



Rural Link Network Group



17 January 2023

Dear friends,

After the successful publication and circulation of the **Faith in the Countryside** leaflet in 2022 we would like to try to produce another for 2023. Your contributions last year were appreciated, and, thanks to Lucy Harrison in the Communications-Team, we supplied churches and tourist offices with an attractive and informative leaflet advertising rural events. It was also placed on the diocesan and Church websites and promoted the mission and outreach of our villages and rural parishes.

We are asking for details of your 2023 events - for example, flower festivals, well-dressings, concerts, church cafes or picnics, teas on the green, open-air services, activity fun days, agricultural shows or any other events you might be hosting to which visitors would be welcome.

The leaflet **'Faith in the Countryside'** will be available as a PDF online, as well as a printed version which can be displayed in your churches, local TICs, and other public places in your communities.

I have attached a form for you to send details of any events this year that you would like us to mention. We have suggested some things you might include, but we are happy to put in any special event, activity or service to which visitors are welcome (space permitting). We have asked for events from **April (Easter) to October (Harvest) 2023** but let us know if you do have anything later in the autumn, and we will include them if we can.

There will be a section of the leaflet to highlight events or services that you are holding to commemorate special anniversaries. These can be national or international, or locally important dates that you will be celebrating. This year the **Kings Coronation in May** might attract special events and services. It would also be good to know about any open day events you are planning for the **Heritage Open Days** (8 – 17 September 2023).

Forms should be returned to Ellie Ballard (see form for details) by **Friday, 17 February 2023**. Important to note is that forms received after this day may not be processed and therefore may not be included in the final publication.

We would also like to add visuals and would be grateful if you could let us have any photos of your church or events such as flower festivals, concerts or special services that might enhance the leaflet this year or in future years. If any individuals are identifiable, please check that they are happy for photos to be used for this purpose.



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We are happy to include information from local Churches Together Groups, or churches of other denominations who would like to be mentioned, so feel free to pass this letter and form on.

If you have any comments or queries, do please get in touch.

With best wishes,



Carol Coslett

Archdeacon of Derbyshire Peak and Dales and Rural Network Group comprising:

Revd Rhoda Blackwell (NE)

Revd Canon Tony Kaunhoven, (Peak)

Revd Kate Plant, (SE)

Revd Peter Bold (Hardwick)

Revd Bruce Johnson (Mercia)

Mrs Stacey Bush (Dove and Derwent)

Revd Peter Barhan (Derby City)

Revd Alan Griggs, (Agricultural chaplain/ Carsington)

Deacon Lorraine Brown (Peak Park Rural officer)

(CC: Clergy, Church wardens, Area Deans, Lay Chairs. Deanery Administrators)



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