



The United Benefice of Wilne & Draycott with Breaston

Growing as followers of Jesus

News and Notices for December 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.



Christmas is often a busy time, particularly in churches and you'll find plenty of activities and events going on in both villages over the next few weeks. Whether you are looking forward to a rest or feeling a little overwhelmed by the busyness of the season, we pray that you will find some space, during Advent and Christmas, to rest in God's presence and reflect on his amazing gift of love in Jesus.

Christmas Events

A huge thank you to everyone who helped sort and deliver the village Christmas Cards, which have gone to every house in Breaston and Draycott. Your help was massively appreciated. Special thanks to Sarah and Hannah for their hard work designing and getting these to print.



Refreshments

It is lovely to be able to offer hospitality to those coming along to church events and we are once again looking to provide refreshments at many of our Christmas events. To enable us to do this, any donations of mince pies, festive biscuits and bottles of mulled wine would be gratefully received. There are donation boxes at the back of both churches.

Help Needed!

All our events rely on volunteers to make them happen. A huge thank you to those who have already signed up to help. If you haven't but you are able to help in any way, the sheet is at the back of St Michael's.

Christmas in Draycott

Many of you may already be aware of the two events taking place on Saturday 7 December in Draycott Church Hall. Just in case, a quick reminder that in the morning, the Long Eaton Silver Prize Band Coffee morning will be taking place from 10-11.30 am. All welcome. On the same evening there is the Christmas Dinner at 7pm. If you would like to go to this, please let Gary or Kris know as soon as possible.





christmas nativity



Duffield Close **Breaston**

Sunday 15th December

Refreshments 2.00pm **Nativity** 2.30pm

All ages **welcome** † **Dress** as your favourite nativity character † **Free** entrance † All **donations** go to **Canaan Trust** † **Dogs** welcome on **short** leads.

The ultimate Christmas Nativity



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	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
W/C 1st December	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	09:30 Experience Christmas (St Michael's)
	10:30 Café Style Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Joint Service (Draycott Methodist)		18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
			19:25 Julian Meeting (St Michael's)
W/C 8th December	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	16:00 Carols That Rock (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
W/C 15th December	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	14:00 Community Nativity (Duffield Close)		
W/C 22nd December	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)		Christmas Eve
	10:30 Celebration Service (St Michael's)		16:30 Crib Service (St Michaels)
	18:30 9 Lessons & Carols (St Michael's)		
W/C 29th December	10:30 Communion & Carols (St Michael's)		

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
W/C 1st December	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)	
W/C 8th December	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Mary's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	09:30 Experience Christmas (St Mary's)	Deadline for January Notices
W/C 15th December	09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)
	20:00 Carols in The Chequers		
W/C 22nd December	Christmas Day	Boxing Day	
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		
W/C 29th December	New Year's Day	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	

Under 5s on Sunday mornings

We are very grateful for all the children that are part of our community. As you are aware, our Young Church group meets in the church hall in Breaston on the second and fourth Sundays of each month. We would love to be able to offer provision for under 5s as we recognise that this is a 'gap' at the moment and we have been exploring how we might develop a 'Mini Church' for this age group, with play, songs and story time focused around a Bible theme.

Steve and Jodie are happy to lead two separate groups in the church hall and we have space and equipment to do this. However, to make this happen, we will need a volunteer to help with each group on these Sundays. Steve and Jodie would put a rota together,



so that volunteers would only be needed once every term or half term. Young church normally doesn't happen during school holidays, so this need not be a huge commitment, particularly if we have a number of people willing to help.

We'd love to start this in February, so please pray for God to raise up workers and reflect on whether this is something you would be happy to help with on an occasional (or regular) basis.

Do speak to Steve or Jodie if this is something you would be willing to help with! Thank you.

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.

Visits from Archdeacon Karen

Karen Hamblin, our archdeacon, will be visiting the Benefice over the coming few weeks.

She will be in St Michael's to preach and preside at our joint service at 10.30 on Sunday 8 December and will then be in Draycott to preach and preside at the 10.30 service the following Sunday - the 15 December. We are looking forward to welcoming her to both churches and are really pleased she has this opportunity to get to know us better as we move forward in the process of finding our new incumbent.



St Michael's External Giving

It has been our practice in St Michael's to donate to external charities and causes close to our hearts. This is only possible because of your giving and generosity. Despite challenging times financially, we have been able to do this again this year and have recently made donations to the following:



The Canaan Trust

Father Georges in Madagascar

Open Doors

Teen Challenge

Discount Code for Lunary Elle

At the time of going to print, we are looking forward to welcoming Lou from Lunary Elle for a Christmas wreath-making workshop in church. Lou has very kindly offered a discount code to anyone in our churches. This can be used to get 20% off in her shop in Breaston (opposite the church hall) or online at www.lunaryelle.co.uk

The code is: SMXW.

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