



St Michael's, Breaston & St Mary's, Draycott

Growing as followers of Jesus

News and Notices for 2025

Welcome to the united benefice of Wilne with Draycott and Breaston, especially if you are visiting - we hope you enjoy the service.

We have a range of services across both churches and many other activities during the week. Please see inside or our social media pages for more details. Alternatively, ask a member of the congregation.

Refreshments are served after the service in both churches.

Greetings from Thailand

Well, I've only just started, and already taking 3 weeks leave, but, in the 5 short weeks I've been here I've felt extremely blessed and loved in the warm welcome I have received. Thank you all. It's been a time of wonderful highs, but with one low, when my 18-year-old cat sadly had to be put to sleep. I felt so strengthened by the prayers of those few who knew and by God's love. Thank you!

There is so much to look forward to on my return, with our exciting Christmas events where we can share the Good News of Jesus far and wide. In the New Year I am planning a Benefice Away Day to discuss all aspects of our churches and how we are going to shape things over the coming years. When I have a venue, I will be asking you to save the date! I hope you feel as excited as I do, to see what God has planned for us.

Many blessings, Rev. Lisa



Remembrance

As usual, we will pause our normal service pattern on Sun 9 November, to pray, reflect and mark Remembrance Sunday in our village communities.



The Breaston Remembrance service will take place at the Memorial Garden from 10.45 am, whilst the Draycott service starts at 10.45 at the War Memorial.

Like last year, we will be helping provide refreshments in the Chequers following the Breaston service, Please see Peter if you can help.

The Draycott Village Fund Act of Remembrance will take place at the Memorial Garden on the corner of Walk Close in Draycott on Friday 5 November at 2.30pm.



Wednesday Morning Prayer

Please note that there will be no prayer meetings on 5th or 12th November.

Our normal pattern resumes on Wednesday 19 November at 9am at St Michael's.

Parish Giving Scheme Email

You may have had an email from the Parish Giving Scheme, who have updated their systems and are now using the name PGS in direct debits. This may look strange, but it is not a scam, simply a change in process. Banks are notifying customers in different ways and they are keen that no-one has concerns about this. No action is needed on your part and gifts will be collected as usual in November. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to speak to Paul Stuttle or Hannah Knighton. If you are not currently using the scheme, they would be very happy to chat to you to explain what it is and how it works.



St Michael's Christmas Food & Toy Collection

Saturday 22nd November

2 - 4pm

Firfield Primary School

Please donate NEW TOYS for the Christmas Connection project - helping local children who would otherwise not receive any gifts

NON-PERISHABLE items for The Canaan Trust

For further details please visit
www.derbycitymission.org.uk/christmas
or contact: office@wdbchurches.org.uk



We are excited to be holding our food and toy collection again this year, supporting two great local charities. If you can't make it on the day, please feel free to bring any donations to St Michael's by Sunday 16 November. As always, any offers of help on the day itself would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Jo or the church office and/or just turn up on the day. Set up from 1.45pm.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
w/c 2 Nov	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10:30 Family Celebration Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		19:25 The Julian Meeting (St Michael's)
	16:00 Evensong (St Michael's)		
w/c 9 Nov	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
		19:00 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
w/c 16 Nov	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10:30 Café Church (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		
w/c 23 Nov	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10.30-3.30 Christmas Tree Festival St Chad's, Wilne	19:00 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	
	10:30 Celebration Service (St Michael's)	Deadline for December newsletter	
w/c 30 Nov	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10:30 Family Celebration Service (St Michael's)	19:00 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)		19:25 The Julian Meeting (St Michael's)

Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Wellbeing (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)	
	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)		
10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Wellbeing (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)	
09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	10:00 Renew Wellbeing (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)	10.30-3.30 Christmas Tree Festival St Chad's, Wilne
10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)		19:30 Men's Danger Club (St Mary's Church Hall)	2-4pm Food and Toy Collection~ Firfield School, Breaston
09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Mary's)	10:00 Renew Wellbeing (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)	
10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)			
		19:00 Men's Danger Club St Mary's Church Hall	
8.45-12.15 Experience Christmas Draycott School	10:00 Renew Wellbeing (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Mary's Church Hall)	
09:00 Prayer Meeting (St Michael's)	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)		
10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)			



Christmas Events and Activities

Christmas gives fantastic opportunities to connect with our communities and share the message of Jesus' birth in many different kinds of ways. There is a list of our activities and events below and we'll give more details in our December newsletter and in the village Christmas cards. All our events are dependent on our wonderful teams of volunteers to make them happen.

We know it's a really busy time of year but please do pray and consider whether you feel able to be involved. A sign-up sheet for the events we need help with is at the back of St Michael's and one for the Experience Christmas events in both churches.

As usual, we are hoping to provide festive refreshments, so donations of mulled wine and mince pies or festive biscuits would be much appreciated, again at the back of both churches.



Date	Time	Event
Sat 22 Nov	2-4pm	Food and Toy Collection at Firfield School
22-23 Nov	10.30-3.30	Christmas Tree Festival at St Chad's, Wilne
Wed 26 Nov	8.45-12.15	Experience Christmas at Draycott School
Sat 29 Nov	6.30pm	Carols at the Victoria Draycott
Sun 30 Nov	10.30am	Toy Service (Draycott Methodist Church)
Sun 7 Dec	4pm	Carols that Rock (St Michael's)
Tue 9 Dec	8.45-12.15	Experience Christmas (Firfield) at St Michael's
Wed 10 Dec	9.15	Christmas Assembly (Draycott) at St Mary's
Sun 14 Dec	2pm	Nativity on Duffield Close, Breaston
Wed 17 Dec	eve	Carols at the Chequers, Breaston
Sun 21 Dec	10.30am	Christingle at St Michael's
Sun 21 Dec	6pm	9 Lessons and Carols at St Michael's
Wed 24 Dec	4pm	Crib Service at St Michael's
Wed 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Communion at St Michael's
Wed 24 Dec	11.30pm	Midnight Communion, Draycott Methodist's
Thur 25 Dec	9.30am	Christmas Communion at St Michael's
Thur 25 Dec	11am	Christmas Communion at St Mary's
Sun 28 Dec	10.30am	Carols and Communion at St Michael's
Sun 4 Jan	10.30am	Christingle at St Mary's



We want to particularly ask for help for **Experience Christmas**, which involves sharing the good news of the Christmas story with groups of children from Draycott and Firfield schools. No previous experience is needed and lots of support will be given if you are able to help on Wed 26 November (Draycott) or Tue 9 Dec (Breaston). Please sign up at the back of either church or speak to Steve or Adam for more details.



Men's Danger Club



Christmas is not far off so, once again, a chance to sample six first-class whiskeys in time for you to choose one for yourself or to suggest the ideal Christmas present from your family!

The cost will be £15. Please contact John on 07887389779 for more information or just to let us know you'll be coming along.

Just to let you know that we will be rather short-staffed in the office during November. This also coincides with Lisa's holiday as well as Christmas preparations, so there will be a bit more pressure on the team than usual. Please be patient with us!

A huge thank you to all who have offered to help deliver the village Christmas cards. We are hoping to get these out to you by Sunday 16 Nov in time for delivery before events the following weekend!

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www.facebook.com/stmarysdraycottandstmichaelsbreaston

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