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Breaston Churches

IF...

...the Weather these days seems so unpredictable these days even with a week's forecast, it is with some regularity that they can predict whether it will rain, hail, snow or be sunny. If only they could have foreseen just what a foot of rain could do, places like Carlisle and the surrounding areas might have been a bit better prepared. We live our lives around the possibilities of **if**.

If only it wasn't so hot; **if** only it wasn't so cold; **if** only it didn't rain today; **if** only it didn't snow; **if** only I hadn't said those hurtful words to my best friend; **if** only I had kept quiet; **if** only I had been in the right place at the right time; **if** only they would listen; **if** only they had listened to me all this could have been avoided; **if** only she wasn't so spiteful she might have more friends; **if** only I could live that moment again I would do it differently; **if** I could live that moment again I wouldn't change a thing; **if** I didn't smoke I wouldn't be as ill as I am now and I could enjoy Christmas with the children without getting out of breath; **if** we stopped celebrating Christmas what would become of December in fact what would become of Christ; **if** only I could see into the future I wouldn't have to make those NEW YEARS RESOLUTIONS IN 2016 that I end up breaking. That word **if** seems to have so many negative connotations that maybe we should leave it out of our vocabulary all together? Should we? Should we really? In fact, the word **if** is quite a powerful word because it helps us to challenge our own existence: who we are? what do we do, and why we do it?

Now suppose I was to use the word **if** in the Lord's Prayer would it make a difference... let's see:

[Please turn over

Can I say the Lord's Prayer?

I cannot say "**Our**" if I live in a water-tight spiritual compartment, if I think a special place in Heaven is reserved for my denomination.

I cannot say "**Father**", if I do not demonstrate the relationship in my daily life.

I cannot say "**which art in Heaven**", if I am so occupied with the earth that I am laying up no treasure there.

I cannot say "**Hallowed be Thy Name**", if I, who am called by His name, am not holy.

I cannot say "**Thy Kingdom come**", if I am not doing all in my power to hasten its coming.

I cannot say "**Thy will be done**", if I am questioning, resentful of or disobedient to His will for me.

I cannot say "**on earth as it is in Heaven**", if I am not prepared to devote my life here to His service.

I cannot say "**Give us this day our daily bread**", if I'm living on past experiences.

I cannot say "**forgive us our trespasses as we forgive them that trespass against us**", if I harbour a grudge against anyone.

I cannot say "**Lead us not into temptation**", if I deliberately place myself, or remain in a position where I am likely to be tempted.

I cannot say "**Deliver us from evil**", if I am not prepared to fight in the spiritual realm with the weapon of prayer.

I cannot say "**Thine is the Kingdom**", if I do not accord the King the disciplined obedience of a loyal subject.

I cannot say "**Thine is the power**", if I fear what men may do; or what my neighbour may think.

I cannot say "**Thine is the glory**", if I am seeking glory for myself.

I cannot say "**Forever and ever**", if my horizon is bounded by the things of time.

I cannot say "**Amen**", if I do not also add, "Cost what it may", for to say this prayer will cost EVERYTHING.

Author Unknown

The next time you say the word if think about where it is taking you and whether you really want to go there!!!

Rev'd Arnold Dixon, Breaston Methodist Church

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Churches Together Lunch Club

Dates for the Lunch Club during January are 8th and 22nd.

Anyone with a car and a little time to spare would be appreciated to convey participants to and from the Lunch Club held in the Methodist Hall. Lunch Club is held on alternate Fridays. Please contact Thelma on 01332 873312 if you can help.

St. Michael's Church Calendar

Church Services for January 2016

Sunday 3rd (Epiphany)	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 10th	6.30pm	Evensong. St. Mary's, Draycott
	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	All Age Worship
Sunday 17th	6.30pm	Evensong
	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
Sunday 24th Christian Unity	6.30pm	Evensong – St. Mary's Draycott
	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service
Sunday 31st	6.30pm	Evensong
	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service
First Sunday of the month	6.30pm	Service of Light for Candlemas at All Saints, Sawley
	7.30	Churches together Prayer and Praise in Breaston Methodist Church

Crèche, Young Church, and Frenz Groups – See Children's Pages

Weekday Opening Times:

Wednesday: 2.30pm – 3.30pm;

Saturday: 10.00am – Noon

Diary

Every Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 5 th	7.30pm	Julian Meeting
Wednesday 27 th	2.00pm	Women's Fellowship

Methodist Church News

January 2016 – a Leap Year! Happy and Healthy New Year to you all. How precious is good health which unfortunately, we don't really value until we lose it!!

The Lunch Club along with Visual Impaired Group and the Deaf Blind Group visited The Risley Park for a Christmas Lunch followed by entertainment on 17th December – a good time was had by all.

The Wesley Guild

Our Wesley Guild programme for January is as follows:

7th	All Year Coloured Borders	John Hawkins
14th	Quiz and Games Evening	
21st	A Christian in Court	Malcolm Wilson
28th	My Thoughts	Jennifer Goulden

Methodist Church Services

All Sunday services start at 10.30am unless stated otherwise

January 2016

3rd	10.30am	Worship	Rev Anthony Oakley
	7.30pm	Prayer and Praise	Revd Arnold Dixon
10th	10.30am	Sacrament	Rev Arnold Dixon
17th	10.30am	Worship	Deacon Terry Street
	6pm	Prayers	Jonathan Stanyon
24th	<u>10.15</u>	United service at St Michael's	
31st	10.30am	Worship	Judith Lincoln

Breaston Children and Youth

Brownies and Rainbows

I am pleased to say that the Brownie Pack is thriving. We have a full pack with 24 girls regularly attending. November was a very busy month for us and we started the month with a visit from the Canal and River Trust who did a fun evening for the girls on water safety. The Trefoil Guild joined us for a night of what Brownies used to do which the Brownies loved. We had a visit to Tesco's 'Farm to Fork' where the girls held fish, tried different cheeses and used the tills in the store. Five girls made their Brownie promise at their enrolment with the Sixers doing a great job of welcoming them into their sixes. Five Brownies completed their Hostess badge at the church's coffee morning. We had a craft evening to finish the month, making Santa Advent Calendars. We have also practised carols for the light switch on and candle lit service which we will be attending during December.

Brownies hold their meetings in Breaston Methodist Church on Mondays from 6.00pm until 7.30pm. Brownies will be with us in church for our Carol Service on 20th December. Contact Louisa Theyers, Brown Owl on 01332 232366 for more information.

Rainbows also meet in Breaston Methodist Church on Tuesdays from 5.00pm. Anyone needing more information should contact Melanie Arden on 01332 875059.

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Sally King, 1st Breaston Brownies

Young Church Newsletter

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Together

Children and Youth – January 2016 Newsletter

Sun 3rd Jan	10.15	NO separate children's or youth activities.
Sun 10th Jan	10.15	All-Age Worship – CHRISTINGLE SERVICE
Sun 17th Jan	10.15	Crèche available. Children's activities and Youth/Frenz
Sun 24th Jan	10.15	Crèche available. Children's activities and Youth/Frenz
Mon 25th Jan	3.30-5.30	Messy Church at Breaston Methodist Church ALL WELCOME.
Sun 31st Jan	10.15	Crèche available. Children's activities and Youth/Frenz



Crèche, Young Church and Frenz

Our groups

(all volunteers are DBS checked and references received)

Crèche (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+) where young people explore through faith- orientated activities with the help of our Youth Worker.

Other activities – Youth Café on Friday evenings at 7.30pm at St Michaels' Church Hall, which is led by the Youth Worker and volunteers.

Sunbeams – on a Wednesday at 10.30am at St Mary's Church Hall, Draycott, which is led by Ruth (0115 9726321) **Messy Church** usually the 4th Monday of each month at 3.30-5.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church, led by Jan Wilkinson.

For more information or if you have any suggestions/comments, please contact Dawn, our Young Church Coordinator on 07746213482 or dawnsycamore0@gmail.com

Breaston Youth Café

Breaston Youth Café currently meets every Friday night 7:00pm - 8:30pm during term time for school years 7+ in St Michael's Church Hall. We play games, eat food and chill out. Everyone is welcome.

This New Year, however, I am hoping to build upon the work of the previous youth worker and make Youth Café even better. I am hoping to buy lots of new equipment including an Xbox One and a table tennis

table and hope to open on two nights of the week, in order to cater for more young people and spilt the age groups. For this to happen, I am inviting any members of the community who would like to help out as leaders to get in touch with me. This is a community youth club and so I seek people from Breaston or Draycott, who share a passion for young people and have a caring and loving character who can help our amazing young people develop as best they can.

If you think you may be able to help, even if it's just one evening a month, please email me at simonpbentley@hotmail.com or leave a message at the church hall office.

For all the young people out there, make sure you check out the church's website regularly for updates or look for the banners that will be going up outside the church hall shortly to know which nights you can attend.

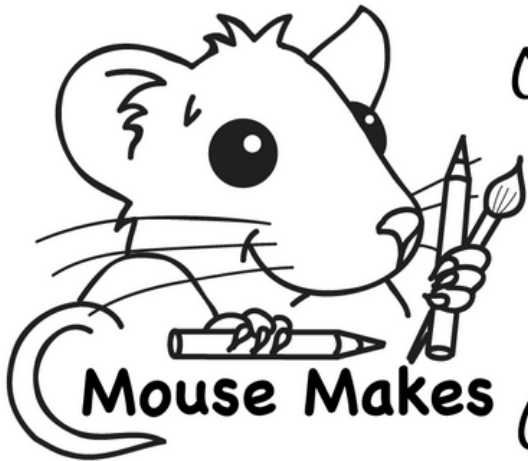
Simon Bentley, Youth & Community Worker at St. Michael's



Our next Messy Church is on Monday 25th January 2016
from 3.30 - 5.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church

For more information, please contact Jan Wilkinson

01332 872753 or 07549026042



Mouse Makes

THE BAPTISM OF JESUS

John appeared in the desert baptising and preaching and many people confessed their sins and were baptised.

Jesus came from Nazareth in Galilee and was baptised by John in the river Jordan. As soon as Jesus came up out of the water, He saw heaven opening and the Spirit coming down on Him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my own dear Son. I am pleased with you".

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Can you find these words from the story in the grid above?

- BAPTISE • WILDERNESS • WATER
- FORTY DAYS • NAZARETH
- FORGIVENESS • GALILEE • SINS
- JOHN • JESUS • RIVER
- JORDAN • REPENT • TURN
- BELIEVE • HEAVEN • OPEN
- HOLY SPIRIT • GOD • DOVE • VOICE
- SON • LOVE • PLEASSED • LORD



READ Mark 1: 1-13



THREE KINGS

Does Christmas seem long gone? Well, Christmas doesn't really end until Twelfth Night, 6th January. In the past all the 12 days of Christmas used to be celebrated with feasting and parties. January 6th is also the Feast of the Epiphany, which is the day on which the wise men, led by the star, arrived at Bethlehem. At Christmas we sang about Three Kings but we don't really know who they were, kings or wise men or where they came from – you can check the details in St Matthew's Gospel, chapter 2.



We do know that they brought very expensive symbolic gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh for Jesus, not the usual things that you would give to a small baby. Traditionally the gifts have a special meaning: gold is for a king; frankincense (sweet smelling incense) is for God and myrrh (a spice used to prepare bodies for burial) for mortal man.

GOLDEN ANSWERS

All the answers to this quiz begin with the letters GOLD (well, can you find any words that began with frankincense or myrrh?). Answers at the bottom of the page.

Can you say which GOLD is ...

1. a small bird?
2. kept in an aquarium?
3. made from sugar and used in cooking?
4. a source of wealth?
5. a tall yellow flower?
6. ate the three bears' porridge?
7. won by a winner at the Olympics?
8. a 50th wedding anniversary?



What do you call a camel that's got three humps?
Humphrey.

Who rides a camel and carries a lamp?

Florence of Arabia.



Answers: 1.gold finch 2.goldfish
3.golden syrup 4.goldmine 5.golden rod
6.Goldilocks 7.gold medal 8.golden wedding

Breaston Village News

Breaston Flower Circle

Derek Armstrong, a well-known international flower designer, came to Breaston Flower Circle with his Christmas Demonstration entitled “Let the Festivities Begin”. This was a fun filled evening with beautiful designs and interesting tales of his life in flower arranging and catering. At the end of the evening the stage was filled with colour and sparkle and those who won designs in the raffle went home very happy.

A wonderful busy evening enjoyed by a sell-out audience.

Our next meeting will be on Tuesday 26th January, back at the Breaston Methodist Centre on Blind Lane when Linda Smith will demonstrate “Best Foot Forward” at 7.25p.m.



Breaston and Draycott Women's Fellowship

Our first meeting in 2016 will be on Wednesday 27th January at 2.00pm in St. Michael's Church Hall Breaston.

Breaston Community Forum

For the second year, Breaston Community Forum put three Christmas Trees on the Memorial Garden in the centre of the village. This year we have had wonderful support from many local businesses who generously contributed to the cost of, not only the trees, but some lights as well. Posters can be found throughout the village thanking all those involved.

A special Thank You is extended to Orion Security Print Ltd, Breaston for sponsoring the beautiful stars... a big improvement on the 'Blue Peter style' stars last year!

Many residents, family and friends placed a star on one of the Christmas Trees, with a message or thought of their choice. The first Stars were hung by The Rainbows, supported by a Forum member, Janice C, who were delighted to be 'the first' to decorate the trees. Breaston Pre-school were invited to add their contributions, too. Our aim was to include everyone in the village to become involved... young folk, older folk and everyone in between.

We hope you liked the idea and had some fun putting your stars on the trees. We battled with the high winds but our dedicated Star Watch team of elves ensured the trees were upright and the stars stayed in place. Thank you, elves.

A Happy New Year to you all.



Jean Davis, for Breaston Community Forum

Carols on Duffield Close

It was a cold and slightly damp evening that saw Breaston gathered on Duffield Close. The awning was lit up brightly and was full of the Salvation Army Band, Village Singers Choir, Brownies, and nearly everyone else availing themselves of the opportunity to grab mulled wine and mince pies before the singing began. Master of ceremonies Kevin Miller, representing the Breaston parish council, introduced the Deputy Mayor and Lucy Kite. With voices upraised and the band giving us a grand accompaniment we sang our way through the repertoire, from 'The First Nowell' to 'O Little Town of Bethlehem' and a whole host of great carols between.

There were jokes ("What do snowmen eat for breakfast? Frosties!) and plenty of others in similar vein which made us all groan and cheer in equal measure. There were items from the Brownies and Village Singers and the Methodist Minister Rev Arnold Dixon gave a short but very seasonal talk: 'What are you expecting at Christmas? May Jesus' love touch your hearts.'

After a while, the proceedings began to draw to a close and all ears turned towards the sky listening for sleigh bells and Santa's hearty "Ho there, Rudolf!" We did not know where he parked his sleigh, but the man himself arrived with sweets for the children, and for anyone else who could get near him. Amongst the cheers, Amelia pressed the plunger and the Christmas lights lit up the Green.

If you were not there, you missed a treat, but it's not all doom and gloom, there will be one next year. See you then!

Jonathan Stanyon

MEN'S DANGER CLUB

After the busyness of Christmas and the New Year take time to relax and join us for our Christmas-Chilli-Chill-Out on Monday 4th. January 2016.

We will meet at the Bull's Head at 7.30 and order our meals from the Royal Spice, collect them when ready and take them to the Church Hall

to enjoy. Don't forget to bring your favourite tippie. Hope to see you there.

For a change the Men's' Danger Club's event in November did not require daring, it did not require bravery, it did not require strength but other qualities which Danger Men must possess. Accuracy, control and determination. Wooden men bowled down with cannon balls.

Yes, it was skittles at the Royal Oak in Ockbrook.

Teams of three competed throughout the evening, everyone keenly watching their competitors yet eager to praise at success. There was a variety of techniques, angling the ball across the skittles, trying for gentle accuracy to power-bowling. I'm not sure that any were better than others. It's surprising how easy it is to roll the ball through all the skittles and miss them all! There was a 'Joker' to be used, only once, (where have I heard that phrase before?) which doubled a team member's score, so thoughtful decisions as who to choose and when. After one session we stopped for delicious pie, peas and chips provided by the Royal Oak.

This fortified us for the final two sessions where team places changed until eventually it culminated in a draw for first place. A deciding final round to determine who would be Champions. Tense moments as one player from each team took it in turn to bowl. Fortunes swayed but eventually the team of David, Peter and Chris, calling themselves, "The Dancing Duck" (refer to last month's magazine) emerged as champions.

Our thanks to Steve and all his staff in making it a great evening for us.

Our event in January will be a wine tasting of some of the wines available from Lidl and Aldi. The cost will be £10 and food is included. Please contact David or John for further details.

We hope that you've enjoyed a very happy Christmas and wish you every success and blessing in the New Year.

David and John

Draycott Church News

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Secretary	Kris Bingham	
Sunbeams	Ruth Pechey	0115 9726321
Discoverers	Vicky Fessey & Carolyn Bassett	
Flower Secretary	Betty Fletcher	
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Draycott Methodist Church

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Draycott Messy Church

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Draycott & Church Wilne History Group

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We are keen to have as many contact numbers for groups, outside the Church family as possible so that 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.

Wilne with Draycott

Church Calendar for January 2016

Sat 2nd January	No Coffee Morning		
Sun 3rd 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 5th January	Why Believe?	Pumkinz	7.45pm
	ALL WELCOME An evening of chat		
Wed 6th January	Feast of the Epiphany		
	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 10th January	Epiphany 1		
	Family Communion	St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm
Mon 11th January	Messy Church	Methodist Hall	3.30pm
Wed 13th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 17th January	Epiphany 2		
	All Age Worship	St Mary's	10.30am
	(Christingle)		
	Evensong	St Mary's	6.30pm
Wed 20th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 24th January	Epiphany 3		
	United Worship	Methodist Church	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm
Wed 27th January	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sat 30th January	Burns Night Supper	Church Hall	7.30pm

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

New Family Communion Service

At St Mary's Draycott, on the 2nd Sunday of every month.

This is an excellent opportunity to teach the children about the sharing of the bread & wine (Holy Communion)

If you would like to know more about this service and Holy Communion then please talk to Gary or Ruth.

All are welcome.

Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday

6th February in the St. Mary's Church Hall.

10am – 11.30am

This will be held on the 1st Saturday of the month throughout the year.

Please do come along for coffee, biscuits and a chat – just 50p!

The Christmas Dinner

Over 70 people enjoyed a traditional Christmas Dinner in St Mary's Church Hall, prepared and served by the catering committee.

The Rev'd Gary Dundas gave the grace and the Churchwarden Robert Guest thanked the committee for an excellent meal, Kris Bingham for organising the raffle, those who had given raffle prizes and for trimming the hall with the lovely decorations.

The evening continued with carol singing, our thanks to Stella for playing the piano for the singing, with everyone being in good voice.

With the help of friends, I did manage to get to the dinner and I really appreciated the very warm welcome I received – thank you.

Bernard Carter

Church Christmas Decorations

There have been many comments on the beauty of the church buildings this Christmas, as always. On behalf of those who have appreciated the work put in with the decorations, I would like to thank everyone who has contributed in any way. It wouldn't be right to try and thank everyone by name in this article but I would like to thank Richard and Janet, who always provide us with a lovely tree at St Mary's. We are always fortunate to have the Rotary Club of Church Wilne to provide the tree for St Chad's and this year their offer to decorate it too – thank you.

Gary Dundas

Burns Night Supper

Saturday 30th January 7.30pm

Tickets £8.00

In St Mary's Church Hall

Haggis & Neeps followed by a lovely sweet

Tickets will be available from
Gary Dundas, Pat Fessey and Kathleen Poyser

In Memoriam

I am the Resurrection and the Life said the Lord.

Margaret Wilkinson

The death of Margaret saddened her family and many friends. She had lived in Draycott all her life and was involved in most of the village activities. In her younger years she was very keen on running and took part in many competitions. Sadly, Margaret's husband Wilf passed away some years ago.

Margaret was a regular worshipper at Draycott Methodist Church and was also a member of the Friends of St Chad's.

Margaret was cremated at Bramcote and a Thanksgiving Service for her life was held afterwards at the Methodist Church, conducted by the Minister the Rev'd Colin Emerson.

Our prayers and thoughts are with her sons and the family at this very sad time. May they be comforted and sustained by God's love and may Margaret Rest in Peace in our Lord's Heavenly Kingdom.

Brian Seal

Brian will be remembered in the village for his Driving Instructor duties, which allowed him to guide numerous local people to pass their driving tests. He had the Driving School for many years, until his early retirement, due to ill health.

His wife of 56 years, Merle, was supported by many of Brian's family and friends at the Funeral Service held for him at Markeaton Crematorium. Those attending recalled the true gentleman that he was and admired Merle for her continued support for Brian, during his time in the Nursing Home. Though sadness was present, Brian left an unforgettable mark on Merle and his brothers Val, Tony and Alex and their families.

We send our heartfelt prayers to Merle and the family at this sad time. May they too be comforted by God's love.

Draycott Methodist Church

Services for January 2016

January 3rd.	10.30am.	United All Age Worship Anna Forey
	6.00pm.	Covenant Service Rev'd Colin Emerson
January 10th.	10.30am.	Cafe Style Worship Peter Nelson/Dave Green
	6.00pm.	Rev'd Jenny Dyer
January 17th.	10.30am.	United All Age Worship St. Mary's
	6.00pm.	Rev'd Colin Emerson
January 24th.	10.30am.	Holy Communion Rev'd Gary Dundas/ Rev'd Colin Emerson
	6.00pm.	David Bray
January 31st.	10.30am.	Cafe Style Worship Rev'd Janet Jackson
	6.00pm.	Holy Communion Rev'd Colin Emerson

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. 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.

Membership is £7 for sessions January to April. Give us a try – your first visit is FREE!

Wednesday 6th January

Table Games and Puzzles

Wednesday 20th January

Rainbow Children's' Hospice

A talk by their fund raising manager,
Paula Hunt

Please come and join us. You will receive a warm welcome.



AT DRAYCOTT METHODIST CHURCH,
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Rotary Club of Church Wilne

30th November meeting

Mike Beedham was the speaker at the Church Wilne Rotary Club on Monday 30th November when he gave a presentation on the history to the present day of the Duchess Theatre also known as the Chatsworth Arts Centre which is on West Gate in Long Eaton.

Mike, who is the Chairman, said that in the early 80's John Barker wanted to provide a theatre group for the town and in 1985/86 the Bourn Methodist Church was available and at the opening of their first show there was no seating or heating. The members heard that further developments in those early days were the pops up seats acquired from an old Birmingham cinema and the concerts held in afternoons and evenings.

The Duke of Devonshire was the President for many years but following his passing away there is now no connection with Chatsworth House.

In 2003 a fire totally destroyed the centre but fortunately a fire door saved the old school hall which is now the main centre for the group.

They applied for a lottery grant from the Arts Council but were told to don't bother them and go away as there are plenty of similar facilities in

both Derby and Nottingham. Well today the centre is almost fully booked with 45 weeks booked this year and just 2 weeks available for next year and several dates taken for 2017.

It took a further 5 years to reopen the centre and this was achieved by the wonderful support of many dedicated volunteers. The roof was repaired, Saturday coffee mornings held and now all three buildings are linked together.

There is now seating for 180 and as well as theatre shows the centre caters for a wide variety of events including barn dances, pop concerts, films, cream teas, birthday parties and more.

The centre has a management committee and a voluntary staff of 6 at every performance. Mike thanked his vice chairman and member of Church Wilne Rotary Club, Adrian Perkins, for the opportunity to give a brief history of the centre and finished by saying if you have not been to the Duchess Theatre to “Please come down to see us as we would love to see you”.

Purple Crocuses

To commemorate the 25th anniversary of Rotary’s campaign for the eradication of Polio around the world Church Wilne Rotary Club recently presented Draycott In Bloom (DIB) with 3,500 Purple Crocus bulbs for planting; in doing so Rotarian Adrian Perkins joined members of DIB on Sunday to plant the bulbs on the Millennium Green in Draycott. Adrian said “The purple crocus represents the colour of ink dabbed on a child’s little finger to indicate that they have been immunised against polio”. Adrian stated that “The Purple Crocus is an easy way for us as a Club to reach out to your wider community and awareness for “End Polio Now”.

Rotary also sell fabric Crocus as a major fundraiser for the End Polio Now Campaign. Rotary Crocuses are being distributed in 15 countries and have already raised around £300,000. You can find out more by visiting www.rotarycrocus.com.



There's been no rest for the Dibbers, since their fantastic result in the 2015 'In Bloom' competition. Firstly, sleeves are being rolled up to get thousands of bulbs planted before winter sets in. If you'd like to lend a hand getting these bulbs underground, please call Kaye on 07817 019990: she'd be delighted to hear from you.

There has also been very good news on a new project. The Dibbers along with Mark at The Coach and Horses have been working hard to get a **community allotment** underway. The great news is that we have been successful in our application for some grant funding as well as our planning consents and the community allotment on the Coach and Horses car park will be one of the big projects getting underway in 2016. If you'd like to be involved in this or any other Draycott In Bloom project, please feel free to come along to a DIB meeting on the first Wednesday of every month, at 7.00pm at the Coach and Horses.

Draycott "Tea With Friends"

was established earlier in the year and is proving to be very popular. There's still room for more people though, so if you're free in the afternoon of the 2nd and 4th Mondays of the month, please come down to St Mary's Church Hall. There's a £2 entry fee for a choice of drinks and cakes, a chance to meet up with people, different events and activities and good company. If you'd like to come, but you have trouble getting around we can come and pick you up and take you home again later. Please call Jane on 07804 954026.



Draycott Community Choir

Draycott's own community choir has been meeting regularly since April and continues to welcome new members of all singing abilities. We are keen to increase our numbers especially of male singers. Our musical director David Walker is also very keen to find a pianist to support him at each of our weekly meetings.

We now meet at St Mary's Church every Tuesday from 8 until 9:30pm. We are a lively and enthusiastic bunch, who all share an interest in trying to improve our singing abilities.

If you would like to come and join us or would like to find out a little more first, then please come to one of our next meetings, where you will be most welcome.

Articles



Mary Slessor,

Missionary in West Africa 1915

Our spotlight for January falls on Mary Slessor. Mary was born into a poor Presbyterian family in Aberdeen in 1848. From the age of 11, after the family moved to Dundee, she was sent to work in the linen mills for 12 hours a day. It was during this time, whilst still in her teens, that she came to a living faith and engaged in mission amongst the youth living in the deprived areas of Dundee.

However, she developed a growing interest in overseas mission work and, whilst still working at the mill, began a course of study which would equip her for mission abroad. In due course she applied to the United Presbyterian Church's Foreign Mission Board, and after training in Edinburgh, she set sail for West Africa in August 1876.

Mary soon picked up the local languages, and instead of following the usual practice of missionaries and living in a protected compound, she opted to live amongst the people she was serving. Mary had a particular calling to take in outcast women and she adopted unwanted children, especially twins, who according to indigenous superstitions, would normally be put to death. Such was the respect she gained from the local people, that she was successful in abolishing such practices as trial by ordeal, witchcraft and human sacrifice.

Mary adapted thoroughly to the culture of the people she served, and encouraged them to engage in trade, as much for the social benefits as for the financial returns. She earned the respect of both local leaders and the British colonial administration and was known as 'Ma Slessor' to her

people. In 1892 she was actually appointed the British vice-consul. Mary remained in Africa to the end of her life and died at Itu in 1915.

The church remembers Mary each year on 11th January.

Maria Przeslawski

Breaston Stepping Stones

On Wednesday 18th November Breaston Stepping Stones Dance Group once again performed dances in our annual show at Friesland Performing Arts Centre for CHILDREN IN NEED.

We had a variety of dances including the Wombles, Paddington Bear, Cave Men and Women!!! Bollywood and Rock and Roll.

We raised £386.30, so, well done all the children who took part.

Julie Phillips

Emergency Defibrillator

Breaston Parish Council have purchased an emergency defibrillator for the community. The machine will be sited inside the Co-operative Store. It is located in an alarmed cabinet on the right hand side as you go into the store. Whilst the cabinet is alarmed it isn't locked so anyone can access the machine at any time.

The defibrillator is easy to use as it instructs the user on what to do.

Copy Day

Copy Day for the **FEBRUARY** issue of the magazine will be

TUESDAY 12TH JANUARY

(Note that this is a week earlier than usual, to cope with holidays happening later in the month)

All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please (magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com).

Draycott news can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 or Bernard Carter 874974 **by the 10th of the month** to be forwarded to the Church Office. We regret that late copy will have to be held over.

Praise be to God

I like the winter evenings,
when I watch the sinking golden sun grow dim
and the orange horizon mellowing to red.
The leafless trees are silhouetted
against the sullen sky, whilst grey clouds scurry by
to reach their distant nocturnal rendezvous.

A shiver runs down my back as
the wind sprays hail against my face and
I huddle inside my cherished duffle coat.
I see a skein of swans in flight, hear their wings
beating on the air, a reminder that God's angels
watch over everyone wherever they may be.

Jay (Original 2012 Draycott Parish News)

Recipe for January



Gluten-free Venetian carrot cake

I long thought that carrot cake was an American invention, until I found out that an early version was made by Venetian Jews in the original ghetto. This modest disc is not much to look at - apart from a glorious golden-ness - but it is divine to eat. Only those with less austere eating habits will care to dollop alongside each damply crumbling wedge of cake my Italianate nod to the American cream-cheese frosting – a soft, rum-flavoured mascarpone cream.

Ingredients

For the carrot cake

- 3 tbsp pine nuts
- 2 medium carrots (approx. 200-250g/7-9oz)
- 75g/3oz golden sultanas
- 60ml/2¼fl oz rum
- 150g/5oz caster sugar
- 125ml/4½fl oz regular olive oil, plus extra for greasing
- 1 tsp vanilla extract
- 3 free-range eggs
- 250g/9oz ground almonds
- ½ tsp ground nutmeg, or to taste
- ½ lemon, finely grated zest and juice

For the mascarpone cream (optional)

- 250g/9oz mascarpone
- 2 tsp icing sugar
- 2 tbsp rum

Preparation method

- For the carrot cake, preheat the oven to 180C/350F/Gas 4. Line the base of a 23cm/9in round spring form cake tin with re-usable non-stick silicone liner or baking parchment and grease the sides with olive oil.
- Toast the pine nuts by browning in a dry frying pan; the oven alone is not enough to scorch out the paleness. Set aside.
- Grate the carrots in a processor (for ease) or with a coarse grater, then sit them on a double layer of kitchen paper and wrap them, to soak up excess liquid. Set aside.
- Put the golden sultanas in a small saucepan with the rum, bring to the boil, then turn down and simmer for 3 minutes.
- Whisk the sugar and oil until creamily and airily mixed.
- Whisk in the vanilla extract and eggs and, when well whisked, fold in the ground almonds, nutmeg, grated carrots, golden sultanas (with any rum that clings to them) and, finally, the lemon zest and juice.
- Scrape the mixture into the prepared cake tin and smooth the surface with a rubber spatula. The batter will be very shallow in the tin.
- Sprinkle the toasted pine nuts over the cake and put it into the oven for 30–40 minutes, or until the top is risen and golden and a skewer inserted into the centre comes out sticky but more or less clean.
- Remove from the oven and let the cake sit in its tin on a wire rack for 10 minutes, then unspring and leave it on the rack to cool.

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- For the mascarpone cream, mix the mascarpone with the icing sugar and rum.
- To serve, transfer the cake to a plate. Put the mascarpone cream in a bowl to spoon alongside the cake, for those who want.

Top Tip

The cake can be baked up to 3 days ahead. Wrap it tightly in cling film and store in an airtight container in a cool place. It will keep for total of 5–6 days. The cake can also be frozen for up to 3 months. Defrost overnight at room temperature.

BBC Recipe (Nigella Lawson)

"Blessed are those who can laugh at themselves, for they shall never ceased to be amused."

Anonymous

Historic January

1 st	1622	The Catholic Church adopted 1 Jan as the beginning of the New Year (instead of 25 March).
3 rd	1924	English explorer Howard Carter discovered the tomb of Tutankhamun in the Valley of the Kings, near Luxor, Egypt.
4 th	1967	Death of Donald Campbell. His jet-powered speedboat Bluebird somersaulted on Coniston Water, Cumbria, at a speed of 300-mph whilst attempting to break his own world record of 276-mph.
5 th	1818	The first regular trans-Atlantic shipping service begins between Liverpool and New York.

8 th	794	Danish Vikings attack <u>Lindisfarne Island</u> off the north-east coast of England and destroy its famous church.
9 th	1806	<u>Lord Nelson</u> , naval commander and hero of the Battle of Trafalgar, is buried at St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
10 th	1918	The House of Lords gives its approval to the Representation of the People Bill, which gives woman over the age of 30 the right to vote.
11 th	1569	The first state lottery is held in England, with tickets on sale at the West Door of St. Paul's Cathedral in London.
12 th	1970	The first Boeing 747 Jumbo jet arrives at London's Heathrow Airport after completing its maiden transatlantic flight from New York.
14 th	1742	Death of Sir Edmund Halley, British Astronomer Royal who gave his name to a comet.
15 th	1559	<u>Elizabeth I</u> was crowned Queen of England at the age of 25. Elizabeth is the daughter of <u>Henry VIII</u> 's second wife, Anne Boleyn.
16 th	1780	British forces under the command of Admiral Rodney defeat the Spanish at Cape St. Vincent and relieve <u>Gibraltar</u> .
17 th	1912	Britain's polar explorers led by Captain Robert Falcon Scott reach the South Pole - only to find the Norwegian Roald Amundsen's expedition had beaten him by a month.
18 th	1485	After 30 years of civil war the Royal Houses of Lancaster and York are united by the marriage of Henry VII to the eldest daughter of <u>Edward IV</u> .

19 th	1915	German Zeppelin airships crossed the eastern coast of England to bombard towns in East Anglia, more than 20 people were killed.
20 th	1265	England's first Parliament meets at Westminster Hall in London. Representatives from towns and villages across the country meet for the first time in one chamber.
21 st	1846	The first edition of the Daily News, edited by <u>Charles Dickens</u> is published in London.
24 th	1965	The "last lion of British politics", Sir Winston Churchill died at the age of 90. His body is to lie in state in Westminster Hall, London.
27 th	1926	Inventor John Logie Baird demonstrates his new television machine to members of the Royal Institution in London. Some have suggested that this could one day provide every home with a substitute for the cinema.
28 th	1807	London becomes the first city in the world to be lit by <u>gas lights</u> .
29 th	1596	The most famous English seaman and adventurer of the Elizabethan era, Sir Frances Drake, is buried at sea. The Spanish breathed a sigh of relief!
30 th	1649	The courts deemed him a "tyrant, traitor, murderer and enemy of the people", for this England's King Charles I was beheaded in Whitehall.

By Ben Johnson (taken from Internet)

Filling The Well

This is a free reflective course over six two hour sessions beginning on February 1st 2016 for those interested in exploring themselves in the context of getting older. The second half of life presents us with an opportunity to either become who we really are and to flourish or close ourselves down in the face of the challenges ahead. It will be held at the Multi Faith Centre at Derby University.

For more information and to apply visit:

www.derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/spirituality-1.html

or contact:

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Long Eaton Operatic Society Youth Group

The above group is delighted to announce that they are to present The Wizard of Oz at the Duchess Theatre, Long Eaton, from 18th to 20th February 2016.

This is an all-time favourite and tells the story of an orphaned young girl named Dorothy who lives with her aunt and uncle on their farm in Kansas. Dorothy longs to travel far, far away – behind the moon – beyond the rain - "Somewhere over the Rainbow" to a different world, and she gets her wish when a tornado whisks her and her little dog, Toto, to the Land of Oz.

An invitation is therefore extended to you all to come and join Dorothy and her new found friends as they journey along the Yellow Brick Road and witness for yourselves the adventures they encounter in the Land of Oz!

The youngsters are very busy rehearsing and are looking forward to presenting this lively production, brimming over with energy and a sparkling musical score, where everyone gets their moment to shine.

Tickets are on sale now priced £7 & £6 (concessions Saturday Matinee only) and are available from www.duchess-theatre.com (booking fee applies – Ticketsource)

LEOS Youth Group Box Office mobile number: 07864 033 663

Duchess Theatre, West Gate, Long Eaton on Saturday mornings

Derby and Derbyshire Minerals Local Plan - Update

As you may be aware, earlier this year the County Council began the next stage in the preparation of the Derbyshire and Derby Minerals Local Plan – a consultation to engage the wider community to help develop the vision, objectives, strategies and policies of the future Minerals Local Plan. The County Council is grateful to those who have already provided comments. Further papers are being published, including one on *Sand and Gravel Site Methodology and Assessments*. Comments are now invited on all papers, until 31st January 2016.

The County Council looks forward to hearing from you: all comments and suggestions are used to inform the Draft Plan, on which further views will be sought before it is published and then examined by an independent inspector.

The easiest and quickest way to read the papers and then submit your responses is online via www.tiny.cc/MinsPlan. If you do not have access to a computer, you can also respond on paper and post it to The Development Plans Team, Economy Transport and Environment, Derbyshire County Council, Shand House, Dale Road South, Matlock, DE4 3RY.

If you would like a printed copy of a paper posted to you, please ring 01629 533190.

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Wildlife Report concluded... featuring St. Chad's Churchyard

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animals. The practice of leaving felled trees in situ to rot naturally has been highly successful, any native wood felled should be left in situ. Fungi and insect larvae which feed on the rotting wood are much sought after by higher animals. Amphibians hibernate in the rotten cores. This habitat may be in short supply for amphibians which migrate out of the large ponds nearby especially in times of flood. The nearby road is the site of an annual Spring Toad Rescue run by Derbyshire Amphibian and Reptile Group.

The hedgehog house could be moved into the corner of the churchyard against the wall so a hedgehog can discover it while working around the boundary.

A specialist bat survey might be commissioned from Derbyshire Bat Group as bats have been recorded on the lane outside earlier this year.



Slate Memorial Stone St Chad's Churchyard
Photo credit Marion Bryce 30 July 2015

The oldest memorial stone noted was 1734, older stones may have been listed. The East Midlands Geological Society could be invited to classify the memorial stones to type and origin. The inscriptions on the memorials

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have been recorded. Advice should be taken on care of the stones. In recent years, with the retreat of industry, lichens have started to grow on the stones and a balance should be struck with stone cleaning done in sections, not all at once.

The variety of wildflowers in the mowed turf is to be valued. The mowing of the turf might be less often, but the current regime has a specialist community of low growing plants which seed into the bare areas.



Wild area in South-west Corner St Chad's Churchyard 30 July 2015
Photo credit Marion Bryce

The wildlife areas could be retained and developed as wildflower meadow areas. They will need to be cut once a year, in late August, to prevent shrubs such as bramble and hawthorn from taking over. The area most in need of attention is in the South-western corner. The briars from this area could be shredded and the chippings left in discrete piles.

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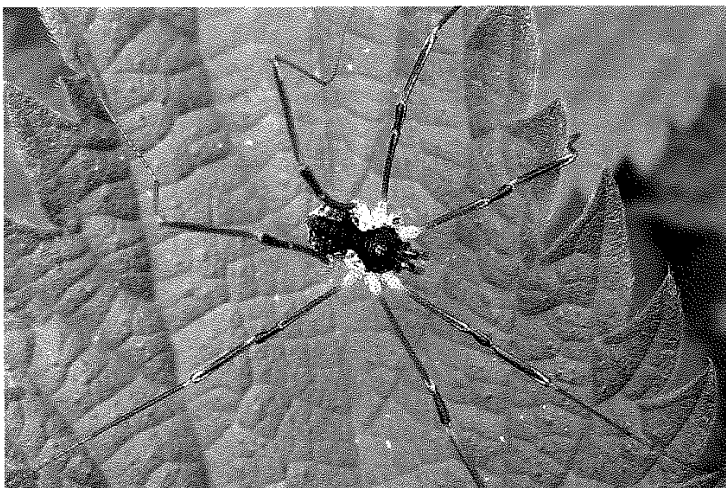


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The church grounds are damp even though they are on a mound at a higher level than the surrounding land. The Himalayan balsam in the South-east corner should be hand pulled and removed before the seeds are set, this is because it out-competes other plants and reduces biodiversity. If hand pulling is not an option the tall vegetation could be cut down before the seeds are set and the cuttings composted.

The grass should be cut on the drier wildlife area on the North side of the church yard after the seeds of the wildflowers have been set. The cut grass should be dried in situ, turned over, if possible for seeds to fall and then the cuttings should be removed. If placed in an out of the way heap it will provide a haven for other wildlife.

If the introduction of native wildflowers is under consideration, betony (in damper corners), purple loosestrife, field scabious, knapweed and bird's-foot trefoil might be sourced from a wildflower specialist.



Saddleback Harvestman St Chad's Churchyard 30 July 2015
Photo credit Marion Bryce

Many invertebrates live in the churchyard, the mosaic of habitats provide homes and food a variety of entire invertebrate life cycles, whereas typical plantings of garden flowers may only provide a nectar source for flying insects. With

management and introduction of native flowers the site will compete with the best sites for the number of species of wildflowers found growing on neutral clays and shales and attractive to visitors. A file of wildlife

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sightings with reporting encouraged might get people interested in work parties on the site. A discovery trail for children might be developed. An information board might enhance visitor's introduction to this spiritual and attractive, wildlife haven.



St Chad's Churchyard looking North-west showing fallen dead wood and wild area under Yew
Photo credit Marion Bryce 30 July 2015



Trailing Bellflower St Chad's
Marion Bryce 30 July 2015

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‘Why Christmas?’ booklets

Residents in both villages will have received with the Christmas card a copy of the booklet “Why Christmas?”, which explains the true meaning behind Christmas. A number of events are being held in January that will help you explore the Christian faith further.

Why Church?

Sunday 10th January 4pm in St. Michael's Church

An opportunity to sample what 'Church' in Breaston has to offer to people of all ages and tastes, and to hear the stories of some of our members.

Refreshments will be served in the Church Hall afterwards where there will also be activities for children.

Why Believe?

Tuesday 5th January 7.45pm in Pumpkinz, Draycott

Friday 15th January 7.30 pm in Anderson's, Blind Lane, Breaston

An informal evening with stories and music

Why Messy Church?

Monday 11th January in Draycott Methodist Church

Monday 25th January in Breaston Methodist Church

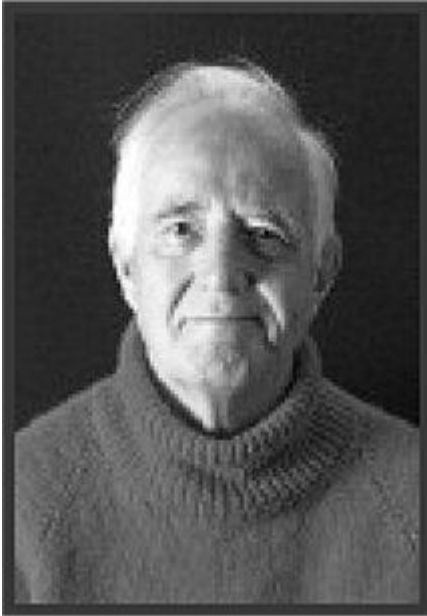
Come along and experience this monthly family event

Why God?

Wednesday 27th January 7.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church

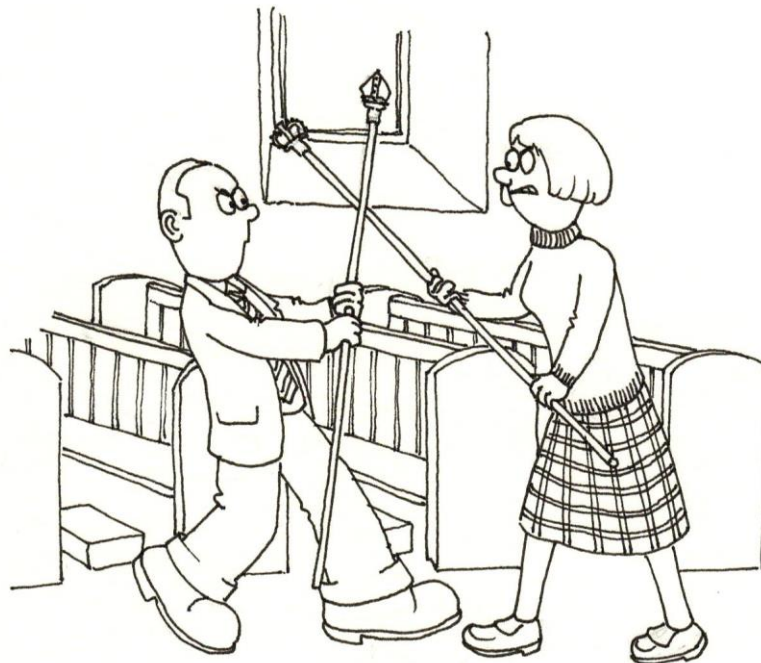
We invite you to come along and view the popular film 'God's Not Dead' and join us for discussion and refreshments afterwards.

Breaston author



Breaston author The Rev'd John Barnes has published his first novel. 'Ryan's Journey. Book One: Boyhood.' Please go to his website: johnsbarnes-writer.co.uk for further information and see items such as *News and Views*, *Thought for the Day*, *Sermonettes* and start of his new novel, *Vicar at Large*.

Star Wars – The Force Awakens



In a tradition dating back to 1977, the churchwardens re-enacted "Star Wars"

Letters to the editor

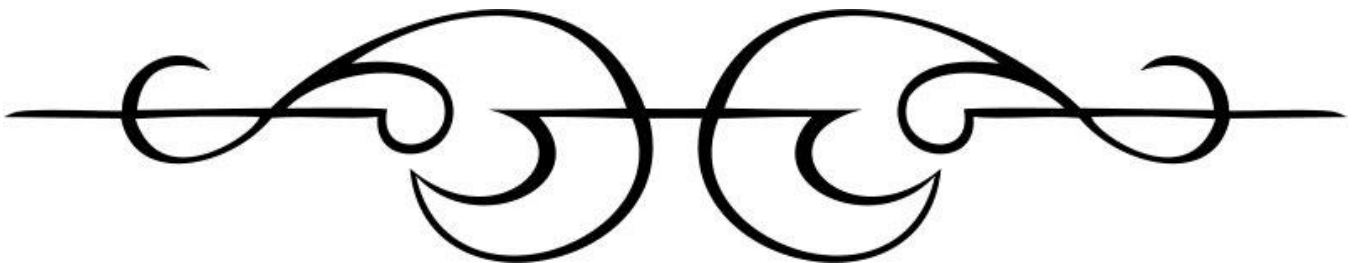
Letter to the editor

Dear editor,

I think it might be a good idea to have a “letters to the editor” column in the magazine. After all, I always read the Letters page in the daily papers with great interest (often they’re the best bit!), so I think it would be interesting to see what people think about our villages (and the magazine itself, of course!).

Yours, Jonathan Lupton

(Well, to be honest, Jonathan is one of the editors, so we wonder why he’s writing to himself! But if you’d like to write to the magazine, you can email magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com or send your letter to Magazine, St Michael’s Church Hall, Main Street, Breaston, DERBY, DE72 3DX. You can drop it into the post box on the corner of the building if you like.)



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