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## Prayer Diary

### For your prayers in April

**Aston** The residents of Willow Park Way, Holly Court, Mulberry Way, Fleetwood Drive, Chester Close, Aires Hollow and The Richmond Village.

**Barrow** The residents of Club Lane and The Nook. Also, the Friends of St. Wilfrid's.

**Elvaston** The residents of The Pinfold and Sturges Lane, Thulston.

**Shardlow** The residents of Cowlshaw Close and Wakelyn Close.

**Swarkestone** The residents of Swarkestone Road.

**Twyford** The residents of Stenson.

**Weston** The residents of Forrester Avenue. The Friends of St. Mary's.

**The Community** Local shops and businesses.

**The Diocese** The Hardwick Deanery. The Mothers' Union.

**The Worldwide Church** The Anglican Provinces of The Indian Ocean, Ireland, Japan and Jerusalem & The Middle East.

## *From the Registers:*

### **Elvaston**

Funeral : Druscella Bucklow aged 94, on March 20th 2026.



### **Weston**

Baptism : Hallie Elizabeth Mellis on March 7 2026



### **Shardlow**

Baptism: Chester Swann on March 8 2026



# 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 **May** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at [jnutman@btinternet.com](mailto:jnutman@btinternet.com) by **April 20** please.

**200 Club Lottery**

The winning numbers in the March draw were:

**1<sup>st</sup>:- 15 (Aston), 2<sup>nd</sup>:- 148 (Twyford), 3<sup>rd</sup>:- 59 (Aston).**

The next draw will take place on Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April in church.

## Easter Services

Across the Trent and Derwent Benefice, all are welcome to our services

Palm Sunday	Holy Communion	10:30am - 11:30am - All Saints' Aston on Trent
Maunday Thursday	Evening Service	6:00pm - 7:00pm - St Mary the Virgin Weston on Trent
Good Friday	1 hr at the Cross	2:00pm - 3:00pm - All Saints' Aston on Trent
Easter Saturday	Family Crafts Easter Vigil	10:30am - 12:30pm - All Saints' Aston on Trent 6:00pm - 7:00pm St Wilfrid's Barrow on Trent
Easter Sunday	Holy communion United Benefice Services	10:30am - 11:30am - All Saints' Aston on Trent 3:00pm - 4:00pm - St James' Swarkestone



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND



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To find out more please contact us on:

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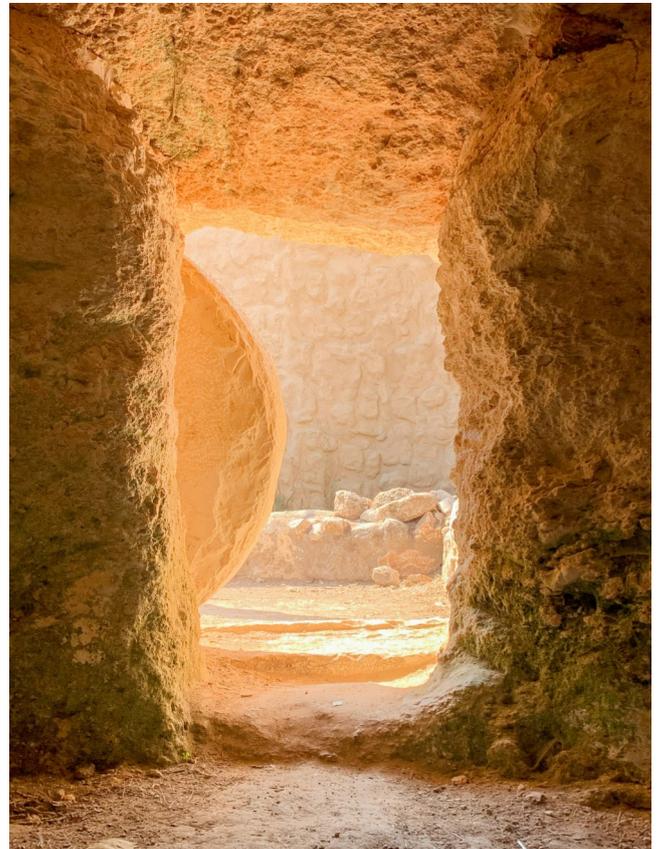
Dear Friends,

There's something about these April mornings. The light comes a little earlier, the air feels a little warmer, and almost without noticing, our spirits begin to lift. Even in a world that can feel heavy and fractured, these small changes remind us that something is shifting. Change is coming. Life is stirring again. Easter meets us here—with a truth that is both ancient and astonishing: life can rise where we thought it had ended.

The resurrection of Jesus is not simply a dramatic ending to a sad story; it is the beginning of an entirely new way of seeing the world. Those first witnesses didn't recognise it at once. Mary mistakes Jesus for the gardener. The disciples walk alongside him without knowing who he is. Resurrection, it seems, often comes quietly, unexpectedly, hidden in plain sight. And perhaps that is how it still comes to us. We may not stand at an empty tomb, but we are invited to look for the small signs of new life each day—the moments of unexpected peace, a conversation that brings healing, the strength to begin again when we thought we had nothing left. These are glimpses of glory: signs that God is still at work, still bringing life out of loss, hope out of despair.

Easter does not deny the reality of suffering. It transforms it. It tells us that no darkness is final, no ending beyond God's reach.

So this April, where are you looking for new life? Are you making space to notice it, to thank God for it, to pray for more of it? And when you catch even a glimpse of it, are you willing to share it—with your family, your friends, your neighbours? Because resurrection is not just something we remember. It is something we are invited to live—and to carry into the lives of others. And often, it begins with simply paying attention.



Matt

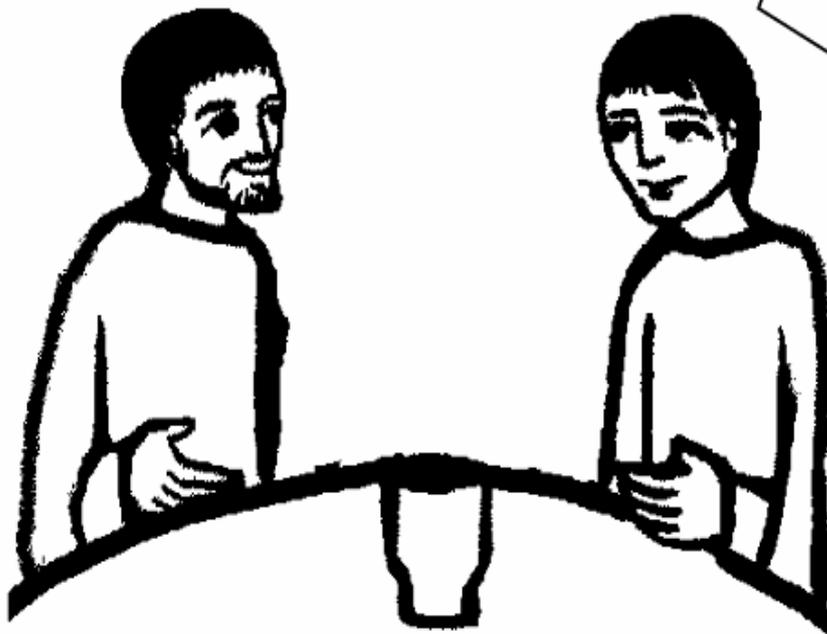
## 2 DISCIPLES MEET JESUS

On the way to Emmaus 2 disciples met Jesus.

But they did not recognize him.

They invited him home ...

Draw Jesus at  
table with the 2  
disciples.



THEY RECOGNIZED HIM

WHEN HE WAS

B \_ E \_ K \_ N \_ THE B \_ E \_ D



The Wednesday Morning Hub in April will be as follows:

**1st April; 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration**

8th April from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

**15th April 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration**

22nd April from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

29th April 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 and Weston Mothers' Union**

Another month has flown by. At the end of the month we are looking forward to our next MU speaker, Wendy Fitch, leading us in a short Lent Meditation. It will be a very special meeting because Wendy will also take an enrolment service to welcome Julia and Vee as new members of our Aston and Weston branch of the MU so they will be joining in our fellowship.

Last month we heard all about the Leprosy Mission from Hannah, who is responsible for the huge area of the Midlands and Wales. We had a collection afterwards and we were pleased to give her £125 for the work of the Mission.

The present MU project is to make up a number of "release packs" to be given to men from Foston Hall prison who may struggle with their lives outside prison walls and routine. MU Branches have been asked if they can help by providing items such as toothbrush, comb, shampoo, notebooks, pens or soap. Also beanie hats in dark colours (we have already had a number of these from keen Aston knitters!) Please give any donations to Kay.

We are still hoping to go to the deanery service at the Cathedral on Lady Day, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2.30 but still have difficulty in arranging transport.

The next meeting should see most of us learning some exercises to help with our Strength and Mobility. The lecturer, Lindsey Robbins, has a class in the village on Monday mornings. She knows we are not aiming for next years' Olympics but wants to help us keep as mobile as we can.

Join us in the Heritage Centre on April 23<sup>rd</sup> at 2.30pm. No special equipment is needed.

### **All Saints Pastoral Care Group**

The Group is seeking to increase its number from the present 4 members. The principal aim of the Group is to respond when it learns of a need for help or support to members of the congregation, or elsewhere. The basic support is to ensure that prayers are offered, delivering or sending Christmas, Easter, or 'Thinking of You' cards, or arranging for personal or telephone visits. This includes an At-Home Communion facility if requested. Nobody is required to undertake more than they can or wish to do.

If you think, perhaps after praying about it, that you would like to join us, get in touch with any one of us. There is no hierarchy. We are, in alphabetical order, Kathy Field, Samantha Perry, Cathy Razzell and Ken Walker.

## CAMEO

Our March meeting fell upon a glorious early spring day which put a smile on all our faces and was possibly the reason so many of our members were able to attend. What an utterly fascinating evening we had in the company of Mr Ed Maudling as he shared his mischievous memories of living as a youngster in No11 Downing Street. Mercifully no politics but rather tales of exotic visitors and child-like escapades in and around Downing Street in the Swinging Sixties. Which of us would not also have succumbed to the temptation of blowing that policeman's whistle? Priceless documents and photographs of the great and the good were on display for us to pore over and relive our own memories of that time.

A big thank you to everyone who supported the church's Quiz and Cuisine event either by attending or donating raffle prizes. It was another most pleasant and successful evening.

Our next meeting will be a talk mysteriously entitled 'A Show of Hands ' and will be held as usual on the first Wednesday of the month. This is indeed April Fools Day so beware of all pranksters. Whatever befalls us, it will still be lovely to see so many of our members when we

Come And Meet Each Other once again.

## Aston on Trent Women's Institute

March has been a particularly busy and rewarding month for us all. We began with a very successful Soup & Pud Lunch, raising over £700 in support of Treetops Hospice, an excellent achievement and a wonderful example of our community spirit in action.

This was followed by an SOS Charity Fashion Show held at the Recreation Centre. Our glamorous models (with one good-humoured exception who believed sunglasses alone were the key to being a fashionista!) did a fantastic job showcasing the items available. We are very grateful to everyone who supported these events and helped make them such a success.

After all the activity, a trip to Derby Theatre provided a welcome opportunity to relax, with over 30 members enjoying a delightful evening together.

**Please note that the date for our next Coffee & Chat has changed and will now take place on Tuesday 28th April.**

We continue to collect donations for the local Food Bank. In-date items can be placed in the collection box at the back of the hall.

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> April:** County Quiz

**28<sup>th</sup> April 10:30 - 12:00:** Coffee & Chat The Heritage Centre. **Change of date**

**12<sup>th</sup> May 2026:** AGM

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

**23<sup>rd</sup> November 2026:** Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

*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 UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS —

# SPRING DIARY

St Wilfrid's Church, Church Lane, Barrow upon Trent. DE/3 /HB

## APRIL - JULY EVENTS

Events start at 7.30pm. Tickets: £15 - includes a glass of prosecco & luxury chocolate. To book, please email [stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com)

### Peggy Knight – with Lesley Smith Friday 15 May

In 1944 a young woman, who had been previously a shorthand typist at the electricity board in North London, was parachuted into Nazi occupied France. She was a member of SOE and had only received two weeks training and one practice parachute jump. Her story of immense courage and dignity in the face of the most dangerous of situations is both breathtaking and remarkable.

### Eirik Bloodaxe – with Gareth Williams Friday 17 July

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.

## TALKS

Talks start at 7pm. Tickets: £4 each - including tea and coffee. No need to book.

### Wednesday 1 April

#### A Crowning Glory

Eddie Smallwood will tell us of the history, traditions and mistakes that have occurred during the Coronations of English monarchs.

### Wednesday 6 May

#### Arming a Mediaeval Knight

Jed Jaggard brings the past to life with an evening exploring the world of mediaeval arms and armour, and featuring an impressive collection of replica arms and armour.

### Wednesday 3 June

#### A History of the St John's Ambulance Brigade

Carl Makins, from the St John's Ambulance Brigade, will give us the history of the Brigade, and its links to the mediaeval Knights Hospitaller who once owned our village.

### Wednesday 1 July

#### 3 Derbyshire Puds!

Mark Dawson will present the history of Derbyshire in 3 puddings; looking at how the recipes for them have changed over time and how they relate to aspects of the history of the county.

## CONCERT

### Friday 17 April - 7.30pm Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir

Founded in 1956 as the Derby Police Choir. Today Derbyshire Community Male Voice Choir is a vibrant, fun and successful male voice choir. The group sings a wide range of songs from traditional male voice choir pieces to folk, musical, opera and pop (including some of their own arrangements) in 4-part harmony.

£15 per person - includes a glass of prosecco & luxury chocolate. To book, please email: [stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com)

## FILM NIGHTS

### JUNE

4	Conclave
11	Mrs Brown
18	Casino Royale
25	The Hundred Foot Journey

### JULY

2	The Woman in Black
9	Keeping Mum
16	Philomena
23	Remains of the Day
30	Spectre

# Organ Recital with Alexander Binns



Join Derby Cathedral's  
Director of Music,  
Alexander Binns, alongside  
other soloists, for an afternoon  
recital at Swarkestone Church.

**Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2026 at 3pm**  
**St James' Church, Swarkestone**

Free admission with retiring collection  
to raise money for church funds.

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# DERBY/BURTON & DISTRICT DAYTIME BAND

**WE ARE BACK IN  
CONCERT!!**  
**ALL SAINTS CHURCH  
ASTON ON TRENT**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> April**

**2.00PM TO 4.00PM**

**TICKETS £5 (CASH OR CARD)**  
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**A DONATION FROM THE PROCEEDS OF THE  
CONCERT WILL BE MADE TO THE BRAIN  
CANCER ASSOCIATION**

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JOIN US  
EVERY THURSDAY MORNING IN CHURCH  
11am to 12.30  
TO KNIT OR CROCHET WITH COMPANY  
AND ENJOY A CUPPA  
EVERYONE WELCOME



— BARROW UPON TRENT HERITAGE EVENTS PRESENT —

# PEGGY KNIGHT

With Lesley Smith

**FRIDAY 15 MAY 2026 | 7.30PM | TICKETS £15**

Ticket includes a glass of prosecco and a luxury chocolate

In 1944 a young woman, who had been previously a shorthand typist at the electricity board in North London, was parachuted into Nazi occupied France. She was a member of SOE and had only received two weeks training and one practice parachute jump.

Her story of immense courage and dignity in the face of the most dangerous of situations is both breathtaking and remarkable as she was recorded moving straight through the middle of enemy lines on her bicycle.

Peggy's story is little known but now is the time to find her. An ordinary woman who you would pass in the street without a second glance, but she was extraordinary, as you will discover.



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# Flvaston



## Annual Parishioners' Meeting and APCM

These meetings will take place at church on Wednesday April 22nd, commencing at 6.30pm.

### Church and tower Open day

Our first open day of the year will take place on Saturday April 25th (times to be confirmed and tower open dependent on weather conditions). The tower will be open for **guided** tours only on this day, led by our new volunteer Ross, who will lead groups of about 10 people. Refreshments will be served after the tours. For details of how to book a tower tour, please see our Facebook page. (A reminder that for insurance purposes, children under 8 years of age are not permitted to climb the tower, and dogs are not allowed up). Further Church and combined Church/Castle open days and guided Church tours will be announced during the summer.

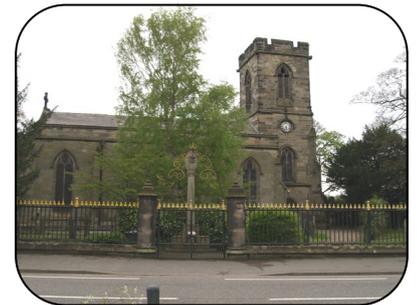
### Facebook page

Our Facebook page now has over 300 followers. It's a great way of keeping up to date with church events and services.

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# Shardlow

It's good to be enjoying the warm weather at the moment and to see the lovely spring flowers in the churchyard. The ashes memorial plot seems to be overtaken with cyclamen leaves but we look forward to the flowers blooming in the spring and Autumn.



Matt will be taking a Baptism Service on April 26th at 10-30am. For the other services in April please see the back of the magazine.

**The annual church meeting for Shardlow will take place in May, date to be announced.**

As on the notice we will be meeting for coffee and chat on Thursdays from 11-00am to 12-30pm for anyone who wishes to knit poppies, but this is open to anyone who just wants to have a bit of company.

The February Coffee Morning was once again very busy and the sum of £130 was raised for church funds. The April one is on Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> from 10-00am to 11-30am. Everyone very welcome.

On Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> March we were joined by the family and friends of Chester Swann when Matt Baptised him. We enjoyed chatting to them after the Service and it was good to have so many children with us.

We remember all who need our prayers at this time.

# Swarkestone



## Next services

**Easter Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 3.00pm - United Benefice Service**

*Minister:- Rev Matt Green*

*Readers:- Peter Cooper & Laura Howarth*

*Church Cleaning:- Jane & John Warnock plus helpers*

*Welcomers/Sidespersons: - Pauline Sims & Clare Atkin*

**Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am**

*Minister:- TBC*

*Readers:- Ted Lawrence & Jayne Williamson*

*Church Cleaning:- Ann Worrall & Laura Howarth*

*Welcomers/Sidespersons: - Alison Langton & Wendy Crocker*



## Easter Day United Benefice Service at St James'

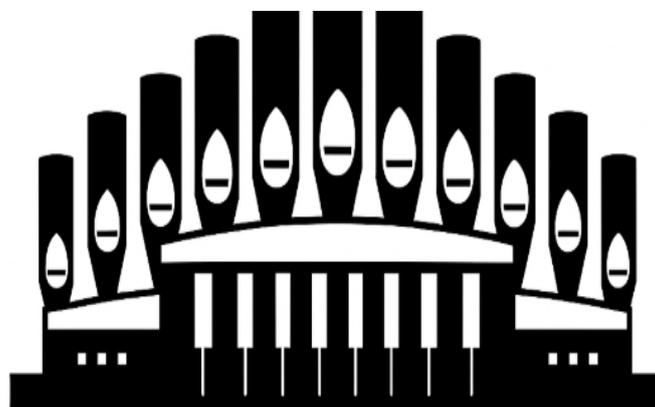
*We are delighted to be hosting a United Benefice service at St James' on Easter Sunday at 3pm. This is a different time to our usual services, so please take note of the time. Everyone will be very welcome and we are looking forward to sharing our beautifully decorated church with you on this special day.*

## Decorating Church for Easter

Come along on Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 10.00am to help us decorate for Easter. Please bring along any flowers or greenery you can spare. We always have a really enjoyable and fun time making our beautiful church look amazing! Refreshments will be available to keep us going!

## Organ Recital

We are so excited to be welcoming Alexander Binns and friends from Derby Cathedral on Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April at 3.00pm for what should be a wonderful musical afternoon. No tickets are needed, but there will be a retiring collection in aid of church funds. Light refreshments will be available afterwards, so do stay a while for a chat over a cuppa. See the poster for more details.



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>

## PCC AGM report

Rev Matt officiated at his first PCC Annual Meetings of the Benefice in Swarkestone last month and we were delighted to welcome him! Several members of the congregation stayed for the meetings and it was good to be able to review the past year together. While we still have vacancies for Church Wardens, PCC Secretary and PCC Members, we are pleased to report that we will have five PCC members for 2026. Special thankyou's were said to Ann Worrall who has now stepped down after serving as secretary and administrator since 2007. Thanks were also expressed to Ted Lawrence who had served as a loyal member of the PCC since 2010. We thanked them both for their invaluable service to St James' and wish them well for the future.

The new, smaller PCC will require support throughout the next year, so please do consider offering to help at services, events and special occasions and remember them in your prayers as they try to maintain the high standards which we have all come to expect. If you'd like to know more about being on the PCC, come along to our next meeting on 15<sup>th</sup> April or speak to Rev Matt or any of the PCC (Pauline Sims, Laura Howarth, Mike Crocker, Denise Crocker and Neil Cork).

## And Finally - A Reminder of all Services & Events in April

Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> April – 10.00am - Decorating Church for Easter

Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> April – 3.00pm - United Benefice Easter Day Service

Saturday 11<sup>th</sup> April – 3.00pm – Organ Recital

Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> April – 10.30am – Regular Service

Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 7.30pm - PCC meeting in the Harpur Room



**Happy Easter from all at St James'**

# Jwyford

Flowers: Anne Bennett



Have you ever wondered who started the trend of Easter bunnies?

Here is what Wikipedia says: “The Easter Bunny (also called the Easter Rabbit or Easter Hare) is a folkloric figure and symbol of Easter, depicted as a rabbit – sometimes dressed with clothes – bringing Easter eggs. Originating among German Lutherans, the “Easter Hare” originally played the role of a judge, evaluating whether children were good or disobedient in behaviour at the start of Eastertide, similar to the “naughty or nice” list made by Santa Claus. As part of the legend, the creature carries coloured eggs in its basket, as well as candy and sometimes toys, to the homes of children. As such, the Easter Bunny again shows similarities to Santa Claus by bringing gifts to children on the night before a holiday. The custom was mentioned in a German text from 1572, which translated reads

“Do not worry if the Easter Bunny escapes you: should we miss his eggs, we will cook the nest” and in Georg Franck von Franckenau’s De ovis paschalibus (About Easter Eggs) in 1682, referring to a German folk belief of an Easter Hare laying eggs hidden in garden and bushes for children to find.”



## St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



### MEETINGS.

At the events meeting we planned the new Knit And Natter afternoon, and events for the next months. During the PCC meeting we heard that we had been awarded some smaller grants to help with the cost of various reports that are needed in order to apply for the restoration grants.

### SERVICES.

**BAPTISM 7/3/26.** We were lucky to host Matt's first baptism in the benefice; where we welcomed Hallie Elizabeth Mellis and her family and friends.

**MOTHERING SUNDAY 15/3/26.** A lovely Mothering Sunday service was enjoyed by all that attended. The service was led by Matt and afterwards we partook of the delicious cakes made by Karen - thanks Karen; they were great! As it was lent there were no flowers in church but the porch looked beautiful with bunches of spring flower, primroses and daffodils in pots. Everyone got to take a plant home in honour of the day.



### **BATS; NOT IN THE BELFRY!**

A lovely lady called Christine, from Wigan, came for a look around church, when she was visiting relatives locally. She was very interested to hear all the tales and how major events in history had touched the church. However Christine's main reason for visiting church was to see if there were any bats. To check this out she brought along her Batometer. From previous sightings the bats in church were thought to be the small Pipistrelle variety; so Christine set the dial on the machine to their frequency. Even though it was the bats bed time we could hear them via the Batometer. So it was confirmed that the bats were up above the main alter; not in the traditional place -in the belfry. Although years ago there were bats in the porch, but they moved out after we put up a bat box for them! We did know they were above the alter as we often find droppings there when cleaning, but thanks to Christine, we have now actually heard them. Christine did say our church was the most interesting place she had visited in ages and is planning to come again.

### **MYSTERY OBJECT IDENTIFIED.**

An unusual goblet shaped object, that was in the safe for years, has puzzled everyone as to what exactly it was for. Suggestions have included, a communion cup - although the rim is too thick to drink from, part of a pestle and mortar, a candle holder, or even the Holy Grail - although Matt pointed out that it couldn't be the Holy Grail as Indiana Jones had already found that! However, recently discovered in some old paperwork, it was described as a mini font. When the old font was damaged by Oliver Cromwell's soldiers, when they needed the lead lining to make bullets for their guns; it could be that local stone masons were asked to submit designs for a new font, and it is thought that this mini font was one of the designs. Although it was not the one chosen, as the font that was put up during 1661 is a different design. The mini font is made from Chellaston alabaster and at last we seem to have solved a little church mystery.



### **CHURCH TOWER CLEANING AND REPAIRS.**

Many thanks to Pam, Martin, Colin and David who have given the church tower a good clean and repaired the small door at the top of the tower. They have also taken up old CD and DVDs. This is not so the visiting jackdaws can have a disco or film night! It is hoped that the silver discs blowing in the breeze will discourage them from going in the tower and making a mess; as this causes problems when visitors want to go up the tower. Thanks Pam, Martin, Colin and David.

## KNIT AND NATTER.

The first Knit and Natter was a great success with 16 people attending. It was lovely to see old friends and new faces; some of whom said they didn't get out the house much and were glad to attend a friendly event and meet people. Quite a few poppies were knitted and crocheted, and we all had a good old natter; except when we were busy eating cake and biscuits!



The Wrens (reception class) from the village school visited church where they all had the opportunity to ring the bells helped and advised by Pam Lacey, this was a great success. Many thanks to Pam for giving us her time. They all looked around church and asked lots of questions. It was good to hear the sound of little voices in church.

## WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.



On 9/3/26 we presented a cheque for £1000.00 to Wayne, who came on behalf of our charity for the year, Hannah's Hope. He was very pleased to receive this and told us that the chalet at Mercia Marina was being well used and enjoyed by all who stayed there.

At the same meeting we had a talk from Colin Petty, from the charity Aqua Box. This charity is based at Wirksworth and is run by volunteers. They provide water purifying items, sanitary products and other emergency equipment when ever possible, where ever it is needed,



## DATES FOR YOUR DIARY.

**KNIT AND NATTER 2/4/26. 2pm at village hall.**

**MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE 2/4/26. 6pm at church.**

**EARTH DAY 18/4/26. 10am at church and in the village hall.**

**PARISHIONERS AND ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH MEETING 7/5/26. 7pm at church.**

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5 April Easter Day	Acts 10. 34-43, John 20. 1-18	10:30 UBS HC Matt				3:00 UBS HC Matt			
Wed 8 Apr		6.45 Compline							
12 April 2 <sup>nd</sup> of Easter	Acts 2. 14a, 22-32, John 20. 19-31	10.30 FW - Aston team	10.30 MP Bruce			10:30 MP - Alison			10:30 HC - Paul S
Wed 15 Apr		9.30 HC - Matt 6.45 Compline							
19 April 3 <sup>rd</sup> of Easter	Acts 2. 14a, 36-41, Luke 24. 13-35	10:30 HC - Matt	10.30 MP Barrow Team				10.30 MP Bruce		
Wed 22 Apr		6.45 Compline - Matt							
26 April 4 <sup>th</sup> of Easter	Acts 2. 42-47, John 10. 1-10	10.30 FW - Aston team				10.30 MP - Bruce		10:30 Baptism - Matt	3:00 HC - Matt + APCM
Wed 29 Apr		9.30 HC - Matt 6.45 Compline							

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