



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

Growing  
as  
followers  
of Jesus

## Newsletter for 6th March 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*

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### *Refreshments*

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

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### *Notices*

**Lent sermon series** The Lent sermon series is based upon the 'Be Still' course by 24/7 prayer. You can purchase the 'Be Still' book by Brian Heasley from the 24/7 website.

'I've learned that the quiet time is more important than ever when there's a lot in my schedule or on my mind. I find that the Lord comes and resources me with a fresh perspective and renewed energy' (Be Still, Heasley page 15)

**Lent Boxes** Please take a Lent box and return them at Easter or sometime shortly afterwards. The money this year will be going to Fr Georges in Madagascar following the message we received from him last Sunday morning (27th Feb). Here is a precis:

"During two months (January and February ) four intense tropical cyclones have struck Madagascar. This has never been known with lots of damage: flooding, thousands hungry, houses and churches building collapsed, fields destroyed... our rice and vegetables fields are destroyed."

With warmest Regards, Fr Georges and Eveline, all the Congregation'.

**Lent Course** Home Groups have been encouraged to do the 'Be Still' course by 24/7 prayer.

If you aren't currently in a Home Group you are very welcome to join us at St Mary's, Draycott on Tuesday evenings at 7.30 pm. If you can't make every session please attend those that you are able to. If you would like a lift speak to Chris.

**Prayer Chain** It would be good to have as many people as possible join our prayer chain. This is a means of holding in prayer the things that are posted by those who are part of the group. All you need is a mobile phone and WhatsApp (which we can help you download if you don't know how to). Please speak to Rachel Huskisson,

Chris or contact the office if you'd like to join this. We need all the prayer support we can get.

**Evensong – change of time** Evensong will move back to 6.30 pm starting in April.

**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 four classes that would like to attend. If you can 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.

**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 on Facebook	
w/c	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
27th Feb	Lev 19:1-18, Matt 25:31-end	Isa 55:10-11, Matt 6:7-15	Jonah 3, Luke 11:29-32	Esther 14:1-14, Matt 7:7-12	Ezek 18:21-28, Matt 5:20-26	Deut 26:16-end, Matt 5:43-end

***All other service details are at the end of the newsletter***

**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 7:30 pm. Only £5.00 which includes a pint and a donation to the Association. Looking forward to seeing you there. Please contact me on 07887 389 779 or see me in church.

*John Skinner*

**Getting Involved** Would you like to be involved in any of the following areas? If so, please speak to Chris or one of the Wardens.

- Welcoming
- Serving refreshments
- Arranging flowers
- Operating audio-visual equipment
- Operating sound equipment
- Leading the services
- Leading intercessions
- Reading the Scriptures
- Preaching
- Prayer ministry

**Giving Envelopes** Most of our giving at St Michael's is now by direct bank credit or contactless inside the church. The use of cash has reduced hugely in the last 2 years. The cost of buying pre-printed envelopes is now disproportionate to the funds given this way so we are discontinuing buying these. A supply of blank envelopes will be available at the back of the church so you can continue to give in this way if you prefer. Please enter your giving number, seal the envelope and include it in the offertory. If you can switch to cheques, BACS or contactless it would be very much appreciated. As I'm sure you will understand, handling cash, opening envelopes, recording bankings and making weekly trips to the bank is time consuming and less secure than electronic banking.

Many thanks for your cooperation

*Paul Stuttle, Treasurer*

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## *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](mailto:treasurer@wdbchurches.org.uk) or the church office at [office@wdbchurches.org.uk](mailto: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 →→→→→→→→



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## What's happening...

### Regular events

#### Today

8:45 am	Holy Communion	St. Michaels, Breaston
10.30 am	Celebration Service	St. Michaels, Breaston
4:00 pm	Sunday Funday	St. Mary's Hall, Draycott

#### Monday

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

#### Wednesday

10:30 am	Holy Communion	St. Michael's, Breaston
7:00-9:00 pm	Youth Group (Years 10-13)	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	Holy Communion	St. Mary's, Draycott
10.30 am	Celebration Service	St. Michaels, Breaston
4:00 pm	Evensong	St. Michaels, Breaston

### Other events

#### Monday 7th

7:15 pm	Leadership Team meeting	65 Stevens Lane
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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.