

February services and events

4th - Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 6pm

8th - The Eucharist 9.30am

11th - Morning Praise 10.30am

13th - Shrove Tuesday bring and share supper. 7pm

14th - **Ash Wednesday Eucharist 12.15pm**

15th - The Eucharist 9.30am

18th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 6pm

22nd - The Eucharist 9.30am

25th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am

29th - the Eucharist 9.30am

Informal Friday prayer group

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'Threads through Creation'

Sheffield Cathedral in February

'Threads through Creation' is a spectacular sequence of twelve huge textile panels. It's an exuberant retelling of the creation story in the book of *Genesis*, a retelling which many visitors will find both moving and breathtaking. Viewers are treated to a wonderful variety of colours, shapes, patterns—and of course lots of animals.

See:- <https://www.jacqui-textile.com/creation/>

Carol Wicksteed

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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

FEBRUARY 2024



World Day of Prayer

A women-led, global, ecumenical movement

This year the Christian Women of Palestine are calling us to connect with the land where Jesus was born, ministered and died - and from where our faith began and is rooted. Despite living in an area of the world where there is ongoing conflict and the future is uncertain, the Christian women of Palestine are reminding us that they are there, and they want to give hope to everyone.

The theme of the service this year "Bear with one another in love" seems very appropriate for these women who will not give up witnessing to the love of Jesus Christ.

Our local service will be at **2.00pm on Friday 1st March at the Methodist church in Bakewell.** We are delighted that Rev Alison Cox, one time curate at All Saints Parish Church, has agreed to talk to us during the service about her recent experience in Palestine. She and her husband had just arrived for them to do six months voluntary work for the church in Ramallah in the West Bank, when the Hamas atrocities occurred. So she will be able to give a first-hand account of what life is like there now, to inform our prayers. See you there!



Angela Bird

A Word from St Anne's

February is a dreary month – Winter well advanced and no sign of Spring! Yet it is important in the Church calendar.

The 2nd of February is the Feast of Candlemas, commemorating the Presentation of Jesus in the Temple in Jerusalem where, as a young teenage boy, he amazed the elders with his wisdom, and on the 14th (Ash Wednesday) we begin the +Season of Lent, commemorating Jesus' 40 days in the Judaeian wilderness in preparation for his Ministry.

These two events remind us how important certain locations in the Holy Land are to the Christian story, let alone the Jewish story, the difference being that, in Judaism, the actual places – Judaea as a core part of the “promised land” which “God gave to Abraham and his descendants for ever” and the city of Jerusalem – and especially the Temple – which was at the heart of the practice of the Jewish faith, were essential elements of the religion. For Christians, however significant certain places may be, the whole world is indivisibly God's creation.

This is especially poignant at the moment because the Holy Land – Palestine, Israel, whatever we call it – is rent with bitterness; bombing, killing, kidnapping, starvation, through implacable disagreements over the possession of land in that region. It is hard to see how a just and lasting solution can ever be found. Yet we must all – Christians, Jews, Moslems, and those of no particular faith – strive to find such a solution, for all of our, and our children's sakes.

Coming back to February; on second thoughts, it is not quite so dreary – the days are visibly getting longer, the first baby lambs are appearing in the fields, the first Spring flowers are out and Winter will soon be over! It should remind us that, however bad the days may be now, there will be better days ahead!

Roger Truscott



Shrove Tuesday Bring and Share Supper

13th February 2024 at 7.00pm in the Newark

Any questions please to Rachel or Mary

Telephone : 01629 810323 or r.ropes@yahoo.co.uk

Please sign up at the back of the church and bring your own wine

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Christmas Tree Festival

A final “thank you” to everyone who helped with the removal of trees and the big clear up of pine needles. Despite everyone's hard work, we shall continue finding them for months!

The 2023 Christmas Tree Festival raised £3,700 for the Fabric Fund.

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Organ Restoration Fund

We have received an offer of Grant Aid of **£15,000** from Garfield Weston foundation, we should have the money in the bank by the end of the month. No reply yet from the Pilling Trust but we are still hoping to receive some funding from them.

During 2023 we received: Donations of £1,575.

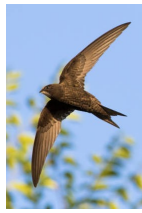
Fundraising of £8,330 and Bank Interest of £2,904.

Currently the shortfall is £27,925 (£12,925 when the £15,000) is taken into account.

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

The repair to the organ will start in February when the next instalment of scheduled payment will be due.

Restore Our Swifts



Many of you will know that Bakewell Bird Study Group (BBSG) put some nest boxes in our bell-fry some years ago to attract swifts. They have

not lived up to their name in taking up residence. This year Lester Hartmann, who makes and sells nest boxes has been to have a look, courtesy of Pauline and John Boyle, and has tweaked the boxes a bit, so we have high hopes that this will be the year they can't resist their new des res.

Andy Broadhurst is heading up a county-wide initiative, Derbyshire Swift Conservation, which encourages more people to put up their own boxes and asks builders to put in specially-designed bricks in new buildings. He is speaking at an open meeting in the **Medway Centre on Tuesday 27 February at 7.30pm.**

He has already spoken in Rowsley and there were certainly a lot of swifts to be seen there last Summer. At the meeting you will be able to learn more about these amazing birds, who are the sound of Summer for many. There will also be nest boxes on display and BBSG will offer free installation for the first 40 boxes purchased.

So do come along to the **Medway on Tuesday 27 February at 7.30pm**

100 Club Results, Drawn 7th January Monthly draw

1 st Prize	£46.00	31
2 nd Prize	£23.00	44
3 rd Prizes	£11 50	29 & 25

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

Parish Church Walk Group

Our walk at the beginning of January was one of the best! 15 of us turned out on a beautiful sunny day - that's more people than we've ever had before!

We got the Transpeak bus up to Taddington and walked back along lanes and tracks to minimise the amount of mud there may be.

A visit to Magpie Mine was fascinating, especially as some people had never been there before. Then we had a jolly good lunch at the Cock and Pullet in Sheldon before walking back to Bakewell, with far-reaching views,

The next walk will be on Thursday 1st February....weather permitting!

Rick & Kath Naylor



God is talking to one of his angels. He says, "Do you know what I have just done? I have just created 24 hours of alternating light and darkness on Earth. Isn't that good?"

The angel says, "Yes, but what will you do next?"

God says, "I think I'll call it a day"

O M Witherby

A Cautionary Tale:

Our last house was an old farmhouse with extra cottages, 3 ancient boilers and oil tanks, plus a big field. Everything needed replacing anyway so after reviewing loads of information we opted to go for a ground source heat pump and a bank of solar panels.

Ground source heating has long lengths of pipework buried go underground . These have something similar to brine in them and as it is pumped round it gets to ground temperature and then gets fed through a big machine (think American freezer size). Whatever temperature it goes into the pump at, it comes out 4 or 5 deg lower, even when it's freezing outside. This heat exchanger has a liquid in it that boils at very low temperatures and as the brine passes through, it boils it and then that heats your water.

The engineering is impressive, the pipework a thing of beauty and you don't need any more oil deliveries (or gas), electricity bills are supposedly reduced and it is all better for the planet.

There are a few snags!

The installation is a huge affair. Hundreds of meters of 1m deep trenches over half a 4 acre field, a maze of pipework and equipment in a room (ours filled the cellar) and took months to complete. Just a note , the field was back to normal a couple of months later, no permafrost, grassy and good for grazing.

After all the effort and upheaval the big switch on was a bit anticlimacticand then it stopped. The pipes are primed with brine , but you only need a bit of air and it upsets everything. We had the poor engineers on speed dial and it took a long time to sort it out, plus the odd leak, failed heat meter and a few other things.

Our field sloped uphill slightly so the air collected at the top which made it tricky to flush out! When it was working, the hot water was very hot, plenty of it and the heating was as good as you'd expect in an old farmhouse.

Ideally, a ground pump works well with underfloor heating or extra large radiators in a well-insulated house.

So in theory it's all good. However our electricity bills went from being £1,400 ish a year to £11,000 ish a year. This was a huge shock and had never been mentioned .

The power needed to pump all that liquid through the pipes is tremendous. The heat pump actually had its own meter making it easy to see just how much it was using. So although you aren't reliant on gas or oil, you are still using a huge amount of energy and that costs a lot of money. We qualified for the Renewable Heat Incentive grant (since scrapped)which covered 70% of the bills, so that brought it back to roughly what we used to (pay adding in oil costs), but it certainly wouldn't cover the outlay.

It's pretty hard to find anything online about these costs, even afterwards when you know what you're looking for. All the sales pitch push the 'reduced' electricity bills and they probably are for the house, but add in the heat pump costs and ours were huge.

So it was interesting to try, I learnt an awful lot about the workings of a complex system and it was addictive watching the displays , making sure all the temperatures were in the right ranges and everything was working. Although it was mainly studying it to push "restart"-everytime it stopped! However if more people install these, I'm not sure the grid as it is would take the pressure, and now without grants I don't think they are even affordable for the majority. I wouldn't install one again, unless things change radically.

The experience hasn't put me off using renewable energy, but I'm probably more cautious and certainly more dubious about the idea of getting off gas/oil .

We have since moved house, but it was all working fine when we left and had been for quite a while!

Rachael Gibbs, Vivienne Stephenson's daughter