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## Prayer Diary

### **For your prayers in July**

**Aston** The residents of Moor Lane, Elmlands Close, Hanger Bank, The Lawns, Little, Far and Big Moorside. Also the work of the Aston Pre-school.

**Barrow** The residents of Sinfin Lane. Also the Mum & Toddler Group and The Playgroup.

**Elvaston** The residents of Silver Lane and Ambaston Lane, Elvaston.

**Shardlow** The residents of Cavendish Close, Long Row and Millfield. Also the Toddler Group.

**Swarkestone** The residents of the Swarkestone Lock and Pingle Lane.

**Twyford** The residents of Twyford.

**Weston** The residents of Wilmot Avenue and The Green.

**The Community** The local pre-school groups and parent & toddler groups.

**The Diocese** Mercia Deanery. The Diocesan Registrar.

**World Church** The Provinces of Papua New Guinea, The Philippines, Rwanda and Scotland.

## *From the Registers:*

Shardlow

Baptism June 14 Lenny Rae Brailsford



## Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the August edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at [jnutman@btinternet.com](mailto:jnutman@btinternet.com) by July 20 please.

### 200 Club Lottery

The winning numbers for June in the draw were:

1<sup>st</sup> – 153 (Aston), 2<sup>nd</sup> - 94 (Twyford), 3<sup>rd</sup> – 184 (Aston)

The next draw will take place on Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July before the outdoor service at Well Dressing.

# Join us for...

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**on, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup> (and 5<sup>th</sup>)**

**Wednesdays**

**10:30 - 11:30**



**Starting June 3rd**



THE CHURCH  
OF ENGLAND

## *Matt writes*

Dear Friends,

One of the more unusual ambitions I had when I first arrived in the benefice was



to acquire a complete set of trainers matching the liturgical colours of the Church year: Purple for Lent

white for Easter, red for Pentecost, and green for

what we have now entered: the long season often called Ordinary Time. I am pleased to report that my collection is finally complete. Whether this says more about my appreciation for the Church's liturgical year or my refusal to completely outgrow my inner child, I'll leave for you to decide. It has certainly brought me a surprising amount of joy. Part of a healthy life is holding on to a sense of childlike wonder, joy and delight, no matter our age.



Over the past few months I have also had the privilege of welcoming a number of school groups into our churches. One of the things I have noticed is the way children see things differently. Adults often walk into a church and focus on what they already know. Children walk in ready to explore. They notice details that others miss, ask questions without embarrassment and approach the world with curiosity and wonder.

As we grow older, we can easily become more focused on results than wonder. We measure success by what we achieve, produce or accomplish. We look for visible signs of growth. Yet nature often tells a different story.

At this time of year the trees around us are full of leaves and life. Some are already beginning to bear fruit. Yet the most important work is happening where we cannot see it. Beneath the surface, roots continue to grow deeper, gathering the water and nutrients that sustain the life above.

It strikes me that you never hear a tree struggling to bear fruit. It does not spend its energy striving to produce apples or blossoms. Instead, it quietly and continually grows its roots. The fruit comes because the tree remains connected to the source of life.

The prophet Jeremiah describes those who trust in God as being "like a tree planted by water". And in his letter to the Ephesians, Paul prays that Christians would be "rooted and established in love". Before he prays for anything else, he prays for roots.

As summer begins and many of our usual routines change, perhaps Ordinary Time offers us an opportunity to pay attention to our roots. Not simply to what we achieve, but to what nourishes us. To spend time with God in prayer. To rediscover the stories of faith. To enjoy the company of others. To notice beauty. To make space for gratitude.

Perhaps the children have something to teach us here. Rootedness in the Kingdom of God begins not with striving but with trust. Not with achievement but with love. Wonder, delight, trust and love are not distractions from growth; they are part of the root system from which growth emerges.



*Matt*

# CHILDREN'S PAGE

Use the following key to find out what Jesus says in today's Gospel.

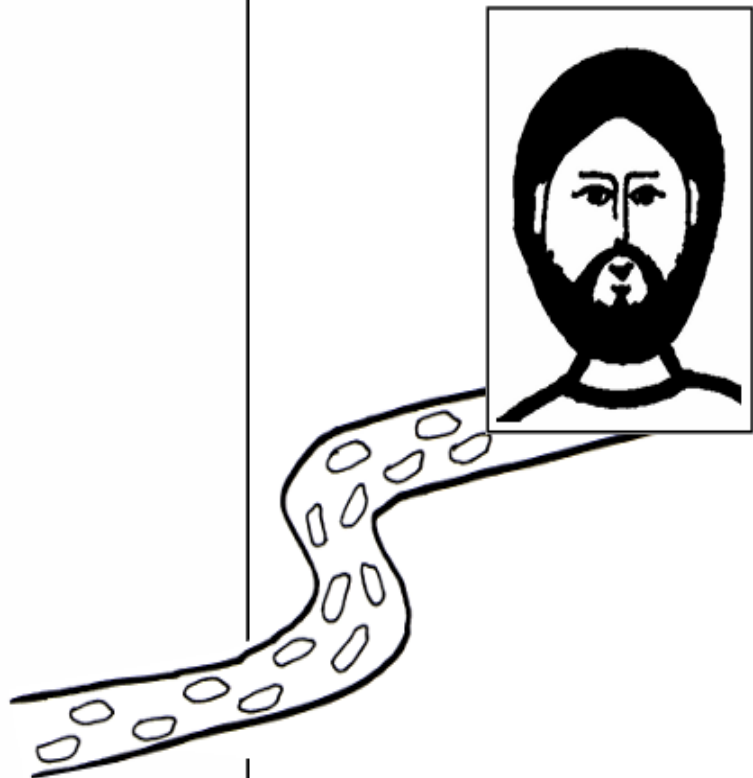
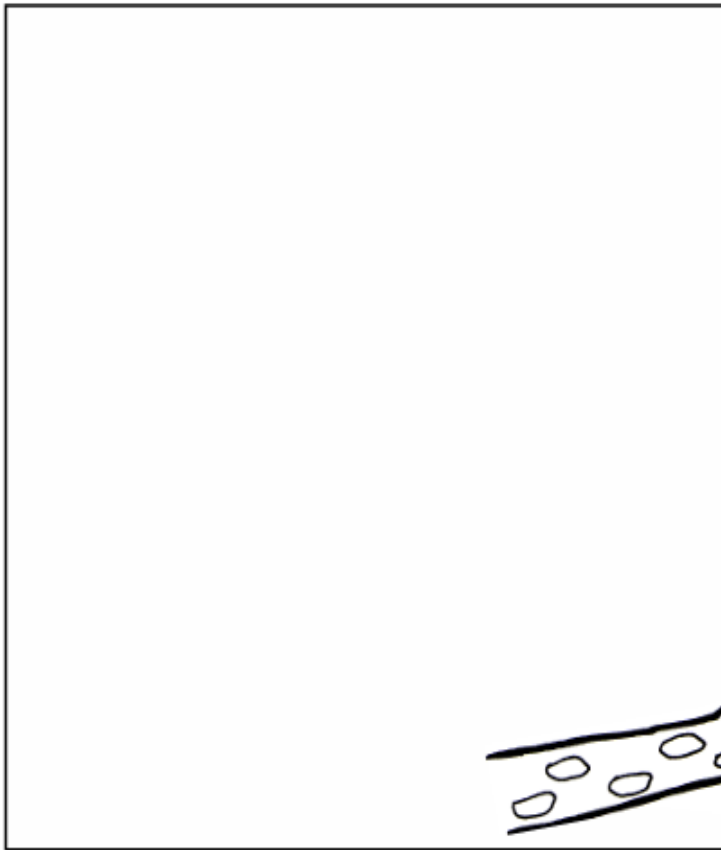
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Draw a picture of something good that leads you to Jesus.





The Wednesday Morning Hub in July will be as follows:

**1st July; 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Prayer Course**

8th July from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

**15th July 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Prayer Course**

22 July from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

**29 July 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Prayer Course**

**Aston Community Choir** meets on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Centre.

**The Bellringers** meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm. Novices from 7.30pm



### Christian Aid Week

Many thanks to all who distributed envelopes for this years Christian Aid Week. The sum of £657.84 was raised. While the total was less than we have managed in the past it is nevertheless a useful amount for the work of Christian Aid!

### Aston and Weston Mothers' Union

Not long now until the Well-dressing! You will all know that for our choice of programme we have chosen Songs of Praise and plans are going ahead for our display. We do need some more help though – please have a word with Kay if you can join in.

It's our Garden Meeting in July so it's a busy month. Evadne has invited us to visit her garden at Thurlestone Grange on July 23<sup>rd</sup> from 2. 30pm

Most of you will remember having the Garden meeting at Evadne's last year.....and it rained! However, we all decamped into her spacious kitchen together with our cakes and raffle and all and we had an excellent afternoon. We plan something similar this year and hope for good weather and some sunshine in the garden. We'll aim to arrive (with our cakes and goodies!) at about the usual 2.30pm. Thank you Evadne, we are looking forward to our garden afternoon.

Two or three weeks ago we enjoyed an evening sharing, on Television, a concert at the Albert Hall. It was sponsored by the Christian Charity that our grand-daughter's husband works for near Bristol. The Charity is called SAT-7 (SAT = satellite) which broadcasts both by radio and television to the counties in the Near East. Countries which, in some cases, don't encourage Christians or may actively persecute them. The purpose of the concert was to publicise the charity and to give a voice to Christian performers from round the world and most particularly from those countries served by SAT-7's broadcasts.

The music was partly led by the All Souls' Langham Place choir, and also by performers from many countries round the world, who also gave their Christian testimonies. These in many cases were remarkable, reminding us how fortunate we are to be able to attend church and worship in safety; something that is very easy to take for granted. Not only that we can do it without it being dangerous, but also that God's Spirit gives us a hot-line to our Creator God.

## CAMEO

Whoever would have thought that making candles, albeit ones that are fit for the king of England, would be such an exacting science? The thread count of the wick, the quality of the paraffin wax, the precise mix of ingredients to create innovative perfumes were all explained with great enthusiasm at our last meeting of the year. All of this knowledge on our own doorstep in Tissington in a small family run business. It was fascinating!

There will not be a meeting in the first week of July as that is only a couple of days before the village well dressing

This important fund raising event in our village is always

looked forward to with a modicum of trepidation....will the weather hold, will we have enough customers for the myriad

sandwiches, will we have enough tempting home made cakes for two days? Our ladies have never let us down yet and there can't be another village in the county with such a host of amazing cake bakers! They get better with every year, family favourites and always some new exciting flavours. We thank you all in anticipation....you are brilliant.

To round off our year and also to celebrate that ladies have been gathering on a regular basis for seventy years now, we shall be having our July meeting on the second Wednesday of the month in the dining room of the Malt Shovel where, along with other edibles, there will be cake and candles..... again.

What better way is there to.. Come And Meet Each Other?



## COURGETTE GRATIN

Courgettes are growing in the garden and easily available in the shops so this is a very pleasant summer meal. This is as good served with fresh tomato sauce as it is with grilled meat, fish or Provençal lamb. A little tarragon can be added as well as the parsley. Serve warm rather than hot.

- 1 Large onion
- 3 tbsp Olive oil
- 3 cloves Garlic, finely chopped
- 1 lb Small courgettes, chopped thinly
- Handful Flat leaf parsley
- 2 oz Long-grain rice
- Sea salt and black pepper
- 3 Eggs
- 2 handfuls Grated parmesan or gruyere



Heat the oven to gas mark 4 (180c). Gently sauté the onion in the oil until softened and translucent, adding the garlic midway through the process. Toss the courgettes and chopped parsley (and tarragon) and continue to cook gently until the courgettes have softened but still retain some texture. Throw in the rice and stir, allowing it to absorb the liquid and cook for ten minutes. Season, add the eggs (beaten with the cheese) and turn into an oiled earthenware dish. Bake in the oven until bronzed and bubbling (30 minutes), then allow to cool before eating warm

### **Aston on Trent Well Dressing 2026**

Once again the church is heavily involved in this village event and will be running the usual stalls.

**Refreshments**, (hugely popular with a selection of sandwiches and stunning cakes), **Secondhand books**, a very wide selection, pick up your summer holiday reads here for next to nothing and the **Bric a brac** stall brimming with unusual and often decorative items all going for a song! If you have an hour to spend helping run these stalls then please let anyone from the congregation know or just turn up on the day to give us a hand!



The weekend will finish with an outdoor service in the churchyard at 5.30 preceded by a short concert from the Newhall Band who will also accompany the service. We hope to see you there!

### **Aston on Trent Women's Institute**

This could be a summer to remember, with community spirit at the heart of everything we do. Aston-on-Trent WI is involved in a variety of local events throughout the year. While we were unable to create a Well Dressing this year due to logistical challenges, we will be displaying an exhibit in the church.

We are delighted to have been invited to hold our Annual Garden Party in the beautiful Yew Lodge Rectory Gardens. We hope for good weather, but if rain intervenes, the event will move to the War Memorial Hall. Funds raised will support Treetops Hospice, and donations of raffle prizes would be greatly appreciated.

Our thanks go to Gillian Ballington for organising our walks, which are enjoyed by many members. Recent destinations have included The Willington History Walk, Ockbrook and our regular summer walk at Elvaston Castle.

Finally, Denise, one of our talented jam makers, is collecting clean (labels removed) jam jars with lids. If you have any to spare, please bring them to the next meeting. With luck, there will be plenty of damsons to preserve this year!

We meet at the **Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30pm.**

We're always happy to welcome women visitors to our meetings — your first three visits are free. We'd love to see you there!

**13<sup>th</sup> July 1:30pm:** Summer Walk at Elvaston Castle. Meet at The Green A-oT.

**11<sup>th</sup> August 2pm-4pm:** Annual Garden Party at Yew Lodge 6 Rectory Gardens.

**4<sup>th</sup> -6<sup>th</sup> September:** WI Holiday to Windsor Winchester & Watercress Line

**6<sup>th</sup> October 10:30-12pm:** Coffee & Chat at The Heritage Centre

**10<sup>th</sup> October:** Birthday Meal at Morley Hayes TBC

**30<sup>th</sup> October:** Members Kurling evening at The War Memorial Hall.

**23<sup>rd</sup> November:** Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

**27<sup>th</sup> November 7pm:** Wreath Making at The War Memorial Hall.

**12<sup>th</sup> December 2pm:** WI Carol Service at All Saints' Church

*Our members Craft and Dabble meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the month in the Heritage Centre.*

*Barrow*



**St Wilfrid's Church, Barrow upon Trent**

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**The Friends of St Wilfrid events**

Our recent talk about the history of the St Johns Ambulance Brigade and its roots in the Knights Hospitaller was fascinating, and elicited some local family history about a lady who trained with the St John Brigade in India, joined the Indian army as a nurse, and continued with the NHS and the Queen Alexandra's nurses.

Our next two talks are very different; on 1<sup>st</sup> July we have a talk about the history of three Derbyshire puddings, and the August talk (5<sup>th</sup> August) is about the production of stained glass. Both talks start at 7.00pm.

On Friday 17<sup>th</sup> July, Dr Gareth Williams (formerly the curator of Viking and Anglo-Saxon history at the British Museum) will appear in St Wilfrid's Church as Eirik Bloodaxe, the legendary Viking king. This has local interest as the Great Heathen Army (Viking) stopped and camped on the southern side of the Trent from Barrow, so we have local interest! Bookings at [stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com).

— BARROW UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT —

# EIRIK BLOODAXE

*With Gareth Williams*

**FRIDAY 17 JULY 2026 | 7.30PM | TICKETS £15**  
Ticket includes a glass of prosecco and a luxury chocolate

The legendary Viking King, Eirik Bloodaxe: Heir to the Throne of Norway, murderer and warrior king who established reigns of power in both Norway and England.

Based on his research into available sources, Gareth Williams, formerly Curator of Early Medieval Coinage at the British Museum and an expert on the Viking Age, has managed to extract a realistic image of the man and his times. He gives us a fascinating look at the relations and power struggles between the Norwegian and Anglo-Saxon dynasties in the 10th Century, as well as the infamous Queen Gunnhild.

Gareth, a true expert, has also published the first ever biography written about this fascinating man.



To book tickets, please email: [stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com)

## Services

Sunday July 26th

10.30am

Holy Communion with Matt



## Wedding of Katie and Adam



The church looked beautiful and the sun shone for our first wedding of 2026, also the first one in the benefice taken by Matt. As a local farmer, there was only one way for bridegroom Adam to arrive at church - on a tractor! The farming theme continued through the service with 'We plough the fields and scatter' and 'Sheep may safely graze' among the music. After the ceremony, the happy couple left in the tractor, with full marks going to bride Katie for expertly manoeuvring both herself and her beautiful dress into the tractor cabin!

It has been lovely getting to know Katie and Adam over the past few months, and we wish them every happiness in their future life together.



## Facebook page

Our Facebook page now has over 300 followers. It's a great way of keeping up to date with church events and services (*St Bartholomew's Elvaston Derbyshire*)

# Shardlow



## PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers Mavis Foster, Sarah Simpson, Lee Nash and Harry Bundy.

Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Ann Dady who recently passed away. Ann was born in Shardlow and was the daughter of Bill and Eleanor Smith and along with her brothers and sisters is well known in the village.

## SERVICES

July 8<sup>th</sup> 9-30am Holy Communion with Matt

July 19<sup>th</sup> 10-30am Morning Prayer with Alison

July 23<sup>rd</sup> Shardlow School Leaver's Service

## BAPTISM

On Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June we welcomed Lenny Brailsford and his family and friends when Matt Baptised Lenny. Lots of children attended and everyone stayed for drinks and cake and a chat.



## COFFEE MORNING

Despite some people being away the May coffee morning was a very busy and happy occasion. It's lovely to welcome the children and they are eager to find the books and toys as well as bringing their own.

Bruce is very happy to have their help in drawing the raffle tickets. The next coffee morning is on Saturday July 25<sup>th</sup> from 10-00am to 11-30am and everyone is very welcome.

## KNIT AND NATTER

The group is continuing to meet on Thursday mornings between 11-00am and 12-30am. The time has come for ideas on where and how to display the poppies. If you don't wish to knit just come along for a drink and chat.

Paraprosdokians are figures of speech in which the latter part of a sentence or phrase is surprising or unexpected and is frequently humorous.

- \*War does not determine who is right, only who is left.
- \*Knowledge is knowing a tomato is a fruit. Wisdom is not putting it in a fruit salad.
- \*To steal ideas from one person is plagiarism. To steal from many is research.
- \*I didn't say it was your fault, I said I was blaming you.
- \*In filling out an application, where it says, "In case of emergency, notify..." I answered "a doctor."
- \*Women will never be equal to men until they can walk down the street with a bald head and a beer gut, and still think they are sexy.



# Swarkestone



Next services – (see back of magazine for details of more services)

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am- United Benefice Service**

Led by:- Rev Matt Green

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July – 10.30am- Morning Praise**

Led by:- Bruce Ward

Readers:- Dorothy Hubball & Laura Howarth

Church Cleaning: - Neil Cork with Dorothy Hubball or Wendy Crocker

Welcomers/Sidespersons: - Alison Langton & Wendy Crocker

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara & Keith Foster, Jill Malpass, Ted Lawrence, Michael Cork, Patsy Smith and Roger Lucas. Departed – Stephen Cork

## United Benefice Service 5<sup>th</sup> July

We are delighted to be hosting an United Benefice Service this month and are looking forward to welcoming friends old and new. Its been almost 2 years since the last one at St James'. As this is an extra service and not part of our usual rota, we will need a few extra helping hands to make it go smoothly. If you would be prepared to help with a quick clean up of the church in the week prior to the service, please contact Pauline Sims to offer your services – her phone number is in the back of the magazine. We will also need welcomers and readers, so again please let us know if you are able to help. Thank you!

## Copper Mountain

Have you got a collection of copper coins hidden away somewhere in a jar, a money box or even the back of the sofa? We are starting to build a Copper Mountain to raise some funds to help with our regular running costs. Did you know our electricity bill is in excess of £2,000 a year? That's for around 20 services in a year – so each one costs an average of £100! If we add in all our other expenses, that £100 rises to well over £600. So we need to find new ways to raise funds and are asking for people to collect their pennies. When your jar, box or sofa is full – please bring them to church so that we can turn them into pounds to help us pay our bills.



As the proverb says – “Look after the pennies and the pounds will look after themselves!”.



## Tea and Cakes by the River

Tea and Cakes by the River is back on Sunday 30<sup>th</sup> August from 2-4pm. We'll be serving delicious cakes and tea while you relax and chat in Pauline's beautiful garden on the banks of the River Trent.

We'll be looking for donations of cakes, books, jigsaws, garden produce and of course raffle prizes. Plus helpers on the day please. More details to come next month.

If you want to keep up with our news more regularly, please look for and like our Facebook page – you'll find photos and snippets about happenings at St James' and Swarkestone are added most weeks. <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchSwarkestone>



# † OUTDOOR SUMMER CONCERT



with **Newmount Brass Band**

**Saturday 18th July 2026**

**2:30 – 4:30pm**

**St Andrew's Church, Twyford**

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*If it rains, the event will be inside.*





# St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



## MEETINGS.

Quite a few meetings, as usual, in the past month; Events, Faculties, Insurance, Funding. The main results of these meetings were planning future events, appointing the architect to lead the restoration project and sending in the application for funding to the National Lottery. So fingers crossed and a few prayers needed that the Lottery bid is successful.

## SCHOOL VISITS.

The Starling class came to visit church on 20/5/26. They were interested in the church history and thought ringing the bells was great. Me and Sue had a go, watched by Pam and Colin, and found it to be very hard; the children rang them better than we did! Thanks to Pam and Colin for showing us how it's done. The children also enjoyed going round church to see how many statues/depictions of Mary they could find. On leaving church we were shocked to see the armed Police and drones outside the gate. We were relieved to find they were training; apparently they practice every 10 weeks in different areas.

Although we should have known it was nothing serious as, although they had weapons, when we saw them they were eating their sandwiches!

The Robin class came for a visit on 16/6/26. They too enjoyed ringing the bells and were fascinated by the font, asking plenty of questions about it. Matt told them the story of the parting of the Red Sea and they had a great time re enacting the story; the sea being a large blue cloth.

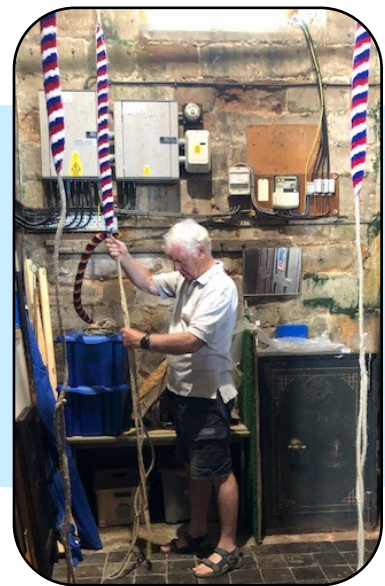


## WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

We had a lively meeting at Nuroosa, which is the new wedding/meetings venue run by WI member Reb, and her family. We had a good look round and all agreed the gardens, pool and building are just beautiful. Everything has been done with consideration of the planet and the environment and it's lovely. We all took some food for a fuddle and enjoyed a splendid buffet in the new meeting hall. Thanks to Reb for inviting us.

### NEW BELL ROPES.

The new bell ropes have now arrived and thanks to Martin Nicholson and Colin Peck, have been put up in place. The new ropes look splendid and should last for many future years. Thanks to Martin, Colin and all the Aston bell ringers who maintain and ring our bells - we could not manage without you!



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### CARBON 14 DATING.

On 14/5/26 we had a visit from the experts in carbon dating. They have taken small samples of our famous door. The results take up to 16 weeks and should then show if the door is medieval, or not.

### COMMUNION CUP DATED.

Well, what excitement! We were looking through some old paperwork to see if we could learn more about a small item we'd found (more about this in the future) - when we saw that the smaller silver engraved communion cup that we have dated from the reign of Elizabeth the first! Amazingly the cup is still in use to this very day! So it has been in constant use for around 500 years! They certainly made things to last in those days. Even more amazing; it was probably used by Richard Sale, of the Sale monument, when he was the Vicar. When you think of all the people that have used it throughout the ages and all the history during that time, it's just mind blowing. WOW!

### WE'VE BEEN DRONED!

As well as the drones used by the Police, we also had a visit from a team that take drone films of churches in the area. As well as showing how beautiful St Mary's is, it could also show any problems on the building and the general state of the building and church yard.

### VISITORS FROM AMERICA.

Word of the history of our very special church has reached the new world. Christine and Steven, from Sarasota in Florida, heard about our church from relatives in Derby. They both agreed that they wanted to visit it when they next came to England. So on 5/6/26 they came with their English relatives for a good look round. They were amazed at how old it was and loved hearing all the history, and seeing everything. It gave them some tales to take back to America with them.

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Date	Readings	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
Wed 1 July		9:30 - HC Matt 6.45 - Compline Matt						
5 July	Rom 7. 15-25a, Matt. 11. 16-19, 25-end	17:00 - Well Dressing Outdoor Service				10:30 - UBS HC Matt		
Wed 8 July		6.45 - Compline			9.30 - HC Matt			
12 July	Rom 8. 1-11, Matt. 13. 1-9, 18- 23	10.30 - FW Aston team	10.30 - MP Barrow Team			10.30 - MP Bruce		10:30 - HC Matt
Wed 15 July		9.30 - HC Gael 6.45 - Compline						
19 July	Rom 8. 12-25, Matt. 13. 24-30, 36-43	10:30 HC - Paul S	10.30 MP Bruce		10:30 MP - Alison			
Wed 22 July		6.45 Compline				9.30 - HC Gael		
26 July	Rom 8. 26-end Matt. 13. 31-33, 44-52	10.30 FW - Aston team		10.30 - HC Matt			15:00 - HC Matt	
Wed 29 July		9.30 - HC Matt 6.45 - Compline						

HC = Holy Communion, FC=Family Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, ES=Evensong, FW=Family Worship, Ext. HC = Holy Communion by Extension, UBS = United Benefice Service