



St. Michael's, Breaston
St. Mary's, Draycott
St. Chad's, Wilne

Growing
as
followers
of Jesus

Newsletter for 27th February 2022

Welcome to St. Michael's, especially if you are visiting – we hope you enjoy the service. Please note that we have a wide variety of services from traditional to contemporary, and many other activities. Please see the church website for more details or ask a member of the congregation.

If the screens are being used everything will be shown there, otherwise, simply follow the booklet you should have been given. Rev'd Chris Smedley

Refreshments

Tea and coffee will be available at the back of church after the 10:30 am service

Notices

What are you doing for Lent? I have been struck by two readings from Luke's gospel recently as follows: 'But Jesus often withdrew to lonely places and prayed' (Ch 5 v 16) 'Jesus took Peter, John and James with him onto a mountain to pray. As he was praying.....' (Ch 9 v 28 – 29). Prayer is the 'life breath' of the Christian. It is that which connects us to God in an intimate way. Prayer is deeply personal and can take on different forms at different times such as giving our burdens to Jesus, holding somebody or a situation before God, sitting silently in God's presence, worshipping Him etc. There are no experts in prayer. We are totally reliable on God. At times we may experience the presence of God and at other times we may not. There is little value in giving things up at Lent unless it leads to a closer relationship with Jesus. I urge all of us to make every effort to give God more of our focussed attention during this season. Set time aside and pray how you can – words, no words, singing – because the way you pray doesn't matter. And.....if you can get a copy of 'Be Still' by Brian Heasley (available through the 24/7 prayer web-site). There's lots of good advice on spending time with God. (Rev'd Chris Smedley)

Lent boxes Please take a Lent box and return them at Easter or sometime shortly afterwards. This year we will be given the money to the Children's Society. They are a Church of England charity who work with vulnerable young people. There is currently a mental health crisis and a growing number of suicides amongst our young people. Please give generously.

Ash Wednesday (Wednesday 2nd March) There will be a Communion Service at 10:30am in St. Michael's Church which will include ashing.

PCC Secretary – Breaston Jonathan Lupton has been PCC Secretary for twelve years but has decided to stand down from this role at the Annual Meeting on 25 April. We are incredibly grateful to Jonathan for his diligence and efficiency during this time. If you feel that this is a role that you could take on please speak to either Jonathan or Chris.

Parish Safeguarding Officer– Breaston Claire Collishaw will be stepping down as PSO due to increased work commitments. She has done a great job getting our policies and personal details up to date. We need to appoint a new PSO. If you have experience in this area and could help, please speak to Claire, Chris or one of the Wardens.

Volunteers needed for Family Messy Church – Draycott Steve and Jodie are looking for volunteers to help run Messy Church which will take place at Draycott Methodist Church from Thursday 12th May. This will run every second Thursday of the month. Please speak to either Chris, Jodie or Steve for further details.

Help required We are going to be running Experience Easter for 4 classes from Firfield Primary School at St Michael's, Breaston on Tuesday 5th April and we are asking for volunteers to help with this amazing opportunity. It would run for a full day in order to accommodate the 4 classes that would like to attend. If you are able to help, please contact one of us ASAP. Thank you in advance, Steve, Chris & Jodie.

Conversations about Evangelism The purpose of this evening is to have an open conversation about how we as a church can effectively share the Christian faith with our communities. Please join us on Monday 14th March at 7:15pm. All welcome especially those who may not feel confident in this area but have a desire to see people coming to faith.

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Daily Prayer: We hold a short service of Daily Prayer on our public Facebook page from **Monday to Thursday only** starting at 9.30 am. We are currently using the ‘Northumbrian Community Daily Prayer’ which is available on the internet. Alternatively, you can purchase the service book. The readings we will be having are as follows:

	On Facebook				Not of Facebook
w/c	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri
27th Feb	1Peter 1 v3- 9, Mark 10 v17- 27	1Peter 1 v10- 16, Mark 10 v28- 31	2Cor 5 v20b- 6v10, John 8 v1-11	Deut 30 v15- end Luke 9 v22- 25	Isaiah 58 v1-9 a, Matt 9 v14-15

All other service details are at the end of the newsletter

Baby Basics Long Eaton will be joining Sunbeams on Monday 28th February and will be bringing free clothes for children ages 3 months – 5 years for families in need. If you know anyone who will benefit from this, please encourage them along. The session will be free and we are also encouraging donations. Key items needed can be found here: www.facebook.com/bundlesofhopeandbabybasicslongeaton

Men's Danger Club Our next event travels back in time to the building of the canals in this area. There is a Lock Keeper's cottage in Sandiacre, built in 1779 which is maintained by local people and thanks to them the proposed demolition was prevented. It's a fascinating story about the people who lived there, how they lived and how the building has been preserved. Join us at St. Michael's Church Hall on Friday 25th. March at 7:30pm. Only £5.00 which includes a pint and a donation to the Association. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please contact me 07887389779 or see me in church. John

Erewash Community Sponsorship Charity Auction: Saturday 5th March

****Final tickets****As you may know a group of us are busily fundraising for this very worthwhile cause. As part of this effort, we have an Auction of Gifts and Promises coming up on Saturday 5 March in the evening at St. Michael's. Alongside the auction, we plan to have a raffle and to offer a fish and chip supper. This could be a fabulous event for our project and a great opportunity to raise our profile and awareness about the lives of refugees.

We have been donated some wonderful lots ranging from golf lessons and a glider flight to a garden planter and homemade cakes.

We'd like to offer a case of wine – could you perhaps contribute a bottle?

We will also need people on March 5 to help with setting up, collecting food and clearing up. If you could help in any way please speak to either Jenny Cockle 07884 432201 or Jan Wilkinson 07549 026042.

Giving

We are most grateful for your continued financial support in these challenging times. It really is greatly appreciated!

Please do consider giving by standing order, BACS or cheque if possible. This reduces cash handling and physical journeys to the bank which is much safer for all involved. If you feel able to give a one-off gift or to increase your giving by standing order, that would also be greatly appreciated. Thank you.

Please contact the Treasurer at treasurer@wdbchurches.org.uk or the church office at office@wdbchurches.org.uk for bank details or Gift Aid forms.

If you have a smartphone, you can also give using your mobile phone by scanning this code for St. Michael's but please be aware that a service charge is deducted by the provider: →→→→→→



Scan to give online

Donate while you shop online! You can now donate to St. Michael's when you shop online, at no extra cost to yourself. It works with Amazon (via Amazon Smile) and a host of other retailers via EasyFundRaising. Details are on the church website. It's very easy to set up. **Why not make your online shopping benefit the church?** Just click the logo →→



What's happening...

Regular events

Today

8:45 am	Holy Communion	St. Michaels, Breaston
10:30 am	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Draycott
10.30 am	Celebration Service	St. Michaels, Breaston
4:00 pm	Evensong	

Monday

10-11:30 am	Sunbeams – with Baby Basics	St. Michael's, Breaston
7:00-9:00 pm	Youth Group (7-9 years)	Steve Lacey's House

Wednesday

10:30 am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's, Breaston
7:00-9:00 pm	Youth Group (10-13 years)	Steve Lacey's House

Thursday

10:00 am	Renew Café (until 12noon)	St. Michael's, Breaston
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Next Sunday

8:45 am	Holy Communion	St. Michaels, Breaston
10.30 am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion	St. Michaels, Breaston

Other events

Tuesday 28th February

7:30 pm	Standing Committee meeting	St. Michaels, Breaston
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Wednesday 2nd March

7:30 pm	Friends of St Chad's AGM	St. Mary's, Draycott
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Thursday 3rd March

2:30 pm	Funeral of Avril Smith	St. Michaels, Breaston
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Saturday 5th March

7:00pm	Erewash Community Sponsorship Auction	St. Michaels, Breaston
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Sunday 6th March

4:00pm	Vision Meeting for Childrens work	St. Michaels Church Office
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Broadband in St Michael's The network is 'SMB Guest' and the password is 'SMBGuest2021'. We may turn this off during streaming of services to avoid disrupting the stream.