



Spring comes to Bolsover

HARDWICK DEANERY NEWSLETTER

SPRING 2021

*'See! The winter is past; the rains are over and gone.
Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come,
the cooing of doves is heard in our land'*

Song of Songs 2: 11 – 12

Holy Week is the name given to the week beginning on Palm Sunday and ending on Easter Sunday.

On Palm Sunday Jesus arrived in Jerusalem to crowds and cheers. His triumphant entry into Jerusalem has been celebrated on the Sunday before Easter since the first centuries of Christianity. The crowds waved palm branches and covered his path with them.



Churches remember this with crosses made and from palm leaves hold processions like the one that Jesus experienced – sometimes with a donkey, too!

The next day the great crowd that had come to the festival heard that Jesus was coming to Jerusalem. So they took branches of palm trees and went out to meet him, shouting, 'Hosanna! Blessed is the one who comes in the name of the Lord – the King of Israel!'

John 12:12-13

Maundy Thursday is the day when we remember Jesus sharing the Last Supper with his disciples before his death. Maundy Thursday gets its name from the Latin word *mandare* meaning to command. We remember Jesus' command to 'Love one another as I have loved you'. Then he took a loaf of bread, and when he had given thanks, he broke it and gave it to them, saying, 'This is my body, which is given for you. Do this in remembrance of me.' And he did the same with the cup after supper, saying, 'This cup that is poured out for you is the new covenant in my blood.'

Luke 22:19-20

At the Last Supper Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Some churches recreate this act of service at special services and events. This is not only an important reminder of the nature of Jesus, who we serve, but also the kind of service we are meant to demonstrate in our love for one another.

Good Friday is the day when Christians remember the crucifixion and death of Jesus Christ. It is a sombre day. Usually, churches meet, pray and reflect on the sacrifice Jesus willingly paid for all our sins. 'For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, so that everyone who believes in him may not perish but may have eternal life.'

John 3.16

Easter Vigil

The Easter Vigil is the first service of Easter and begins sometime on the evening of Holy Saturday (the day before Easter Day). It begins with a symbolic expectant waiting (usually outdoors around a fire) for the resurrection of Jesus on Easter morning, and this is represented visually by a large Easter candle, which is lit from the fire and brought into a darkened church. This depiction of new life and light represents Jesus' resurrection on the first Easter morning. The congregation then light their own candles from the Easter candle, representing their own new life as followers of Jesus. The service will contain a number of readings from the Bible, and also an opportunity for all the participants to renew the promises made at their baptism. The Easter Vigil is usually a quiet and thoughtful service, but one full of joy.

On Easter Sunday, churches across England will celebrate because Jesus died for our sins and then rose again.



Revd Imogen with Bishop Jan

Welcome to the latest instalment of *Hardwick Who's Who...*

I'm The Revd Imogen Black – though coming from a background where priests were always called 'Father', I tend to call myself 'Mother Imogen'. I'm the Priest-in-Charge of St Thomas, Somercotes; I'm also licensed to the parishes of Alfreton, Riddings, and Ironville; and I've recently become one of the Acting Area Deans for this Deanery (along with Karen and Rachel), with particular responsibility for missional strategy and deployment.

As anyone can tell as soon as I open my mouth, I'm not a Derbyshire girl – I grew up in Oxford, and initially studied Classics and then Archaeology at university. I spent three years as a Lay Pastoral Assistant (in parishes as diverse as Camden Town in London and Kimberley in South Africa); I trained for the priesthood at St Stephen's House, and then came up to this diocese to serve my title at Christ Church, Belper. I'm a card-carrying Anglo-Catholic and believe passionately that the Catholic tradition has an important part to play in spreading the Gospel in the 21st century.

At home, my life is ruled by two cats, who managed to get their photos in this newsletter long before I did. My latest hobbies, aided by the pandemic, are gardening, reading detective novels and jigsaws; I also enjoy walking and visiting country houses and castles. I'm a fan of Shakespeare and I'm named after one of his heroines – can you name the play? (Ailsa can hide the answer on some other page). And, once this pandemic is well and truly over, I'm looking forward to eating out again with friends, and, ideally, a nice holiday somewhere in the Mediterranean.



Tabitha and Poussain



Lent bags ready to go

Hello from the East Scarsdale Team!

Here at St Michael's in Pleasley, one thing we did was to produce Lent bags for children (or adults who are young at heart). The bags have been designed to engage with the children and teach them about the Easter message and included information about Lent, crafts and activities, prayers, and other resources which could be done over the Lent season. It was a great way for people to engage with faith more fully in their homes, and feedback on the bags has been very good. We are really looking forward to seeing the arts and crafts produced by the children – we might discover a budding artist in our midst!

Lots of us have done things to stay in touch over this lockdown, and to engage with new people, and we'd love to hear about them. Please let us know what you've been doing – we can share our ideas and spread God's love one fantastic activity at a time.

The Easter Journey

This year come and visit the Easter story in the gardens and windows of Crich! Running from Palm Sunday – Easter Monday this is journey for everyone to enjoy and think about the whole Easter story, not just the children! However, as well as craft activities, there is a short quiz for children, with a mini-egg prize for completion, and the eggs can be collected the weekend of Good Friday to Easter Monday from one of our homes (details and dates in the booklet).



Easter journey guide booklets, Palm crosses and Hope-together magazines can be collected from the telephone box in the Market Place. Stopping points will be outside the Scout hut, front-gardens in Bower Close, Chase View and The Common, a Market Place window, outside Wesley Chapel and the empty tomb outside St Mary's. Look out for the willow-angel at St Mary's, and a new willow construction at the Bulling Lane crossing.

The Easter Journey is being put together by members of St Mary's, Wesley Chapel and others in the community, such as the Willow-Weaving group.

Lynda Gray, PCC Secretary, St Mary's Crich

The Crisp Packet Project

Putting one use plastic to work is something that has long been an ambition of one woman from Hastings. Thus, was born the Crisp Packet Project. Here at Holy Trinity in Shirebrook we have also become involved in the Crisp Packet Project. The project recycles crisp packets. Nothing new about recycling you may think but this recycling helps people whose lives are about survival rather than living, in a very practical way. The crisp packets are made into blankets which are then distributed via homeless projects to those in need of a waterproof covering.

The material of the crisp packets makes really good survival blankets and are good at keeping the heat in and water out! How are they made? Washed and cut crisp packets are ironed together and then packaging plastic is repurposed to iron over the top to hold the blanket together. It is a great recycling project and one which we hope will grow once lockdown restrictions are eased.

If you would like to recycle your crisp packets in this way, please wash and cut them open down one side and across the bottom and post them to me at The Vicarage, Main Street, Shirebrook, NG20 8DN and I will pass them on.

If you are involved in a recycling project let us know, it would be good to hear about them – we may be able to swap recycling materials.



A rare sight – Revd Karen Bradley ironing!



Helping to keep someone warm.



A blanket ready to go.



The wild daffodil native to Cumbria

*I wandered lonely as a cloud
That floats on high o'er vales and hills,
When all at once I saw a crowd,
A host of golden daffodils;
Beside the lake, beneath the trees,
Fluttering and dancing in the breeze.*

Daffodils (Verse 1) by William Wordsworth

Is there anything that makes us think of spring more than the daffodil? William Wordsworth wrote his poem 'Daffodils' in 1804.

The poem was inspired by an event on 15 April 1802. Wordsworth was walking in Glencoyne Bay Ullswater with his sister Dorothy when they came across the daffodils of the poem. Dorothy recorded the details of the walk in her journal and William used this as the inspiration for his poem. The daffodils would have been wild daffodils native to the Lake District. Each year the National Gardens Scheme runs a Daffodil Day allowing visitors to view daffodils in Cumbrian gardens. These include the field of daffodils planted by Wordsworth in memory of his daughter Dora who died in 1847. Dora's Field is next to St Mary's Church Rydal and is owned and managed by the National Trust.

Bolsover Covid Response



VE Day

Well we have all faced many challenges over the past 12 months but here at St Mary and St Laurence in Bolsover we have found new ways to keep moving forward and keep together. From the beginning of the first Lock Down our Vicar quickly set up the telephone call system, designating a number of the congregation with a list of contacts to be made however long we are restricted. This has continued and from feedback has been valued by all.

As one of the Church Wardens, I (Mo) have a list of members of the congregation's special dates: birthday's anniversaries etc. The relevant person/s have been sent a card from the Church but for most a few weeks early to give them time to quarantine the post before they open it. It's raised a few laughs, particularly the Diamond Wedding couple who received Golden Wedding best wishes. Easter Cards have been with them for the last week, as were the Christmas Cards.

As we have not been able to meet on Saturday's as a Craft Group for 12 months, we have found other ways to keep our skills going and learn new skills.

A group of people donated to a Church Kneeler for VE Day and completed the work, currently people have donated to a kneeler thanking the NHS and the work is being undertaken on this one as I speak. We have responded to the Chesterfield Royal Hospital for Hearts to be knitted, stitched etc., which are put into Remembrance boxes, and currently information of the Team Butterfly Knitters, Solving Kids' Cancer is being circulated to interested parties. A small group have been involved in a weekly cake delivery where one person will bake a cake, buns, sausage rolls etc., and two (already a bubble) deliver through the window to those particularly who are still shielding. All these activities have kept our enthusiasm going.

One of the highlights has been the preparation and delivery of small bunches of daffodils to members of the Congregation for Mothering Sunday. A small group met together to put the bunches of flowers together and delivered them to the door/window of others. Although this was undertaken in the most atrocious weather the smiles and happiness on recipients faces outweighed everything else. People are still receiving messages of thanks.

All our activities have taken place in line with Covid 19 regulations, overseen by our Vicar who is keen to make sure we are protected and protect others.

Our Rev Rachel Gouldthorpe and Associate Priest Rachel Williams have ensured our Spiritual Needs have been met with the Recorded Eucharist and Special Services recorded, and our regular Evening Prayer, many positive comments have been received. Now Spring is around the corner we can look forward to longer days and face the new normal with some enthusiasm hopefully.

Maureen Coupe

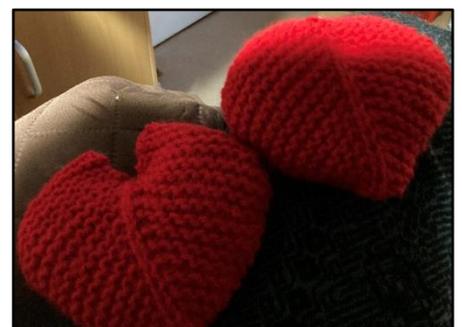
Church Warden St Mary & St Laurence Parish Church Bolsover



Flower's for Mothering Sunday.



A kneeler for the NHS.



Hearts for Remembrance Boxes.



Safeguarding the Diocese

Hello everyone, I am Hannah Hogg, the new Diocesan Safeguarding Adviser (DSA). I started in post at the beginning of October and am very excited to have joined the team and to be part of the Diocese. I have spent my career as a qualified solicitor, starting in private practice and then moving into the public sector some years ago. I worked at Derby City Council for 15 years where I was the lead for the legal team dealing with child protection and adults at risk.

I joined the Diocese from Nottinghamshire Healthcare NHS Trust, where I was the Corporate Safeguarding Lead with a focus on multi-agency reviews and strategic leadership in safeguarding.

I'm married with two grown up sons. I have been a governor at our local Church of England primary school for many years and thoroughly enjoy the role, making a small contribution to school life. In my spare time I enjoy reading (crime fiction is a favourite!), meeting up with friends or family (when allowed to do so!) and holidaying in Scotland. I have already met many people over Zoom and really appreciate the welcome that has been extended to me – thank you very much. I look forward to meeting more of you in due course, preferably in person, as lockdown hopefully eases over the coming months.

OUR KEY PRIORITIES

With the publication of the Independent Inquiry into Child Sexual Abuse (IICSA), safeguarding is very much in focus across the Church at the present time. We have a busy year ahead and will be focussing on the following areas:

Past Cases Review 2 - We are very grateful to all parishes for returning the requested information and our preparatory work for this significant project is now well under way. We have two independent reviewers identified and hope that our review will commence in April.

DBS checks - We are in the process of training parish representatives for our streamlined DBS process which allows parishes to complete applications more quickly and efficiently. We have a helpful page on the website that includes the application forms, information on completing the forms and some helpful guides and FAQ: <https://derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/safeguarding-information-menu/disclosure-and-barring-service-dbs.html>

For those of you who have not enrolled to do the DBS streamlining training please enrol by following this link <https://derbysafeguarding.eventbrite.co.uk/>

All parishes need to have this in place by **5th April 2021** - the training is straightforward, and we are here to support throughout.

PSO events - We are pleased to be able to let you know that we have arranged two PSO events: Saturday 24 April 9.30am – 12.30pm and Wednesday 12 May 1.30 – 4.30pm. At the moment it seems likely that both events will be over Zoom and booking will be made available via Eventbrite. We will be looking at updates around our key activity, IICSA and PCR2. In addition, we will be having a short presentation from Daphne Franks around the safeguarding issues arising from predatory marriage.

A little reminder ... Parish Dashboard: Can we just remind you about the Parish Dashboard which is there to assist you in ensuring your parish is fully compliant with safeguarding requirements. We will be focussing on the Dashboard later this year but if you have any queries please contact Sue Griffin, Safeguarding Co-Ordinator (sue.griffin@derby.anglican.org) for further information.

AND FINALLY.....

If you have a few minutes to spare, perhaps you would like to follow the link below for a short film produced by the Derbyshire SAB on signs to look out for that an adult may be at risk:

[Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board - Identifying and reporting abuse and neglect - YouTube](#)

A version with British Sign Language can be found at:

[Derbyshire Safeguarding Adults Board - identifying and reporting abuse and neglect \(BSL version\) - YouTube](#)

The Safeguarding Team continue to work remotely from home but remain open for referrals – contact 01332 388678 for advice or to report a concern.

2021 APCM

This year's APCM meetings have been granted an extension to the completion date. All APCM meetings and the election of parochial representatives must be completed by Wednesday 30th June 2021. You may hold your APCM via Zoom, although it is hoped that the extension to the completion date will give parishes a choice as to whether they hold a face to face meeting as restrictions ease. The Archdeacon's Visitation will take place by the end of September.

Elections to Diocesan Synod

This year we need to elect our representatives to the Diocesan Synod. As a Deanery we are entitled to 6 Lay representatives and 6 clergy representatives. Further information and guidance on the process will be distributed after Easter.



Just as the daffodil is a sign that spring is on its way, so the humble dandelion is a sign that everything in the garden including the weeds is bursting into life – many of us will have struggled with the long taproot.

Think again though. Rather than looking on the dandelion as the enemy think of it as a friend, in fact think of it as a great friend.

The dandelion is one of the first sources of nectar for the bees when they emerge, the seeds on the fairy clock are an important food source for some birds especially the linnets and the leaves host the larvae from moths and butterflies. Even the dreaded taproot encourages nutrients to the surface which benefits plants with shallow roots and the plant emits the ethylene that helps fruit to ripen. Taking all that into consideration the dandelion is a bit of an all-rounder (think Freddie Flintoff). Then there's dandelion and burdock pop, originally made from the fermented roots of the dandelion and burdock plants. And who hasn't made a wish when they've blown the fairies off the dandelion clock?

Perhaps it's time to re-think the dandelion and give it the respect it deserves. (I'll still be digging them up though once the bees have more nectar).

*Spring's a sweet and merry season;
Spring with garlands decks the thorn,
Fills the groves with songs of joyance,
Then the lamb and colt are born.*



The Seasons, Sara Coleridge

A Parishioners Tale – Easter – The Saga Continues

Eastertide is upon us, there is much to reflect,
And to Jesus our Lord, we give our respect,
Into Jerusalem on a donkey, the roads strewn with palms,
Crowds all there gathered, welcoming with open arms.

But how things did change, within the space of a week,
Trial by Pontius Pilate, and death the crowd did seek,
Crucified alongside robbers, and nailed to the tree,
His life was a sacrifice, for you and for me.

His body there laid, in a stone covered tomb,
Mary was weeping, for the child from her womb,
But the cave it was empty, nothing there for to view,
Christ from death had arisen, walking again with the few.

So let us give thanks, for the legacy left behind,
To all of our neighbours, show love and be kind,
For two thousand years, his name we have praised,
His body we have eaten, and the cup has been raised.

Well a year has now past, since the virus has started,
Locked away in isolation, millions of families been parted,
Unable to go out, well what can one say,
For an end to it all, to God we must pray.

The online services are great, for which praise should be said,
Watching it in comfort, whilst laying in bed,
Seeing Bobby at the altar, that's a wonderful sight,
He does wear a dog collar, but sorry it's not white.

Many have worked so hard, to keep us in touch,
Recording the services, that we all enjoy so much,
Keeping the church looking beautiful, that is no mean task,
Playing charades through the aisles, who's that with the mask?

The strain of the lock down, on many starts to show,
Losing loved ones to Heaven, (but a few gone below),
NHS staff striving hard, toiling on through the strain,
Using their skills and dedication, to relieve those suffering pain.

Right, lets have some good news, that might be a bit hard to find,
Wonder what I can conjure up, from the back of my mind,
The church will soon open, so it's back to my pew,
I like to sit at the back, so I can see what's on view.
(The radiator is there as well)

It will be good to get back, to the friends we do make,
And after the service, there's a cuppa and cake,
We can catch up with the gossip, what's been happening of late,
It's ages since I saw you, my goodness you've put on weight.

Have you heard about Hilda, well she's been ever so ill,
Her from number 3 is pregnant again, (ought to be on the pill)
Then there's old Harry round't corner, married a very young lass,
I think it's all make-up, she'd get a bus pass.

All through this pandemic, I hope your envelopes are filled,
Because for the gas and electric, the church has been billed,
We must all pull together, to keep things afloat,
Or else we might find, we're on a sinking boat.

Well now is the time, to take stock of our plight,
If we keep to the plan, the end of the tunnel is in sight,
Keep our faith in the Lord, and your prayers to him send,
And through His Almighty Power, this virus will soon end.

Amen.

Happy Easter
God Bless and Stay Safe

Mick Bust
Bolsover Parish Church



Archdeacon's Visitation

This year the Archdeacon's Visitation for the Hardwick Deanery will be on Thursday 29th July at 7pm. The Visitation will be held via zoom.

Return of Parish Finance

Last year was a challenging year financially for our churches. To be able to understand the current financial position we are in it is important that each church completes their financial return. Information has previously been sent to treasurers on 29th January by the finance officer. This included a finance form to complete, that will in turn help you complete your online return. If you need any help to complete your return including entering the data into the online database please let Ailsa know.

**Please note. The parish finance return MUST be completed online.
There is no facility for paper returns.**

Clearing the Way



*Janice Tilley, Joan Taylor, Julie Potter, Mick Bust and Revd Rachel Gouldthorpe work to clear the path at St Mary & St Laurence.
Photograph by Mo Coupe.*

In preparation for Palm Sunday the team at St Mary & St Laurence Bolsover got their dustpans and brushes out to clear the path to the front of the church and to generally make the churchyard look its best. Fortunately, it was a nice bright sunny day, and we kept warm with our hard work. Revd Rachel made us laugh with her impression – of someone who was stood leaning on a broom talking to passers-by. All good mission and outreach though. It was hard work and the bin was full to bursting by the time we had finished but it was worth it, the churchyard looked neat and tidy and we could see the daffodils. The service on Palm Sunday was well attended so our hard work was worth it even though it could only be seen through the rain.

Revd Imogen was named after the heroine in Cymbeline.



Easter Wordsearch

Can you find the Spring and easter related words and phrases?
Words can go in any direction – up, down, across, diagonal, backwards and forwards!

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April Fool's Day
Blossom
Catkins
Easter Bonnet
Eastertide
Good Friday
Lambs
Maundy Thursday
Palm Sunday
Sowing seeds

April Showers
Bluebells
Chicks
Easter Day
Fledglings
Green shoots
Lent
Mayday
Primroses
Spring cleaning

Awakening
British Summer Time
Daffodils
Easter Parade
Frogspawn
Holy Week
March Hare
Maypole
Renewal
Vernal Equinox

