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August 2025

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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in August:

Aston The residents of Manor Farm Road, Clarkes Lane and Walnut Close. Also the work of the Well Dressers and Recreation in Aston.

Barrow The residents of Swarkestone Road. Also the Football Club.

Elvaston The residents of Ambaston.

Shardlow The residents of Ambaston Lane. Also the Shardlow WI.

Swarkestone The residents of North Bank and St.James' Court.

Twyford The residents of Twyford.

Weston The residents of Old Gate Avenue and The Avenue.

The Community All of our District and County Councillors and their work.

The Diocese The Carsington Deanery. The Diocesan Advisory Committee for the Care of Churches.

World Church The Provinces of South Africa, South India, South America and the Sudan.

Bruce writes



Dear Friends,

What is your lucky number? In the case of my family it is number 7.

My wife was born at No. 7 and I was born at No. 47. Both of our parents lived at 67 and 327. We have lived for 47 years at No. 17; not forgetting my 27 years in the Ministry.

I have recently returned from a holiday in the Mediterranean where I visited the Greek island of Patmos. Patmos is known as the "Jerusalem of the Aegean" as St. John wrote the Book of Revelation there.

St. John wrote to the 7 churches and the book mentions 7 angels, 7 seals, 7 trumpets and 7 bowls and the number 7 is mentioned numerous other times. Therefore maybe the number 7 was also important to St. John.

In biblical numerology 7 symbolises completion, perfection, and rest. God created the world in 6 days and on the 7th day he rested.

In our 7 churches it is my privilege to minister and it is important to remember that our first priority as Christians is to care for one another, that is the business of the Church.

The busi-ness of church i.e. meetings and the general hustle and bustle, although important are not as important as caring for one another.

Thanks to all who care for our 7 Churches and have taken on extra responsibilities during this time of inter-regnum.

Blessings,

Bruce.

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 **September 2025** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at jnutman@btinternet.com by **August 20** please.

200 Club Lottery

The winning numbers for the July draw were: - 1st – 105 (Aston), 2nd – 139 (Aston), 3rd – 63 (Twyford).

The next draw will be on Sunday 3rd August in church. I will however only be able to deliver the cheques and send email the following weekend as I'll be away on 3rd.

After that draw we will need to start recruiting again for the next year starting in September.

Rev Paul Hygate

Since Paul's rapid departure from working in the benefice we have been hoping to plan an event to celebrate his time with us—some 15 years.

On September 21 at St Wilfrid's Church, Barrow

we shall have an opportunity to do just that : a service of Morning Prayer, led by Bruce, after which we shall all enjoy a bring and share lunch. Paul and Della have been invited and have accepted the invitation.

So we don't end up with 10,000 sausage rolls (and nothing else!) some organization of this event is required and will be one of the topics on the agenda for the vacancy reps meeting early in August. Please make a note in your diary of this event, we hope as many as possible will attend from across the benefice.

More Words. . . .

carpentry - a 'way-in' for ornamental fish

carping - imitating a fish

cashew - a nut that makes you sneeze

prima donna - Guy Ritchie's bachelor days

castanets - what Italian fishermen do

castigate - to have a nasty accident climbing into a field

catacomb - feline grooming service

catalyst - a three-legged moggie

catastrophe - feline punctuation ...OR ... feline Rear of the Year Award



CHILDREN'S PAGE

JESUS TEACHES US HOW TO PRAY the OUR FATHER

Find these words used by Jesus in the "Our Father" prayer in the word search.



THEN JESUS SAID:

"ASK AND YOU SHALL RECEIVE"

Write a short prayer here, asking God for something you or your family need.



The Well dressing Festival in early July was rather different from those in the past but was nevertheless a great success for the church. As always, the displays were of the highest standard and enjoyed by all who came to see them. Many thanks to Carol Armitage and Liz Whitaker who start planning the interior decorations on the chosen theme many weeks in advance and to all the community groups who planned and set up their own displays in church. It was a quieter weekend with a smaller number of people attending but some have remarked that they enjoyed this, being able to walk with ease through the village and meet up with friends. As usual the church stalls, books and bric a brac did a brisk trade but star of the weekend (as always) has to be the refreshment stall where the array of freshly baked cakes and pastries, along with generously filled sandwiches ensured a steady stream of visitors. As is customary, at the outside service to end the weekend, we all enjoyed the mellifluous tones of the Newhall Band. A really good community weekend with the added bonus of providing over £3000 for church funds.



Clockwise from top left. Making the well dressing: 'A moment in time' was the theme this year: the book club display: the cake stall: outdoor service with Newhall Band: something for everyone, stone painting activity, part of the FAB display

The Wednesday Morning Hub in August will be as follows:

6th August 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration

13 August from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

20th August 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration

27 August from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

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

Aston on Trent Women's Institute

We're excited about our upcoming Garden Party, which this year will be held at a lovely new venue on Weston Road. Let's hope for good weather! We'll be raising funds for Marie Curie by selling books, crafts, and wool, and there will also be a raffle. Donations of raffle prizes and cakes would be very much appreciated.

At our final meeting before the summer break, members generously donated items for the local Food Bank, including school holiday-friendly items such as squash, sweets, biscuits, and cereals. Susan Hobson, who delivers our donations to the collection centre, reported that they were extremely grateful. These items will go a long way in helping families through the school holidays. A big thank you to everyone who contributed, and to Susan for her continued support and coordination with the Food Bank.

A special thank you also goes to Wyatt's Tea Room at Elvaston Castle for their warm hospitality during our recent summer stroll.

We're fortunate to have a thriving membership and are now nearing full capacity. With over 70 sets of cups and saucers in regular use, we're looking at ways to make the washing up more efficient. If you're able to help with baking and washing up even just once a year, and haven't yet volunteered, please let Rachael, our new Tea Convenor, know you'd like to be added to the list.

Our next meeting at the Memorial Hall Tuesday 9th September at 7:30 PM.

Dates for your diary: -

Tuesday 12th August 2-4pm: Garden Party at a new garden venue 92a Weston Rd. or The War Memorial Hall if it's raining.

Wednesday 20th August: Felley Priory & Tea Room. Meet at 12:45 @ The Memorial Hall.

Tuesday 2nd September 10:30-12:00: Coffee & Chat in The Heritage Centre.

5th – 7th September 2025: WI Holiday to Arundel Sussex.

11th October : WI Birthday Lunch at Morley Hayes.

29th October 2025: Riverdance trip.

Aston and Weston Mothers' Union

The well-dressing weekend was enjoyed by all, even though it was on a slightly smaller scale than usual. The church cake and sandwich makers excelled themselves as usual, as did the bric-a-brac and bookstall.

We were all so pleased to see Ann Adams and Suzanne Williams both brought by their families and both delighted to see old friends.

All the displays in church were exceptional and our Mothers' Union tableau of Mary Sumner and her memorable 'Moment in Time' brought many admiring comments.

We have had an invitation to this year's MU Deanery Festival. It's at Spondon St. Werburgh's church on Wednesday 6th August at 2.15pm. and we hope several of our members will be able to attend. Mary has been sent directions and the message says 'Of course there will be refreshments!'

It will also be an opportunity to see the MU Roadshow Display, as it is being launched at the Festival.

MU August meeting. Evadne will be pleased for us to have the Summer Garden Meeting at Thurlestone Grange so we look forward to the date, Thursday August 28th We will meet there at 2.30pm as usual. Evadne will make tea but we need to bring some cakes to go with the tea! There will be the usual Bring and Buy stall and also a card Tombola during the afternoon as we need to top up funds, so please remember a prize to put on the stall.

Here's a very pleasant summer salad which is a different

Ingredients

200g bag baby spinach leaves

400g feta cheese

400g cooked beetroot

1 small bag cooked Puy lentils

3 or 4 spring onions

Bunch of mint

1 red chilli pepper

Method

Cube beetroot and feta cheese in 1cm cubes

Roughly chop mint leaves

Slice spring onions

Combine beetroot, feta, spring onions and mint

Put all dressing ingredients in a jar, give a good shake

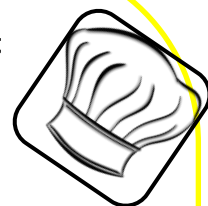
Dressing

3 tablespoons rape-seed oil

3 tablespoons honey

3 tablespoons lemon

little bit



Presentation

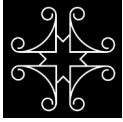
Line good sized flat plate with spinach leaves

Add Puy lentils on top

Layer beetroot, feta and mint on top

Drizzle with dressing

Finely slice red chilli and add to top of salad, with a few mint leaves



The Friends of St Wilfrid events

Our programme of events for 2025 continues apace, with many people having enjoyed performances from Boudicca and Richard III, plus talks ranging from the 'Mongol invasion' to the 'Staffordshire Hoard'. All really fascinating. These talks continue until October, including subjects such as an introduction to archaeology and mediaeval iconography.

We shall also welcome Katherine Swynford portrayed by Lesley Smith. Katherine was the mistress, and later wife, of John of Gaunt. This was a love story that resulted in Katherine becoming the mother of the long line of kings and queens since mediaeval times, extending to our current Royal family.

Film nights in St Wilfrid's

"Thursday Night is Film Night" continue during the four weeks of September. The films range from Agatha Christie, through Alfred Hitchcock, to a black and white Bette Davis film.

Please feel free to bring whatever refreshments you would like; gin and tonic, prosecco, popcorn etc, but most importantly, **bring your friends!**

Entry is via a raffle ticket, with a prize on the night. We look forward to seeing you all.

Parking

We are aware that people in Barrow don't park in Church Lane when they visit the church events, but please be assured that we always ask people from outside the village to park, if possible, in the Parish car park on Twyford Road when they visit from further afield.

First Aid course

The head of training for the St John's Ambulance Brigade kindly gave us a first aid session in the church to give us basic training in what to do in an emergency. The training included how to use the defibrillators that we have located in the village. Our thanks go to Carl for a really useful and interesting morning.

Heritage Open Days

On the weekend September 13th / 14th, St Wilfrid's will be part of a national festival of Heritage Open Days. We have joined in with this event for the last two years, and have welcomed people from across the country to view our church and village.

This year the theme is 'The Architecture of Barrow upon Trent'. There will be guided tours around the village and the churchyard, plus a showing in the church of the locally commissioned film 'Barrow upon Trent in the year 1300'.

Katherine Swynford, was mistress and wife of John of Gaunt, son of King Edward III.

The love story of Katherine and John in and around the mid to late 14th century is one of the most powerful and enduring in English history. Their descendants have been Kings and Queens of Scotland and England, from the Mid 15th century to our own King.

This is a romantic tale of knights in shining armour, beautiful ladies and most of all - romance.



AUTUMN DIARY

St Wilfrid's Church, Church Lane, Barrow upon Trent. DE73 7HB

AUGUST - NOVEMBER EVENTS

Events start at 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 - includes a glass of prosecco and chocolate. To book, please email stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

Katherine Swynford - with Lesley Smith Friday 26 Sept
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HERITAGE OPEN DAYS

The Architecture of Barrow upon Trent

Saturday 13 September
10.30am to 4.00pm
Tours at 11.00am and 2.00pm

Sunday 14 September
12 noon to 4.00pm
Tours at 1.00pm and 3.00pm

The theme for 2025 is "Architecture". There will be guided tours around the village of Barrow upon Trent; buildings and building styles date across the years from mediaeval times. The film "Barrow upon Trent in the year 1300" will show in St Wilfrid's church over the weekend.

Cream teas will be available in the church over the weekend.
No need to book.

FILM NIGHTS

SEPTEMBER

4	A Haunting in Venice
11	Rear Window
18	Operation Mincemeat
25	Now Voyager

Feel free to bring your own refreshments!

WORKSHOP

Saturday 29 November Christmas Wreaths

By popular demand, Christine Hemmings will be showing us how to create beautiful Christmas decorations.

Price: £25 per person

To book, please email:
stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

TALKS

Talks start at 7pm.

Tickets: £4
- including tea and coffee.

No need to book.

Wednesday 6 August
Muck, Pot and Old Bone
Mathew Morris, Project Officer, University of Leicester Archaeological Services will give us an introduction to archaeology and reconstructing the past.

Wednesday 3 September An introduction to heraldry

Heraldry is found in churches, country houses and the high street. John Titterton's talk gives a background to the use and development of heraldry in England for over 800 years.

Wednesday 1 October Mediaeval Art - "The Crown of Thorns"

Dr Faith Tibble will talk about how the ubiquitous imagery of the Crown of Thorns in Passion iconography - commonly symbolising torture, suffering and humiliation - is not at all what it seems.



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Prayers

We remember all who are sick or troubled at this time, especially we pray for Terry Marshall.



Services

Sunday August 24th 10.30am

Morning Prayer with John Puxty and Rev Adele Barker

Wedding of Neave and Kyle

The wedding of Neave and Kyle took place at Elvaston on Saturday June 28th. Another beautiful warm and sunny day, our newly mown churchyard looked superb, and our small team of cleaners made sure the inside looked as good as the outside. Thanks to Rev. Bob Atkins for conducting the service. We wish Neave and Kyle and their family every happiness for the future.

Elvaston Cricket Club Fete

The cricket club will be holding a fete on Sunday 17th August between 12noon and 5pm. Church and tower will be open for visitors between 12noon and 2pm.

Church and tower open afternoons

We will open the church and tower (weather permitting) on as many Sundays as possible during the summer months, please see the St Bartholomew's Facebook page for dates and times.

ST BARTHOLOMEW PATRONAL FESTIVAL

Our Patronal Festival will be held on the weekend of
Saturday August 23rd, Sunday August 24th, Monday August
25th

Church and tower will be open from 12noon to 4pm each day

Refreshments including home made cakes, raffle,
displays of vestments, photos and memorabilia

Everyone welcome



Lilies and peaches
grown locally



PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers, Mavis Foster, Sarah Simpson, Christine and John Wharton, Julia Gillard, Robert Wood and Amy.



Our thoughts and prayers are with the family and friends of Bob Marriott who recently passed away. Bob lived in Cavendish Close with his wife Lilian and daughter Marie for many years.

Bob and Lilian were valued members of the Shardlow Community.

SERVICES

Sunday 3rd August 10-30am United Benefice Service

Sunday 10th August 10-30am Holy Communion

Sunday 24th August 10-30am Family Worship

Everyone is warmly welcomed to The United Benefice Service at Shardlow on Sunday 3rd August at 10-30am. The Service will be taken by Alison Henshaw and Rev. Steve Short. Parking for the church is available at the Kitchen 7 Restaurant.

COFFEE MORNING

Many thanks to all who supported the coffee morning in June, The sum of £86 was raised for church funds. The next coffee morning is on Saturday 30th August from 10-00am to 11-30am.

The book and jigsaw Library in The Hayward Room in Shardlow Church is open to everyone . The church is open daily from 9-00am to 4-30pm.

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St James' Swarkestone – August 2025

Next service

Trinity 8 - Sunday August 10th – 10.30 am

Minister:- Bruce Ward by extension from Aug 3rd

Readers:- Dominic Clarke & Jayne Williamson

Church Cleaning:- Emma & Dominic Clarke

Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Emma & Dominic Clarke

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara Foster, Mick & Jill Malpass, the Warnock family, Ted Lawrence & Ann Morton. Deceased - June Thompson

August United Benefice Service

The United Benefice service on 31st August has moved venue. It will now be at St James' Swarkestone in place of St Wilfrid's Barrow on Trent. The service will be led by Archdeacon Matthew Trick. We are looking forward to welcoming friends from across the Benefice to our beautiful church.

Tea, Chat & Brass!

No, not a Melbourne Town Band concert! You'll have to wait for our Carol Service! But - we are holding a Tea, Chat & Brass session on Wednesday 20th August at 2pm, to bring a shine to our church brasses. Bring a duster & some elbow grease – we'll provide the tea and biscuits! If it goes well, we might need sunglasses at the

June Thompson

We are sad to announce that June Thompson passed away peacefully on 17th July, just a couple of weeks after her 99th birthday. June had been a longstanding member of our congregation, was a member of the PCC for many years and made a huge contribution to life at St James'. June organised our rota of readers and volunteers often had to be auditioned before she accepted them onto the rota! She was a lady with a huge character and was always perfectly turned out, adding a touch of glamour to our congregation. June will be very sadly missed by us all. Funeral details are yet to be released.

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>

Twyford

Flowers: Mrs Sam Murton

A very special afternoon was spent in St. Andrew's Church on Saturday, 19th July, listening to the New Mount Brass Band – it was absolutely fabulous! A tremendous range of musical pieces were played from "Titanic" to "An Irish Blessing". Sadly it rained so we were unable to hold the event outside as planned but there was a lovely atmosphere in our beloved little church and I know the audience thoroughly enjoyed the performance. There was a huge array of cakes and tray bakes too which seemed to hit the spot!

A big thank you to the Newmount Brass Band for providing such an enjoyable afternoon.



St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



ALL THINGS BRIGHT AND BEAUTIFUL.

Did you know that before the electric lights were put in, our beautiful church was lit by 8 large paraffin lamps? The vestry minutes of 3/4/1902 mentions that the fire insurance was to be checked in case it needed to be increased, because of the lamps. I imagine that the lamps gave off a nice warm looking light and were quite atmospheric but I bet the overpowering smell of paraffin filled the church! In 1920 it was noted that 45 gallons of paraffin were purchased throughout the year, to keep the lamps lit. However 10 years later, in 1930, the church had modern electric lights installed at the cost of £30.00. That year the bill for electricity was 11shillings and 9d. Of course throughout the centuries, and to this very day, one form of lighting has always been in use- the good old candle!

WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

On 14/7/25 we learned what food we could forage for in the wild. Not just obvious things like blackberries and mushrooms but more unusual things. In fact there were lots of things in the village hall car park alone, never mind farther afield. We were told about various fungi; some of which looked poisonous but were edible, and some were definitely not! So you had to be very careful. One was called Chicken of the Wood, and tasted like chicken! We sampled various things including a cake with nettles in; these were the nettles with white flowers which do not sting, so were easier to pick. Also chocolates with hogweed seeds in. Again it was stressed never to go near the giant hogweed which is very dangerous. It was a very interesting evening. However I'm still not sure I'd be confident enough to pick some of the things- incase I got it wrong and poisoned myself!



DATE FOR YOUR DIARY.

SATURDAY 20/9/25 DERBYSHIRE DAY EVENT AT ST MARY'S CHURCH

The Friends of Church recently held a meeting to plan this event which will have stalls, refreshments and entertainment throughout the day and will raise money for the restoration fund. Events so far this year have raised just under £900.00.

ALL CREATURES GREAT AND SMALL.

As I was recently driving home I thought I saw a large dog crossing the road. As I got nearer, I realised it was a Muntjac Deer. Although I believe you can see these at various places on the other side of the River Trent, I've not seen one before at Weston. When I looked them up in my wildlife book I was surprised to learn that all Muntjac Deer in the country are descendants of escapees from the original herd in Woburn Park, in Bedfordshire.

After this, during the recent hot weather, I was shocked to see what I thought was a hummingbird feeding on a fuchsia in my garden. Only when it landed and folded its wings back did I realise it was some sort of moth. Upon looking it up I found it was a Hummingbird Hawkmoth. Apparently it is a visitor from mainland Europe and is sometimes seen in Southern England. It is one of the few moths that fly in the daytime rather than night. So I was very lucky to see one here at Weston. It was beautiful! (See above pic)



CHURCH CLEANING

Thanks to Sue and her helpers for cleaning the church for the recent funeral and wedding. Your help is much appreciated. Thanks for a good job well done!



*The TEACHER
The RESILIENT SPIRIT
The PROUD GRANDMOTHER*

My name is Victoria Rodgers, though most people call me Vicky. I grew up as an only child, which fostered a close bond with my parents and encouraged me to develop strong friendships.

I attended Leavington College for Girls, which set the stage for my future. After university, I became a teacher, spending many years at St. Joseph's Convent, where my daughter also studied. My childhood included special moments like trips to Paris with my father and memorable school plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream. I found joy in St John Ambulance Cadets, and later, my teaching career focused on science, with a bit of English due to my love for drama.

I married Roger, and we had two wonderful children. After his passing from Leukaemia, I found a second chance of happiness with Stan, who I met through lawn bowls. We enjoyed 15 happy years together before he passed. After some health challenges, I moved to Richmond Villages, where the care and community has been a great comfort. My family is my greatest pride, especially moments like my granddaughter Darcy's flute performance here at the village.

At 80, I believe in looking forward and embracing life's changes. Richmond Villages has given me a reason to keep going, with its welcoming environment and caring staff. My advice to others is to find joy in every moment and never give up on life's opportunities.

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SERVICES IN AUGUST

	<i>Readings</i>	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
3 August Trinity 7	Eccles. 1.2. 12-14 Luke 12. 13-21				10.30 UBS HC Alison Henshaw & Rev Steve Short By ext from July 13			
Wed 6 August		9.30 HC Rev Neil Broadbent 6.45 Evensong						
10 August Trinity 8	Gen. 15. 1-6 Luke 12. 32-40	10.30 FW Rev Sue Leather	10.30 MP Barrow Team		10.30 HC Rev Paul Sandford	10.30 HC Bruce by ext from Aug 6		10.30 Patronal Festival Rev'd Sarah Matson de Laurier
Wed 13 August		6.45 Compline						
17 August Trinity 9	Jerem. 23. 23-29 Luke 12. 49-56	10.30 HC Rev Susie Curtis John Lear	10.30 FW Bruce				3.00pm HC by extension Stephen Longden	
Wed 20 August		9.30 HC Neil Broadbent 6.45 Compline						
24 August St Bartholomew	Isaiah 43. 8-13 Luke 22. 24-30	10.30 FW Aston Team Ken Walker- (Reflection)		10.30 FW Rev Adele Barker and Reader John Puxty	10.30 FW Reader Lesley Nelson			
Wed 27 August		6.45 Compline						
31 August Trinity 11	Proverbs 25. 6-7 Luke 14. 1, 7-14					10.30 UBS HC Archdeacon Matthew Trick		

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