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# Breaston Churches

## Thought for the month

There are two dates that come to mind when thinking about this month. The first is Valentine's Day on February 14th and the second is Ash Wednesday, which marks the beginning of Lent on February 10th. Many people give up chocolate during Lent so it could create a few problems if you're buying a gift for your valentine. However, I am informed that Sundays are days off from abstinence so this year, with Valentine's Day being a Sunday you are okay!

Valentine's day and Ash Wednesday seem complete opposites because the first is about celebration and the latter is about abstinence. However, the goal of both is the same. Valentine's Day is an opportunity to express our love for our partner or spouse. There is a story about a woman who had been married for many years who complained to her husband that he never told her that he loved her. The husband replied 'I told you on our wedding day 50 years ago and if 'owt' changes I'll let you know'. We all need to be affirmed by others regularly that we are loved and usually this involves words.

Lent is not about self-denial for the sake of it. It is not about a God who is angry with us nor is it simply an opportunity to lose weight. Lent is an opportunity for us to express our love for God by giving up certain things that crowd our time and appetites so that we can make space for him. It has been likened to a spiritual spring clean. There are things that I do on a daily and weekly basis to draw closer to God. This invariably involves prayer (and prayer is about consciously being with God and there are a multitude of ways of praying) and reading the bible (also lots of ways to do this). However often the things that I do to draw close to God can get frayed at the edges. Lent gives us an opportunity to reflect upon our life with God and what we can do to make more time for him.

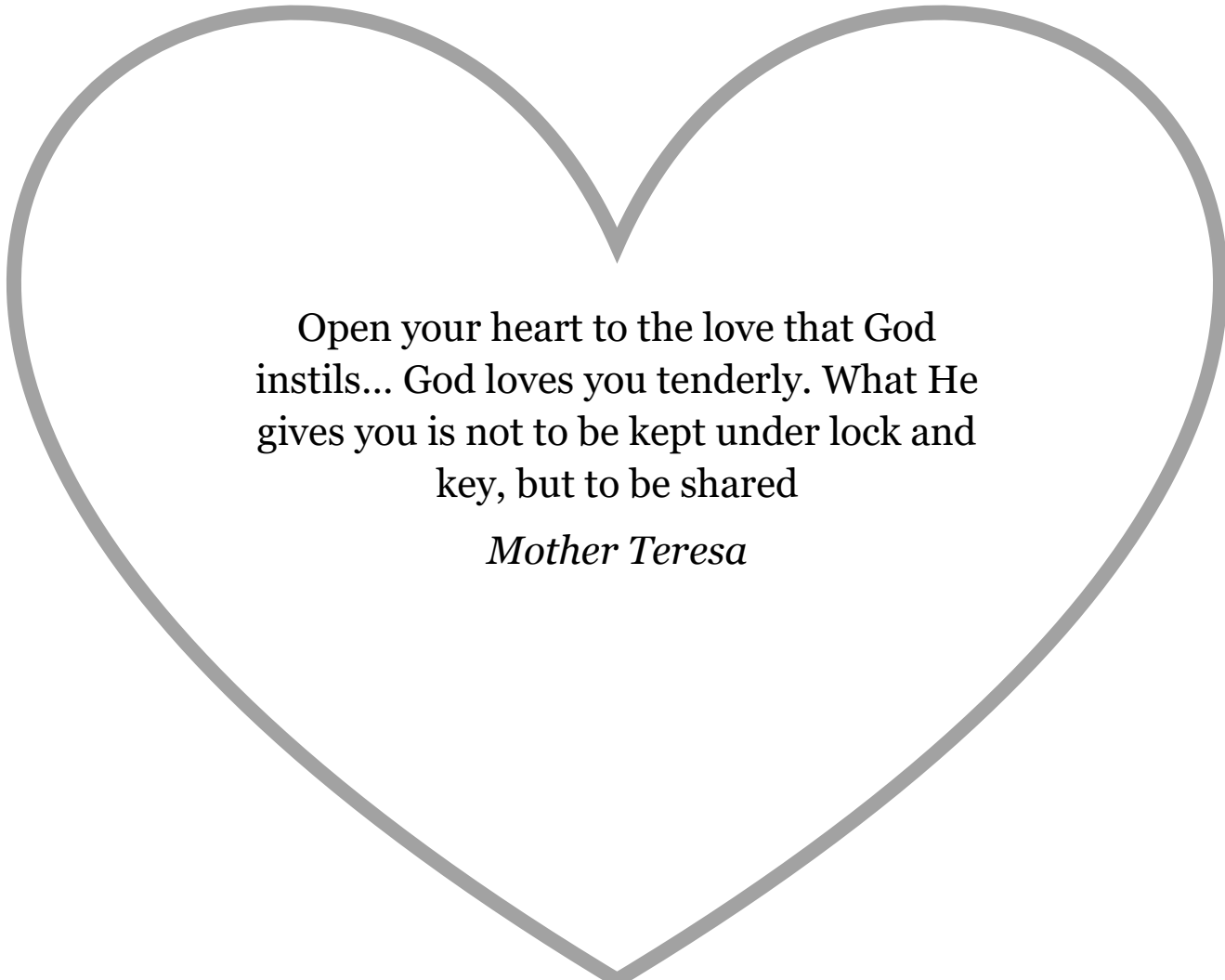
I don't believe that God is interested in abstinence if it's done for abstinence's sake or to make us feel miserable. His desire is to be loved and for us to grow in love for him. We grow in love for him by consciously

spending time with him. As we spend time with him our desire for him grows.

I hope Valentine's Day is special for you this year. If you haven't got a partner or spouse how about planning an expression of love for a friend? This could be done without their knowledge of who did it.

I pray that Lent will also be special; that you will grow in the awareness of God's transforming love.

*Rev'd Chris Smedley.*



Open your heart to the love that God  
instils... God loves you tenderly. What He  
gives you is not to be kept under lock and  
key, but to be shared

*Mother Teresa*

## Breaston contacts

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# St. Michael's Church Calendar

## Church Services for February 2016

Sunday 7 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong. St. Mary's, Draycott
Wednesday 10 <sup>th</sup>	7.30pm	Holy Communion
Sunday 14 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	All Age Worship
	6.30pm	Evensong
Sunday 21 <sup>st</sup>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
	6.30pm	Evensong – St. Mary's Draycott
Sunday 28 <sup>th</sup>	8.45am	Holy Communion
	10.15am	Celebration Service
	6.30pm	Evensong

### Weekday Opening Times:

Wednesday:	2.30pm – 3.30pm;
Saturday:	10.00am – Noon

### Diary

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

First Sunday of the month 7.30 pm  
Churches Together Prayer and Praise  
at the Methodist Church

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## Churches Together Lunch Club

Date for the Lunch Club during February are 5th and 19th then 4th March.

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.

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## The Wesley Guild

Our Wesley Guild programme for February is as follows:

4 <sup>th</sup>	Our Cathedral Heritage	Margaret Gregory
11 <sup>th</sup>	Own Choice Music	Guild Members
18 <sup>th</sup>	Messy Church - What's it all about?	Jan Wilkinson
25 <sup>th</sup>	Christian Education in Manifur	Rev Christine Fox

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## Methodist Church News

Our church looked very bare when we took down the Christmas decorations and the Christmas story banners. Rosie, one of our members, has put up a very interesting display on the rear wall of our Hall. In large letters it says "Is Christ in your life or is He out with the Christmas paper?" Food for thought!

Lovely to see the daffodils emerging on the grass verges in Risley and round about the area. Also, the first snowdrops have appeared behind the low wall at the corner of Sawley Lane.

We were sorry to learn that Sheila Parry has passed away- she attended the Lunch Club and was always bubbly and friendly. Our prayers are with her family.

*Thelma Mortimer*

The following poem was passed to me by a friend who attended a service on a recent cruise:

## SHIP-SHAPE

The Sea of Life presents us  
 With some currents that confuse  
 And many “ships” are needed  
 On this memorable cruise.

Apprentice-ship and Workman-ship  
 Can form a worthy crew  
 Leader-ship and Statesman-ship  
 Can help to steer us through.

Wor-ship is a Flag-ship  
 That is carefully designed  
 And proper navigation  
 Can leave Hard-ship far behind.

Though the Sea of Life's uncharted  
 At times it must be said-  
 The finest craft is Friend-ship  
 When it steams – Full Speed Ahead!

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## Methodist Church Services

All Sunday services start at 10.30am unless stated otherwise

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7	10.30am	Sacrament	Rev Arnold Dixon
14	10.30am	Worship	Gillian Watts
21	10.30am	Worship	Jonathan Stanyon
28	10.30am	Worship	Martin Sykes

# Breaston Children and Youth

## Brownies and Rainbows

Well, what a build up for Christmas we had – Light switch on with Santa and attending the Candle Lit Carol Service. We had only two weeks' meetings in December but we spent a fun filled evening doing Christmas Crafts, making candy cane tree ornaments, paper angels and Christmas cards. The last week before Christmas, we had a Pyjama Party with tradition games and a secret Santa gift swap.

*Sally King, Brown Owl*

The Brownies attended our Carol Service at 6pm on 20<sup>th</sup> December and sang a carol. They also sang 'Away in a Manger' accompanied on the piano by Janet, a regular attender at our services. Janet is blind.

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 20<sup>th</sup> 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.

## Young Church

### St Michael's Church, Breaston

Sun 7th	10.15am	Crèche available. Children's activities are on the themes of Paul and Trust. Youth/Frenz as well.
Sun 14th	10.15am	All-age Worship. No separate children's/Youth activities but everyone will be involved in the service.
	3.30pm	Valentine's Party-St Michael's Church Hall, till 5pm

- Sun 21st      10.15am      Crèche available, children's activities and Youth/Frenz The children will be taking part in activities relating to Wonderful God and Praise the Lord.
- Mon 22nd      3.30pm      Messy Church at Methodist Church, Breaston till 5.30pm. **All welcome.**
- Sun 28th      10.15am      Crèche available, children's activities and Youth/ Frenz. The children's groups will concentrate on The Potter's Story.

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## 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.

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](mailto: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 28th February from  
3.30 - 5.30pm in Breaston Methodist Church

For more information, please contact Jan Wilkinson

01332 872753 or 07549026042

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## **Sunbeams Breaston**

After the overwhelming success of Sunbeams Draycott, we are expanding and introducing Sunbeams Breaston after February half term on Monday mornings during term time. This is a group for bumps, babies and tots (and their big people, of course).

Our aim is to offer friendship and support for mums, dads and carers whilst offering a stimulating environment for the little people through song, sensory play activities and a Bible story each week. There will, obviously, be coffee, tea (juice for little people and cake too!

Please join our Facebook page (search for Sunbeams Breaston) or look at the Parish Council Notice Boards for more information in the coming weeks.

We are also looking for volunteers to help us on a rota based system-please contact via Facebook page or leave a message at the St Michael's Church office.

**Mouse Makes**

Each day during LENT as you countdown to EASTER, colour a stepping stone on the footprint calendar and learn more about Jesus by reading Luke's Gospel.

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EASTER SUNDAY

"Teach me your way, O LORD; that I may walk in your truth." / Psalm 86:11

JESUS IS RISEN

"Your word is a lamp to my feet and a light to my path." Psalm 119:105



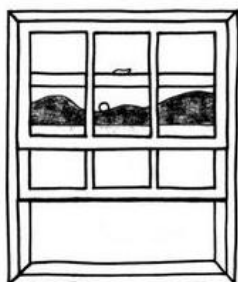
## HYMNS

When you come to church you hear hymns. Hymns are songs of praise to God. Some are very old and some, like the ones you may sing at school, are new.

Have you ever wondered who wrote the hymns we sing? For example, one hymn writer was Mrs Cecil Frances Alexander, the wife of the Bishop of Londonderry. She wrote a book called 'Hymns for Little Children' which was dedicated to her godchildren. The book was published in 1848 and contained hymns that we know well today; 'All Things Bright and Beautiful', 'Once in Royal David's City' and 'There is a Green Hill Far Away'.

It is said that she wrote the last hymn because of the view from the Bishop's palace. The house looked out over the city walls to the green hills in the distance.

So the words we sing today come from the view that Mrs Alexander had from her window.



## HYMN TITLES

All the following hymn titles have some words missing – can you fill in the blanks. All the hymns are from Mission Praise and the answers are below.

1. While \_\_\_\_ watched
2. Lead us, \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_, lead us.
3. Away in a \_\_\_\_
4. Forty days and \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_
5. Hark! The \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ sing
6. \_\_\_\_ has broken
7. \_\_\_\_ night, \_\_\_\_ night
8. There is a \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ far away
9. We plough the \_\_\_\_ and scatter
10. Amazing \_\_\_\_

### Didn't your teacher say your singing was heavenly?

Well, she did say it was like nothing on earth.



- Answers:** 1. While shepherds watched  
 2. Lead us, heavenly Father, lead us  
 3. Away in a manger 4. Forty days and forty nights 5. Hark, the herald angels sing 6. Morning has broken 7. Silent night, holy night 8. There is a green hill far away 9. We plough the fields and scatter 10. Amazing Grace.

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# 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.

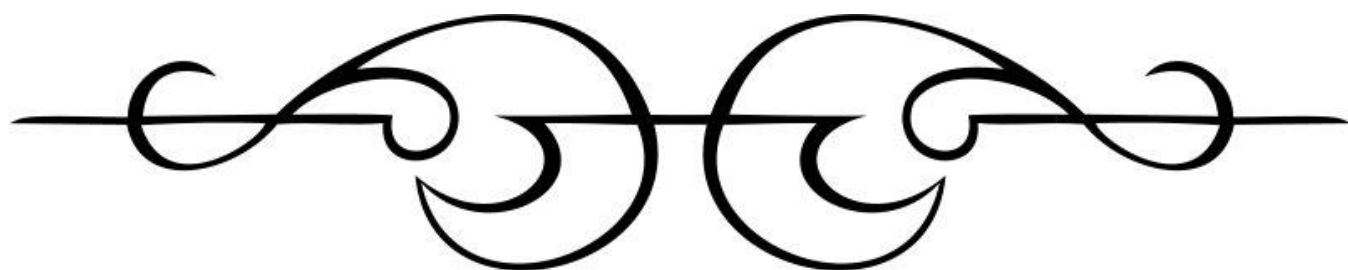
**Kidz Extreme (7–11yrs)** understanding and knowledge of the Christian Faith is developed to a deeper level, whilst keeping the activities fun and stimulating.

**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](mailto:dawnsycamore0@gmail.com)



# Breaston Village News

## Breaston & Draycott Women's Fellowship

Hello everyone – Happy New Year, although a little late! It was not possible to write for the January Magazine as our last event, our Annual



Christmas Dinner, was too late for the publication date. We had an excellent meal at Cleve Lodge and 44 people dined together. Chris



Hayne said grace for us once again, thank you Chris, and we had Carols with the Village Singers afterwards. Thank you Jan for organising the Singers for us.

It was really good that so many of us with relatives and friends from Breaston and



Draycott were able to join together sharing our meal and entertainment. We had our usual raffle with lots of prizes. Our Christmas Hamper



which was given by Mrs. Ray from the Mayfield Homes Park, finally raised a total of £124 added to our funds and the monies will be distributed to our local Churches in 2016



On December 22nd Anthea and I joined Tony Billings and Nichola at **the Ark Sanctuary** in Derby to celebrate Christmas readings and Carols and to hold a party for people who are homeless and living on the streets of Derby. The Women's Fellowship supports this Charity which is based on Babbington Lane and outreaches

to the Community for Derby Cathedral. Whilst we were there approximately 45 people came in, all were provided with good food and drinks, some had small children and some were elderly. They were happy for me to take some photographs for our magazine.

Nichola gave us a Christmas Message about the light of Christ which never goes out, and after our service some people were able to go upstairs to the Sanctuary for their own quiet prayer time. Anthea and I felt really inspired by our visit – here was the true meaning of Christ’s ministry in action and we were so privileged to be part of the Ark’s community even if only for a short time. Our contributions from the Women’s Fellowship throughout the year is by donations of bedding, clothes and £200 for sleeping bags and Bibles for homeless people and those leaving prison who are in the City of Derby.



The Women’s Fellowship has had a very good year in 2015. We start our meetings in 2016 on 27<sup>th</sup> January at 2.00pm in St. Michael’s Church Hall when we have our AGM to elect our Committee. There will be a Beetle Drive as well with Prizes, a Raffle and a Tabletop sale as usual. Our first Committee meeting will be early in February when we shall be making decisions about £1000 which we have available for donations to our local Churches and chosen Charities.

*Margaret Gregory*  
*Chairperson Breaston and Draycott Women’s Fellowship*  
*Tel. 01332 872143 or mobile 07957 827 902*

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# Listening to people in Breaston

## How is it going?

The small team of “listeners” has been giving people in Breaston the opportunity to have a say about how they feel about living in the village and put forward any ideas they have to make things happen.

It is no surprise that a large majority of respondents had good things to say. The village is full of friendly people. There is a good community spirit and people go out of their way to help each other. There is good community involvement in events such as the May Day Gala, Church Communities, the Carol Service, the Brass Band Concert, Remembrance Day, the Pumpkin Party, Yarn Bombing. There are number of community groups too, especially for the elderly. So the overwhelming feeling is that the village has a heart and a strong identity.

Most people also mentioned amenities; shops, school, doctors, pubs etc. and also being surrounded by countryside.

On the downside, most people talked about the level traffic and most of all car parking on Longmoor Lane, Stevens Lane and along the main road. There is also concern that there is not enough for young people to do.

At this early stage, ideas for new amenities and projects are beginning to emerge. The task of the listening team is to help these ideas to grow and to put people who share the same vision to get together and develop their thoughts and plans.

Hopefully there will be a lot happening soon and the plan is to display the results of all this hard work at the May Day Gala. By the way, if you would like to be listened to, or even join the listening team, then please contact Jean Lupton ([jean.lupton@gmail.com](mailto:jean.lupton@gmail.com)).

*Tony Prior*

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INSPIRING WOMEN



**Breaston W.I.**

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# Draycott Church News

## Draycott contacts

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Treasurer	Sarah Johnson	
Secretary	Kris Bingham	
Sunbeams	Ruth Pechey	0115 9726321
Discoverers	Vicky Fessey & Carolyn Bassett	
Flower Secretary	Betty Fletcher	
St Mary's Hall	Pat Fessey	01332 872185
Friends of St Chad's	Pam Mee (Secretary)	01332 872148

### Draycott Methodist Church

Minister	Rev'd Colin Emerson	01332 670587
Senior Steward	David Murden	01332 873388
Hall Hire	Sylvia Seabury	01332 873828
Wesley Guild	John Griffiths	01332 872878

### Draycott Messy Church

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Draycott Brownies	Caroline Riley or Carolyn Bassett	07871 103861

Draycott & Church Wilne History Group

Clive Wilkinson ales14@sky.com 01332 872615

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](mailto:gwdundas@aol.com) - 01332 872893. This list will be increased each month until we have the necessary contact numbers.

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# Wilne with Draycott

## Church Calendar for February 2016

Sat 6 <sup>th</sup> February	Coffee Morning	Church Hall	10.00am
Sun 7 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunday before Lent		
	All Age Worship	Methodist Church	10.30am
	Matins	St Chad's	11.00am
	Evensong	St Mary's	6.30pm
Wed 10 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>Ash Wednesday</b>		
	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
	Holy Communion	St Michael's	7.30pm
Sun 14 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Family Communion	St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm
Mon 15 <sup>th</sup> February	Messy Church	Methodist Hall	3.30pm
Wed 17 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 21 <sup>st</sup> February	2 <sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Lent		
	All Age Worship	St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Mary's	6.30pm
Wed 24 <sup>th</sup> February	Sunbeams	Church Hall	10.30am
Sun 28 <sup>th</sup> February	<b>3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Lent</b>		
	Holy Communion	St Mary's	10.30am
	Evensong	St Michael's	6.30pm

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## Services

All our Christmas Services were well attended. St Mary's was full for the Bethlehem Lights & Carols. Everyone enjoyed singing the traditional Carols & the Cubs and Brownies sang the 12 Days of Christmas with all the actions "a very good performance, well done all". Approximately 50 people took home the Bethlehem Light home with them. The Vicar & the Methodist Minister led the service. Sherry & Mince Pies were served in the Church Hall afterwards.

Thank you to Brenda Higgingbottom for making over 100 mince pies and to those who gave the sherry, raffle prizes & helped to make the

evening a success – £200 was raised for Treetops Hospice Care at Risley in appreciation for the help they give locally.

*The Churchwardens & Bernard Carter*

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## **The Rotary Club Lessons & Carols Service**

on the Saturday before Christmas was well attended, conducted by the Rev'd Gary Dundas. Draycott Sounds, a local choir who meet in the Church Hall, sang three songs during the service. They were made very welcome and were thanked by the President of the club Mr Tony Beenham.

The service the following day, conducted by the vicar, was also well attended. These two services were held at St Chad's.

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## **Christmas Eve Services**

A new service, timed to be useful for families, was held at St Chad's at 6pm. The service was called 'Family Carols' and was well attended. The Vicar, the Rev'd Chris Smedley said it had been a very happy occasion which had catered well for those who felt they like to go to St Chad's on Christmas Eve.

With the road to St Chad's being so dark, the Church Council decided to hold the Midnight Communion at St Mary's. The service was very well supported with many people being able to walk to the service. During the singing of Silent Night, the congregation went outside to place baby Jesus in the manger within the Scarecrow Nativity Scene. Donna Scott, who, along with many other Mums, encouraged us to have the Nativity Scene outside, carried the baby.

We would like to thank Mr Greg Maskalick, who owns the Draycott Music School on Victoria Road, for playing the organ for the service and Mr Christopher Hayne for giving the Sermon.

The Rev'd Gary Dundas Officiated at the Communion, and wished everyone a very Happy Christmas.

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## Christmas Day Crib Service

Many families came along to St Mary's for the Crib Service; the service was led by the Vicar who encouraged to children to get very involved with putting the Crib Scene together.

It is very pleasing to see so many come along on Christmas Day, some leaving presents at home and some bringing them with them.

It was a really lovely occasion.

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## Scarecrow Nativity Scene

The village community has been blessed by the presence of the Nativity Scene on the lawn at St Mary's Church, I have had many comments of praise for it. You will be aware that the original plan was to have it closer to the road but the poor weather, at the beginning of December, meant the plan had to change.

I would like to thank everyone personally who was involved in making it possible. There are numerous people I need to thank for helping to make this happen. The fear of missing out someone's name in my thanks here in the magazine means that it might be safer to place my wholehearted appreciation to all who helped make the Scarecrows Nativity Scene. We hope to repeat the scene next year.

*Gary Dundas*

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## Friends of St Chad's 2016 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.

## **1<sup>st</sup> Draycott Brownies Fund Raising Event For the Heart Foundation**

**on  
Friday 5<sup>th</sup> February  
at**

**3.30pm – 5.00pm  
St Mary's Hall**

**Wear something red  
Tea and Cakes served by  
the Brownies.  
Watch activities and  
enjoy the fun  
All Welcome**



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## 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.

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## Methodist Church

### Services for February 2016

February 7th	10-30am	United All Age Worship Rev'd Colin Emerson
	6-00pm	Mark Pomroy
February 14th	10-30am	Cafe Style Worship George Seabury
	6-00pm	Derek Turton
February 21st	10-30am	United All Age Worship St. Mary's
	6-00pm	Rev'd Joseph Tembo
February 28th	10-30am	Rev'd Keith Burchell
	6-00pm	Holy Communion Rev'd Colin Emerson

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## Coffee Morning

The next Coffee Morning will be on  
Saturday 6th February in St. Mary's Church Hall.

10am – 11.30am

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

Your help is always appreciated

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## 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.
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# Draycott Village News

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## Draycott Village Fund

So we had the mammoth job ahead of us on 9th January – to take down 250 Christmas trees, remove 250 sets of lights and transport 250 trees to Canopy Tree Services. But we did it! (Well, almost...).

A **huge** thank you to the 6 teams of volunteers that turned up at Scarecrows that morning. Without you lovely 25 people it would simply have not been possible to do all we did! To the brave ones going up ladders, to the ones untangling the lights from trees and to the ones dragging trees along the streets to be collected – thank you. Also a massive thank you to our drivers (Jan, John, John and Dave) who transported all the trees to Canopy. Steve at Canopy Tree Services amazingly agreed to take on the task of chipping all the trees, in order to help the village. The Deli, as always, housed all our volunteers for refreshments at lunchtime. To those residents who took their own trees down, we really appreciated it!

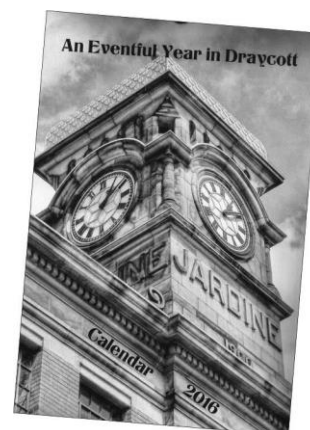
As we've said before, we can't do any of the things that make Draycott so fabulous without you.

*The Draycott Village Fund*

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## Draycott 2016 Calendar

The new 2016 Draycott calendar is now available from local outlets with all profits going to 'Walking with Wounded' charity. Price just £5.



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## Rotary Club of Church Wilne

### Christmas Walk 2015

On Monday the 28<sup>th</sup> December members and friends of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne enjoyed a wonderful walk organised by John Cox and Peter Woods around the fields and countryside of Draycott.



Starting at 10.00 am at the Bankfield Farm they followed the river Derwent which meandered slowly and towards Ambaston and Shardlow. Rotarian Tim Barker gave the group several talks about the history of the region which

included details of how over the past 60 years the river had changed its course by almost 300 yards at one point.

The route took in Hall Farm and continued down to Church Wilne before returning back via the Coffin walk and back into Draycott before finishing back at Bankfield farm just before 1.00pm

Many retired then for drinks and food at a local hostelry.

*Ray Terry*

The members of the Rotary Club of Church Wilne welcomed Peter Hammond to its speaker meeting on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January when he gave his talk – “So you think you know about Nottingham.”

Peter started his presentation with views taken from the top of the Nottingham Eye which included the Council House, the surrounding buildings and “Nottingham by the sea” which is held each summer.



*Church Wilne President  
Tony Beenham (right)  
thanks Peter after the  
meeting*

The current Council house was completed in 1929 and was the third one on this site and the members were shown pictures taken of the Market Square going back two centuries.

Several of the Watson Fothergill buildings were highlighted along with the Black Boy Hotel, Griffin and Spalding, Nottingham Cooperative store, views to the south, Clumber Street and Goose Gate.

The original Nottingham station was opened in 1839, with a second one in 1848 and the 3rd was opened in the Edwardian period.

Peter continued by showing further photographs of the Wesley Chapel, which now is the Broadway cinema, the Thurland Hotel in 1900 on Pelham Street and the Theatre Royal.

The members were given an insight into the Nottingham caves which are in Broadmarsh, the Brewhouse Yard and Mortimers Hole. They are all man made and there are over 500 known such caves.

Canning Circus and the cemetery were highlighted along with a story when Peter was taking a party of visitors during the evening in the cemetery and they were locked in for several hours before contacting the fire brigade.

Other places worth a visit included the Galleries of Justice and the Trip to Jerusalem. Rotarian Gary Abbott thanked Peter for a most informative and entertaining talk.

*Ray Terry*

## **Church Wilne Rotary Club pre-Christmas fun**

Whilst December is always a very busy time for the members and family of the Church Wilne Club they can now look back with pride and many happy memories of their build up Christmas time.

During December their Christmas float was in action on 12 days with Santa and his sleigh visiting Borrowash on three occasions, twice in Draycott, plus Ockbrook, Aston on Trent and the Draycott lights evening. Plus full days at Tesco Long Eaton, Sainsburys, Pride Park and the Co-op in Oakwood and Borrowash.

Club President Tony Beenham said after the Christmas float events to the Rotary organiser Brian Stokes “Thank you and Joyce for your continued support of the Christmas float. Both Joyce’s and your support is unparalleled in your time and dedication in ensuring the float is available, roadworthy, fuelled, sweets supplied, torches and buckets despatched and collected and then monies counted and logged. The final amount collected was £4926.59 and the Club thanks the generosity of the public for ensuring the success this year.

All the money raised goes back during the following year to the community and many groups and charities benefit from the public’s generosity.

The club also marshalled at the Rainbows Santa Run at Elvaston Castle early in December when almost 400 took part. Paula North from Rainbows said “Without the support of the Rotary Club it would not be possible to run this event.” Church Wilne President Tony Beenham along with Paula also completed the course.

The members enjoyed their Christmas meal at the Royal Oak on 7th December and seven days later well over 100 had a great night at Trent College when they held this year’s Snow Ball. After enjoying excellent food, followed by a short welcome by President Tony they were entertained by Matt Gaffney and they sang and danced the night away.

On Saturday evening 19th they held at St Chad’s Church Wilne their annual carol concert. It was the “Nine Lessons and Carols” with



members of both Church Wilne Rotary and the Inner Wheel Club joining together with the lessons and carols. They were also privileged to hear the debut performance of “Draycott Sounds” and thanks were expressed to the Draycott Village Fund for the floral

decorations. Following the service many retired for a meal at the Clock Restaurant in Shardlow.

So, after an active Rotary month the members can now look forward to 2016 when they will continue to enjoy fellowship and be part of the community.

*Ray Terry for the Rotary Club of Church Wilne*

## The Magazine...

...is now available in a variety of local shops:

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# Articles



## Valentine, Martyr at Rome, c.269

As we approach the middle of February you can't escape the fact that Valentine's Day is fast approaching – in fact it is the next big event in the world of marketing after Christmas. And I suppose people are divided into two camps on this – those who look forward to it as a special occasion to be shared with a loved one – and those who would rather ignore what's going on.

So who was Valentine? Well, as if one wasn't enough, there were actually two possible candidates for the Valentine we commemorate today – and, surprisingly, neither of them had anything to do with chocolate, red roses, or lacy underwear!

Valentine of Terni was a bishop who was martyred in Rome in 273. His remains were buried at Terni and there is an 8th century basilica named after him on the Flaminian way, linking Rome and Terni.

Valentine of Rome was a priest who was martyred on the Flaminian Way in the middle of the third century. A 7th century basilica bearing his name is also found on this road. It is not surprising therefore that there is confusion between these two men.

The 'Valentine' custom of sending cards and flowers declaring love possibly originates in a marriage song written by John Donne in 17th century for the daughter of James I. This song merged the religious commemoration of Valentine with fertility symbolism.

Valentine's day is of course 14th February, when perhaps in the midst of our own celebrations, we should spare a thought for all those martyrs of the church from early times up to the present day.

*Maria Przeslawski*

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## 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.

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## Unforeseen

George gazed out of the bedroom window, his eyes feasting on the peaceful view. This was his own bit of heaven on earth; he would defy anyone to show him anywhere better in the district. He had lived in this cottage in Wilnecott all his life and he had assumed he would end his days there. Today there was a mist rising off the fields. No wonder his joints ached this morning - a sure sign that there was damp in the air.

The mist was swirling around the old oak tree. As a boy he had climbed into its branches to collect eggs from the birds' nests. That is until his mother caught him and boxed his ears. Then there had been that time when their adventurous cat, Tammy, had climbed high into the tree and got stuck. Stupid cat! George had risked life and limb to rescue it. And what thanks had he got? A badly scratched arm from the frantic cat.

In the distance he could see the stile on the footpath to the river. He vaguely remembered as a little boy being helped over it by his father. Later, as a young man, he would clear it in one giant leap just to impress his sweetheart, Mary, with his prowess. Now that he was an old man he again needed help to climb over it. And the fishing was still as good as ever.

Naturally the view varied with the seasons and the weather. When the floods came - as they invariably did towards the end of Winter - the landscape took on a completely different aspect, drawing wild geese and other waterfowl to the expansive waters. For a few weeks the sound of squawking and honking would drift across to the cottage, until the river receded to its bed.

The cows were lowing as they meandered across the field towards the milking parlour just as they always had done, but these days the farmer used a tractor to round them up. No foot slogging for him!

George leant out of the window to see the spinney where he had spent so many happy hours... as a child playing with his pals... as a young man courting Mary whilst the sun set in a rosy glow. In later years he had taken his grandchildren there and shown them the best hiding places. Now the trees echoed again with the sound of youngsters' voices. But for how much longer, he wondered. This beautiful view would be defiled when the HS6 came through. The spinney would disappear and George's cottage would be demolished.

“We are going to allocate you one of the new flats on the edge of town,” an official from the Housing Department had told him. “It will only take you five minutes to get to the town centre.”

“But I don't want to move,” protested George.

“Well, it's all been decided,” the official had briskly responded. “You have to look on the positive side. Just think of the convenience. You will be close to shops, plus the buses and trams. Surely you will appreciate that?”

“Not as much as I appreciate this view,” a scowling George had replied.

Now a big sigh escaped from him as he patted the young collie standing at his side. “C'mon fella,” he said. “No good will come of standing here fretting.” The pair padded slowly down the stairs.

Automatically the old man brewed a pot of tea. He poured out a cup for himself and gave his dog a saucer of milky tea. “Might as well listen to the news”, he decided, switching on the local radio station.

The crisp tones of the newsreader came across the air. “The Department for the Environment has withdrawn the plans for the HS6 route through Wilnecott, due to insurmountable flooding problems. Consideration will now be given to other areas, such as...”

But George was no longer listening. A contented smile had lit up his face.

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## Teachers vs. Educators

### Lipstick in Catholic School

According to a news report, a certain private Catholic school was recently faced with a unique problem. A number of 12-year-old girls were beginning to use lipstick and would put it on in the bathroom. That was fine provided it was of a natural or neutral skin tone, but after they put on their lipstick, they would press their lips to the mirror leaving dozens of little lip prints. Every night the maintenance man would remove them; and the next day the girls would put them back.

Finally, the principal, Sister Mary, decided that something had to be done. She called all the girls to the bathroom and met them there with the maintenance man. She explained that all these lip prints were causing a major problem for the custodian, who had to clean the mirrors every night (you can just imagine the yawns from the little princesses).

To demonstrate how difficult it had been to clean the mirrors, Sister Mary asked the maintenance man to show the girls how much effort was required.

He took out a long-handled squeegee, dipped it in the toilet, and cleaned the mirror with it.

Since then, there have been no lip prints on the mirror.

**There are teachers..... And then there are educators!**

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## Women's World Day Of Prayer

For 2016 this has been prepared by the Women of Cuba. Their theme is 'Receive Children, Receive Me'.

On Friday 4 March an estimated 3 million people in over 170 countries and islands will gather to observe the day of prayer, using an order of service written by Christian women in Cuba and translated into 60 languages and 1000 dialects. In the British Isles alone over 6,000 services will be held. The day begins as the sun rises over the island of

Samoa and continue until it sets off the coast of American Samoa, some 35 hours later.

Our service will be held on Friday 4th March, 2.30pm at Draycott Methodist Church.

Refreshments will be available after the service.

Everyone Welcome

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## **Greenfields Africa**

### **Knit for Africa**

Bring comfort to babies born into poverty – knit a hat, cardigan, teddy or cot blanket.

Patterns are available on the table at the back of St Michaels Church, or please see Brenda Priest, or Jean Lupton on 874170.

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## **Historic events in History – February**

by Ben Johnson – taken from the internet

- 1 Feb 1901      The Royal Yacht Alberta brings the body of Queen Victoria into Portsmouth harbour en route to her funeral. The queen aged 82 died January 22nd at Osborne House on the Isle of Wight.
- 2 Feb 1665      British forces capture New Amsterdam, the centre of the Dutch Colony in North America. The trading settlement on the island of Manhattan was renamed New York in honour of the Duke of York, its new owner.
- 3 Feb 1730      The London Daily Advertiser publishes the first stock exchange quotations.
- 4 Feb 1926      Malcolm Campbell sets a new world land speed record of 174 mph in Wales
- 5 Feb 1958      Parking meters first appeared on the streets of London exclusive Mayfair district.

- 6 Feb 1783 Death of Lancelot 'Capability' Brown the greatest English landscape gardener. His work lives on today throughout the great estates of England.
- 7 Feb 1301 The son of King Edward 1 of England becomes the first English Prince of Wales.
- 8 Feb 1587 Mary Queen of Scots is beheaded on the orders of her cousin Queen Elizabeth.
- 9 Feb 1964 73 million Americans tune in to the Ed Sullivan Show to watch four lads from Liverpool appear for the first time - The Beatles.
- 10 Feb 1354 Students at Oxford University fight a street battle with local townspeople resulting in several deaths and many people injured.
- 11 Feb 1975 Iron Lady Margaret Thatcher, became the first women leader of the British Conservative Party.
- 12 Feb 1554 At the tender age of 16, the nine days queen, Lady Jane Grey is beheaded at the Tower of London.
- 13 Feb 1688 A "Glorious revolution" brings the Protestant William of orange and his wife Mary to the throne of England after Catholic King James II flees to France.
- 14 Feb 1933 Students at Oxford University, declared that they would not fight for "King and Country".
- 15 Feb 1971 Pennies, bobs and half-crowns all disappeared as Britain went decimal.
- 16 Feb 1659 A cheque is used for the first time in Britain as Mr Nicholas Vanacker settles a debt.
- 17 Feb 1461 Lancastrian forces defeated the Yorkists at the Battle of St Albans.
- 18 Feb 1478 George Plantagenet, Duke of Clarence died in the Tower of London said to have been drowned in a butt of his favourite malmsey wine.

- 19 Feb 1897 The Women's Institute is founded in Ontario, Canada, by Mrs Adelaide Hoodless.
- 20 Feb 1938 Anthony Eden resigned as British foreign secretary after Prime Minister Neville Chamberlain decided to negotiate with Italian Fascist leader Benito Mussolini.
- 21 Feb 1804 British Engineer Richard Trevithick demonstrated the first steam engine to run on rails.
- 22 Feb 1797 Over 1,000 French troops attempted to invade Britain, landing on the Welsh coast. The brave ladies of Fishguard saved the day!
- 23 Feb 1863 Lake Victoria, in Africa, was declared to be the source of the River Nile by British explorers John Speke and J A Grant.
- 24 Feb 1917 President Woodrow Wilson informs the US nation of the contents of intercepted message from the German foreign minister offering Mexico an alliance against the US.
- 25 Feb 1570 England's Queen Elizabeth I is excommunicated by Pope Pius V.
- 26 Feb 1797 The Bank of England issues the first ever one pound note, in part a result of the panic in London caused by the French Invasion of Fishguard.
- 27 Feb 1782 The British parliament votes to abandon the American War of Independence. Perhaps they were more concerned about the potential threat to Fishguard.
- 28 Feb 1900 The four-month siege of British garrison at Ladysmith in Natal, South Africa, ended as the relief force broke through the Boers at Spion Kop.

# Recipe for February

## Sweet Potatoes With White Beans And Kale



*Serves 4*

### Ingredients

- 4 sweet potatoes
- 2 tablespoons olive oil
- 1 shallot, diced
- 1 garlic clove, minced
- 1 (4-inch) sprig fresh rosemary
- 1/4 teaspoon red pepper flakes
- 1 1/2 cups (or 1 can) cooked and drained white beans
- 6 cups kale, trimmed and sliced into ribbons
- Juice of 1/4 lemon
- Salt and freshly ground black pepper

Preheat oven to 400°F (200°C)

### Preparation method

Scrub the sweet potatoes and prick them in a few places with a fork. Place them on a baking sheet and bake until soft all the way through, about 45 minutes to 1 hour.

Start the beans and greens about 15 to 20 minutes before the sweet potatoes are done.

In a wide, deep saucepan with a cover, heat the olive oil over low-moderate heat. Add the shallots and cook until softened, about 5

minutes. Add the garlic, rosemary sprig, and red pepper flakes and cook, stirring, for about a minute. Add the beans and cook for 5 minutes, stirring occasionally. Add the kale, cover the pan, and cook, stirring occasionally, for about 5 minutes or until the kale is soft. Remove the rosemary sprig, stir in the lemon juice, and season to taste with salt and pepper.

To serve, slice each sweet potato lengthwise and push on the ends to open up the middle. Spoon the beans and greens into the center.

*Recipe taken from Buzz Feed internet article*

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## What Does Love Mean?

### See how 4-8 year-olds describe love

A group of professional people posed this question to a group of 4 to 8 year-olds: "What does love mean?"

The answers they got were broader and deeper than anyone could have imagined. See what you think...

*"When my grandmother got arthritis, she couldn't bend over and paint her toenails anymore. So my grandfather does it for her all the time, even when his hands got arthritis too. That's love."*

*Rebecca - age 8*

*"When someone loves you, the way they say your name is different. You just know that your name is safe in their mouth."*

*Billy - age 4*

*"Love is when you kiss all the time. Then when you get tired of kissing, you still want to be together and you talk more. My Mummy and Daddy are like that. They look gross when they kiss."*

*Emily - age 8*

*"Love is what's in the room with you at Christmas if you stop opening presents and listen."*

*Bobby - age 7 (Wow!)*

*"If you want to learn to love better, you should start with a friend who you hate."*

*Nikka - age 6*

*(we need a few million more Nikka's on this planet)*

*"Love is when you tell a boy you like his shirt, then he wears it every day."*

*Noelle - age 7*

*"Love is like a little old woman and a little old man who are still friends even after they know each other so well."*

*Tommy - age 6*

*"You really shouldn't say 'I love you' unless you mean it. But if you mean it, you should say it a lot. People forget."*

*Jessica - age 8*

And the final one...

*Author and lecturer Leo Buscaglia once talked about a contest he was asked to judge. The purpose of the contest was to find the most caring child. The winner was a four year old child whose next door neighbor was an elderly gentleman who had recently lost his wife. Upon seeing the man cry, the little boy went into the old gentleman's yard, climbed onto his lap, and just sat there.*

*When his Mother asked what he had said to the neighbour, the little boy said,*

*"Nothing, I just helped him cry."*

## Letters to the editor

*Dear Editor*

Congratulations to you and your staff for a bumper January magazine! Breaston has much to be proud of, we have a lovely village with a community spirit that is growing. The Gala has gone from strength to strength and the Pumpkin party was a big success again this year. Any community always depends on those few people who have the courage and foresight to organise any event, for our contribution as residents we need to support them. I congratulate both the organisers and residents of Draycott for their success in really transforming their village. I was on the bus to Derby recently and could hear two ladies speaking who were on the bus before it reached Breaston. They were commenting on the lights and the Christmas trees on the main road through Draycott, one lady said "if I lived in this village I would be so proud."

Breaston now has a Community Forum who are working hard to organise and enhance the social events in our village, we have a good mixture of older residents, professionals and young families. If we would like to hear similar comments about Breaston it's up to us.

*Name withheld*

### **Got something to say?**

Preferably about our villages? Then write to *The Magazine Editor, c/o St. Michael's Church Hall, Breaston, DERBY DE72 3DX*, or email [magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com).

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## **Copy Day**

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

**TUESDAY 17<sup>TH</sup> FEBRUARY**

All copy to be submitted to Breaston Church Office by email please ([magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com](mailto:magazine@stmichaels2008.plus.com)). **Draycott news** can be passed to Rev'd Gary Dundas 872893 or Bernard Carter 874974 **by the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month** to be forwarded to the Church Office. We regret that late copy will have to be held over.

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