

Services and Events in August

- 4th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong 6pm
- 8th - the Eucharist 9.30am
- 11th - Morning Praise
- 14th - Talk with lunch - see inside
- 15th - The Eucharist
- 18th - Benefice Eucharist at Ashford **11am**
followed by Celebration lunch - see inside
- 22nd - The Eucharist 9.30am
- 25th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- 29th - The Eucharist



'Summer'

A collage of mixed materials

Copy for September by 20th August please.

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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

AUGUST 2024



The church well dressing this year received quite a lot of attention- and also quite a lot of money for Ukraine.

The box took £291.54 which will be made up to £300. Considering that these days most people do not carry cash we are all very pleased with the outcome.

We now have two new people who want to come along and join in next year, which is great. We now have 16 people on the well dressing list, not all of whom can come all the time but we have averaged 9-10 working on all four boards. And anyone who stops to talk to us is given a little go We had the postman twice.

We had a bit of a panic this year when it seemed there would be no 'men' to carry along and put up the boards. Luckily Austen Lineham came to the rescue. It has to be done by people who know what they are doing and Austen has worked with Robert Lomas for years. Come along and have a go yourself next year!

Pat

(the suns at the top are in hope rather than expectation Ed!)

A Word from St Anne's

The village church of St Anne's Over Haddon has just celebrated its Patronal Festival (St Anne's Day - the 26th of July) which was the date the church was opened in 1880. Following that, through the holiday month of August, nothing much happens until Harvest Festival in September.

Well, that's not true, because our little church has just been going through some self examination, following a very well attended public meeting to discuss some quite radical proposals to re-order the interior of the church in order to extend its functions as a visitor centre, as well as a church, so that it can adjust to the rapidly changing social environment of the 21st century. Important decisions will need to be taken during the next few weeks and months about the implementation of these proposals. The public meeting, attended by members of the wider community of this village and parish, revealed a strong level of support for keeping our church open (including from people who rarely or never attend services) and also disquiet from some about the extent to which the building might be changed to meet the even wider community of visitors....

Along with thousands of other small rural churches throughout the country St Anne's is suffering from falling congregations and engagement by its local community with the traditional things that it provides. It is, however, increasingly popular with visitors, as we can tell from both personal observation and the contents of our visitors book.

Although it is not a "Medieval gem" as many small village churches are, it is a very attractive "Victorian gem" and recognised as such.

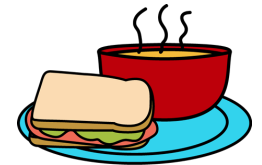
100 club results for July are as follows:-

1st	26	£42
2nd	4	£21
3rd	22	£10.50
	31	£10.50
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Wednesday talk with lunch

The next in the series of talks with lunch will be given by our own Chris Shepley . At 12 noon on Wednesday, 14 August, Chris will give an illustrated talk entitled " Unpuzzling the story of jigsaws". Sounds intriguing!

The talk will take place in the Newark and will be followed by a soup and sandwich lunch. As usual, the cost will be £10.



A good sermon should be like a lady's skirt: short enough to retain the interest but long enough to cover the essentials.

O M Witherby

A REMINDER!!

Sunday, 18 August- a celebration lunch for the whole benefice, to say "thank you" and to start to say "goodbye" to Tony and Rachel.

Place - The Institute at Ashford in the Water

Time - following the benefice Eucharist, which will start at **11am**, not 10am

Since we are having outside caterers to provide the food, it is essential that we have an accurate number for attendees.

PLEASE sign up to the form at the back of church no later than 28 JULY if you intend to go.

Thank you

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Art Group

The art group are so enjoying their sessions that they do not want to take an August break this year.

This is a very friendly group which welcomes beginners and is happy to give whatever support might be needed.

Would you like to give it a go? Come along on a Tuesday morning from 10-12 noon. Bring your own materials, even if simply a pad and pencil.

Sessions are £2.50 and that includes coffee

It is also on the main walking route between the village of Over Haddon and Lathkill Dale, is a stopping off point on the White Peak Pilgrimage Route between Dove Dale and Eyam, and (perhaps most significant of all) is *always open* to welcome visitors any time they wish to stop by. This is increasingly rare these days, because of concerns over security, but we decided long ago that there is little point in keeping our church open unless it remains *actually open*, for anyone, at any time.

Our proposals are, therefore, a response to "visitor demand" or, in Church Speak, a "mission of outreach to our wider community."

Is this the right thing to do?

I fear that if it is not the alternative may be, in a few years, closure and sale for other purposes....

Roger Truscott

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Birds Eye View August 2024

One of the more urgent tasks for the PCC is to define and then advertise for the part-time post of administrator, particularly after the vicar leaves at the end of December. The group are working on it, and they will have talks with the vicar's current PA, Emma, and the Administrator, Joyce, to clarify what they have done in the past and what they may do in the future. It looks as if we shall need a photocopier somewhere accessible, so that if a new person works from home they could send copy to the church to be printed. Work is being done to get information about the history of the church, including our nationally important collection of Anglo-Saxon stones and crosses, into a digital format, so that visitors can access it via a QR code (ask your child/grandchild to explain).

There was a long discussion of the paper called Living in Love and Faith, a basis for discussion, which the diocese is encouraging. It is a set of resources for reflection on what it means to follow Jesus in a society in which understandings and practices of gender, sexuality, identity and marriage continue to change. The House of Bishops has commended, where incumbents and PCCs agree, the use of prayers of thanksgiving, dedication and asking for God's blessing for same-sex couples.

We agreed it was a good time to consider what our feelings are about this and we plan to have five sessions in November on a Wednesday lunchtime in someone's home or in the Newark, depending on the degree of interest shown. It fits in neatly between the last of the Wednesday talks with soup and sandwiches and the beginning of (yes, it's that time of year!) the Christmas Tree Festival. We used to give £200 a year to the Association of Bakewell Christians, and it was agreed that we would continue to pay that into Bakewell Churches Together, to pay for such things as the band for the blessing of the Crib at Christmas and the Carnival Float in July. Numbers have fallen dramatically at the 9.30am service on Thursdays, so that will be discontinued for at least a while.

Really good news to end with - three people have offered to take on the church card stall, so it will continue and no doubt develop.

Angela Bird



Sr Bridget writes:

Come, everything is ready.

House of hospitality: light streams into the house from every side in Pat's wonderful house/home/place of rest and connection. Curtains are open on both sides of the house/ light pours in, mirrors pick it up and play back more light, shape, form, colour, memories things, pictures and photos. Incredibly at the intersection of 3 busy roads it has its own peace, its soul calm and its soul making.

'Everything is waiting for you': Before I come there are texts and email messages from Pat and friends 'Everything is reading, everything is waiting for you.' Scripture always promises us the same.

Walking to know the pathways: and so i come, come back year after year into the friendship of people, parish, town, rivers, hill, winds and skies. I pray and walk, walk to find pathways, walk to go on walking creatively in our times of change. I swim because the pool is close. I thank God for the pace and rhythm of the daily swimmers, breathe into their breath.

'Lord, if it is you, bid me come to you across the waters.' Bakewell parish enters its own new challenge of loss and absence, presence and certainty. We all move from faith to faith. Once Peter has plunged into the water, felt his sinking, heard his own cry, clasped the hand holding him he had moved forever into a new experience. This same hand would hold him. We jump into the waters. We encourage each other to jump into the waters, go under but not go under. I bless you. You bless me. Gratitude beloved Bakewell in every miraculous coming and going.

Sr Bridget.