

December Services and Events

- 3rd - Advent Carol Concert. 6pm
7th - Christmas Tree Festival Opening Service 7pm
9th - Bel Canto Coffee Concert 11.15am
10th - Taize Service 6pm
11th - Christingle Service 6pm
12th - LMS Carol Service 7pm
14th - Trees Festival late night opening until 7pm
17th - Community Carol Service,; closing of Trees Festival. 6pm
Over Haddon Carol Service at St. Anne's 6pm
24th - Benefice Eucharist at All Saints **10am**
Crib Service 4pm
Midnight Mass 11.30pm
25th All Age Christmas Day Eucharist 10.30am
St. Anne's Morning Prayer 10am
26th - Said Eucharist for St. Stephen's Day 9am
31st - Benefice Eucharist at St Katherine's, Rowsley **10am**

A blessed and peaceful Christmas

To the whole world



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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

DECEMBER 2023



Dear Friends,

We celebrate the incarnation (Jesus taking our human flesh) this year against the backdrop of suffering and trauma for the people of Gaza, Israel, Ukraine, Sudan, Yemen and Syria as a result of war and conflict with the consequences for the lives of individuals, families and communities. Once again we will sing about the Prince of Peace entering our world to bring healing, reconciliation and peace in our Carols and once again we will listen to the Christmas readings that look forward to a world freed from oppression, tyranny, violence and division. But as we listen and sing, we might feel that the joy, hope, promise and certainty of Christmas has been lost on those who wage war and do not appear to care about the numbers of people killed, wounded, maimed and traumatised.

However difficult it is to imagine how, when and where wars will cease and the Prince of Peace will bring in God's Kingdom of justice and peace, this is our hope and something we are all called to work for.

Every blessing, Tony

Concerts at All Saints

We are receiving a number of requests for concerts to be held in All Saints'. Knowledge of the brilliance of the acoustics is obviously spreading! This is good for the church and brings in income of varying degrees. Some concerts involve little work, some involve quite a lot but they all involve some.

It is hoped that the Friends of Bakewell Parish Church will soon be up and running again and that it will grow in size, stature and influence. Until that happens, however, we need a group of willing volunteers to organise and man the concerts.

If you would like to be a part of such a team, please get in touch with Dot - 01629 814496/ 07752 674719



Handel's Messiah

One of the highlights of the festive season for many people is going to a performance of Handel's Messiah, which is the story of the life of Christ told through a series of wonderful songs and choral pieces culminating in the magnificent Hallelujah Chorus.

Manchester based charity, **Manchester Baroque** and their professional orchestra will be performing it with the Manchester Cathedral choir at Manchester Cathedral on Saturday, 9th December at 7pm.

Tickets start at £10, plus booking fees. See <https://rb.gy.b9dlte> for details

Art Group

The art group will be taking a rest during the Christmas Tree Festival. Our last session will be on Tuesday 5th December and we will restart Tuesday 9th January. 10am-12 noon

Do come along and join us in the New Year. Meanwhile, think of summer!

Santorini by John - watercolour



100 Club Results,

Drawn 1st October

[Monthly draw](#)

1 st Prize	£46.00	36
2 nd Prize	£23.00	44
3 rd Prizes	£11 50	6 & 26

Drawn 5th November

Monthly draw

1 st Prize	£46.00	7
2 nd Prize	£23.00	37
3 rd Prizes	£11 50	18 & 60

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

Anyone wishing to join will be most welcome please email j.glencross@btinternet.com or ring 01629 640134.

£1 per week per number, payment in whatever way suits you. Prizes paid on the day of the draw by bank transfer.

Thus it is that the awful events we are witnessing in the Holy Land in 2023 display a tragic similarity to those of the first century AD and it is surely something we should meditate upon this Advent season as we prepare for the sublime Festival of Christmas.

Roger Truscott

A Word from St. Anne's

The latest thing to happen at St Anne's church in Over Haddon is that we have been very generously donated an organ - a very versatile and handsome Lowrey - by Lynne Mycock, a resident of the village, which will undoubtedly enhance all musical events at our church. We are especially looking forward to its being played at the Carol Service at 6pm on Sunday the 17th of December.

So as we prepare for the Carol Service, and for the four weeks of Advent leading up to it, our thoughts turn to the momentous events that took place in the Holy Land over 2,000 years ago, but which inevitably makes us think too of the dreadful things that are happening in that same region at the present time.

Two thousand and twenty three years ago the small Jewish colony of the Roman Empire, occupying part of the hilly area of the Levant coastal strip next to the Eastern Mediterranean was simmering with resentment because of its subjugation under Roman rule and the imposition of a puppet king (Herod). Many Jews were secretly preparing for an armed uprising to free themselves and were hoping for the emergence of a "Messiah" to lead them. Meanwhile the Roman administration was organising a census of the population of their dominions which required the heads of households to journey to their ancestral locality to be enumerated. Thus, as we know, Joseph and Mary journeyed to Bethlehem where Mary gave birth to Jesus - a Messiah, not the kind which the Jewish resistance hoped for, but one of infinitely greater significance and hope for Mankind.

Some Jews - and many more Gentiles - accepted Jesus, the new Messiah, and Christianity spread to become the dominant religion of the West. However, hard-core nationalist Jews did rise up - several times - against the Roman yoke, but were defeated and eventually expelled, resulting in a great diaspora of Jewish people all over the Near East, North Africa and Europe. Their ancestral land of Israel remained under Roman rule, to be followed by Byzantine, Arab and Turkish rule, until 100 years ago when it became part of a British mandated territory called Palestine.

Subsequently some Jews, inspired by a "Zionist" movement, predominantly amongst descendants of the diaspora in Europe and North America, migrated to Palestine and settled in what they thought of as their ancestral homeland. Their relationship with the existed inhabitants - predominantly Arab and Muslim - was generally peaceful, although sometimes uneasy, and it was only after the second world war, when a flood of Jewish migrants - largely survivors of the Holocaust in Europe - arrived that serious conflict arose. The state of Israel as we know it was formed out of violent conflict, which resulted the expulsion of many of the Arab inhabitants of Palestine and the continued subjugation of many more within the territories of the West Bank and Gaza.

Morning Praise

For our Advent service we are focussing on preparation rather than tinsel..

To that end we shall invite you to prepare the crib for the Christchild as we did last year with Cloth for the Cradle - strips of cloth provided - and Judith is going to give the talk which should prove very interesting. She says:-

In the congregation-led service on December 10th, I am going to be talking about folk carols, especially those from Derbyshire; how and when they were collected; where the tunes came from and the ones we still hear today. Bring your singing voice with you!

Judith Taylor



Organ Restoration Fund

We have received £3,250 from Benefact Trust and wait replies from the other Grant applications, they have not been rejected outright so we are hoping to receive some funding from them.



The Lunchtime talks this year have raised £1,685 with expenses of just £87. for 7 lunches of anything between 15 & 40 people, very many thanks to the catering team, to the speakers and to all who have helped in any way to raise £1,600.

The last coffee concerts of the year is Bel Canto on 9th December

The Cantiamo concert was well supported raising almost £500.

Fiori Musicali, with His Majesty's Sagbutts & Cornets concert last Saturday is expected have raised £600-£650 when figures are finalised.

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

The repair to the organ will start in February and the first instalment of scheduled payment is due before Christmas. The total cost of the complete job: repair, electrical work, scaffolding, consultancy fees and worker's lodgings is expected to be £171,000, currently we are still **£35,000 short.**

'Keeping in Touch'

It's two years since Bakewell's Mothers' Union Branch closed, but members have continued to keep in touch as a fellowship and friendship group, to help support the 'Worldwide Mothers' Union'. Some have become 'Diocesan Members', which means they receive an annual Prayer Diary and details of MU fundraising activities, to which we all give support. We are an active group, Keeping in Touch by meeting in each others homes or in the Newark, as we did in October, hosted by Eileen Gibbs and Gladys Weldon. With delicious coffee and cake and plenty of chat, we were pleased to welcome a resident from the Old Vicarage and her carer who had attended the 9.30 Communion Service, and Diocesan Committee member Wendy Fitch and her husband Alan who travelled from Derby to join us. Our next 'Keeping in Touch' will be kindly hosted by Hilary Bartlett in her home on Tuesday morning, 12th December.

Please contact Hilary if you are able to come along. Tel 01246 583587 or email nigelbartlett001@hotmail.co.uk
Carol Wicksteed



Christmas Cheer

As it was coming up to Christmas a young boy is praying upstairs while his mother sits by him, and his dad and grandma are downstairs.

He prays "Lord I pray for a train set, a remote-control car, and A NEW BICYCLE!!!

"You don't have to shout dear", says the mother. "God's not deaf."

"I know" said the little boy, "but grandma is."

O M Witherby

Christmas Tree Festival

The rotas for stewarding and for the Open Door café are now at the back of church. Both are on a "shift" system :- Open Door from 10am to 12.30pm and 12.30-3.30pm and stewarding from 9.30-11.30am, 11.30-1.30pm and 1.30-3.30pm. Please sign up if you are able to help.

We also need helpers to unload and place the trees in church on Monday, 4 December. The trees usually arrive at about 12 noon, but we ask the suppliers to let us know when they leave the depot so we are not hanging around for too long! If you can help with this, please let Dot know.

Also, please have a word with Dot if you can provide cakes, biscuits or mince pies. We have acquired a - very well deserved! - reputation for the quality of our baking. Visitors have come to expect it!

In advance - thank you.



Invitation



Epiphany 7th January

Please do drop in to Church House after the service and raise a glass to the New Year, hopefully a year a little less anguished than the one we are currently in.

Everybody is welcome but it would be helpful if you could let me know if you are coming. I wouldn't want the nibbles to run short!

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