

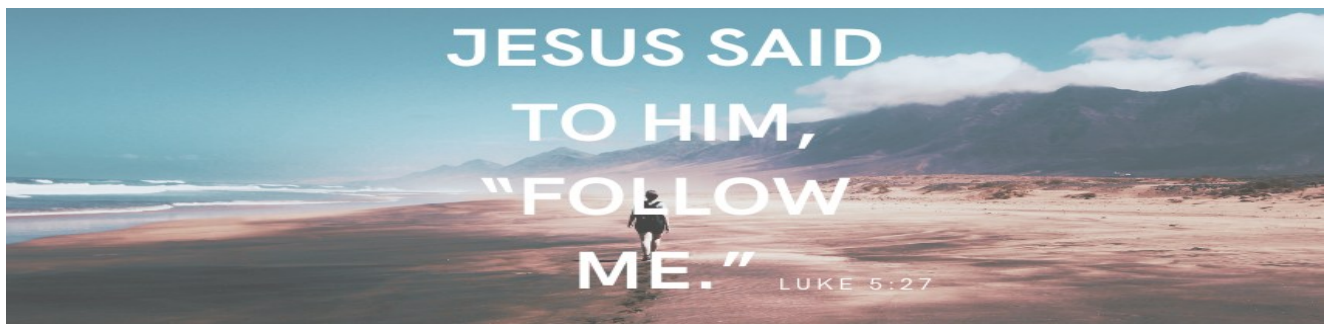


St Michael's, Breaston & St Mary's, Draycott

Growing as followers of Jesus

News and Notices for January 2026

Welcome to the United Benefice of Wilne with Draycott and Breaston!



Welcome to 2026! Happy New Year!

I hope you had a truly blessed Christmas and that, in the midst of all the celebrations, you experienced again the hope, peace, joy, and love of Jesus. As we step into this new year together, we are preparing for our Vision Away Day on **Saturday 17th January**. This is a really important and exciting opportunity for us as a Benefice. It will be a day of listening, prayer, worship, and shared conversation as we seek to discern where we believe God is calling us in the months and years ahead.

The day will build on the rich and thoughtful work already done through the Parish Profile, helping us to shape a clear and hopeful vision for our mission and ministry going forward. Every voice matters, and everyone who worships in our churches is warmly invited and encouraged to come along.

The day will run from **10am–4pm**, but even if you can only join us for a couple of hours, your presence and input will be deeply valued. I know some people will be away, but if you are able, I do hope you will prioritise this date in your diary. I truly believe this will be a meaningful and faith-filled day as we listen together for God's leading. I very much look forward to seeing you there. Lisa



A Message From Derby City Mission!

We want to say a huge thank you. This year, together we were able to bless **924 children** with gifts and care at Christmas.

A massive thank you to all who have contributed and/or volunteered. It couldn't be done without each and every one of you.

Thank you for helping bring joy, dignity, and hope to children and families across Derby this Christmas.



Carols That Rock! - A Community Favourite!

A huge thank you to everyone who joined us for Carols That Rock this year! It was a wonderful evening of celebration, community spirit, and festive fun, supporting the local pre-school as they work to improve their Forest School area.

Thanks also to everyone who helped the event run smoothly and to the fantastic band, whose energy and joy made the night truly memorable – we couldn't have done it without you!

We are delighted to share that the event raised an amazing **£255.19**, which will be put to excellent use improving the Forest School area. Not only will this benefit the pre-school, but it will also be enjoyed by the children at Firfield School, meaning so many children in our community will benefit.

It's clear that Carols That Rock is becoming a favourite annual Christmas event in our community, and we look forward to seeing even more of you next year!

Community Nativity - Bringing Christmas Cheer!

Thank you to everyone who joined us for our Community Nativity on Duffield Close. Despite the chilly weather, it was wonderful to see so many people from across the community gathering together to share in the Christmas story.

A huge thank you to all who helped make the afternoon possible – from organisers to volunteers – and to everyone who came along. Your presence made the



event truly special, bringing a moment of joy, peace, and Christmas cheer to all who attended.

We are also delighted to share that the Community Nativity raised **£385.74** for the Canaan Trust, supporting their important work over the Christmas season. Your generosity and participation have helped share the joys of Christmas in such a meaningful way.

Thank you for being part of this memorable community celebration!

Thank you

With grateful hearts, we want to say a huge thank you to our congregation, your families, and everyone in our wider community.

This Christmas, your kindness, generosity, and willingness to serve have helped spread real joy and excitement—both within our churches and far beyond their walls. From acts seen and unseen, you have shared the light of Christ in beautiful ways.

On behalf of the whole leadership team, we truly feel blessed to be part of such a faithful, caring church family. Thank you for walking this journey with us.

	Sunday	Monday	Tuesday
w/c 4th Jan	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)	18:45 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Family Christingle (St Mary's)		19:25 The Julian Meeting (St Michael's)
	16:00 Evensong (St Michael's)		
w/c 11th Jan	10:30 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
		18:45 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
w/c 18th Jan	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10:30 Joint Celebration Service (Breaston Methodist Church)	18:45 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
	10:30 Holy Communion (St Mary's)	Deadline for February Newsletter	
w/c 25th Jan	08:45 Holy Communion (St Michael's)	10:00 Sunbeams (St Michael's)	15:30 Explorers (St Michael's)
	10:30 Celebration Service (St Michael's)	18:45 Youth Homegroup (Steve Lacey's House)	18:30 Youth Café (St Michael's Church Hall)
w/c 1st Feb	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)	18:45 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)		

	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
w/c 4th Jan	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)	19:15 Living Hope (St Michael's)	
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	10:30 Midweek Communion (St Michael's)		SATURDAY 10am-4pm Vision Day St Giles Church Hall, Sandiacre
w/c 18th Jan	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)		19:30 Men's Danger Club (St Mary's Church Hall)
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Peter's plans for Chaplaincy in Zermatt in February

Last year a number of you prayed for me whilst I was invited to combine two things I love doing: skiing and sharing God's love.

Late in 2025, the Intercontinental Church Society (ICS) invited Peter back to Zermatt in Switzerland, to be part of the chaplaincy team

for two weeks in February. ICS is an Anglican mission agency, serving English-speaking people all over the world.



They have a network of 50 chaplains in Europe, N&S America and SE Asia... and short-term chaplains at popular tourist destinations. ICS aim to encourage, equip and enable folk to encounter new life in Jesus. St. Peter's church in Zermatt has served the English speaking residents, resort workers and tourists since 1870.

The role of chaplain entails providing two opportunities to worship on Sundays and another on Thursday evening. However, mostly the encouragement, equipping and enabling is worked out by spending time with

members of the Ski Club of GB (SCGB), either on the pistes, during the day or on one of their evening social events.

Last year for me, the two main challenges were finding the key to unlocking people's real needs - the ones money can't buy and planning and leading services, when you have no idea of who, or how many may come, until they arrive 5mins in! So, I am asking for your prayers again for this coming trip. I shall be there from

10th - 24th February. This is over half-term, so there are likely to be some changes required to cater for some younger folk!



MEN'S DANGER CLUB

Friday 23rd January 7.30pm
St. Mary's Church Hall

Many of us enjoy a visit to the pub from time to time—whether it's meeting friends, sharing a family meal, or simply enjoying the atmosphere. While some pub names are instantly recognisable, others are less obvious, and we often have no idea where they came from.

Join Robert Mee as he uncovers the fascinating history behind a selection of Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names. **Cost £5.00**

Friday 27th February 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Hall

You are worth it! After all the hard work you've put in—everything you've achieved, the support you've offered, and the difference you've made—you certainly deserve a medal. Imagine receiving a letter from Buckingham Palace, stepping onto the red carpet, and approaching the King as he presents you with an MBE.

Kevin Miller will share the inspiring journey of how such an honour can be achieved. **Cost £5.00**

Friday 27th March 7:30pm
St. Mary's Church Hall

Spring is on its way, which means it's time to turn our attention back to the garden. But don't worry—help is at hand! The "Potty Plotters," Elaine and Julia, will be joining us to share their gardening wisdom.

Forget the usual gardening shows on TV—these ladies are here to entertain as well as inform. Move over Ant and Dec... Elaine and Julia will have you laughing, learning, and leaving inspired.

A fantastic evening awaits. **Cost: £5.00**

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Men's Danger Club - Next Meeting

Discover the Stories Behind Local Pub Names!

Many of us enjoy a visit to the pub—whether it's meeting friends, sharing a family meal, or simply soaking up the atmosphere. But have you ever wondered where those pub names came from?

Join **Robert Mee** as he uncovers the fascinating history behind a selection of **Derbyshire and Nottinghamshire pub names.**

Date & Time: Friday 23rd January 7.30pm

Location: St Mary's Church Hall

Cost: £5.00

Come along for an entertaining and informative evening—you might never look at your local pub the same way again!

For more information, or to let us know you'll be attending, please contact: John S: john.judy184@outlook.com.

New Year, New Start

As we step into a new year, we're reminded that God is always doing something new. At the heart of our local area, St Michael's and St Mary's continue to be places of welcome, hope, and community. A new year is a chance for a fresh start—whether that's returning to church, taking a new step of faith, getting involved locally, or simply making space for God in everyday life. If you'd like to know more about what's going on in and around our churches, please do get in touch or take a look at our Facebook page by scanning the QR for the latest news, events, and activities. Whoever you are and wherever you're starting from, you would be very welcome to join us.



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