of wines.

I know that this will be in the January issue so we hope that you had a very happy Christmas and you will have a very enjoyable New Year.

Men's Danger Club. Join us on the 2nd. January for an After Christmas Chilli Chill-out. Shake off the Christmas cobwebs and treat your taste buds! We will meet at the Bull's Head at 7.30p.m., order some curries from Royal Spice then adjourn to the church hall. If you wish for further liquid refreshment please bring your own along. John and David."

Breaston Stepping Stones Club

On Wednesday 26th November, Breaston Stepping Stones did a show to raise money for Children In Need.

The theme this year was Toy Box, this included teddy bear rock and roll, dolls on music boxes, marching soldiers, combat soldiers, a ballet theme from Disney's Frozen and lots of little Rosie and Jims. They all looked fantastic and did a great job, we were very proud of them all, as were the parents. We sent a Pudsey bucket around the audience and raised £475, thank you and well done. Julie Phillips

Draycott News

News from Sunbeams

Sunbeams toddler group had a very happy and busy time over the Christmas period.

DEC. 3rd was the day of our sponsored "Toddle" for Treetops. It was a beautiful crisp, sunny morning and wrapped up well against the cold, we toddled from St. Mary's to the Methodist church, where refreshments were kindly laid on by Jane Turner and John Griffiths. After a story and some Carols we returned by the same route, to be met by representatives of Treetops Hospice, and hugs and applause.

We are delighted to report that over £300 has been raised so far from the event. A huge thank you must go to everyone who supported us, particularly the Mums and families who gave so generously, AND of course to the little ones who took part--a mammoth effort from the youngest members of our church, all of whom are under 3 years of age.

DEC 10th saw our Nativity Play performed in St. Mary's. A good congregation of proud Parents, Grandparents and friends, watched attentively as the Christmas Story unfolded (With one or two slight deviations from scripture!) Mary and Joseph, after an initial reluctance, blossomed into a smiling couple. Gabriel proved herself a very mobile angel, while the diminutive shepherds grinned happily at everyone. All the angels

were beautiful and played their part perfectly, while the three wise men looked splendid and important and VERY keen to follow the flashing star all the way down the church aisle. The very happy occasion finished with the singing of "away in a manger" as the little ones posed proudly for photographs.

Sunbeams will re-start on Jan 7th after the Christmas holiday.

Wilne with Draycott Church Calendar for January 2015

Thurs 1 st January	New Years Day		
Sat 3 rd January	No Coffee Morning		
Sun 4 th January	2nd Sunday after Christmas Day		
	All Age Worship	Methodist Church	10.30am
	Matins	St Chad's	11.00am
	Evensong	St Mary's	6.30pm
Tues 6 th January	Feast of The Epiphany		
Wed 7 th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 11 th January	Epiphany 1		
	Holy Communion	St Mary's	10.30am
	Discoverers	Church Hall	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm
Mon 12 th January	United Messy Church	Methodist Hall	3.30pm
Wed 14 th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 18 th January	Epiphany 2		
	All Age Worship	Christingle St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Mary's	6.30pm
Wed 21 st January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 25 th January	Epiphany 3		
	Holy Communion	St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm
Wed 28 th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am

Will anyone wishing to have news items printed in the magazine please contact Rev'd Gary Dundas 01332 872893 or Bernard Carter 01332 874974. All items need to be received before the 19th of the previous month to catch the system of printing.

No Coffee Morning in January

The December Coffee Morning raised the sum of £100.00 for Church funds. Kathleen Poyser wishes to thank all who helped in any way. The next Coffee Morning will be on 8th February 10am-11.30am

Friends of St Chad's Gala Evening

The last in the season of concerts for this year, was held on 6th December at St Chad's. 'Operahouse', a group of semi-professional soloists from Loughborough, came to entertain the membership and guests. A very high quality of voices and music was experienced by a good crowd. Tea, Coffee and mince pies was provided and Mr Barry & Mrs Margaret Stocks very kindly served a glass of complimentary wine, at their expense, to all those wishing to enjoy a seasonal tippie. Look out for your membership renewal forms coming through your letterboxes over the coming weeks. A good programme of concerts is being put together for 2015.

Friends of St Chad's Membership

If you are interested in joining the 'Friends' and supporting the commitment to preserve this lovely ancient building then please call the Membership Secretary Jackie Enever 01332 873140. You could also call in at Gary Dundas at Draycott to obtain a membership application form. Only £8 each or £12 for a family

St Mary's Christmas Dinner

50 people enjoyed a Traditional Christmas Dinner on 13th December, cooked and served by the Catering Committee. The Vicar thanked the Committee for their hard work and also those who had given prizes for the raffle. A programme of Carol singing closed the evening – everyone was in good voice.

Draycott Village Fund Dickensian Theme Evening & Switching on of the Christmas Lights

This village event goes from strength to strength with between 3,500 & 4,000 people turning up to enjoy the lights, music, children's rides, food and carol singing led by Long Eaton Silver Prize Band. The weather, although cold, was fine and made for a fun evening for all. Many commented on how well the event was organised. Very well done to the Village Fund.

1st Draycott Brownies

Thursdays 6 - 7:15pm St Mary's (Term time)

Spaces available now!

Contact – Caroline, draycottbrownl@gmail.com

07871 103861 or look at www.girlguiding.co.uk to register online.

GLOVES FOUND

A pair of black, leather, ladies gloves were left in Draycott Methodist church after the morning service on Remembrance Sunday. If you think they may be yours ring David Murden on 873388.



WHERE?

DRAYCOTT METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER OF MARKET STREET & DERWENT STREET

WHEN?

2ND MONDAY EACH MONTH

JANUARY 12TH FROM 3.30 - 5.30 P.M.

WHO FOR?

EVERYONE! PARTICULARLY FOR FAMILIES BUT ALL AGES WELCOME. (CHILDREN MUST COME WITH AN ADULT)

TO DO WHAT?

MAKE FRIENDS - DO CRAFTS - JANUARY THEME IS NOAH - SHARE A MEAL

The Draycott Guild

The Draycott Guild

The Draycott Guild welcomes new members; it is for men and women and we meet fortnightly on Wednesday evenings in the Methodist Church Hall (Market Street) 7.30pm to approximately 9.30pm. Membership charge is £7 for January to May. The objectives of the Guild are as follows:-

1. To increase the opportunity for fellowship and friendship within the Church.
2. To provide outreach to, and involvement with the local and worldwide communities.
3. To have a programme which is attractive to people who are not regular church attenders.
4. To provide a socialising opportunity for people.

The programme for January and February is:

7 th January	Quiz Evening devised by Sandra Stock
21 st January	Messy Church presented by the Draycott Messy Church Team
4 th February	Jerusalem presentation by Margaret Gregory
18 th February	Ash Wednesday with Rev Paula Hunt.

Please come and join us, you will receive a warm welcome.

DRAYCOTT METHODIST CHURCH

Services in January 2015

- 4th 10.30 a.m. United All Age Worship led by our own
member
6.00 p.m. Annual Covenant Service with Holy Communion
Rev Colin Emerson
- 11th 10.30 a.m. Café style Worship led by Mr Peter Nelson
6.00 p.m. Rev Peter Bates
- 18th 10.30 a.m. United Christingle Service at St Marys
6.00 p.m. Mr Geoff Petch
- 25th 10.30 a.m. Mrs Frankie Bray
6.00 p.m. Rev Colin Emerson – Holy Communion

Breaston & Draycott Women's Fellowship

BREASTON AND DRAYCOTT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP..... Concluding 2014.

OCTOBER. We held our annual Jumble Sale in St. Michael's Church Hall on 25th October. There was an incredible assortment of items which people from Breaston, Draycott, Borrowash, Long Eaton, Sandiacre and Stapleford had brought to us over the preceding months to sell or recycle as we wished. The mountain in Jean's garage grew steadily. My friend Andy borrowed a large transit van and four loads later the garage was empty. We were fortunate to be able to borrow all the tables from the Methodist Church once again and were finally ready for the Saturday morning onslaught!

When the first helpers arrived at about 8.30am there was a small queue of punters (alias dealers) outside the Hall and they offered to help us set up – but we politely declined. The Hall and yard were completely lined with tables loaded with clothes, toys by the ton, books, ceramics, glassware, bedding, ornaments of all description, tools very old and some new, electrical goods and some good items of furniture. Outside the gates the queue grew longer and longer... and at 10.30am we let them in. Sales were frenetic because we had so many great bargains. Hot dogs were flying off the BBQ, hundreds of cups of tea were poured and – who ate all the cakes?

We finally began to clear up at 1.00pm, people were still hunting for bargains and we were able to share what was left with some of our regular Charities. We gave several bags of clothes to be sent in a

shipment to Africa, a large quantity of toys for British Honduras and about half a ton of everything else to the PDSA in Derby. This will support the treatment of animals which are ill and have very poor, elderly or even homeless owners in Derbyshire. We were able to give a mixture of bedding/clothes to the Arc charity which supports people who are in desperate need when they leave prison.

So, all the things large and small which have been so freely given have gone where they are really needed, and I include all the things which we sold here. We raised a whopping **£1,600** which will be added to the Fellowship funds for distribution later in the year. We support a number of other Charities as well as those mentioned and like to make our donations locally rather than to National organisations.

We were exhausted by the time we finally cleared up, returned our tables and taken a small pile of things back to the garage for our next Tabletop sale at November's meeting. This year we were helped by our friends from all four Methodist and Anglican Churches in Breaston and Draycott and a lot of other people who do not come to church at all. Together it was a tremendous effort to make our Community Event really good fun and to raise the funds we need to make just a small improvement in the quality of other people's lives. On behalf of the Women's Fellowship Committee I want to say a **BIGENORMOUS THANKYOU** to everyone who helped us at the Jumble Sale and also to everyone who donated so many things for us to sell.

NOVEMBER 26TH - Women's Fellowship meeting in the church Hall at 2.00pm. We met Brian and his Guide Dog Iona to learn about Guide Dogs for Sight Disabled people. We had our usual

Tabletop Sale and refreshments. Iona proved to be a charming guest and our Fellowship members were able to give Brian a donation of £150 which was increased to £250 when Mrs. Mabel Hanford made a most generous personal donation of £100. A further £27 was donated into The Guide Dog collection box, so the total given that afternoon came to £275!

December 2nd - we joined with Ruth Pechey at the Draycott Christmas Fayre on a freezing cold evening. The Churches Together had a fantastic Tombola stall with a Christmas present for everyone who bought a ticket. We had a Christmas Tabletop and raised £70 for our funds and a further £50 for entries to the Christmas Hamper Raffle. The proceeds from this one will be donated equally to St. Michaels' and St. Mary's Churches to help with their work with children's activities. ***Guess who these chilly individuals are.....***



Many thanks to Mrs. Gertrude Ray from the Breaston Homes Park who generously donated the Christmas Hamper for our fundraising for Christian work with children in Breaston and Draycott.

DECEMBER 10TH was our Annual Christmas luncheon at Cleve Lodge, Elm Avenue Long Eaton. Forty two people enjoyed a four course meal which we were able to subsidise by 50% for members and guests, and Mr. Christopher Hayne said two versions of Grace. The most appreciated was ***'Dear Lord please bless this Bunch as they Munch their Christmas lunch'*** . We had a really good raffle with super prizes, all kindly donated. As we finished our most excellent luncheon we were entertained by the Village Singers who came by special request to sing part of their Christmas concert repertoire and all the carols we know and love. This was *'the icing on our cake'* - to quote several guests who said so - and sent us on our way full of Christmas tunes and cheer. Thank you Jan and the Village singers who all give their time freely and give cracking good performances. ***Here they are, some of the Bunch who Munched their Lunch....***



To conclude then, 2014 has been a most satisfying time for the Members and Committee of the Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship. Many thanks to Angela Thomson our Chairperson and everyone who has worked so hard at all our events and meetings.

On behalf of the Committee I wish you all a joyous and peaceful Christmas and a truly prosperous and healthy New Year. Margaret Gregory - Treasurer Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship.

Please note: Our Schedule of events for 2015 will be available early in January 2015 ready for our Annual General Meeting on January 23rd. At 2.00pm.

Church Wilne Rotary

The members of the Church Wilne Rotary Club were treated at their meeting on Monday 24th November, to an exceptional talk by Chris Parker, which was coupled with details and humour on the changing face of the Veterinary Practice. Chris who is from the Scarsdale Vets, Derby graduated from Edinburgh University 33 years ago and spoke about his early days as a Vet when there was no health and safety and included some of his many humorous experiences when working at the Edinburgh Zoo. Then it was a 24 hours a day job and they worked with all species. When Chris moved into the area there

were 14 veterinary practices linked to farming and now there are just 4 and with just 340 remaining within the UK out of 17,000. The future will see many changes with the species treated with pet pigs, rare breeds, Llamas and Alpacas becoming more popular.

Chris spoke about some of the animal disasters, the changing breeds of cattle before moving onto the improvements and changes in equipment linked to calving and diagnostics. Now they have ultrasound scanners and top of the range x-ray equipment. Their CT scanner is 7th generation and the images are in 3D. Their laboratory is equipped to give results and opinions the same day. The distance they travel to the farms used to be 9 miles but now they travel up to 42 miles. A lot of the work is to advise the farmers best practice plus of course emergency work with many farms under contact to receive a visit every 2 weeks.

Chris spoke further about the changing disease patterns, new diseases, TB, and Sheep Scab.

There are now some "Veterinary Deserts" in the UK with no animal cover including an area north of Sheffield and within Cornwall. One of the long term aims is to persuade future graduates this is their future.

Rotarian David Down gave the Club's vote of thanks to Chris for a humorous and informative talk and said some of the details were quite scary

Ray Terry
for the Rotary Club of Church Wilne



The members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne welcomed Bob Whitmore and John Wormald from the Derbyshire Blood Bikers who assist the medical services by transporting lifesaving medical supplies to hospitals in our region.

Bob in his presentation said he learned about this service at a meeting in Birmingham which was organised by a Southern Group. It took almost 3 years to get things organised and this included setting up a committee, getting charity status and they had to raise £5,000 to be accepted. Then they sorted out public liability and finally needed to convince the hospitals that this was a service without a cost, which they initially could not believe.

All volunteer riders need to hold an advanced riding qualification and undergo assessments before taking to the road on one of their four fully livered bikes.

Most of the deliveries are out of office hours and it is not just blood that is transported and includes urgent medical items, breast milk and bone marrow. The breast milk is contained in 4 oz bottles which is used to feed premature babies and since the introduction of this

breast milk illness in these babies has been halved. The biker transports 60 bottles which are contained in a special white bag and kept away from the blood which are in a special red bag.

The members were given an idea of the annual running costs and the importance of their fund raisers. They have been involved with the recent Rickshaw challenge from Nottingham to Alton Towers and then the next day to Coventry.

Currently they have 15 male bikers and several ladies on the fundraising side and they hope to get a fifth bike in the near future. Their bikes are based in Dronfield for Chesterfield, Derby, Burton-upon-Trent and Bulwell.

Their web site is www.derbyshirebloodbikers.org.

Rotarian John Cook in thanking Bob for a most informative and inspiring talk said well done for braking through many barriers and making Blood Bikers a reality.



Photograph: Left to right – Bob Whitmore, President Geoff Smith and John Wormald.
Ray Terry

At the meeting on Monday 1st December of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne, President Geoff Smith had the pleasure of presenting Steven Aynsley with a £200 donated Bennetts of Derby gift voucher as the winner of the balloon race held at the Derbyshire Show at Elvaston last June. Steven's balloon travelled something like 600 miles to Michelan, Oberfranken in Germany. The profit from this event went to CLIC Sargent



Photograph: Geoff Smith left congratulates Steven Aynsley

Also at the meeting President Geoff inducted Simon Beal as Vice President to become the Church Wilne President in the Rotary year 2016/17



Photograph Geoff right congratulates Simon Beal.
Ray Terry
For Church Wilne Rotary Club

On Sunday 7th December 14 at 11am, it was the start of the 2014 Rainbows Santa Fun Run at Elvaston Castle.

Every year Church Wilne Rotary Club support the event providing smiling marshals on the day and also to compete in the 5k circuit in aid of Rainbows Childrens Hospice.

This year was no exception and again they enjoyed a sunny, windy cool winters event on the day which was also the start of their annual Christmas Santa Float leading up to Christmas



Photograph: Some of the group of volunteers enjoying hot chocolate after the event

Ray Terry

For the Rotary Club of Church Wilne

Breaston WI

Happy New Year from Breaston WI

At the start of Advent the Breaston WI hosted a Carol Service at St Michaels Church. The event was attended by other WI groups and each group performed songs and readings.

We filled the church lots of ladies wearing their Christmas jumpers, and thoroughly enjoying the atmosphere inside this beautiful church. What a nice start to the Christmas season.

On the 6th December a Christmas Wreath Making Workshop was held at Elvaston Castle. This event was so popular last year that we had enough names this year to fill a morning and afternoon session. I was in awe of the standard of the finished wreaths. The doors of some homes will be well decked this year.

The last meeting of the year was December 8th. After business was discussed we ended the evening with a fun games night. The committee arranged the game "Play Your Cards Right"

The host taken on Brucie's role was Father Christmas played by Doreen and we had 2 glamorous elves Sharon and Liz. We the players hardly got a game right but great fun was had by all.

Rosemary and Gill had arranged our last outing of the year a coach trip to Haddon Hall.

This beautiful house which has survived from the middle ages is full of atmosphere. The open fires glowed, and in one room a story teller held our attention telling us some of the goings on of past occupants. A very enjoyable trip.

We are all looking forward to next year which will be the 10th birthday of Breaston WI. More about that later.

Wishing you all a Happy New Year.

Margaret Mac

This year is going to be an extra special year for us as we are celebrating our 10th anniversary. Members have already started their 10 for 10 challenges. These are fun activities to celebrate the ten years.

Thank you for all your support at our cake stalls, coffee mornings and of course the jumble sale and May Day Gala stall. Over the last 2 years, we have raised nearly £2,000 for charities, including the Women's Land Army Tribute, Safe and Sound, the British Legion Poppy Appeal and the Teenage Cancer Trust.

Please continue to support us and help us to do even more for the community in 2015!

*Long Eaton Operatic Society's Youth Group
Proudly Presents - Bugsy Malone*

A popular, pint-sized, pin-striped classic leaps off the silver screen and onto the Duchess Theatre stage in Bugsy Malone, a tongue-in-cheek tribute to the gangster films of the 1920s. Based on the hit 1976 film starring Jodi Foster and featuring an appealing and swinging score and libretto by Paul Williams, Bugsy Malone is good, clean, hilarious fun!

Two gangs of children, in a fictitious city comprised completely of children, are in a 1920s rivalry of Al Capone-style standards. Dandy Dan's gang has the upper hand since getting their hands on the "splurge" gun - a weapon that shoots an avalanche of sprayed foam! This puts Fat Sam and his bumbling buffoons in real trouble! Bugsy Malone, a one-time boxer, is thrust, not-so-willingly, into the gangster limelight, when he becomes the last chance Fat Sam's gang has of surviving. All Bugsy really wants to do is spend time with his new love, Blousey, but that just isn't going to come true for our hero.

Bugsy Malone is a fantastic choice for our youth group as it is a master class in musical comedy. Just imagine how delightful it is when it's brought to life by a group of extremely talented young people!

The show takes place from Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st February 2015, starting at 7.30pm with a matinee performance on Saturday at 2.30pm. Tickets are priced £7 and £6 available now from 07864 033663, Ticketsource (www.duchess-theatre.com) or directly from the Duchess Theatre at their regular Saturday coffee mornings.

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Saturday mornings

(from 10th Jan)

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Thursday 19th to Saturday 21st February 2015
Evenings at 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm

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Long Eaton, NG10 1EF**

Music and Lyrics by Paul Williams

Written by Alan Parker

This amateur production is presented by arrangement with Warner/Chappell Music Limited
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Some Very Strange Events around the world In January

Saturday 3 rd	Festival of Sleep Day
Tuesday 6 th	Cuddle Up Day
Thursday 8 th	Bubble Bath Day
Friday 9 th	National Apricot Day
	National Static Electricity Day
Saturday 10 th	Peculiar People Day
Friday 16 th	National Nothing Day
Tuesday 20 th	Penguin Awareness Day
Wednesday 21 st	Squirrel Appreciation Day
Friday 23 rd	Measure Your Feet Day
Saturday 24 th	Global Belly Laugh Day
Tuesday 27 th	National Chocolate Cake Day
Wednesday 28 th	National Kazoo Day

All found on the [Altius Directory](#) on the Internet

Just a little light hearted humour to finish

A slimmer's Psalm

Strict is my diet, I must not want,
It maketh me to lie down at night hungry,
It leadeth me to pass the refrigerator, it tireth my will-power,
It leadeth me in the paths of starvation for my figure's sake.
Yea, though I walk through the aisles of pasta's
I will buy no chocolate eclairs, for they are fattening,
The cakes and pies they tempt me.
Before me is a table set with green beans and lettuce,
It filleth my stomach with liquids,
My day's quota runneth over.
Surely, calories and weight charts will follow me all the days
of my life,
And I will dwell in the fear of the scales forever.

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St. Michael's Church Calendar – January 2015

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SUNDAY 4TH JANUARY (Epiphany)	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service with Holy Communion Evensong - St. Mary's Draycott
SUNDAY 11TH JANUARY (Baptism of Christ)	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Christingle Evensong
SUNDAY 18TH JANUARY	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service with Holy Communion Evensong – Draycott
SUNDAY 25TH JANUARY (Week of Prayer for Church Unity)	8.45am 10.30am 6.30pm	Holy Communion United Service -Breaston Methodist Church Evensong

Crèche, Young Church and Frenz Groups – For children of all ages. 10.15am (unless 2nd service starts at a later time, please see above for details), Sundays [4th, 11th, 18th, 25th, **January**. *Children's Groups run most Sundays but not normally when there is an All Age Worship Service when children stay in church.* For more information, please speak to Dawn Sycamore (0798 118 6042) or Fiona Smedley.

Weekday Opening Times: Wednesdays: 2.30pm - 3.30pm;
Saturday: 10.30am – noon

Tuesday January 6th 7.30pm JULIAN MEETING

Wednesday January 28th 2pm -4pm WOMENS FELLOWSHIP



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