



The United Benefice of Wilne & Draycott with Breaston

Growing as followers of Jesus

News and Notices for November 2024

Welcome to St. Michael's, Breaston and St. Mary's, Draycott, especially if you are visiting - we hope you enjoy the service.

Please note that we have a wide variety of services within both our churches from traditional to contemporary, and there are many other activities going on during the week. Please see the church social media pages 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 were given on your way in.

Tea and coffee are normally available after the 10.30am services in both churches.

Bishop Malcolm's Visit



It was a real privilege to welcome Bishop Malcolm to our Benefice on 13 October for a special service, celebrating Tor's baptism and confirmation and Ben's confirmation. We enjoyed a really special time together, listening to the stories of their faith journeys, hearing Bishop Malcom speak and sharing communion together at the end of the service.

Vacancy Update

Following a meeting with both PCCs and Archdeacon Karen, we are moving to the next phase of our search for a new incumbent. Although a partnership with other churches is still a possibility, the Diocese have offered the option of exploring a part-time appointment. This would be three days a week, plus Sundays. Both PCCs have approved this as our preferred way forward, so we have been working on the Parish Profile, which is coming along well, with a view to being able to advertise a part-time post. The timescale is uncertain but we continue to seek God's guidance and leading. Please continue to pray with us at this important time.



Jo, on behalf of the Vacancy Team



Remembrance

As you will see from the calendar, there will be no church services on Remembrance Sunday as we support the events in our villages. In Breaston we are helping provide free refreshments in the Chequers. Please see Peter H if you can help .

Christmas Wreath Making Workshop

In response to requests for more social opportunities we will be welcoming Lou from Lunary Elle for a Christmas wreath-making workshop in church on Friday 29 November at 7.30pm. Cost is £40 including tuition, all materials and light refreshments (prosecco or non-alcoholic fizz and festive treats). £15 deposit needed to secure a place. Balance by 22 Nov. Please book with Hannah or Jo for a fun, relaxed evening.



BREASTON ST MICHAEL'S
CHRISTMAS
FOOD
& TOY COLLECTION

"It is more blessed to give than to receive"

SATURDAY 23rd November
2:00pm – 4:00pm
FIRFIELD SCHOOL

Collection of NON-PERISHABLE items for The Canaan Trust & The Long Eaton and Sawley Foodbank

- ✓ All toys must be new
- ✓ Toys for all age groups from babies through to 16yrs
- ✓ Baby clothes only - up to 12 months
- ✓ Stocking filler items greatly appreciated

- × No second hand items
- × No knitted items
- × No computer games or DVD's
- × No imitation knives or guns
- × No items related to alcohol or smoking

FOR FURTHER DETAILS PLEASE VISIT:

www.derbycitymission.org.uk/christmas

or contact: office@wdbchurches.org.uk



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
W/C 27th October	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)		
W/C 3rd November	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Celebration Service (St Michael's)		18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		19:25 Julian Meeting (St Michael's)
	16:00 Evensong (St Michael's)		
W/C 10th November	10:45 Remembrance Service (War Memorial, Draycott)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	11:00 Remembrance Service (Memorial Garden, Breaston)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
W/C 17th November	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Café Style Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		
W/C 24th November	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Celebration Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C 27th October	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Mary's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)		
W/C 3rd November	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
	Sorry—no midweek communion	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)	
W/C 10th November	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Mary's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
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W/C 17th November	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
	Sorry—no midweek communion		19:30 Men's Danger Club (St Mary's Church Hall)
W/C 24th November	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Mary's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
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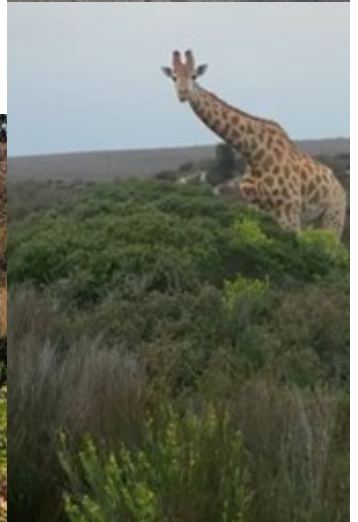
News from Maddie Batten-Plowright

Thank you to everyone who donated and supported the Beetle Drive fundraiser I held to raise money for my trip to the Wildlife Forensic Academy in South Africa. A total of £300 was raised from the event and greatly supported with the costs of the course, which in turn helps to train local rangers in forensic awareness and crime scene best practices.

We had talks on correct scene procedure, did multiple practical scenes inside and outside and short mock court appearances. Further talks discussed the poaching and trafficking trade of animals and plants, local history and survival techniques such as determining location and time from the sun/stars and sourcing water.

It was a fabulous experience and I'm glad to know it helps towards the local fight against wildlife crime in South Africa too. I would love to partake in any similar opportunities in the future should they arise.

Thank you once again!



Accommodation wanted!

A Christian family relocating to the UK from South Africa are looking for somewhere to rent for six months while they buy a property of their own. They are a couple in their thirties with a cat and come highly recommended! If you are able to help, or know someone who can, please contact Anne McKenzie on 07833 321619.

Looking ahead to Christmas



Full details of all our Christmas activities will be going out to every house in Breaston and Draycott in the next couple of weeks. As always, we really need help to put on these events, which give us wonderful ways to connect with our communities at this time of year.

We would appreciate help in distributing the cards in both villages, so if you are able to help with this, please speak to Hannah or Jo.

We are once again looking to provide refreshments at many of our events, so any donations of mince pies, festive biscuits and bottles of mulled wine would be gratefully received. There will be donation boxes at the back of both churches.

All our events rely on volunteers to make them work and there are lots of ways to get involved. Please do sign up on the sheets at the back of the churches, if you are able to help in any way!

Thank you!

Full information in our December newsletter, but key events are:

30 Nov 6-7pm Community Carols at The Victoria Car Park, Draycott

1 Dec 10.30am Christingle Service at St Michael's Church

8 Dec 4pm Carols that Rock at St Michael's Church

15 Dec Live Nativity (with animals) on Duffield Close, Breaston

18 Dec 8pm Carols at the Chequers, Breaston

22 Dec 6.30pm Nine Lessons & Carols at St Michael's Church

24 Dec 4.30pm Crib Service at St Michael's Church

25 Dec 11am Carols & Communion at St Mary's Church

29 Dec 10.30am Carols & Communion at St Michael's Church

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