## **Services and events for November**

- 3rd Patronal Festival Eucharist 10.30am

  Commemoration of the departed 5pm
- 7th The Eucharist 9.30am
- 10th Remembrance Sunday
  War memorial 10.50 Church 11.20am
- 17th The Parish Eucharist 10.30am Evensong 6pm
- 21st The Eucharist 9.30am
- 24th the Parish Eucharist 10.30am
  Informal prayer in church each Friday 9-9.30am



Copy for October by 20th September please.

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# All Saints with St. Anne's Parish Pump

NOVEMBER 2024



# Living in Love and Faith

The Church of England has produced a course to look at how questions about identity, sexuality, gender, relationships and marriage fit within the context of the church in general and the church's doctrine in particular.

The Living in Love and Faith course covers the relevant biblical, theological, historical and scientific perspectives relating to sexuality, marriage, divorce, singleness, gender and identity, looking at the Anglican history as well as developments in the contemporary world. Whilst same sex marriage was made legal in 2013, it, together with blessings and prayers for same sex couples remain controversial within the church. This course is designed to educate and inform, to make us think and question, but not to dictate nor make any attempt to change anyone's views.

The course is being offered to any interested members of the congregation on five consecutive Wednesday lunchtimes beginning on Wednesday, 30 October in the Newark from 12noon to 1.45pm. A simple soup lunch will be provided.

If you would like to take part, please add your name to the sign up sheet at the back of church or e mail Canon Tony. It is not essential to attend all five sessions, though it would be beneficial to do so.

## Might this interest you?

The members of our congregation at All Saints and St Anne's have always supported one another in many different ways and especially during times of stress or struggle. We used to have a team of lay people who helped with Home Communions and a Church Pastoral Team who had a wider remit.

It would be good to re-establish these important lay ministries and to do so before the start of the interregnum.

The Home Communion team take Holy Communion into the homes of those who are unable to come to church. Training is provided locally and Safeguarding training provided by the diocese would be needed too before sending the list of those involved to the Bishop.

Our previous Pastoral Team helped out with hospital visiting and visiting the house bound; offering transport to medical appointments; occasional shopping; keeping in touch with people on their own and more besides Safeguarding training will be needed by anyone who hasn't undertaken the relevant diocesan course - the training is well thought out and very worthwhile.

If you might be interested in either of these teams please have a word with Revd. Brenda to find out more. (01629 813143) or rev.brendajackson@gmail.com

# Harvest Festival

Thank you everyone for your contributions Everything was taken to the Food Bank at Buxton.



## Thursday morning Service.

The service at 9.30am on a Thursday morning is just right for a quiet midweek contemplation. It is quite short - only half an hour - and is a said Eucharist with a short address. It gives a breathing space and a time for reflection in what can often be a busy and stressful week, specially as things are now in the wider world. It is held in the chancel on the first and third Thursday of the month and has a small handful of regular attenders who really value it.

If you haven't tried it and would welcome a quiet pause in your week, do come along.

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#### 100 Club draw results

September results drawn on 6th October

1st prize	25	£42.00
2nd prize	11	£21.00
3rd prize	17	£10.50
	49	£10.50

Wouldn't it be great if we could get the first prize up to £50. If you would like to join in please contact Joyce at j.glencross@btinternet.com or ring 01629 640134

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A primary school teacher asked the class: "Does anyone know anything about the Phoenicians?"

"Please Miss, didn't they invent blinds?"

O M Witherby

#### A Word from St Anne's

November is a gloomy month. The days get shorter, darker and colder as Autumn turns to Winter and Christmas still feels a long way off! So it is appropriate that we observe one of the most solemn commemorations of our national history during this month.

The 11<sup>th</sup> of November (or the nearest Sunday to it) marks Remembrance Day when we honour the lives (and deaths) of those who served in the wars of the past century, especially the two world wars which had such a devastating impact. Some feel a certain ambivalence towards this ceremony, especially those who adopt a pacifist stance, and some others feel we should begin to downplay it as memories fade....My own view, and that of most Christians, I think, is that, while we should always look for peaceful solutions, sometimes it is necessary to take up arms and conduct a "just war."

It is not difficult, I believe, to justify the second world war, against some thoroughly evil fascist regimes. Perhaps justification of the first world war is a bit more nuanced, although it did not seem so at the time to those who enthusiastically joined up. What is beyond doubt is the amazing courage and self sacrifice of those who took part, and particularly of those who gave their lives. So it is important to continue to remember them at the poignant, moving ceremony every November.

At Over Haddon this will take place at the little war memorial on Main Street, where numbers attending have stayed impressively large over recent years, whilst in St Anne's church we hold a display of soldier silhouettes, candles and inscriptions of those who died from the village.

November isn't only about Remembrance though. On the first day of the month we celebrate All Saints Day, followed by All Souls (Halloween) when, traditionally, it is believed, the material and spiritual worlds interweave with each other and "spirits walk broad...." and intriguingly, in our supposedly secular world, this festival is enthusiastically celebrated, especially by the young... Then, at the end of the month we enter the season of Advent, the preparation for the beautiful Festival of Christmas. So perhaps November isn't so gloomy after all!

# CHRISTMAS TREE FESTIVAL 13-22 December 2024

Just a reminder that the annual Christmas Tree Festival is fast approaching.

It will be opened by Malcolm, Bishop of Repton, during a short service at 7pm on Thursday, 12 December and will be open daily, from 9.30am to 4pm until 22 December. The festival will formally close with a community carol service at 6pm on Sunday, 22 December, though most of the trees will remain in church over the Christmas period.

The Open Door café will serve light, homemade refreshments daily from 10am to 3.30pm (Sunday 12.30 to 3.30).

If you could offer a couple of hours to help in the smooth running of the festival we should be extremely grateful. Help is needed in the café, in stewarding and welcoming visitors to church, in the provision of cakes, biscuits and mince pies, in uploading and positioning of the trees on Monday, 9 December and in the removal of trees and clearing up on Thursday and Friday, 3 and 4 January. Rotas are at the back of church. Please sign up if you are able to offer some time.

Bakewell Choral will perform their annual carol concert on Saturday, 14 December and there will be late night opening on Thursday, 19 December, when mulled wine and mince pies will be available until about 7pm.

This really is a magical time of the year and it will be Canon Tony's last Christmas with us here in Bakewell. So, please help make this year's festival the most successful ever! If you have any questions, please have a word with Dot - 814496/07752 67471

# Birds Eye View October 2024



The PCC was updated on various issues. We have been given a drawing of what the **glass doors** at the South

Door entrance could look like, so that will go to the Diocesan Advisory Committee, to see what they think of it.

Another ongoing concern is the lack of **a light** in the churchyard. Let's hope that no bones are found when they start digging, as that could lead to serious delays.

More investigations are ongoing into what sort of **notice boards** we think appropriate for outside the South Door and two small ones at the bottom of North and South Church Streets respectively. The current ones are rotting away.

Joyce Glencross is working on providing more digital information for visitors about the church building. I think it's when you point your phone at a QR code and information magically appears.

Good news! Julie Lowthorpe, a relative newcomer to the congregation, has offered to take over the **Card Stall**, and you can see that new cards have already appeared. She has also come onto the coffee rota, as has Nellie, which is really encouraging. I think Rick is still the only man we have on regularly - worth thinking about! I've no doubt missed out other relative newcomers (past ten years?!), but have just remembered Roger Bertram, who unlocks the church regularly now.

Just to clarify the position on the 9.30am **Thursday communion**; it will continue on the first and third Thursdays of the month (apart from when Lady Manners are in for their service on October 17) until Christmas, when it will be reviewed.

More good news - Emma, Canon Tony's PA, is considering whether she can continue in post, which would make administration that much easier.

Canon Tony alerted us to the need to spread the word that we are looking for people to volunteer to visit the housebound and perhaps give them home communion. There was a **pastoral care** group, but that has faded away in recent years.

Canon Tony also drew attention to the **Living in Love and Faith** course, which will be on five Wednesdays in the Newark 12 - 1.45, including soup, starting on October 30<sup>th</sup>. Do sign at the back of the church, if you are interested.

It was agreed that the surplus money for charitable giving be given to this year's Bishop's Harvest Appeal, which is for **Food Banks** in Derbyshire.

Angela Bird

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## A Date for your Diary

On Monday, 4th November at the Methodist Church from 10:00 - 12:00

There will be a stall for Christian Aid ( our BCT) charity.

Cakes and good bric-à-brac will be very welcome.

Please come along and support us

