



The United Benefice of Wilne & Draycott with Breaston

Growing as followers of Jesus

News and Notices for January 2025

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.



New year is often a time when we think about new beginnings: changes in our lives that we'd like to see, plans to do things differently. Whether we are resolution-makers or not, it can be helpful to use the start of the year as a time to reflect and take stock. In the busyness of this season, do take some time to pray and think about what God may be saying to you. Wishing you every blessing for 2025!

With love and prayers from the
Leadership Team

Our Christmas Events

A huge thank you to everyone who has helped in any way in all our Christmas activities. Thanks to so many people being involved we have, once again, been able to put on a whole range of services and events. From our food and toy collection in November, our Christmas cards went out to all houses in both Breaston and Draycott and many people have heard the good news of Jesus coming into this world.



Christingle took place in Breaston at the beginning of December. Steve and Jodie led us in reflecting on the different meanings within this fun and faith-filled tradition. Please note that the Draycott Christingle will take place on Sunday 5 January at 10.30am. All are welcome.

Experience Christmas saw numerous classes of children from Firfield and Draycott school come to St Michael's and St Mary's respectively with their teachers to explore and reflect on the experiences of the characters in the Christmas story.



At the time of writing, we still have a number of services and events ahead that we're looking forward to, but we saw a really big turnout from the community in Breaston for Carols that Rock and our Community Nativity. In Draycott we were able to be involved in the main Draycott Village Fund Christmas event, leading the Carol Singing as part of the village Christmas Bazaar.



	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
W/C 29th December	10:30 Communion & Carols (St Michael's)		
W/C 5th January	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
	10:30 Family Celebration Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Christingle Service (St Mary's)		19:25 Julian Meeting (St Michael's)
	16:00 Evensong (St Michael's)		
W/C 12th January	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michaels)
		19:00 Youth Home Group (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
W/C 19th January	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 26th January	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 29th December	New Year's Day	10:00 Renew Café (St Michael's)	
W/C 5th January	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)	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)	
W/C 12th January	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)		
W/C 19th January	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)		
W/C 26th January	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)		

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. As we mentioned last month, we are hoping 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 or if you have thoughts around how this might work.

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.

Archdeacon Karen's visits

We really appreciated Karen Hamblin, our archdeacon, visiting both churches in December. Karen is supporting us in our search for our new incumbent. Please do continue to pray for the process, the Vacancy team and for Karen's important ministry within our Diocese.



Wreath Making with Lou and Discount Code for Lunary Elle

We enjoyed a wreath making workshop at the end of November. It was lovely to get together

and everyone was thrilled with their wreaths. 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.



MEN'S DANGER CLUB. How do the police catch the criminals? It's often by expert Forensic Scientists such as Paul Newsham. This time his talk will be about how Eye, Retina and facial features help to identify the suspect. His talks, though detailed, are easy to understand and he enjoys involving us in the talk and discussion. Join us on Friday 24th. January at 7.30 in St. Mary's Church Hall. Cost £7.00 including the usual pint. See me in Church or contact me on 01332 874417. John Skinner

Interested in Bell Ringing? The bell ringers at St Michael's are looking for new members, why not come along to our practice to see what is involved. Thursdays at 7.45pm

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