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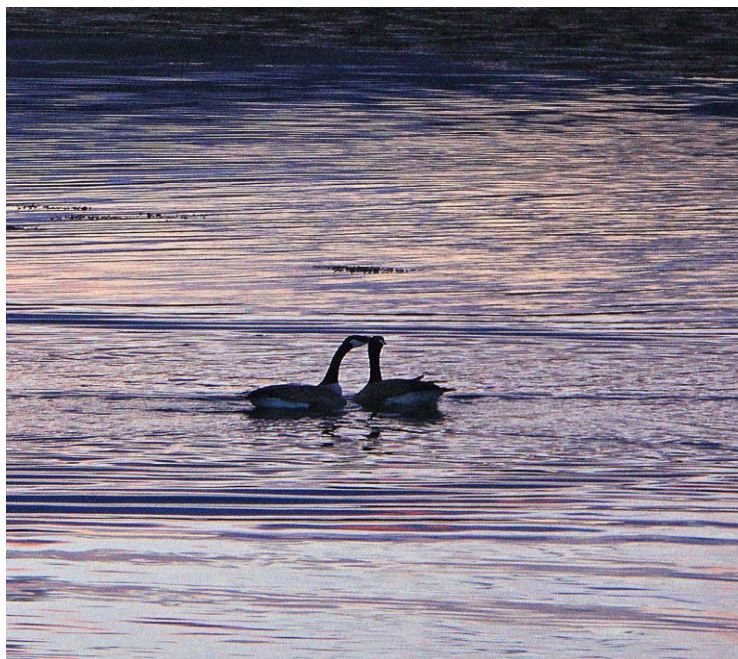
# FEBRUARY 2015

# BREASTON

# AND DRAYCOTT

*CHURCH AND VILLAGE*

# NEWS



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We are anxious to have as many contact numbers for groups, outside the Church family, as possible so we can print them on this page. Please send those names in typed format to Rev'd Gary Dundas – gwdundas@aol.com - 01332 872893. This list will be increased each month until we have the necessary contact numbers.

# *Breaston and Draycott Church and Village News February 2015*

We have had the excesses of Christmas, the New Year and on 18 February the beginning of Lent. This isn't a season that is either relished or well observed. Many see it as an opportunity to give up something maybe in an attempt to lose weight or become healthier. Giving things up is fine as long as we are also doing something to help us focus on God

One of the most beneficial things to do is to read one or more of the gospels (Matthew, Mark, Luke and John). It's important to ask God to speak before starting and then to read slowly. I usually find that I don't take in what's happening if I only read a passage once so I find it helpful to read it two or three times. It's far better to read a short passage through a few times than to read a long passage once. I am constantly surprised at what I get from familiar passages if they are read prayerfully and slowly. I often think 'I never noticed that before'.

It's important that we let the bible to speak to us. This means allowing the words to find a home in our hearts and minds. The big picture of the gospels is that God loves us so much that he sent his Son into this world and that Jesus endured the cross for us. Let us allow the love that God has for us to seep into our hearts. We also need to let the words of Jesus to challenge us and change our ways of thinking.


I am often surprised at the bible's ability to speak into the circumstances of my life. The psalms are very real and encapsulate the breadth of human experience and feelings. The strength of the psalms is the hope and focus on God regardless of personal circumstances. I have found the psalms a great source of encouragement and strength throughout my life.

There are many things that we could do during Lent but the bible has to be at the centre of whatever we have in mind. Our minds get filled with so many different things in the media and daily life in our secular society but Lent

provides an opportunity to reflect on Jesus Christ and so it's important that we read the gospels. I would encourage a mixture of the gospels and Old Testament, particularly the psalms.

I pray that we will come to Easter spiritually renewed as we focus on our Lord Jesus Christ.

Chris



## *St. Michael's Lent Course*

This year the it will be based upon the 'Centred upon Christ' Lent Course by the Rt Rev'd Michael Baughen and is based upon the book of Philippians. All sessions will be in the church hall and will start at 7.45 pm and finish by 9.15 pm and will include refreshments. Details are: 24 February – servants of Christ; 3 March – affection of Christ; 10 March – Living is Christ; 17 March – mindset of Christ; 24 March – knowing Christ; 31 March – rejoicing in Christ. If you can't make all of the sessions they are 'stand alone' so please come to any you can.

## WHAT HAPPENS IN HEAVEN WHEN WE PRAY?

I dreamed that I went to Heaven and an angel was showing me around. We walked side-by-side inside a large workroom filled with angels. My angel guide stopped in front of the first section and said, 'This is the Receiving Section. Here, all petitions to God said in prayer are received. I looked around in this area, and it was terribly busy with so many angels sorting out petitions written on voluminous paper sheets and scraps from people all over the world. Then we moved on down a long corridor until we reached the second section.

The angel then said to me, "This is the Packaging and Delivery Section. Here, the graces and blessings the people asked for are processed and delivered to the living persons who asked for them." I noticed again how busy it was there. There were many angels working hard at that station, since so many blessings had been requested and were being packaged for delivery to Earth.

Finally at the farthest end of the long corridor we stopped at the door of a very small station. To my great surprise, only one angel was seated there, idly doing nothing. "This is the Acknowledgment Section, my angel friend quietly admitted to me. He seemed embarrassed. "How is it that there is no work going on here? I asked." "So sad," the angel sighed. "After people receive the blessings that they asked for, very few send back acknowledgments." "How does one acknowledge God's blessings?" I asked. "Simple," the angel answered. Just say, "Thank you, Lord." "What blessings should they acknowledge?" I asked. "If you have food in the refrigerator, clothes on your back, a roof overhead and a place to sleep you are richer than 75% of this world. If you have money in the bank, in your wallet, and spare change in a dish, you are among the top 8% of the world's wealthy, and if you get this on your own computer, you are part of the 1% in the world who has that opportunity." "If you woke up this morning with more health than illness. You are more blessed than the many who will not even survive this day." "If you have never experienced the fear in battle, the loneliness of imprisonment, the agony of torture, or the pangs of starvation... You are ahead of 700 million people in the world." "If you can attend a church without the fear of

harassment, arrest, torture or death you are envied by, and more blessed than, three billion people in the world." "If your parents are still alive and still married.... you are very rare." "If you can hold your head up and smile, you are not the norm, you're unique to all those in doubt and despair....."

"Ok," I said. "What now? How can I start?" The Angel said, "If you can read this message, you just received a double blessing in that someone was thinking of you as very special and you are more blessed than over two billion people in the world who cannot read at all."

Have a good day, count your blessings, and if you care to, pass this along to remind everyone else how blessed we all are.....

ATTN: Acknowledgement Dept.

"Thank you Lord, for giving me the ability to share this message and for giving me so many wonderful people with whom to share it."

If you have read this far, and are thankful for all that you have been blessed with, how can you not send it on? I thank God for everything, especially all my family and friends.

Kindly sent in by Pat Baker



*Children's Pages*



## SEEING AND UNDERSTANDING

Many people had seen the steam lift the lid of a kettle, but it took a James Watt to see it and go on to think of that power becoming a steam engine. It is all a matter of how we see things. We could see something a thousand times and not make the connection.

Jesus explained why he taught with parables, stories that explain some-thing in simple ways to do with everyday life that people of the time would recognise. He explained that it was because people look without seeing, and listen without understanding (Matthew chapter 13, verses 13-14).

We all do this, and that is why we need other people to help us learn more about what the stories in the Bible mean. People who can explain and help us to see with 'new eyes'.

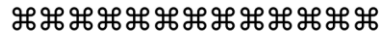


## SEEING THE WORDS

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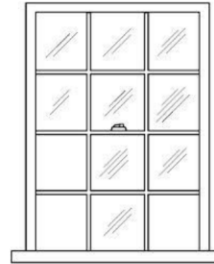
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\* clock \* eyes \* game \* glasses \* goggles \* lens \* picture \* scene \* spectacles \* television \* video \* view \* watch



**What gadget do we use to see through a wall?**

A window.



**Optician:** What can you see out of the window?

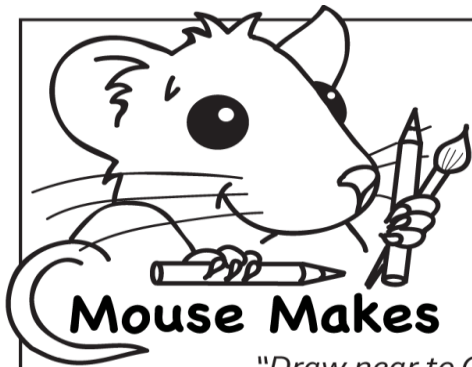
**Patient:** Only the sun.

**Optician:** How far do you want to see, then?

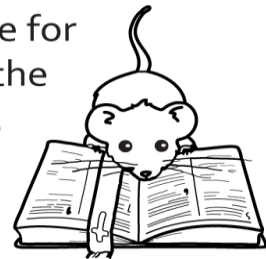
**Optician:** You need glasses.

**Patient:** But I'm wearing glasses.

**Optician:** Then I need glasses.



The 40 days before Easter are called **LENT**. Lent is a time for Christians to pray, read the bible and turn to God.

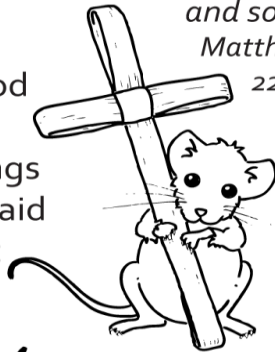


"Draw near to God"  
James 4:8

During Lent read  
Matthew's Gospel

The first day of Lent is **ASH WEDNESDAY**. It is a day of **repentance**, a day for saying **sorry** to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done.

"Love God with all your heart, mind and soul"  
Matthew 22:37



**LENT CALENDAR**  
Colour in a square each day to Easter



During Lent **pray** for someone, **encourage** someone and **tell** someone about Jesus

Tuesday      Monday      40 PALM SUNDAY      39

The Lord is here,  
His spirit is with us



Wednesday

Thursday



Saturday



# *St Michael's Children and Youth Activities*

St Michael's Church, Breaston

Reaching up, reaching out, together

Children and Youth – February 2015 Newsletter

- Sun 1<sup>st</sup> Feb** KK and KE children's activities  
Frenz 10.15am
- Sun 8<sup>th</sup> Feb** All Age Worship - No separate activities
- Sun 15<sup>th</sup> Feb** KK and KE children's activities  
Frenz 10.15am
- Sun 22<sup>nd</sup> Feb** KK and KE children's activities  
Frenz 10.15am
- Mon 23<sup>rd</sup> Feb** Messy Church at Breaston Methodist Church 3.30-5.30pm



**Message from Dawn Sycamore** – As the year continues, 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](mailto: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 2<sup>nd</sup> 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](mailto:dawnsycamore0@gmail.com) and Rosie, our Youth Worker on 07849220601 or [rosietheyouthworker@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosietheyouthworker@yahoo.co.uk)



This is a picture of the Christmas display which was created by the young church

## *A Message from Eileen and Dick Foster*

Thank you all for the good wishes, cards, and flowers, we received for our 65th wedding anniversary. We were overwhelmed, the house looks like a florists shop. Thanks also to the people who came to our celebration lunch. We had lots of surprises, and the cake tastes as good as it looks.

Thanks to everyone.

Sincerely.

Eileen & Dick.

God bless.

**New Parish Clerk**

## *News from the Methodist Church*

Our Covenant Service which included Sacrament was truly wonderful. The service was well attended and we felt the presence of our Lord as we promised anew to work for Him.

We remember Jamie Barnard in our prayers, that he will make a good recovery from his rugby injury. Also remembering those of our number who aren't well at the moment, that they may receive comfort from their Faith. Our thoughts and prayers are also with the family of Mrs Betty Hamilton, a loyal member of our church and the Wesley Guild. Betty passed away recently and we remember her with love.

Although the weather is very cold, the snowdrops and daffodils are again telling us that Spring is on its way with warmer, longer days.

## **THE WESLEY GUILD**

The February programme for the Guild is as follows:

- |         |                              |                     |
|---------|------------------------------|---------------------|
| 5       | Forever Angels Baby Home     | - Rachel and Hannah |
| Towlson |                              |                     |
| 12      | St Magnus Cathedral          | - Mrs M Gregory     |
| 19      | A Visit to Orkney & Shetland | - Margaret Gregory  |

26 Organ Entertainment - Ann Spooner  
March 5 Chernobyl Children's Lifeline - Terry Buckthorpe

## ***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***

Dates for the Lunch Club during February are 6, 20 and then 6 March

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 FEBRUARY**

All Sunday services start at 10.30am unless stated otherwise

February 1	Sacrament	Rev Arnold Dixon
8		Jonathan Stanyon
15		Alan Clark
22		Stephen Travis

## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

Good Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April  
George Keeling.

of the Cross

Methodist Church.

emotional event.

'The Darkness and the Dawn' written by Mr

Breaston Churches Together meet at the foot

for this play reading at 7.00pm in the

You are invited to come along for this moving,

Friday, Saturday & Sunday

12,13 and 14 June

Flower Festival and Home Mission Week End

Theme – 'The Parables'

Services at 10.30am and 6.00pm on June 14

will be taken by  
the Leeds area.

Rev. Andrew Atkins, a former Minister, now in

Refreshments available throughout in the Hall

Thelma Mortimer



*Erewash V.I.P.'s*

Stanley woman Audrey Salt says her long life is down to a young mind and being independent.

The centenarian celebrated her 100th birthday on January 11.

Audrey, whose maiden name was Pepper, married miner husband Arthur Salt in 1938 after he spotted her riding a bike through the village and asked a friend to introduce them.

She was born in Stanley, one of nine siblings, and has also lived in Stanley Common and Derby. Her and Arthur used to run pubs during their 64 years of marriage, and had a son called Tony, three grandchildren and three great grandchildren. Arthur sadly passed away 36 years ago.

From 1965 the couple ran the Working Men's Club in Stanley Common.

Audrey says "I don't drink but will have a bit of brandy sauce with my Christmas pudding.

"I am no different now to what I was. I never think of myself as old.

"I'm very independent, I've got to admit."

Audrey enjoys bingo, sewing and knitting, and has been a Derby County FC supporter throughout her life, holding a season ticket for 56 years.

She has three surviving sisters, who are 80, 91 and 93.

Audrey had two parties. One was held at Stanley Village Hall on Sunday, the other at **Breaston Methodist Church**, hosted by the Erewash VIPS, a group for people with visual impairments.



This article has been sent to us by Johnston Press – publishers of the Ilkeston Advertiser

## *Men's Danger Club*

“The Men’s Danger Club met for their ‘After Christmas Chilli Chill-out’. We all enjoy Christmas dinner with all the trimmings, then on the next days, turkey and chips, turkey fajitas, cold turkey salad, turkey sandwiches..... But there comes a time when we need to rejuvenate our taste buds. What better than a spicy Indian meal. We chose from the menu at the Royal Spice then to the Church Hall. A perfect time to chill-out and relax after the Christmas festivities.

Just to remind you that we do not have a membership, only a list of contacts who would like to know about our future events. Some come to many events and some to the odd one or two which appeal to them. Our names and contact numbers are on the first pages of this News Letter. We’d be delighted to see you.

John, David, Darren and Rob.”

*Draycott News*

**News from Sunbeams**

**Coffee Morning**

The next Coffee Morning will be on 8<sup>th</sup> February 10am-11.30am

**Friends of St Chad's Gala**

## 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

*1st Draycott Brownies*

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

Spaces available now!

Contact – Caroline, [draycottbrownowl@gmail.com](mailto:draycottbrownowl@gmail.com)

07871 103861 or look at [www.girlguiding.co.uk](http://www.girlguiding.co.uk) to register online.



**WHERE?**

**DRAYCOTT METHODIST CHURCH, CORNER OF MARKET STREET & DERWENT STREET**

**WHEN?**

**2<sup>ND</sup> MONDAY EACH MONTH**

**FEBRUARY 9<sup>TH</sup> 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 (FEBRUARY THEME IS JOSEPH) - 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 February is:

4<sup>th</sup> February    Jerusalem presentation by Margaret Gregory  
18<sup>th</sup> February    Ash Wednesday with Rev Paula Hunt.

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

# ***DRAYCOTT METHODIST CHURCH***

Here are the services for Draycott Methodist Church for the month of February

February 1st      10-30am      United All Age Worship Rev'd Colin Emerson  
                                6-00pm      Rev'd Gareth Higgs

February 8th      10-30am      Cafe Style Worship Chandra Morbey  
                                6-00pm      Rev'd Jenny Dyer

February 15th      10-30am      United All Age Worship St. Mary's  
                                6-00pm      Rev'd Susan McIvor

February 22nd      10-30am      Caroline Dobinson  
                                6-00pm      Rev'd Colin Emerson Holy Communion



## *Women's World Day of Prayer*

This years' service will be on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March at 2.30pm in the Breaston Methodist Church. The service has been prepared by the Christian women of the Bahamas and is entitled, Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?

Everyone is welcome to attend and refreshments will be available after the service.

## *Breaston & Draycott Women's Fellowship*

### **BREASTON AND DRAYCOTT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP – ANNUAL CHARITABLE DONATIONS.**

Our financial year, 2014, was a great success for raising monies and supporting our chosen Charities. The Committee decided in December to give, our donations as follows: **Breaston Mother and Toddler Group - £100, St. Michael's Church PCC - £300, St. Mary's Draycott - £150, Breaston Methodist Church - £100, Draycott Methodist Church - £100, The Colostomy Association - £150, The Canaan Trust - £150, the Alzheimer's Society - £150, Guide Dogs for the Blind - £150, Salvation Army £150, Age UK - £100, MacMillan Nurses - £150.**

One other **most important donation of £250** and special event for us, was to sponsor a 'Frozen' Christmas Party for the children who receive treatment on the Children's Renal Unit at the QMC. Angela, our Chairperson, is a Senior member of staff on the Renal Unit and we joined her to see the children enjoying the film whilst they were being dialysed. A very special treat was in store for them – Princess Ailsa and the Snowman Olaf both came to visit the ward and met each of the children individually. They were enthralled by presence of the more than life sized fairy tale characters and all their parents, who came with them to their treatments, took lots of photos. We were not allowed to reproduce photographs of the children, of course, but the staff including Angela, were most happy to pose with Ailsa so that we could put it in the Parish Magazine. Here they are enjoying the party.



The staff on the Children's Renal Unit are doing wonderful work with severely ill children. Not all children are able to receive new kidneys but there are some who have completely successful transplants and are able to develop fulfilling and successful lives. Stella and I were privileged to be able to share a little time with those in hospital at their party and the Committee is to be congratulated for enabling the Frozen Party to be a very special Christmas Present in 2014.

Margaret Gregory – Treasurer.

## **BREASTON AND DRAYCOTT WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP SCHEDULE FOR 2015 – MEETINGS AND EVENTS.**

All meetings are held in St. Michael's Church Hall, usually on the last Wednesday of each month beginning at 2.00pm. We have a Table top sale of interesting items at each meeting and a Raffle with nice prizes. There is a schedule of different activities and speakers, a Garden Party and a summer outing for the day to an interesting destination. The programme for 2015 is as follows:

**28<sup>th</sup> January – Women's fellowship AGM, election of new Committee and a Quiz.**

**25<sup>th</sup> February – an illustrated talk on Australia**

**25<sup>th</sup> March – and afternoon at the 'flicks'.**

**29<sup>th</sup> April – Jerusalem and the Holy Land. A theme for Easter.**

**27<sup>th</sup> May – Talk by Nurse Elaine 'What is a Stoma?'**

**24<sup>th</sup> June – Summer outing. Information to follow.**

**29<sup>th</sup> July – a fun meeting with Bag Beetle.**

**26<sup>th</sup> August – Tea and Cakes in Evelyn's garden.**

**30<sup>th</sup> September – a talk on the Hermit at Stanton.**

**28<sup>th</sup> October – a Quiz with a Difference.**

**25<sup>th</sup> November – Christmas Tabletop and Festive Slideshow.**

**16<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Luncheon at Cleve Lodge Long Eaton,**

The Membership Subscription for the Women's Fellowship is £5 per annum and this entitles members to significant subsidies for the cost of outings and the Christmas Luncheon. The entrance fee for Meetings is 50p for Members and £1 for guests. Everyone is most welcome to come and join us at meetings and all other events. During the year we have fund raising activities with sale of recycling goods which are donated to us as an ongoing process by our local communities.

*Margaret Gregory – Treasurer Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship.*

## *Church Wilne Rotary*

Church Wilne Rotary members were treated to a presentation by Pat Bevan and Greg Maskalick on their experiences in setting up their Micro Brewery, which is named the Draycott Brewing Company - Derbyshire, at their meeting on Monday 6th January

Pat who is an engineer looks after the business side and problem solving and Greg, who is a musician and teacher, is mainly in charge of the processing and production but naturally both share a love of beer.

Pat gave the members an overview of how they set up their microbrewery last August and said the beauty of the microbrewery is that you can start small and you don't have to have a massive investment. Their signature beers are the Golden Nugget which is light in colour, Butchers Bitter a traditional beer and Millers Beer a darker quality with a distinctive taste

Their first Beer Festival was at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook last October and Camra were so impressed that they invited them to the Nottingham Beer Festival which is the third largest festival in the UK and they sold out their stock. They are now booked to be at the Sheffield, Derby, Leicester and Chesterfield festivals during this year.

Greg then continued by covering his tour last year of many US breweries and went on to explain the process of making the various qualities and spoke in detail about the wide variety of hops and malts and also passed them around to the members to touch and smell.

It was explained that the science in production is also linked to trial and error because of the wide variety of the ingredients available and naturally many present offered their future services as tasters.

Currently their fermentation vessels contain 65 litres and they intend to move up to 500 and 1,000 stainless steel litre tanks in the near future. Currently the business is moving on faster than was expected and they have just moved out of their first premises in Draycott to a larger nearby

building.

There were many questions from the members including how quickly is the product ready for sale, beer duty and more taster volunteers.

The Club's vote of thanks was given by Gary Dundas who said he likes real beer and he thanked Pat and Greg for telling us about their beginning and wished them every success in the future.

Photograph: Pat Bevan (left) with Greg Maskalick.

Ray Terry  
for the Rotary Club of Church Wilne.



The Rotary Club of Church Wilne would like to thank the many kind people for their donations during the lead up to Christmas when Santa and his Christmas float visited 12 local areas and venues during December

The Rotarians and family were most appreciative of the public's many kind words and Santa thanks the children for their Christmas wishes and requests.

All the donations will go back into the local community and this year the final amount was £5,081

Again with thanks and we hope to see you next December and a very Happy New Year from all the members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne

Ray Terry

# Breaston W.I



## **Breaston W.I. Coffee Morning**

Forget the New Year diet! Come along and join us for a cheery chat, coffee and delicious W.I. cakes on Sat 28<sup>th</sup> Feb 10-12 am Breaston Church Hall.

These are not just cakes; these are W.I. cakes !

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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!

## *The Village Singers Christmas*

***The Village Singers Christmas - a very busy week.*** The Village Singers gave their Annual Christmas Concert on Saturday 6th December 2014. The location, amongst the Christmas Tree Festival at Borrowash Methodist Church, was stunning. Aply directed by Michelle Cassidy and accompanied by David Dallard, who made sure the choir performed up to their usual high standards, there was a varied programme of Christmas music.

Among the classic songs were; *Who is this tiny child?, I believe in Father Christmas, Walking in the Air, Saviour's Day and When a Child is born.* Alan Driscoll was the soloist for this beautiful Johnny Mathis number. The ladies gave a lovely rendition of *I heard the bells on Christmas Day* and the Men (as they are affectionately known) made the most of a comic number *The Carol Singers.* The carols sung by the choir included *In Dulci Jubilo, In the Bleak Midwinter, and O Holy Night.* At the end the audience were invited to join in the singing of some well-known carols. Coffee and mince pies were provided at the end of the concert and those who attended agreed that they had been given a real Christmas treat,

The Choirs next engagement was to entertain the guests at the annual Christmas Dinner of the St Michael's Women's Fellowship. This was held at Cleve Lodge, Elm Avenue, Long Eaton. On this occasion the choir was directed by Jan Wilkinson and Jonathan Lupton was the accompanist. There was a forty minute musical box of Christmas delights with songs and carols.

As the sherry and mince pies were served at this time, a festive mood was soon evident. All present were sent home believing that Christmas had really started.

The Choir's week ended with their participation in the annual Breaston Village Christmas Carol event. This was a much more relaxed event with the Salvation Army Band, carols and mince pies and mulled wine, courtesy of the Parish Council. After helping with the carols, the Village Singers sang three numbers, under the guidance of Jan Wilkinson and accompanied by Jonathan

Lupton. This was a fitting end to a busy week. After a short break the choir starts to prepare for the new season. Look out for the next concert and come along and join the fun.

Maureen Hayne.



The Village Singers are looking for a pianist to help with rehearsals. We rehearse in St Michael's Church hall on Thursday evenings from 7.30pm - 9.00pm. Please contact Jan Wilkinson on 01332 872753 if you can help or know anyone who may be interested.

*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 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> 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](http://www.duchess-theatre.com)) or directly from the Duchess Theatre at their regular Saturday coffee mornings.

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**Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> to Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2015**  
**Evenings at 7.30pm, Saturday Matinee at 2.30pm**

**Duchess Theatre, West Gate,  
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  
administered by Boosey & Hawkes

## *A Little Holy Humour*

A father was approached by his small son who told him proudly, "I know what the Bible means!"

His father smiled and replied, "What do you mean, you 'know' what the Bible means?"

The son replied, "I do know!"

"Okay," said his father. "What does the Bible mean?"

"That's easy, Daddy..." the young boy replied excitedly, "It stands for 'Basic Information Before Leaving Earth.'"

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There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country.

"Is there anything breakable in here?" asked the postal clerk.

"Only the Ten Commandments." answered the lady.

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"Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good morning, Lord," and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, "Good Lord, it's morning."

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A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, "Boys and girls, what do we know about God?"

A hand shot up in the air. "He is an artist!" said the little boy.

"Really? How do you know?" the teacher asked.

"You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven... "

# Just a little light hearted humour to finish

Eleven women were clinging precariously to a wildly swinging rope suspended from a crumbling outcropping on Mount Everest. Ten were blonde, one was a brunette.

As a group they decided that one of the party should let go. If that didn't happen the rope would break and everyone would perish.

For an agonizing few moments no one volunteered.

Finally the brunette gave a truly touching speech saying she would sacrifice herself to save the lives of the others.

All the blondes applauded.

**Copy Day** for the March issue of the magazine will be **WEDNESDAY 18<sup>th</sup> February**. All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by **Email please.**  
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<b>SUNDAY 1<sup>st</sup> FEBRUARY (The Presentation of Christ)</b>	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service with Holy Communion Evensong - St. Mary's Draycott
<b>SUNDAY 8<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion All Age Worship with Holy Communion Evensong
<b>SUNDAY 15<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY</b>	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service with Holy Communion Evensong – St. Mary's Draycott
<b>SUNDAY 22<sup>nd</sup> FEBRUARY (First Sunday of Lent)</b>	8.45am 10.15am 6.30pm	Holy Communion Celebration Service Evensong

**Crèche, Young Church and Frenz Groups** – 10.15am for children of all ages. *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 February 3rd 7.30pm** ..... JULIAN MEETING  
**Wednesday February 25<sup>th</sup> 2pm-4pm** ..... WOMENS FELLOWSHIP