

Events and Services in August

- 3rd - The Eucharist 9.30am
6th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 6pm
9th - Talk with lunch 12 noon (see below)
10th - The Eucharist 9.30am
13th - Morning Praise 10.30am
17th - the Eucharist 9.30am
20th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 6pm
24th - The Eucharist 9.30am
27th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
31st - The Eucharist 9.30a

Every Friday morning there is a small informal prayer gathering in the chancel between 9-9.30am to which everyone is welcome.

The next talk in the series of Wednesday talks with lunch will be by Ruth Sheldon Moore, whose topic will be *St Wilfrid's Centre: Our Present, Our Future, Our Thanks*". Cost - £10, inclusive of a soup and sandwich lunch, in aid of the organ restoration appeal. For catering purposes, please sign up to the form at the back of church if you intend to come"

Evensong

Please would one or two people agree to read at Evensong? It is a gentle, peaceful service at the end of Sunday and happens only twice a month.

Speak to Tony, Brenda, Pat or a Churchwarden. Thank you.

Copy for September by 20th August please.

Editor: Pat Bryant. 01629 815225 or pmbryant83@gmail.com



All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

AUGUST 2023



A Word from St Anne's

Towards the end of July we held our Patronal Festival - the St Anne's Day service. It was a lovely occasion but not like it used to be, or at least as I recall it when we first moved to Over Haddon in the late 1960's.

Then, clergy and the choir from the parish church processed through the village, dressed in their robes, from the village hall to the church (and back again for tea and cakes) for a choral evensong with a guest preacher and a full church. This year we had a congregation-led service at 10am, with hymns and the organ, flower-laden window sills and a 16-strong congregation who chatted happily over tea coffee and cakes afterwards. Yes it was very nice but not as it used to be.....

I suppose this is symptomatic of the challenge facing the Church today, and particularly, in this case, our little village church. It is a fact that far fewer people now have the habit or inclination to attend church services, there are fewer clergy to officiate at them, fewer to play the organ, fewer in choirs, children have largely vanished (following the demise of Sunday Schools?) and we find ourselves forced to address the challenge to the future of the Church. In the case of St Anne's - as with many a small village church - we must face the question as to whether we will have a church in which to celebrate our 150th anniversary, - in just seven years time?

Of course we have already begun to address the issue. About seven years ago the church congregation, supported by the PCC, decide that we must adapt to change, be open to new ideas, be more flexible about the use of the building, and run the church in a more sustainable way. We have, indeed, drawn up plans to implement these ideas and hope that we have the impetus (and will find the resources) to carry it out.....

We invite anyone who would like to see St Anne's celebrate its 150th Patronal Festival to give us their support!

Roger Truscott

* * *

The Church Walk Group

Our church walk group goes out on the first Thursday of each month for maybe 6-8 miles in the beautiful Derbyshire Dales. Our July walk took us by bus to Taddington, over to Brushfield and down to the fabulous Headstone Viaduct where we had our packed lunches; then on through the tunnel and back via Ashford to Bakewell.

If you would like to join us, or want further information, give us a ring on 812457.

Rick & Kath Naylor



Well dressing

Our church well dressing raised £400 for Ukraine-twice as much as we have ever raised before.

And a photo of it was entered into a photographic competition in Surrey and won first prize!

* * *

"The vicar was walking down the lane and met the old farmer, Albert, leaning on the gate, looking at his field of cows.

"Morning, Vicar! What do you think of my flock of cows?" said Albert.

"Er, HERD of cows??" answered the vicar.

"Of course I have, I've got a whole flock of 'em!"

O M Witherby

* * *

Huge thanks to Dot for working so hard to make such a success of the King's Men concert at such short notice.

It was a very special evening enjoyed by everybody, many of whom came because they had been last year.

It raised over £1,900 for the organ fund

* * *

Organ Fund

Over the last few months significant money has been raised with lunchtime talks (£800) and coffee concerts (£550) also bank interest which was negligible last year is £200 a month now.

The King's men concert will have raised over £1,900, final figures are not available yet as somethings are still outstanding.

The organ pipe is still in the Newark please try to put a small donation in it if possible.

The Book stall and 100 club, continue to provide a regular income.

Climate and our food

Inflation is still high this month and much of it is being driven by the highest food prices for 45 years. Along with record energy prices, that is making life very difficult for many of us.

In recent months we have seen supermarket shelves run out of tomatoes, cucumbers and peppers as energy prices hit foreign producers of the fruit and vegetables we have come to expect all year round. Was that just a blip or is there worse to come?

In March the IPCC issued its latest report on the Climate Crisis and it makes frightening reading. The secretary general of the UN, António Guterres put it very clearly: 'Humanity is on thin ice and the ice is melting fast.'

We can remember the summer heat and drought last year. We have probably forgotten how it affected harvests in the US and India, but we know that things will only get worse. They will improve after we finally reach carbon zero and then start sucking massive quantities of greenhouse gases out of the atmosphere in the second half of this century. Until then, it is only reasonable to expect regular droughts and harvest failures to affect the price and availability of food on our shelves.

If we ever thought that we couldn't afford to take action on the climate crisis, we are soon going to learn how much more expensive it is going to be not to have taken adequate action decades ago.

Meanwhile we can help ourselves by buying local food in season. There are far more winter vegetables than turnips! If you don't know what is in season, check on-line or ask at your local greengrocers. **If your green beans have flown in from Chile, you will have just made the situation a tiny bit worse.**

Edward Gildea, St. Mary's Church, Saffron Walden

Mister God, this is Anna by Fynn

Foreword by former Archbishop Dr Rowan Williams

'Mister God, this is Anna', the introduction to her many exchanges with God by Anna, a waif barely five and abandoned and neglected in London's East End in the 1930's. She was found by Fynn on a dark, foggy night in November sitting on a warm air grating 'to warm her bum'. He, a teenager aged about sixteen, took her home to his mother. The rest is the most extraordinary of Anna's short life with Fynn.

Dr Williams says, 'The explosive individuality of Anna is not sentimentally touching but sometimes almost frightening. What is it like to confront a child characterised above all by an undeniable spiritual and intellectual *authority*? . . . Anna is memorably sceptical about what happens in church - but in a way that the reader of the gospels will recognise.'

And her publisher says '... there was by no means what a publisher calls a manuscript. There were a few pages hesitantly and anonymously offered by a friend of the author who wished to remain humbly and unobtrusively in the background. . . . Fynn and Anna allow us to glimpse the Inaccessible. They would never have won a Nobel prize for literature. They do, however, make me congratulate myself on having joined the human race.'

This book has had a profound effect on me. It was a borrowed version that I read and I had to have my own copy. Anyone is welcome to borrow mine and then perhaps get their own.

'Anna says, 'the difference from a person and an angel is easy. Most of an angel is in the inside and most of a person is on the outside.' I think I've got a bit of Anna stuck in me now. Pat Bryant

Bird's Eye View for August 2023 (A report from the July PCC.)

In July the PCC discussed how we could move the **Mission Action Plan** forward. There were two strands that we felt could be built on. One was our **outreach**, particularly to older, lonely people. Already the clergy have a good relationship with the Cottage Nursing Home and The Old Vicarage, so it would be good if one or two people could support that and perhaps visit residents who are known not to have regular visits from family or friends. And other residents of Bake-well, who don't get out to lunch clubs, might appreciate the occasional visit. If you think this is something you would like to do, please get in touch with Dot Bushen.

The **Keeping in Touch** group has been appreciated by women in the congregation, and is growing. (Do men want to have their own social group?)

The other strand was our start on acting more to **safeguard creation** in our church and surrounds. We have the long tradition of buying fair trade goods when possible. We seek to buy our energy supplies from companies that get at least some of their energy from "green" sources. Alison made the appeal for more members of the PCC to write a bit about what they see as important steps to mitigate the effects of climate change. And it would be great to have small contributions to Parish Pump from other members of the congregation. (The editor will give you many Brownie points)

Church security. New keys have been cut. There will be a new safe put in the sacristy. New keys have been cut. There will be a new safe put in the sacristy. There is ongoing discussion about how the historic silver chalice etc. will be stored.

Health and Safety. The leaning gravestones are deemed to be safe. Loose carpet in the vestry will be anchored down.

The **safeguarding training** for members of the PCC is up to date. We are appealing for a new DBS (**Disclosure and Barring Service**) **officer**. Any volunteer needs to declare that they have no criminal records, so that you can sleep easy in your beds. Someone with a computer has a note of who needs to renew their check, which is once every three years. So if you have a reasonably ordered mind and can tell a person that they will need to renew, then this is for you.

We had feedback on the **Carnival**. It was great that the Churches Together had a float entitled "It's a Wonderful World". Our very own vicar and his son made a cheerful effort in the raft race. The church well-dressing was one of the best ever, and raised £400 for Ukraine. The **King's Men concert** was enjoyed by all who came and raised £1,900 for the organ fund.

We at last have positive news about the repair to the **organ**. There was a useful site meeting with the church and the organ builders. A contract has been signed and the firm will start in February 2024 and finish by September that year - **Halleluia!**

Angela Bird

* * *

100 Club Results, drawn 4th June

Monthly Draw

1 st Prize	£50.00	10
2 nd Prize	£25.00	31
3 rd Prizes	£12 50	14 & 46

The Draw normally takes place on the
1st Sunday of the month.