

Coming events

September

14th - Start the Day will recommence on 12th October

14th/15th - Heritage Weekend

16th - Town Hall Fundraiser. 9am-2p
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The coordination and oversight of The Gathering by John and Judith Hargreaves has been greatly valued and appreciated. Through their prayer and discernment John and Judith feel that the time is right for them to step away from this ministry and rather than trying to find new coordinators or plugging a gap, the Ministry Team of All Saints in their responsibility of discerning God's direction for the mission and outreach of the Parish Church and working through a Strategy for Growth, have decided to cease the monthly meetings of The Gathering from August 2019. This will enable space to reflect through prayer and discussion as to what God is asking us to do with regard to the future of The Gathering and what format and leadership is required in order to grow His Kingdom. We thank John and Judith for their important ministry and contribution to The Gathering.

FUSION

Every third Sunday of the month

A service combining
Fusion with Eucharist
A new worship experience

11.00am

Next service 15th September

Copy for October by 22nd September please



All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

SEPTEMBER 2019



All Saints Church

Heritage Open Days

Church
Open

Tower

Saturday 14th September

10.00am-12.00 noon 2.30-4.30pm

Sunday 15th September 2.30-4.30pm

Come and see the mechanism of our 1813 clock
and how the eight 1895 bells are used.

Heritage Vestment Exhibition

Saturday 14th September

10.00-12.00 noon 2.00-5.00

July PCC

July's PCC meeting covered many aspects of our mission and ministry. Canon Tony shared the presentation that he had given at the last Deanery Synod meeting to explain 'Setting God's People Free', a report published in 2017, which urges us to find ways of building up our confidence to tell our stories and talk about our faith. It encourages us to think about how our Sunday experience informs what we do during the rest of the week and how what we do from Monday to Saturday is brought into our Sunday worship. The PCC will also be looking at the agenda for future meetings to ensure that prominence is always given to prayer and mission.

The decision was made to hold a PCC Away Day in October to enable members to be involved in discussing our vision for the re-ordering of the church building and the removal of the north aisle pews and those at the back of the nave before opening that discussion to the congregation. By removing these pews we would then have space for exhibiting and interpreting the Anglo-Saxon Stones, and consideration may be given to improving the access through the south door and also to relocating the font. Costings have been obtained from Smith and Roper for a survey and drawings.

There was good news about the organ, following a two-day visit from Richard Wood and 2 Polish colleagues, the organ is, for the moment, back in use. Although the repairs needed are extensive, they may not be quite as expensive as we feared. Accurate costing of the work is awaited but it will be a year before the organ builders can make a start. In the meantime, fundraising will begin when we have the updated figures. Watch this space!

The meeting also discussed various matters to do with our church building. The First World War Memorial in the St George's chapel has been very well received so permission is now being sought for this to be made permanent fixture. Discussions are also continuing about how best to display the Royal British Legion Standards.

Following conversations with churches who already use Wi-fi the PCC decided to drop the proposals for the installation of Wi-fi in church as it was felt that 4G and 5G phone technology will be able to meet most of our needs. Two more minor matters - the repainting of the church steps and the repositioning the outside tap, both are in hand. The PCC also looked at the cost to organisations for the hire of the church for concerts etc. and will be finding out how much similar churches charge.

A Word from St Anne's



It is coming up to Harvest Festival time. This is a time tinged with sadness, as we finally say "goodbye Summer" and "hello Autumn." But it is also a joyful time, in that it celebrates the abundance and beauty of the earth, God's creation, in food and flowers.

This used to be a much more significant and popular church festival than it seems to be nowadays, especially in a village like Over Haddon which, only fifty years ago, was still a mainly agricultural community with a large proportion of its population relying directly upon the land and what it produced to sustain us. We now, of course, live in a global society, with food available instantly, upon demand, from all around the world. The idea of a "harvest festival" has become a quaint custom from an earlier era which seems to have little relevance to 21st century Britain.

And yet....we still rely upon the seasonal produce which harvest represents, whether it is from the land around us or from lands throughout the world, for our continued nurture, enjoyment and survival. Furthermore, we may well be at the cusp of momentous change in this respect as we face leaving the European Union without a trade deal, jeopardising our easy access to all the European fruits and vegetables, and other produce, which we have been used to, as well as threatening the livelihoods of our own sheep and cattle farmers.

This, however, may just be one rather nasty shock amongst the wider problems of climate and ecological crisis which will force us to radically review the way we produce food, and indeed, what food we actually eat. Perhaps we should start to look at harvest festivals in a newer, more reverential way?

Roger Truscott

News and Events

Our Branch had a summer break in August, but together with the members of the Peak Deanery, on 9th August we celebrated, 'Mary Sumner Day', when Mothers' Union Worldwide remembers our founder.

A 'Quiet Morning' at Christ Church King Sterndale, led by Christine McMullen, (Peak Deanery Vice President), was followed by a 'Bring & Share' lunch and then a Deanery Festival Eucharist in the afternoon. It was a lovely day in a beautiful setting with time for quiet and time for rejoicing the courage and vision of Mary Sumner. In 1876 she welcomed young mothers into her home to give them support and an understanding of a Christian responsibly to motherhood. It was after those small beginnings that Mary Sumner was invited in 1885 to speak at a National Church Congress, that led the Mothers Union to rapidly spread across Britain, the Commonwealth and eventually worldwide.

Mary Sumner died in 1921 and was buried in the graveyard of Winchester Cathedral. Local members annually place flowers on her grave on the 9th August while Mothers' Union lives on, with 4 million members in 83 countries, continuing to support marriage and family life through diverse community and development projects.

Mary Sumner's Prayer

All this day, O Lord, let me touch as many lives as possible for Thee; and every life I touch, do Thou by Thy Spirit quicken whether through the word I speak, the prayer I breathe or the life I live. Amen

Next Branch Meeting: everyone welcome

Tuesday 3rd Sept Speaker: Phyllis Walker Church Vestry 2.30
'Windows in the Life of Phyllis Walker'

Tues 17th Sept Tots & Teds (& 'Mumspace' Cafe 12.30pm) Newark 1.45pm
Thurs 19th Sept Corporate Communion All Saints 9.30pm

Date for your diary:

Monday 28th Oct: 10-12noon Fund-raising Stall at the Methodist Church for the MU Harvest Appeal. We will be very happy to receive good bric-a-brac and homemade cakes and preserves .

Carol Wicksteed

We have been concerned about the problems facing families during the school holidays when children no longer benefit from school lunches. Jeff Marsh prepared a note to be delivered home by all primary school children giving information about our local Food Bank and asking that everybody be vigilant regarding families who might be struggling over the summer holiday. He plans to display this information in All Saints and the Methodist Church. Sally- Anne pointed out that the implementation of Universal Credit had a devastating effect in Chesterfield and to be alert when it is rolled out here.

During the course of a very busy meeting the PCC also agreed that the appointment of a Communications Officer would be useful, approved plans for the heritage open days, and for our fundraising event in the Town Hall on September 9th

Brenda Jackson



CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL

It might seem early, but Christmas will be upon us before we know it. There is going to be another Festival of Christmas Trees at All Saints, from 12 to 22 December 2019, our 11th!

As usual, a considerable amount of help will be needed and much welcomed - taking delivery of the trees, placing them in church and removing them afterwards; delivering invitations and flyers; positioning roadside boards and banners; assisting and making tea for those decorating their tree, help in the Open Door cafe and welcoming visitors,

Over the years we have developed a reputation for our warm welcome to both exhibitors and visitors alike and we feel sure that, this year, we can make it an even warmer welcome!

Please put these dates in your diary and, before it gets too full, consider what you may be able to do to help and sign up to the combined rota that will shortly be placed at the back of church.

As ever - **THANK YOU!**

Canon Tony Writes

The payback for the very high late July temperatures was a thunderstorm in Bakewell on a Biblical epic scale that made it sound as if the Vicarage roof was falling in! I was half wondering if I needed to get the hammer, nails and wood from the garage. We enjoyed the hot weather to a degree, but days of extreme heat does have an effect on us after a while and of course can be potentially harmful for some. Despite some sceptics, it is very difficult to ignore both the link with and the consequences of global warming creating extreme weather systems across the World. Whilst the Government's commitment to zero carbon emissions by 2050 is commendable, in reality not only will it be a challenge to meet, but without a real commitment from nations across the world to drastically reduce their dependence on fossil fuels and to cease the reducing of rainforests to create farm land, our efforts in the UK are a drop in the ocean.

People may ask what possible difference can I make to the massive threat many people will face in the future facing the rise in temperatures, shortages of water and extinction of species. Every journey begins with a step and we are making that when we reduce, recycle and reuse; when we ask ourselves what is the consequence on others through my choices and subsequent actions and when we pray to God about the situations, fears and challenges we face concerning the environment and for those who can influence changes in behaviour at all levels.

I have been reflecting on the 50th Anniversary of the first human foot on the Moon and thinking back to the real sense of World pride at the achievements in July 1969 of visiting another world and the hope that this would bring for International cooperation, peace and opportunity, not just for further exploration of the Solar system, but to work together to eradicate the injustices and conditions condemning people to lives of poverty, treatable diseases etc.

Fifty years on we can see how the Moon Landing stimulated the growth of technological advances which people enjoy and use today, but little has changed it feels in terms of giving greater opportunity to people, without damaging the environment and endangering the future of people's communities and animal habitats on earth.

There is a great desire for future exploration of the Moon and other planets and even putting colonies in space, but before we export our ability to both enhance, yet potentially damage other worlds, I want to see money, energy, intellect and will being put into reversing the damage we are doing to our own planet and working for a just, fair and tolerant world. We are being warned that if we are to reverse and prevent further damage, we only have a small window of time in which to do this and if we look at the response of the large Industrial Nations, there appears to be little appetite to do anything that changes the status quo or damages their economies.

We owe it to our children, our grand and greatgrandchildren to take seriously the challenges and necessary actions we face for past and present behaviours and my prayer is that we can find ways of putting the necessary pressure on those who are in positions of power and influence to respond to our concerns and that they may take the courageous, yet essential steps before it is too late, in order to prevent larger swathes of our world becoming a desert or disappearing under the oceans with all that this means.

Canon Tony



Pat and Bill would like to thank all their friends most profoundly for their prayers, cards, flowers, hugs and especially for their love following the death of their daughter Karen after a severe and protracted illness. She fought to the very end.