

## January Services and Events

- 3rd - Church clean up from (.30am
- 4th - The Eucharist 9am
- 7th - Epiphany Eucharist 10.30am
- 11th - The Eucharist pam
- 14th - Morning Praise 10.30am
- 18th - The Eucharist 9am
- 21st - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- 25th - The Eucharist 9am
- 28th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30

Church clean up!

The trees will be removed from church on Tuesday, 2 January and will, no doubt, leave lots of pine needles behind! We shall be making an effort to remove them and return the church to some form of normality from 9.30am on Wednesday, 3 January.

If you can help, we should be most grateful. Coffee and biscuits provided!

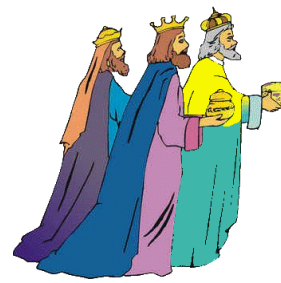
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*Pray for a more peaceful year in 2024*

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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

JANUARY 2024



The UN climate summit (COP28) in Dubai drew to a close after two weeks of negotiations. But what happened at the talks and how did they end? And what will the impact be on people living in poverty, who are experiencing the worst effects of the climate crisis?

In case you missed it, here's [why Tearfund was at COP28](#) in the first place. Our team of campaigners and staff were there to lobby governments and speak to the media, amplifying the message that vulnerable communities are bearing the brunt of the climate crisis despite doing the least to cause it.

We were also calling for a fair and funded phase-out of fossil fuels, and an acceleration in the shift to renewable energy, which is key for a safer and fairer future. We were calling for wealthy nations to deliver on their climate finance commitments and for funding for loss and damage caused by the climate crisis in vulnerable nation

The final outcome was a mixed bag. Significantly, COP28 reached **an agreement to transition away from fossil fuels but it also opened the door to dangerous distractions** and weakening of past commitments - falling short of its potential to deliver a landmark agreement to phase out all fossil fuels. Securing this commitment was widely seen as a measure of success for these talks.

## Word from St Anne's

Welcome to 2024!

It feels that one should begin a New Year by looking forward with optimism. And so one can, but somehow this New Year seems more than tinged with a sense of foreboding...at every level, from global to local.

On the international stage the biggest problem facing humanity; climate change and the accompanying desecration we are inflicting on God's wonderful Creation, has just experienced an encouraging move in the right direction at COP 28, yet leaving so much more to do...whilst the eruption of vicious warfare - Ukraine, Gaza, Sudan, Myanmar...the list goes on...induces despair of our bickering species. Yet some New Years in the past have begun with much greater conflicts unresolved, so we should keep hoping.

Nationally, this country seems to have lost its way in so many senses....How should we judge our leaders? If we look for guidance from the words of Jesus perhaps we should look at how they treat the poor, the sick, the hungry, the homeless, the refugees...and we should remember that we are a democracy, and there is a General Election on the horizon...

And what of our locality? We are, I think all of us would agree, very lucky to live in such a lovely area as the Peak District, with its unspoilt landscape, close communities and relative prosperity. We should also remember that it is not a "given" that such things will always remain so and that we have to keep working at maintaining such a happy combination.

## Organ Restoration Fund

No replies from the other Grant applications yet, we are still hoping to receive some funding from them.

The £1,000 legacy from Mavis Eaton has been



re-

ceived.

The donations at the coffee concerts this year have been £1,650 with expenses of just £90. Because it is retiring collection rather than a ticket price gift aid can be claimed using the Small Donation Scheme increasing the amount by £412.

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 has just been paid.

Joyce Glencross

### 100 Club Results, Drawn 3<sup>rd</sup> December Monthly draw

1 <sup>st</sup> Prize	£46.00	30
2 <sup>nd</sup> Prize	£23.00	31
3 <sup>rd</sup> Prizes	£11 50	20 & 22

The Draw normally take place on the  
1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of the month.

Anyone wishing to join will be most welcome please email [j.glencross@btinternet.com](mailto: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.

## Trying to be green

There are so many ways to do this and I would think that the majority of us do something. In our household we do all the common - although not always easier - things.

We have a home compost, we recycle and reuse as much as we can. We walk when we can, shop local most of the time and try to do plastic free shopping at the supermarket( impossible!) We have plastic free detergents and toilet roll delivered and make use of refill shops to name a few.

We also have an electric car which I love. I am prone to 'range anxiety', but you just have to plan your longer journeys a bit more and stop for a coffee while you charge. Motorway services /retail parks etc are certainly doing their bit offering EV chargers, there are more appearing all the time. Small towns- not so good, they are frequently out of action if they are there at all! That said, I'm not getting rid of my diesel car -which is great in the snow -until I really have to!

We have recently moved house and have managed to get a small solar array. It's quite modest, and probably not the best positioned, but at least we are trying our best!

In addition we have been able to try not so common "green' alternatives. Next month, a Cautionary tale about a Heat Pump.

Rachael Gibbs, Vivienne Stephenson's daughter

Getting down to the most local level; St Anne's, the church for the little village of Over Haddon, is presently beautifully decorated for the seasons of Christmas and Epiphany, and this is itself a loving contribution from members of our community. However, there is scant enthusiasm amongst the same community for attending the regular church services! Admittedly, there is just one Communion a month and one more informal "morning worship" service led by the churchwardens, although the festivals are generally better supported. Our challenge, as we move into a new year, is to make our church more accessible and meaningful for the wider community, not just for residents of the village but for the many visitors - tourists, walkers and pilgrims - who call in. We have a project to meet this challenge - we even have plans drawn up! - but we will need to find the energy and funding to implement it. Otherwise, there is little doubt that within a few years St Anne's will become another redundant small rural church.

We must have faith that this will not happen, and that our little church, and churchyard, will survive and remain as a spiritual beacon for our community. And, of course, Faith is something we profess!

*Roger Truscott*

The vicar had been invited by one of his parishioners to see the new year in. Soon after midnight – and after several drinks to toast the new year, he set off back to the vicarage. The local policeman recognised him and asked where he was going.

"I'm on my way to a lecture" he replied.

"Who gives lectures at this time on the first of January?" asked the policeman.

"The vicar's wife!" he answered.

.....And may you all have a smile on your faces in 2024!

*O M Witherby*



## Birds Eye View January 2024

A select few met on the eve of the Christmas Tree Festival to discuss PCC matters. Consideration of **glass doors** for the South door entrance is ongoing. We might look at the ones that have been installed in Breadsall.

We haven't been included in parishes that can apply for some money towards adapting their church towards **net zero emissions**. However the churchwarden of Glossop church, which has achieved a gold Eco-church award, is happy to come to our PCC or wider meeting to give suggestions on the way forward. We are now sending our used candles and tea-lights to Glossop to recycle, so Christmas should have kept them busy.

We accepted the **draft budget for 2024**. It was suggested that it might be time for another stewardship campaign, and/or to have an update on how our parish giving scheme is going, as the church finances are not that robust.

The Standing Committee will meet with Joyce to look at existing **Administration responsibilities**, and decide what can be shared out. They will also decide a strategy for what is needed for a Parish/Benefice **Administrator**, for example a job specification, the location of a workplace and the cost.

It was time to look at our **charitable giving**. Of our outside giving £1000 goes to Zababdeh in Palestine. Canon Tony has received news on how the money is spent, so I hope he will tell us either in this month's Parish Pump or February's, as we've never had much feedback.

We decided to send the remaining £572 to the High Peak Food Bank. In addition we sent £256.25, including Gift Aid, to the Bishop's Harvest Appeal in Burundi and £2100, including Gift Aid, to Community Initiatives for Ukrainian Refugees in Krakow.

The **outside notice boards** will have a face-lift.

**Safeguarding training** is ongoing.

St Anne's have been gifted a **digital organ**.

*Angela Bird*

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### Un-Invitation

Because I have broken my neck, I'm afraid I will no longer be able to host a drop-in party after the Epiphany service on 7th January. I'm sorry about that. Hope to ~~see you~~ again soon

Pat



### Christmas Tree Festival

I should like to give a huge "thank you" to everyone who played a part in making this year's tree festival so successful. From setting up the boards and electrics; taking delivery of the trees; positioning them in church; placing of advertising boards and banners; decorating trees; welcoming visitors; serving in the café; making cakes, mince pies, biscuits and soup; counting and banking donations etc, etc. The festival could not happen without your input and your efforts are truly appreciated. We have lots of positive comments on how attractive this year's festival has been - the best ever, according to some.

Thank you

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