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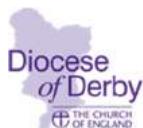


St Mark's Church

1869-2019

+ Welcoming All +
+ Worshipping God +
+ Reaching out to share His love +

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A note from the Vicar

Meetings Meetings Meetings

In my reflection for the 5th May I used this title as a way into speaking of the dilemma before Paul and Barnabas who needed to travel to Jerusalem and talk with the Apostles about what was required to be a follower of Jesus. (Acts 15)



Any organisation needs to have structures in place to allow it to not only function as best it can but also to hold it to the underpinning principles of whatever that organisation is. As church we are no different. The Church of England is run by a Synodical system. An elected group of men and women who meet to discuss and frame legislature for the right functioning of the Church of England. General Synod is made up of 3 Houses: Bishops, Clergy and Laity, with representatives from each diocese.

At Diocesan level there is a Diocesan Synod made up of the Bishops and 2 Houses, Clergy and Laity, to which each Deanery can elect a number of clergy and laity. And at Deanery level we also have a Synod, again in 2 houses. All Clergy licensed to a parish are automatically in the house of clergy plus 2 retired clergy. And each parish has a number of elected laity to sit on synod. We elected our synod reps last year and they sit for 3 years.

At Parish level we have the Parochial Church Council. Each year we have an Annual Parochial Church Meeting APCM to which anyone can attend. (This year it will be Sunday 27th June starting at 12.30.) At this meeting there are two parts, the election of Church Wardens, and in the second part we hear reports of what has happened over the past year, the church accounts are presented, and people can be nominated to be elected onto the PCC.

This year unusually we have 6 vacancies on the PCC that need to be filled. Usually we have 3 PCC vacancies each year, this year 3 other members have stood down for personal reasons. To those not standing again at this time, can I thank you for your support and encouragement to the church over the past 12 months, it has been an extraordinary time and such dedication to the role as a PCC member is much appreciated.

The 6 places are for different lengths of time, which will then put

us back to our more normal 3 vacancies per year.
This year we are looking for:

3 people to serve for 3 years
2 people to serve for 2 years
1 person to serve for 1 year.

It is important that we have a complete PCC so that the broadest number of views and opinions can be voiced, and therefore the voice of the whole church of St Marks is heard. Also, a full PCC means that the work of the church and its implementation can be shared among a greater number of people.

St Marks is an active church, and we are looking to step that up as we emerge from the events of the pandemic. There are several key issues that we as church will need to work through, including 'the Bishops Vision for the Diocese' as well as 'How we as St Marks become Net Carbon Zero by 2030.' These are not just the Vicars concerns but the churches and the PCC have a role within that debate and how we progress forward. There will also, I hope, be more local projects and concerns to address, the first of which is how we fulfil the 3rd part of our Parish Vision to, 'Reaching Out to Share His Love.'

If you haven't served before or not for a long time, I ask that you please give it some thought and prayer. If you are on the Electoral Role then you can be elected onto the PCC.

If we look at the Gospels, we find that Jesus called 12 disciples to follow him. They did, and they questioned, and they argued and they listened and they discussed. They sat at the centre, but we know also that there were others around them who followed and supported Jesus and the disciples, women and men alike, as well as those who came and went as Jesus touched and challenged their lives. And we know from Acts that the early church also needed a framework that would allow it to hold the wider growing church together.

Committee work is not sexy work, but it is the work of a disciple, and it is necessary to make sure that St Marks not only survives but grows. An active, engaged, prayerful PCC is key to how we meet the opportunities and challenges that are to come. If you want to know more please speak to Wardens or myself.

Every Blessing
Philp

June Services

Services subject to change depending on Government restrictions.

Sunday	Readings	Time	Service & Church
6th June Trinity 1	Genesis 3.8-15 2 Corinthians 4.13-5.1 Mark 3.20-35	9.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
13th June Trinity 2	Ezekiel 17.22-24 2 Corinthians 5.6-10 [11-13]14-17 Mark 4.26-34	09.15	Service of the Word St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
20th June Trinity 3	Job 38.1-11 2 Corinthians 6.1-13 Mark 4.35-41	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's
27th June Trinity 4	Wisdom of Solomon 1.13-15; 2.23,24 2 Corinthians 8.7-15 Mark 5.21-43	09.15	Holy Communion St Wystan's
		10.45	Parish Eucharist St Mark's

Covid Safe procedures are in place at both churches.

As we move through the road map of relaxation of restrictions there may be changes to what we can and cannot do. Any changes will be informed via the weekly news-sheet and the website. Until then, we will continue to use separate entrance and exit, hand sanitiser on entry. Face Coverings to be worn, No Singing, Track and Trace in operation. If you are unwell or have symptoms, please stay at home and follow NHS advice.

St Mark's News and Events

Annual Parochial Church Meeting (APCM)

Sunday 27th June 2021. Starting at 12.30pm.

Come to the Service at 10.45am.

Bring your Lunch, and if the weather is good enjoy a picnic.

Meeting will be in church at 12.30pm

(Meeting in person, subject to current Covid-19 Roadmap dates.)

Walking 300,000 steps during May in Support of Christian Aid.

The Vicar completed the 300,000 step challenge on Thursday 20th May, but set a new target of 400,000 steps.

At the time of going to print we don't know how much was raised in total but will report it soon.



Thank you to those who have given so generously, and you can still give via the e-envelope link given below. Thank you.



<https://envelope.christianaid.org.uk/envelope/st-marks-winshill>



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

A women-led, global, ecumenical movement.

Build on a strong Foundation
Vanuatu 2021

Dear Friends,

This has certainly been a strange year and because of Covid 19 so many events and gatherings have been cancelled or postponed.

The World Day of Prayer service was due to take place in March and did so in many places "virtually". Here in Winshill, it was decided to postpone until we hoped that restrictions would be eased.

Our final date, on which the service will happen, with whatever restrictions are still in place, is:-

Friday 2nd July at 2.00pm in St Mark's Church.

The theme for this years' service BUILD ON A STRONG FOUNDATION has been prepared by Women of the Republic of Vanuatu (located in the South Pacific Ocean). The black and white sandy beaches, coral reefs with coloured fishes, lovely birds, fruits and nuts in the forest, all make the islands a pristine environment but they are vulnerable to frequent tropical storms, earthquakes, cyclones, tsunamis and active volcanoes. Women, men and children of all ages are called to 'Build on a strong foundation' and live in unity, love and peace in the context of ethnic and cultural diversity like Vanuatu and so many other places around the world.

Lynn Tebbs

Prayer Walks

Thank you to all those who came out and joined the prayer walks through the season of Thy Kingdom Come. All nine walks were completed. We had mixed weather of sun, drizzle and torrential rain, but still we prayed.

You don't need to wait till next year to do them again, all the Maps and prayer sheets are on the website, for you to download and use. THANK YOU.



Into the Valley – (Brizlincote)

Making COP26 Count

HOPE FOR
THE FUTURE



With support from Hope for the Future campaign and other eco conscious churches across the UK, a team from St Mark's have recently met with our MP Kate Griffiths ahead of the vitally important UN Climate Change Conference of Parties (COP26) being hosted in Glasgow in November.

We were pleased to learn of her plans on how we can help do our bit here in Burton to work towards a greener planet, and she was interested to hear of all of our efforts to minimise our impact on the environment, particularly as we work towards our silver Eco-church award. From our meeting Kate has promised to pose questions to the Transport Secretary and to the President of COP to help drive forward the necessary changes and discussions in area of our concern.

The Church of England has made a commitment to be carbon neutral by 2030, and we as Christians have a duty to do all we can to protect God's creation and preserve it and the futures of all God's children.

Watch this space for further updates in the months to come.

Helen, Julia and Philip

St Mark's Church Yard Gardening

Meeting Twice a month through the Summer on the 1st and 3rd Saturday.

This month:

5th and 19th June: Starting at 9.30am.



We will be there from 9.30am to 12.30pm.

Do come and join us for as long as you can, you will be very welcome. Refreshments will be served towards the end of the morning.



Our focus is on the overflow car park area that has been cleared. There will also be some maintenance of other areas as well.

Bring a fork or spade and some loppers and you will be very welcome.

COMPETITION!

'The Overflow Car Park'
is not a very glamorous name for an area which is destined to be bustling with wildflowers, bugs and birds in lovingly made new homes; as well as being a beautiful space for church and community groups to meet for worship, fun and games, or peace and quiet. (As well still acting as an overflow carpark during busy services and events.)

Can you name this wonderful outdoor space?

Suggests on a postcard
to the Vicar, or email
hello@stmarkswinshill.co.uk

Robert Baker's Hymn of the Month



O Thou who Camest from Above
No 392 in our green hymn books
A hymn written by Charles Wesley (1707-88)

It is based on chapter 6, verse 13 of the Old Testament book of Leviticus – 'The fire shall ever be burning on the altar, it shall never go out'. In the hymn Wesley is portraying the Christian faith in a similar way.

There are other biblical references to be found

In verse 1: John chapter 3, verse 31
Acts chapter 2, verse 3
Luke chapter 12, verse 49
1 Chronicles chapter 21, verse 26

In verse 3: Romans chapter 10, verse 1
2 Timothy chapter 1, verse 6

In verse 4: Romans chapter 12, verse 2
1 Thessalonians chapter 1, verse 3
Philippians chapter 2, verse 17

Wesley would also have been familiar with the term 'stir up' from the collect for the 25th Sunday after Trinity – 'stir up we beseech thee, O Lord, the wills of thy faithful people.' He uses it in the last line of verse 3.

'Hereford' by Samuel Sebastian Wesley (1810-76) is the tune used for this hymn. Samuel was the grandson of Charles and served as an organist in Hereford, Exeter, Winchester and Gloucester Cathedrals.

The funny side

There's always a funny side ... Keep it in view – though it is not always easy to do; don't dwell too much on the black side of things – Life hold vexations for beggars and kings.

All have their worries – but try to perceive some touch of comedy that will relieve – tension and strain, by a humours twist ... Often this side of the picture is missed ... When we're annoyed and we're tempted to fume – when we are plunged into fury or gloom – there is a funny side ... there is no doubt – if we can turn the position about. We are amused at the trifles that rile – when we see something that causes a smile.

St Mark's Altar Flower Rota

Date	Donation	Arranging
9 th May	Jean Cobb	Mary Mills
16 th May	Shirley Harrison	Lynn Tebbs
23 rd May	PENTECOST. Congregation	Lynn Tebbs
30 th May	Helen Smart	Janice Barratt
6 th June	Jean Waterfall	Jean Waterfall
13 th June	Judith Keen	Judith Keen
20 th June	Keith & Pat Mann	Judith Keen
27 th June	Janet Ward	Janice Barrett
4 th July	Celia Zaman & Pauline Becket	Celia & Pauline
11 th July	Marie Hopkins	Marie Hopkins
18 th July	Mary Mills	Mary Mills
25 th July	Janice Barratt	Janice Barrett
1 st August	Shirley Shipton	Janice Barrett
8 th August	Mrs B Brian	Judith Keen
15 th August	Shelia Bucknall	Judith Keen
22 th August	Lynn Tebbs	Lynn Tebbs
29 th September	Robert Baker	Lynn Tebbs
5 th September	Mr Gregory	Helen Duke
12 th September	Keith & Pat Mann	Helen Duke
19 th September	Marie Hopkins	Marie Hopkins
26 th September	HARVEST Congregation	All available arrangers
3 rd October	Lynn Tebbs	Lynn Tebbs
10 th October	Helen Duke	Helen Duke
17 th October	Roger & Jennifer Easton	Jennifer Easton
24 th October	Mitchell family	Janice Barratt
31 st October	Janice Barratt	Janice Barratt
7 th November	Jean Waterfall	Jean Waterfall
14 th November	REMEMBRANCE. Congregation	Marie Hopkins
21 st November	Brenda Yates	Marie Hopkins
28 th November – 19 th December	<i>ADVENT. No flowers</i>	<i>No flowers. Advent</i>
25 th December	CHRISTMAS. Congregation	All available arrangers
2nd January 2022		

Any problems, or if you are unable to arrange please contact Janice

Help for Easter/Harvest/ Christmas will be greatly appreciated



Community News and Events



22nd Burton-on-Trent (St Mark's) Scout Group

May has been very exciting. Not only are we now in the church grounds enjoying seeing the young people, but we actually achieved a day at camp.

We would normally camp from the Friday night to Sunday morning, but 'The Scouts' (formally the Scouting Association) decided that up to 6 people, including leaders can camp. Obviously, that wouldn't work for us – so we had one day instead.

The Cubs and Scouts met at Rangemore. We put up tents, built shelters, found out how to pack a rucksack, did archery, built a fire and did some backwoods cooking. This is where you wrap your food in aluminium foil and cook it in the embers. There was some knife, axe and saws being used to get the wood ready for burning. There was supposed to be a camp fire but we ran out of time, so it was a quick song, a shouting match, roasting marshmallows over the fire, and it was time for the parents to take their respective young person home.

I think the young people had a good time. I can tell you the leaders had a super day. There were a few leaders who were working, or not able to join us, and they were missed. A big thank you to everyone, adults and young people, who came to make it a day to remember.

Both the Cubs and Scouts are working towards the Virtual Six Summit Challenge. There is a whole list of requirements and both sections are working through these to the best of their ability. The Six Summits is being held virtually for the second year. The event usually takes place at the start of May and involves teams of Scouts walking 39 miles over 3 days going up – and down – six summits in Shropshire. It is usually open only to Scouts, but being virtual we can do the equivalent with the Cubs. It is proving challenging – but enjoyable – and there is a badge for their uniform at the end.

The Cubs and Scouts are open for young people to join. We ran out of Beavers over the lockdown, and are looking to starting up again in September. If you have a child between 6 and 14 and think Scouting is for them, please get in touch.

Raksha

St Mark's Church, Winshill

Bumps and Babies



For expectant mums*, parents and carers with babies under 1 year old.

Meet others with new babies, make friends. Have a chat over tea, toast and cake while babies rest, play and develop social skills in a safe place.

Every Tuesday 10am-12pm

*3rd trimester onwards please

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Do you know anyone with a baby (under 1 year old) who would like to join our friendly group? Would you be able to come and support the volunteers by serving coffee and welcoming them in? Please contact Helen Duke helenjayne88@gmail.com

Help needed!

We hope to hold a holiday club/activity day at St Mark's for local children on Friday 30th July.

Can you help?

To enable the day to go ahead we need volunteers. Please contact Helen Duke helenjayne88@gmail.com



To help our local YMCA food bank you can donate in church.

Please donate dry or tinned goods. They need items that can be made into meals. A treat is always welcome.



For Interest — from the archives

Garden Hints for June

In memory of John and Margaret Thacker, we are continuing with Garden Notes and the following notes were published in the May 2002.



General Tasks

Stake herbaceous plants.

Check ties on roses and climbing plants on walls and fences arches and pergolas.

Hoe regularly it deters weeds and reduces the need for watering.

If planting out tender plants watch out for late frosts.

Plant brussel sprouts wintercabbage, savoy's, purple sprouting and spring heading broccoli.

Plant outdoor tomatoes on prepared sites and secure with 4ft. canes unless they are bush varieties.

Protect plants from late frosts. Continue sowing salad crops.

Lawns

During very dry weather raise the blades on the mower and cut without the grass box.

Bulbs

Start lifting spring bulbs on which the foliage has turned yellow. Dry off and store.

Roses

For quality blooms, remove small side buds from flower shoots.

Dahlias

These can be planted out now.

Wallflowers

Sow seeds at end of month or early July.

JST

Wonder From June 2006

At breakfast I watched a blackbird pass in flight over the lawn, alighting on a branch of the magnolia tree. I realised that I had not before considered the wonder of this, the grace and speed, and the miracle of flight. This year blue tits have nested in a bird-box quite near the house, and in good view from my living room window. I found great delight in watching the parent birds as they fed their young. Their flights to and fro were swift, seemingly unending and precise, unerring in aim for the small hole that gave entrance to the box. Now the swallows are with us, and the instinct that takes them thousands of miles south each winter, bringing them back in spring, is a mystery still. One can feel only a sense of wonder.

We may be in danger of losing this sense of wonder, for there seems to be an explanation for everything. Yet growth in knowledge should, rather, increase wonder. Scientists affirm that as progress is made so another door opens, and new areas are found to be themselves explored.

I remember, as a child, being fascinated by the baking of bread. This was done regularly and was a lengthy process. After the initial mixing and kneading the bread was left to rise, before being kneaded again and then placed in the baking tins. Left longer to rise the dough should then have doubled in size. The loaves or cobs were delicious, the cobs often eaten while still warm, needing only a little butter. Somehow, the goodness of the bread was enhanced by the care and effort needed.

There was wonder in small things. We collected acorns, smooth and green, with a deeper green cap, and wondered that a tree could be grown from this small thing. Opening the prickly case of a 'conker' from a chestnut tree magically revealed the gleaming brown nut within.

And who could deny the breathtaking abundance, variety and swiftness of spring? The hesitant beginning, the first snowdrops, crocuses and daffodils, followed by the blossoming time, and, in late spring the time of lilacs, blue irises, white, pink and purple geraniums, then the early roses of summer. It is overwhelming.

So we should not weary of everyday life, but be aware of these miracles around us. Not forgetting the wonder of friendship, and of the loving and caring of human life at its best so greatly to be valued.

Monica Toon

Kitty Rankin was a member of St Mark's congregation for many years, and she is remembered with affection. I first published her contribution back in 2007, and at the time there was a missing instalment—so here it is again from the beginning.

The Royal Air Force in Wartime Part Four



After about two weeks in camp, I was billeted out at a castle-like place, Holley Hall, I survived there about three weeks and then with another girl, was sent back to camp for staying out late. The morning of our return six of us missed the transport, which was handy, because the other four helped to carry our kit.

The several miles we had to walk was helped by the most beautiful skies I had ever seen, every morning for about 2 hours we had these great streaks of red gold & purple of ever-changing patterns. This went on all winter 1941 to 1942 but sadly it never happened again.

Two more weeks on camp, and the Waaf Sgt. was not best pleased with us. In huts you froze if you were not near the fire, you wore everything you possessed when in bed, including sea-boot stockings and a balaclava.

However by the beginning of December I was off to Wylam again this time to a Mr. & Mrs. Shipley and their son, my age. They would have liked me to marry him, but we were not taken that way. However as long as they lived, we visited them and usually stayed a night, and the son Harry and I are still in touch. He is now 90 and we talk about old times and our lives now. He is now a widower, and lives by the Tyne in an old people's bungalow.

Now Wylam has one claim to fame, George Stephenson was born there and his cottage is now open to the public. Up to and after the war there were two stations in that small place and they always busy, but alas they are no more. Under Beeching they were

chopped off and now it is just grassed over and a plaque to say George Stephenson was born there.

It is a pity his cottage is no longer by the railway, he did so much to its inventions, some of which are still used. He was a wonderful engineer although he could neither read nor write, but he made sure his son Robert was educated, and he then taught his father to.

When George went to London to meet the moneyed people who were financing the Railways, they could hardly tell a word he was saying in his Northumberland dialect.

Iris was billeted at Wylam too and we had transport 6pm and 10.30pm.

We ate all meals at the Waafery but the transport was withdrawn to take us to work, so we marched and sang as we marched, we were quite happy.

The transport from Wylam was 7.30p.m. and some people never got up until the last minute, still in their pyjamas and unwashed their uniforms over their arms.

I was never that bad but one day I saw Iris had her pyjama jacket under her shirt I told her, and she said I know, it was too cold to take it off. Northumberland can be very cold.

To get back to the RAF, Iris was meandering with a lad called Frank. Now Frank was married and as far as Iris was concerned it was just friendship and most of the time I was with them.

I had been on leave the week before Christmas 1941. The night before Christmas Eve was men's night at the Waafery, Frank was already installed when I saw Joe and another fellow walk in. I knew he was on the Police, but nothing else had I noted, I had never thought anything else about him. We sat talking a bit and dancing a bit, he was a good dancer and it occurred to me that I would marry him.

At 10.30 I said I would have to go and catch the transport as I

lived at Wylam. He said he would come too as he was on work at midnight but he was off at 4.30 Christmas Eve until 8.30a.m. Christmas Day and would I go out with him Christmas Eve. He said "we'll go dancing to the old Assembly Rooms you'll like it; its 16th Century and very beautiful inside and outside.

Christmas Eve morning, one of the lads came in and said a certain young man sends you his love and says he will see you tonight. I asked him what was his name, and he said Joe Rankin, so the girls looked it up in the pay ledger to make sure he wasn't married otherwise I wouldn't have gone- that way lies disaster.

After Jock went in the Y.M.C.A. Joe and I had a kissing session by the cemetery wall and I put my tin hat and respirator behind it. Jock returned and off they went, then I went over the Railway line back to my billet. I was about to knock on the door when I realised what I had left behind the cemetery wall a court-marshal offence. Back again over the railway line and I could see them owing to the fact that it had been snowing. Back again over the railway line to my billet, by that time it was around midnight. I told Mr. Shipley I had met this lad and we were going out on Christmas Eve, and I wouldn't be back until Christmas night as we would be sleeping at Iris's.

He said "oh do be careful Kitty what you are doing". I said that I would but he was definitely worried.

The next chapter will tell of Christmas Eve. 1941.

K. Rankin.

For Fun

Wordsearch. Craters on the moon discovered in 1964

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