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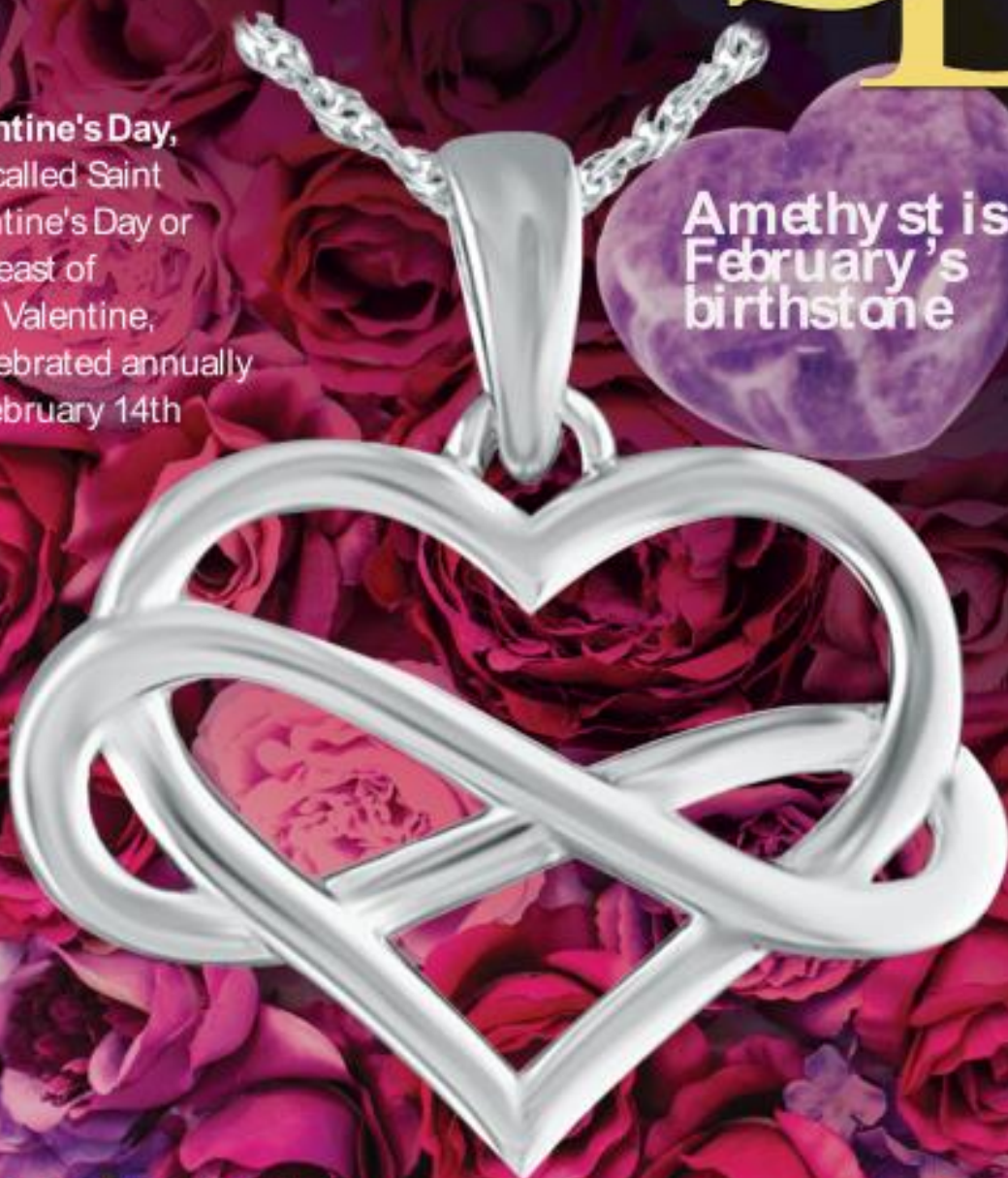
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Thought for the month

I always feel that February is something of a dreary month. The celebrations of Christmas and New year seem far behind, the days are still cold, the nights dark, and this year of course we still have the scourge of Covid around us.

We can take heart that others have felt the same throughout history. The Anglo-Saxons referred to it as Solmonath meaning “Mud Month” and sometimes another letter was substituted for the letter “L” which turned the word for mud into a term of abuse in our language. (I will leave you to work that out!!)

But February need not be all gloom and despondency. The name itself comes from the Latin “Februare” meaning “to cleanse” It was the time when the Roman world tried to settle problems, take stock of their lives, be thankful for the good things in life, and look to making a fresh start in the time ahead.

As I write this, the snowdrops in my garden are just beginning to push through the winter ground. –surely a sign of a new start in the seasons and a glimpse of what is to come in a positive way. Traditionally it is good luck to pick a snowdrop on February 2nd and bring it into the house. It’s guaranteed, so I’m told to ensure peace and harmony wherever it is placed, throughout the year. Like many old customs of this sort, it has its origins, in the life of Jesus’ mother The Virgin Mary who traditionally brought the baby Jesus to the Temple on February 2nd (Candlemas Day) and the idea that white flowers denote purity and peace.

Of course, we should not take this too seriously and perhaps we never did. I am certainly aware that peace and harmony amongst those with whom I come into contact, depends as much upon me, as upon the presence of snowdrops in the lounge, no matter how beautiful they may be.

For Christians, the end of February sees us preparing for the Season of Lent when many choose to “give up” something they really enjoy. It is a time when we are called to think more seriously about how we live our lives, and it is right to think more seriously about peace and harmony too.

None of us lives in a vacuum. The idea is not to appear virtuous by tremendous feats of self-discipline which irritate other people, or cause unhappiness to those around us who have to put up with “withdrawal symptoms”. Lent is essentially a time of penitence, but also a time of preparation to receive the full magnitude of the events of Good Friday and on to the joy of Easter. How we achieve this depends upon us. We are called simply to question ourselves, to pause and take stock—to think about something other than us.

We are fortunate in the Northern hemisphere that the period of Lent falls during the last throws of winter, at the gate of spring: so however we choose to observe the season, there is the eternal hope of new life unfolding all around us—and yes, it’s wonderful to have snowdrops to help us along the way.

Ruth Pechey (Reader. Derby Diocese)

From the editor

We have an article for you this month about Hoggs Bistro in Breaston and the efforts they made during the pandemic to provide meals for those at home and add a take-away service. Such entrepreneurship! Read more on page 22.

The Erewash Community Sponsorship group is making great strides towards our being able to accommodate a family of refugees as part of the government-backed scheme. They have reached the point of seeking accommodation – read all the details on page 25.

And drivers, horse riders, cyclists and pedestrians need to take a look at the article on page 27 about changes to the Highway Code.

Your stories and photos

Do you have a story for us? We want your news and views. Let us know what is happening in your neighbourhood - about clubs, businesses, charity organisations, events and individuals. Whatever is going on in the area we want to know about it, so do get in touch!

Send your information, editorial contributions and letters to magazine@stmichaelsbreaston.org.uk, or contact us by telephone on 01332 872094.

Jonathan Lupton, Editor

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Verse of the month

*Trust in God at all times, you people;
pour out your hearts to him, for God is our refuge.*

Psalm 62:8

Still Space

Thoughts and reflections to help us find peace in our busy lives

Everlasting Arms

*The eternal God is your refuge, and underneath are the everlasting arms.
Deuteronomy 33:27 (NIV).*



I completed my prayer time and stood up gingerly. The padding on my chair was wearing thin and my rear end felt quite numb. Something needed to change.

I was nearing my 60th birthday but my husband and I were still in lockdown, awaiting our second injections against Covid-19. It was no time for parties or fancy holidays. Instead, I treated my study/prayer room to a quick makeover and my husband ordered some extra bookshelves and a new chair for me – a rich brown, adjustable,

recliner/massage chair. What a transformation. The chair was so comfortable and elegant, just waiting for me to sink into its softness.

This chair has become my 'everlasting armchair'. It is a great place to read my daily Bible notes, to reflect and to pray but it is just as good for reading a novel, drinking a coffee, or lying back and relaxing with the massage controls turned on. What a wonderful birthday present!

When I'm weary or overwhelmed by the demands of church, family or life in general, I can sit back, close my eyes and commit myself into God's everlasting arms. As the chair takes the strain, I feel that God is enfolding me in his love. He is my refuge, my safe place. I don't have to pretend or try to impress. I abide in him and he abides in me. That is enough.

For further reflection: read Psalm 62:5-8.

Do you have a special place where you can find rest in God?

© April McIntyre, Lay Minister, St. Michael's, Breaston

Breaston Parish Council

Events

Once again the Christmas Carol Concert was a great success and our thanks go to all who attended, performed and helped make the event so enjoyable. This year's event will be held on Friday the 9th of December at 7 pm so make a note in your diary!

Other dates to note are:

- A Royal Celebration – Monday May 2nd Duffield Close
- Big Jubilee Picnic – Sunday June 5th Duffield Close
- Summer Band Concert – Sunday August 7th Duffield Close
- Remembrance Service – Sunday November 13th Memorial Garden.

Poo Bags

Following our previous reports relating to the provision of free dog bags, the Council have been investigating ways to improve the scheme and to make it work for all residents without the costs escalating.

It was agreed that we want to encourage dog owners to pick up after their pets on Parish Council land and that the provision of bags should be tailored to enable that. Currently, we are providing an awful lot of bags and the problem of poo still remains – the issue isn't really about providing a small number of people with a large number of bags; it's about enabling everyone to pick up after their pets.

Therefore we have investigated the provision of dog bag dispensers and will be trialling a dispenser at the Parish Rooms in the coming weeks. We know that all considerate dog owners ensure that they have bags and do always pick up after their dogs and we hope that if the trial is a success it can be rolled out on the other green spaces so that there are always bags on hand and there is no excuse for anyone not to pick up. Let's all work together to make Breaston cleaner and safer for everyone.

Anti-Social Behaviour

We have received reports of scrambler bikes riding on Johnson's Meadow and the agricultural land to the rear – if you see anyone riding these motorbikes illegally on the field, please report it to the Police.

Mobility

Following on from our report relating to the removal of pavement barriers on jitties in the parish we have received a couple of reports regarding cyclists using the jitties as a cut-through, on discussion with the County Highways team it was agreed that the signage is possibly confusing to anyone not familiar with the highway code so additional notices have been posted to discourage the use of bikes on the footpaths.

Speedwatch

The practical training has been completed and several sites for sessions have been approved. Now the group are looking to organise their first live session in the coming weeks. Let's hope that their efforts help to slow speeding motorists down.

Pedestrian Safety

A resident requested that a pelican crossing be installed on Sawley Road near the school rear entrance. The Parish Council sent a letter of support to the Highways Team and they have agreed to survey the area during the spring to see if it meets with the criteria for a crossing to be installed.

Cycle Power

The Parish Council are keen to encourage residents to leave their cars behind and cycle into the village centre and have been highlighting the fact that there are cycle racks available by the Co-Op. We have been liaising with the team in store and it is hoped that a scheme to improve the racks can get underway in the coming weeks.

Calendar

There are still calendars available in the Chequers – remember all of the profits go to the toddler groups in the village.

Parish Council Meetings

With cases of the new variant Omicron still on the rise, Parish Council meetings continue to be held online. For agendas, minutes and Zoom invites keep an eye on the Parish Noticeboards, Facebook Page and Website. Alternatively, you can request papers direct, or if you have any other questions for the Parish Council you can contact the Clerk on breastonparish@outlook.com or 01332 870119.

Facebook page

Please follow us on www.facebook.com/Breaston-Parish-Council-100893088372240.

Clubs and Societies

Breaston W.I. News

Our last meeting in December was a huge success with lots happening. There was a very enjoyable demonstration by one of our member's daughters to encourage us all to try our hand at doing some floral decorations for Christmas. The newly formed social committee spoilt us serving up sherry and mince pies.



Our Star Baker competition was won by Julie Philips. There were several entries of variously decorated gingerbread men. All looked good to eat.

The raffle ladies held a successful raffle with some brilliant prizes including a spectacular chocolate hamper and the beautiful arrangements from the floral decoration demonstration.



The doodlebugs group had painted jam jars which were filled with sweets to take home. They looked very effective with either a floral arrangement or a tea light in once the chocolates were eaten. It is a nice memory to keep for future years.

Our trip ladies Rosemary and Jill arranged a wonderful day for our first day trip and even the weather was fine. We went to Haddon Hall to see the traditional and modern Christmas decorations followed by lunch in their restaurant. We wait with bated breath for 2022 outings.

All in all our December activities were an entertaining close to the year including our rendition of the twelve days of Christmas. I am sure we are all looking forward to 2022.

Jenny Lord



Some amazing snowman entries once again this year! A huge thank you to everyone who entered and for making the trail possible. The winner is the Churchill Close Chums– see the photo on page 5.



It's been a very busy 2021 for the BIB Litter Seekers 🗑️🧻. Numerous bags were filled initially as years of rubbish were cleared away from Breaston's hedgerows and grassy banks. Once the deep clean was complete, we were able to continue maintaining pavements and perimeter walkways, even extending our help at Risley, Draycott and Trent Lock. The numbers that follow represent filled bags throughout the year:

Jan 100, Feb 63, Apr 50, May 41, Jun 34, Jul 26.5, Aug 22.5, Sep 25, Oct 29.5, Nov 24 and Dec 28. This totals 443.5 bags for 2021. Even though there is a decline over the months, I think everyone will agree, there is still too much litter found in our village 🗑️🧻📦📄🧻🧻. Please continue to pick up rubbish if you find it on the pavement outside where you live. Unfortunately, we can do little about the people that continue to create the litter problem, but we can show them that we're not prepared to put up with it! We are constantly thanked for the effort we put into keeping our beautiful village looking clean, which we really appreciate.

Extra help is always welcomed, it's an excellent way to get more exercise and fresh air too 🌤️, please get in touch if this interests you.

Happy 2022 from the Litter Seekers!

Men's Danger Club

Our meeting in January was a talk about the "Tall Ships Youth Trust". As our meeting is after the Copy Date for the magazine there will be a report about it in the next issue.

Our February meeting is a talk by the "Derby Mountain Rescue Team". Yes, it does exist and is often called upon by the Police, Fire and Ambulance services to aid them in rescues. Besides being called upon by these services, walkers, hikers etc. call them when they get into difficulties. They cover a large area from the Peak District to areas around Melton Mowbray.

Curiosity, interest or a relaxing evening out – please feel free to join us on 25th February at Anderson's, Blind Lane, Breaston at 7:30. The cost is £5.00 including your first pint or soft drink and a donation to support their work. First-time visitors free.

Please contact us to let us know that you will be coming.

John, Adrian, John and Colin

Sing and Relax

Update

Hello everyone, well Covid and Boris have not stopped us from singing, we started back at the end of September we were very cautious and had lots of ventilation with doors and windows open and seats distanced apart. We will survive, as Gloria Gaynor sings and did we sing that as though we meant it! We have two friendly groups of a mixture of ages. It is for men and women but at the moment we have no men (where are you, lads?!). All will be very welcome.

For 2022 we have new songs including *The real thing, you to me are everything*, and the Drifters' *Kissing in the back row of the movies*, and favourites like *DO RE MI* and Tom Jones' *It's not unusual*.

Do come along and meet new friends; singing is a social thing as well as benefitting the heart, acting as a natural anti-depressant and burning calories! Just what you need at the start of a new year.

Our next session is Tuesday 8th February 2:30 pm and 7:00 pm in Breaston Scout Hut (on Blind Lane, behind Andersons) and then every 2nd and 4th Tuesday of the month.

Hope to see you there, just turn up you won't regret it!

For more information call Julie Phillips on 07812 926 178

[Draycott members welcome – but have a look on page 16!]



May your love be like the misty rain, gentle coming in but flooding the river

Traditional African proverb

Draycott Village News

Draycott and Church Wilne Parish Council News

Cemetery Upgrades

At the January meeting, it was agreed to bring forward the planned extension of the Ashes Plot section. We will extend out the area of artificial grass to enable more pre-purchases of Ashes Plots and Ashes Internments. Pre-Purchasing has been quite popular over the last couple of years. If anyone is interested in doing this, please visit the website and complete the form under the Cemetery Section called Draycott Cemetery pre-purchase of a burial or ashes plot and regulations. The current prices can also be viewed in this section. Residents of the parish pay much less than outside the parish – this is usual practice for Parish Council-owned and managed Cemeteries.

The Council also approved the installation of a new boundary fence along the railway line. We have campaigned for a number of years for British Rail to install a fence but their response is that the existing fence is fit for purpose. We feel that it is inadequate for several reasons (the biggest issue is that it will not stop anyone going through onto the railway line) therefore we will be installing a 5ft fence similar to the existing fences along other borders. We hope that this will have the effect of reducing the generator noise that the Railway uses within the Cemetery too.

At the time of writing this (17th January), we have ordered a new Cemetery Well Pump and will install this as soon as possible (the replacement that came today was faulty...)

Vandalism

We have yet again experienced a spate of vandalism... the play train at the park had the inside table set on fire with chip wrappers, the outside light at the Parish Rooms was smashed, the water fountain has been damaged. All of the repairs cost money that you as residents pay for via your Council Tax Bill. Please report any sightings of vandalism to us or the police

Meetings:

The next meetings will be held on 8th February at the Parish Rooms

Planning and Transport Committee meeting – 6:45 pm

Full Council Meeting – 7:30 pm

We are following all current COVID guidelines which will change as required. The room will be ventilated so wrap up warm and please wear a mask where possible

Office Re-Opening

Office re-opening will be dependent on Government Advice but will be the following:

The office will be open to the public on the following days and hours (subject to Covid regulations)

- Tuesdays from 9.30 am – 1:30 pm
- Wednesdays from 9:30 am – 1:30 pm

I might be out and about around the Parish, so it's always best to call or email to check I'm in / make an appointment

The best way to contact the council is via phone on 01332 875278 or email clerk@draycott-pc.gov.uk – the clerk works part-time on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Fridays (part days only). Our website is www.draycottparishcouncil.org.

Sheena Butcher, Draycott Parish Clerk

Draycott and Wilne Women's Institute

Draycott & Wilne members held their Annual Christmas Party in December. It was delightful to be able to visit the home of one of our members for our party. The food was excellent and yummy as usual and the cracker jokes were as bad as you would expect!

The most exciting December project was to display our Post Box Topper in the village – clever ladies. A photo of it even made Midlands Today News.

The meeting in February will be Tai Chi and Qigong. This should be particularly interesting, if for no other reason than working out what Qigong is – and where is its 'U'! Come dressed casually on February 17th.

Remember to make it your New Year Resolution to join us, make new friends and learn new things. You can visit us as a guest for three meetings before deciding to join.

Draycott & Wilne WI meets on the 3rd Thursday in the month at the Methodist Church Hall, Market Street at 7:30 pm. We would love to see any ladies join us.

Further information through draycottandwilnewi@hotmail.com.

Kris Bingham

Draycott Sounds Choir

Singing in a choir improves health and happiness and is a great way to meet people. any of us join a choir because we just enjoy singing with others. We have fun, meet new friends and go away happy and de-stressed. There are no barriers – everyone can sing – however much we might protest!



Draycott Sounds

Draycott Sounds is a mixed-voice community choir with singers of all ages and abilities. The choir is led by a wonderful singer (from Ladies Rolls-Royce Choir) and a very patient conductor, Christine Hunt. Christine joined Draycott Sounds as a singer in 2015 then stepped up to lead the choir when the former choirmaster left.

Pre-Covid, the group had grown to over 50 members and gave concerts across Derby and were especially in demand at Christmas. We've given Christmas concerts at St Chad's, St Mary's and St Osmund's churches, Picnic in the Park, Draycott Open Gardens, and on the Market Square at the Christmas lights switch-on, so you've probably seen us about!

Unfortunately, like all other choirs, our numbers have declined due to the pandemic but after a recruitment drive in December, and an open rehearsal for new members on the 11th January, our numbers are again growing.

Repertoire

The great thing about Draycott Sounds is we sing songs we know and enjoy, but we're not afraid to try something new! It doesn't matter if you can't read music, as Christine is there to guide us through the notes, words and breathing, to get the best out of us!



Singing at St. Chad's, Wilne

We are currently enjoying singing Anthem (from the musical Chess); Let the River Run (the theme from the film Working Girl), Imagine (John Lennon) and Fields of Gold (Gordon Sumner/Sting).

Join us

We meet every Tuesday evening at St. Mary's Church Hall in Draycott at 7:45 pm so we're ready to sing at 8 pm. There's no audition and no upper age limit; anyone from the age of 18 can join – it does help if you can sing but we're not expecting you to be Madonna or Pavarotti!

You don't need to book, just turn up on the night or you can contact us through Facebook: Draycott Sounds.

[Breaston members welcome – but have a look on page 13 – although *Sing and relax* does not do performances.]

Church News

Church of England Services

St. Michael's, Breaston

Sundays	8:45 am	Holy Communion
	10:30 am	Celebration service (also live-streamed on YouTube)
2nd Sunday	10:30 am	All Age Worship (Café style service)
Wednesdays	10:30 am	Holy Communion
Saturdays	10-12	Church open for private prayer.

To find our YouTube channel, search for *St. Michael's Breaston* on YouTube.

Seating is almost back to pre-Covid normal. The seats on the north (left) side of the church are further apart for those who still wish to be socially distanced.

St. Mary's, Draycott

Sundays	10:30 am	2nd, 3rd and 4th Sundays (Holy Communion)
1st Sunday	4:00 pm	Sunday FunDay

Our website (covering both churches) is www.wdbchurches.org.uk.

Facebook

Keep in touch with what's happening at St. Michael's and St. Mary's by looking at our Facebook page:

www.facebook.com/stmarysdraycottandstmichaelsbreaston/

Do join us for daily prayer at 9:30 am Monday to Thursday on our Facebook page.

Communications Administrator

We are delighted to announce that Sarah Warburton is taking on the role of Communications Administrator for the combined parishes. She starts in February, and we'll have more to say next month – watch this space!

Draycott Methodist Church

Service times

February 6th	10:30 am	Rev: Colin Emerson All Age Worship
February 13th	10:30 am	Rev: Ted Ager Holy Communion
February 20th	10:30 am	Mr Neil Clarke
February 27th	10:30 am	Mr Phil Royle

Please come and join us – you will receive a warm welcome

The Annual Methodist Covenant Service

I am writing this piece in January, and as a member of Draycott Methodist Church, I am looking ahead to our Annual Covenant Service next Sunday. Before coming to Draycott in 1973 I had no previous connections with Methodism. As a teenager I was baptised by full immersion in a Baptist Church after making the decision to ask Jesus into my life, something I have never regretted. Moving to Draycott as a young couple with a baby it seemed logical to attend one of the local churches, and it was the Methodist Church in Market Street to which we were drawn. Many things were familiar and similar to Baptist Church services, but this 'Annual Covenant Service' was something completely new to me. For the first few years I wasn't very comfortable with it. It is a service with set words that are repeated by the leading Minister and responded to by the congregation, and I found it rather stilted and artificial. The congregation was being called on to renew their commitment to serve God during the coming year. Could this commitment be made to order, I asked myself. However, as the years have passed, the words have become familiar and more meaningful, and maybe as I've got older I have mellowed too. Now I find it a very beautiful service full of challenges for my life. I would like to share some of the words with you.

Part way through the service the Minister says, 'Christ has many services to be done, some are easy, others are difficult; some bring honour, others bring reproach; some are suitable to our natural inclinations and material interests, others are contrary to both; in some we may please Christ and please ourselves; in others we cannot please Christ except by denying ourselves. Yet the power to all these things is given to us in Christ who strengthens us.'

The congregation are asked to respond with these challenging words: 'I am no longer my own but yours. Put me to what you will; rank me with whom you will; put me to doing; put me to suffering; let me be employed for you or laid aside for you, exalted for you or brought low for you; let me be full, let me be empty, let me have all things, let me have nothing; I freely and wholeheartedly yield all things to your pleasure and disposal.'

Even as I type these words, copying them from the service sheet I am humbled and challenged, and pray that God will give me the strength to uphold these promises in 2022. The Christian life is not an easy cop-out, but with God at our side keeping his side of the Covenant, it is well worthwhile.

Mary Murden

Breaston Methodist Church

Welcome to Superintendent Minister, Rev Ruth Simpson

We were pleased to welcome Rev'd Ruth Simpson, the new Superintendent Minister in our Methodist Circuit, who led the service on 16th January. Rev'd Ruth based her sermon on John Chapter 2:1-11, which describes the wedding at Cana in Galilee. Most, if not all, of us will have been to at least one wedding but never a wedding like this one. At this wedding, Jesus turned water into wine, the first of the miracles recorded in John's gospel. It is easy for us to read this without it making much of an impression however clearly it had a great impression on his disciples because the last few words of the text are 'and his disciples believed in him'. Try to think what it must have been like for one of the disciples when they witnessed this miracle. What would you have thought when you saw water turned into wine and even tasted the wine Jesus created? Would you, like John, see this as a sign and believe in Jesus?

Local Arrangement Service

Normally these services are led entirely by church members without a minister or local preacher. At our service on 2nd January we were very fortunate as in addition to the excellent contributions made by members of the congregation we also had a video message from our Minister, Rev Arnold Dixon.

Hearing Loop

Breaston Methodist Church now has a new Hearing Loop system that helps hearing-aid users to hear the sermon, readings and other items.



Sunday Services

Whether or not you are a Christian you will be welcome at any of the Breaston Methodist Church events below:

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| 6 February | Richard Collins |
| 13 February | Peter Gray |
| 20 February | Rev Arnold Dixon Includes Holy Communion |
| 27 February | Martin Weir |
| 6 March | Rev Arnold Dixon Includes Holy Communion (to be confirmed) |

All services start at 10:30 am.

Lunch Club

The Lunch Club provides a three-course meal for £4.00. If you would like to join us for a meal and make new friends please speak to Nancy Plummer. The Lunch Club restarted the normal fortnightly programme in January. The next meetings

are on 4 February, 18 February and 4 March. For more information please speak to Nancy on (01332) 873619.

Methodist Guild

Breaston Methodist Church has been blessed by having a strong and active Guild for many years. Covid has caused the Guild massive difficulties however it is hoped that a meeting based on a new and exciting format will be arranged in Spring 2022. For details of the Methodist Guild please speak to Nancy or email breastonmethodistchurch@gmail.com.

Thinking About God group

We were pleased to hold our first meeting in 2022 on a sunny afternoon in the foyer at Breaston Methodist Church. After a brief chat over hot drinks, homemade cake and scones we continued to discuss the Ten Commandments. Looking at the first commandment 'you shall have no other God before me' (Exodus 20:3) raised some significant points which led to an interesting discussion. In February we will meet on 10 February and 24 February. Both meetings will be in church starting at 2:00 pm either in the foyer or hall depending on numbers. For more details please speak to Doreen or Paul or email breastonmethodistchurch@gmail.com.

Table Talk

Our first meeting in January was a joint social with the Thinking About God Group. This was a modified afternoon tea with sandwiches, cakes, scones, jam and cream. As always it was good to sit and chat with friends from church.

Our normal meetings start again on 7 February. As before we will be having amusing and interesting discussions based on random questions drawn from a pack of cards. While we enjoy hot drinks and cake or biscuits.

We will be meeting in the foyer at church every fourth Thursday afternoon at 2:00 pm. For more details please speak to Doreen or Paul or email breastonmethodistchurch@gmail.com.

World Day of Prayer

This year's service will be on Friday 4th March at 2 pm in St. Michael's Church. The service, which has been prepared by the Christian Women of England, Wales and Northern Ireland, is entitled "I know the plans I have for you". Everyone is welcome to attend, and refreshments will be available after the service.

Renew Café at Breaston

Every Thursday from 10 am to 12 pm in St. Michael's Church, the church becomes a community space for a variety of hobbies and activities. These are run by the community for the community. You are welcome to come and relax and chat, enjoy the peace in our quiet area, share a hobby or skill, or join a workshop or activity. They are all free. Simple refreshments are available or bring along a takeaway drink and cake from one of our great local cafés. Renew Café Breaston is hosted by St. Michael's Church - all are welcome.



For more info ring (01332) 872094 or email renew@wdbchurches.org.uk.

Gifts of the Spirit

At the beginning of each new year, it is tradition to set goals that help us develop and grow in our faith in the year ahead (some perhaps more achievable than others!). Sometimes these will work out the first time and sometimes we will suffer setbacks in achieving these.

We all have gifts we can use to serve Jesus and bear fruit in him - just as the Holy Spirit produces fruit in us – love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, humility and self-control.

One person who persevered in the face of opposition was the late Archbishop Desmond Tutu. He once said that during the apartheid in South Africa the press was so biased towards him that “If I had walked on water the headline in the paper the next day would have been ‘Bishop Desmond Tutu can’t swim!’”.

He did not give up and went on to become a great man of faith.

Using these gifts, we can serve God and achieve the goals we have set ourselves, becoming better people for his service in the year ahead.

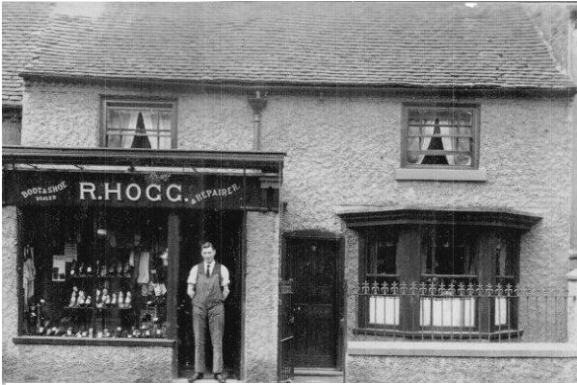
As we welcome in 2022 may we all be filled with a fresh sense of hope and purpose that comes from our relationship with Jesus and his holy spirit which guides us.

Lauren Twells

Articles

Hoggs Bistro

Hoggs Bistro is in a 300-year-old cottage, originally a cobbler's shop owned by Mr Hogg, so when Chris and I set up Hoggs 22 years ago we decided to bring the name back.



Then...

During the second lockdown, Chris built our little takeaway. This proved a huge success, especially for children having a luxury hot chocolate on those cold winter days. The days were long, sometimes not we didn't have a chance for a drink or anything to eat, but we've never been afraid of hard work! Pat Harris decided to make face masks to sell with all the proceeds going to Treetops. We put some outside the bistro and to date, she has raised over £3,000. Amazing!

The bistro is back open again thank goodness,



The Hoggs team in 2019

During the pandemic, there were very worrying times, and when lockdown was announced we turned the business around over a weekend, preparing and delivering two-course home-cooked meals. This helped our community –and us– to survive! We are so grateful to everyone for their support.



...and now

and we still have the takeaway serving delicious cakes and pastries and 200 degrees coffee. We pride ourselves on serving locally sourced freshly prepared food. From delicious quiches with homemade salads to steak and mushroom pies; from pear frangipane to raspberry & white chocolate cheesecake. A warm welcome awaits you whether for morning coffee, lunch or dinner.

We survived!

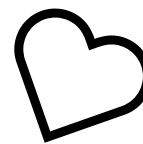
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A True Valentine



I thought about this memorable day
And what it really means
To buy chocolates, cards, and flowers
But is it really what it seems?



The chocolates will be gone in a week
The flowers will wither and die
An expense for one day of attraction
Yet we think we had a good buy.



The happiness that it brings us
Seems over as soon as it started
The day comes and goes so quickly
The affection and love are soon parted.



A day doesn't really last long enough
For the lovelorn and their endeavour
Because soon you will be thinking
"I'd love this day to last forever".



We don't need a secret admirer
To sweep us off our feet
There is one who loves us forever
Whose love and affection are sweet.



They show us how much they love us
And how much they want to please us
By lasting longer than Valentine
There's no greater love than Jesus.



Michael Hickley

Gardening Steve

Alas, no column from Gardner Steve this month – we hope to have him back next month

Dining Out

Meet the Chef: Tom Briggs – My Cuisine Passion

Tom was born in Nottingham and became very interested in food during his childhood years, learning about cuisine and cooking methods, particularly from his mother and grandmother.



Following a catering course, at High Peak College, Buxton, Tom worked at venues awarded 2 or 3 AA Rosettes, plus other restaurants. Tom relocated to Dubai and then returned to the UK, before going to Portugal, gaining a Head Chef position and also becoming involved with sportspeople who came to Portugal to train in warm weather. Tom is a massive fan of all sports (particularly football) and cooked for athletes, providing

the much-needed nutritional requirements. Today, this highly-regarded chef has a good number of Premier League Footballers amongst his list of clients, after returning to the UK and Nottinghamshire.

I asked Tom about his love of food and life:

What was your first job? --- Stacking washing powder and detergent in Co-op.

Where is your favourite holiday destination? --- South Beach Miami.

What is your favourite hotel? --- The Magnolia Hotel (Portugal) / Burj al Arab (Dubai).

Which is your favourite restaurant? --- Restaurant Sat Bains.

What is your favourite food to cook? --- Scallops. When they are perfect it's a fantastic thing to see.

What is your favourite food to eat? --- Veal Milanese.

Which chefs do you admire? --- Sat Bains / Claude Bosi / Ronnie Bonetti.

If you had not become a chef, what would you have been? --- Normal!

What are your hobbies? --- Football / Netflix / Being outdoors.

Individual, bespoke nutritional meal plans, private chef dining services (where YOU are the guest), juice and smoothie plans (great options), TAKEAWAYS AND DELIVERIES, are all available. Tom's granola – designed and created by Tom – is

completely vegan and includes the natural goodness of oats, seeds and goji berries. This splendid granola has become a favourite for many.

Whether a surprise (romantic?), training at the gym or busy at work, Tom Briggs offers something for everyone. All ingredients are high-quality and fresh. Food/cuisine/flavours can be adjusted to suit personal requirements, including any allergies and nutritional needs. “Best ever tasted in a long time” and “Amazing flavours” are amongst praises I have heard.

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As always, enjoy!

Trevor Langley



Erewash Community Sponsorship

Could you rent your property to a refugee family?



Erewash Community Sponsorship group has been formed by locals from Breaston, Draycott and Long Eaton, who share a vision and passion to rehouse a Refugee family within our community.

We are working together to bring a vulnerable refugee family to live in our locality through the Government’s Community Sponsorship Scheme. As part of this commitment, we must provide affordable, privately rented accommodation. This document outlines our plans and housing requirements.

About Community Sponsorship

Community Sponsorship of refugees is a new initiative launched in 2016 by the UK Government. As a community sponsor, we will be allocated a family fleeing conflict, and it will be our responsibility to support the resettled family from the moment of arrival in the UK. Find more information at www.sponsorrefugees.org

Resettlement is offered to the following people:

- Refugees from the Afghanistan conflict who are stuck in camps
- ‘At-risk’ children and their family members, who have fled conflicts in the Middle East and North African regions and

- There is no potential for them to live securely where they currently are and
- The UN has identified them as especially “vulnerable”

Overview

Erewash Community Sponsorship (ECS) will support the refugee families in every way they might need to make a settled, secure and enjoyable life locally and ultimately, to become independent. The group will offer ongoing support through the months and years of the family’s life in Erewash.

Part of this includes finding a suitable home to house the refugee family.

Housing details

ECS needs to find an affordable home to settle a refugee family. The family will be selected by the UK Home Office according to the number of rooms and size of the property. We need to find accommodation with a minimum 2-year tenancy (with the option to extend preferred to provide stability and long-term resettlement). The larger the property, the more people we can bring to safety in the UK.

Rent

The refugee family will be eligible for the full range of benefits, including Local Housing Allowance (LHA). In Long Eaton, the LHA rate is equivalent to:

- 2-bed property - £548 pcm
- 3-bed property - £625 pcm
- 4-bed property - £797 pcm

ECS can top-up housing benefits, depending on the property, However, in an ideal situation, the LHA would cover the cost of accommodation, as this will be more likely to offer a sustainable future for the family, without relying on top-ups.

They will be given employment opportunities and English language education to help them move to full independence after a two-year settling in period.

Deposit and Guarantors

To ensure that the family has the right balance of independence, as well as support, the family will sign the rental agreement, with ECS acting as guarantors. ECS will provide the cost of the deposit.

Length of Contract

The property would need to be guaranteed for a minimum of 2 years. In an ideal situation, there would be the possibility of extension, should the family wish to

stay – and a six-month break clause, in the unlikely event the family would like to move earlier.

Timings

It takes roughly four to six months from the point of finding a suitable property, to the family's arrival. It is possible to ask the Home Office to delay the family's arrival until the end of an existing tenancy agreement.

What can we offer?

- ECS can contribute skilled volunteers and a small fund to home improvements, which would increase the value of the property.
- The knowledge that you are changing the lives of a vulnerable refugee family
- Guaranteed rental income for two years
- An interpreter to support communication between landlord and family
- A network of support for the family, to ensure they treat the property appropriately, and which will pay utilities, council tax and rent in a timely manner.

Next steps

Representatives from ECS would be delighted to join a meeting or call to discuss our plans and requirements in more detail. Contact erewash_rcs@gmail.com.

Highway Code update

From the 29th January, new Highway Code rules come into effect. The main changes are to be with a new **Hierarchy of Road Users**.

There are new rules that put those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy. The 'Hierarchy of Road Users' is a concept that places those road users most at risk in the event of a collision at the top of the hierarchy. The hierarchy does not remove the need for everyone to behave responsibly. The road users most likely to be injured in the event of a collision are pedestrians, cyclists, horse riders and motorcyclists, with children, older adults and disabled people being more at risk. The following H rules clarify this concept.

Rule H1

It is important that ALL road users are aware of The Highway Code, are considerate to other road users and understand their responsibility for the safety of others. Everyone suffers when road collisions occur, whether they are physically injured or not. But those in charge of vehicles that can cause the greatest harm in the event of a collision bear the greatest responsibility to take

care and reduce the danger they pose to others. This principle applies most strongly to drivers of large goods and passenger vehicles, vans/minibuses, cars/taxis and motorcycles. Cyclists, horse riders and drivers of horse-drawn vehicles likewise have a responsibility to reduce danger to pedestrians. None of this detracts from the responsibility of ALL road users, including pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, to have regard for their own and other road users' safety. Always remember that the people you encounter may have impaired sight, hearing or mobility and that this may not be obvious.

Rule H2: Rule for drivers, motorcyclists, horse-drawn vehicles, horse riders and cyclists

At a junction, you should give way to pedestrians crossing or waiting to cross a road into which or from which you are turning. *[This has been a rule for ages – how many of us knew that? Ed.]* You MUST give way to pedestrians on a zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists on a parallel crossing. Pedestrians have priority when on a zebra crossing, on a parallel crossing or at light-controlled crossings when they have a green signal. You should give way to pedestrians waiting to cross a zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists waiting to cross a parallel crossing. Horse riders should also give way to pedestrians on a zebra crossing, and to pedestrians and cyclists on a parallel crossing. Cyclists should give way to pedestrians on shared-use cycle tracks and to horse riders on bridleways. Only pedestrians may use the pavement. Pedestrians include wheelchair and mobility scooter users. Pedestrians may use any part of the road and use cycle tracks as well as the pavement, unless there are signs prohibiting pedestrians.

Rule H3: Rule for drivers and motorcyclists

You should not cut across cyclists, horse riders or horse-drawn vehicles going ahead when you are turning into or out of a junction or changing direction or lane, just as you would not turn across the path of another motor vehicle. This applies whether they are using a cycle lane, a cycle track, or riding ahead on the road and you should give way to them. Do not turn at a junction if to do so would cause the cyclist, horse rider or horse-drawn vehicle going straight ahead to stop or swerve. You should stop and wait for a safe gap in the flow of cyclists if necessary. This includes when cyclists are:

- approaching, passing or moving off from a junction
- moving past or waiting alongside stationary or slow-moving traffic
- travelling around a roundabout

There are many other rule changes – several for cyclists (including riding in the centre of the lane in slower-moving traffic, and at least ½ metre from the kerb at other times. Full details are at assets.publishing.service.gov.uk/government/uploads/system/uploads/attachment_data/file/1037306/table-of-change-to-the-highway-code.pdf.

Events



Charity Auction

Saturday 5th March, 7.00pm

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- Enter our raffle to win exciting prizes
- Covid-Safe Night Out (Restricted Numbers - Negative Lateral Flows and Masks please)
- Please let Jan (above) know if Vegetarian Option required, by 26/2




All profits from the evening to Erewash Community Sponsorship-
working to settle a refugee family locally.

Breaston Evergreens

The Breaston Evergreens are now meeting every Tuesday from 2 to 4 pm in the Methodist Church Hall on Blind Lane. There is a mixture of activities from bingo, games and quizzes to raffles, speakers and trips. And there's the opportunity for social interaction.


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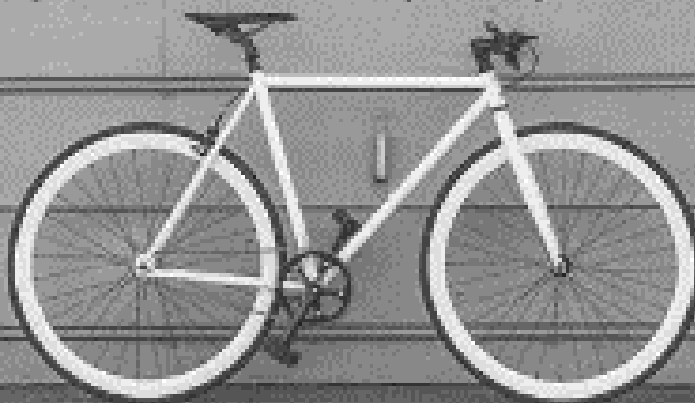
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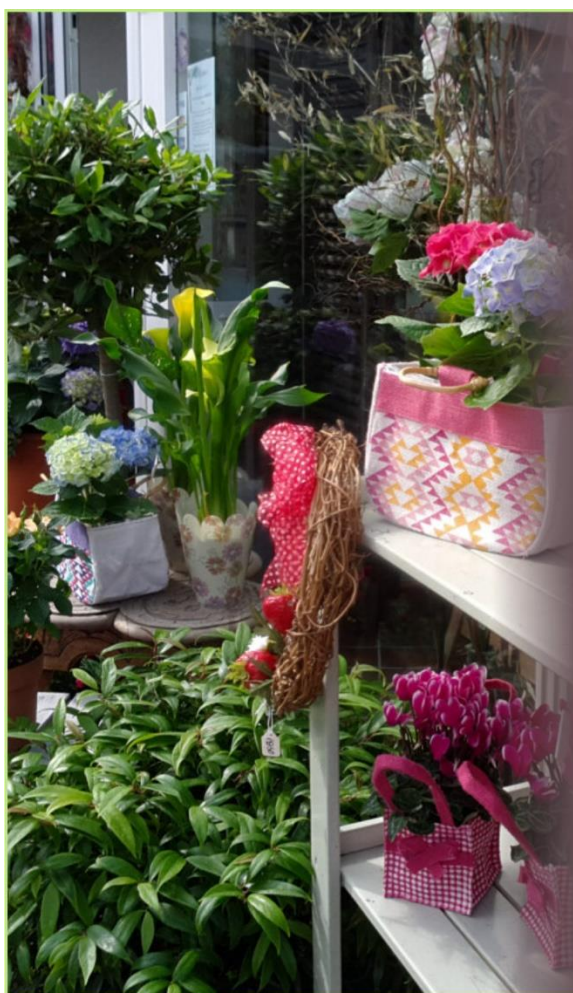
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