

Services and events for February

2nd - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 6pm

6th - The Eucharist

9th - Morning Praise 10.30am

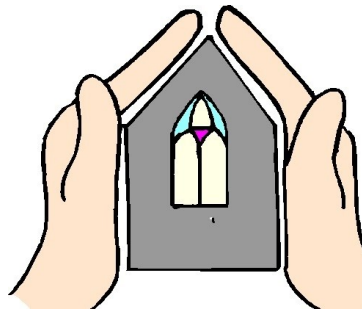
16th - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong 6pm

20th - The Eucharist

23rd - The Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Informal prayer each Friday 9-930 am



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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

FEBRUARY 2025



WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

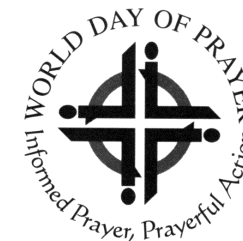
Friday 7 March. 2.00pm at the Methodist Church, Bakewell

This year's theme is taken from Psalm 139, "I made you wonderful"

Our sisters in The Cook Islands welcome us and lead us for the Day of Prayer 2025. This group of 15 islands in the South Pacific Ocean has a rich and colourful Māori heritage and a deep connection to nature. Join with us as we pray together and reflect on the theme 'I made you wonderful', prepared by the women of The Cook Islands.

The Day of Prayer is celebrated in over 120 countries. It begins in Samoa and prayer in native languages travels throughout the world — through Asia, Africa, the Middle East, Europe and the Americas before finishing in American Samoa some 38 hours later. A world-wide wave of prayer.

Join us at the Methodists' at 2.00pm on Friday 7th March - and find out where the Cook Islands are! All welcome





Book Review
Who Moved the Stone?
by Frank Morison

I think I have reviewed this book before but with Lent approaching, it makes thought-provoking reading.

It is essentially a confession, the story of the author who originally set out to write one kind of book and found himself compelled, by the sheer force of circumstances to write quite another.

It is not that the facts themselves altered, but the interpretation to be put upon the facts underwent a change. The perspective shifted by the very stubbornness of the facts themselves. The book, as it was originally planned, was left high and dry. The author discovered one day that not only could he no longer write the book as he had once conceived it, but that he would not if he could.

This is not a new book but it continues to fascinate. One of the online second-hand book outlets - World of Books actually has it - or you can borrow mine.

Pat Bryant

100 club

The December draw took place on 12 January and the results were as follows:-

1st - 37 - £40

2nd - 25 - £20

3rd - 12 - £10

3rd - 13 - £10

The results are also to be found on the church notice board in the Newark.

Now that the organ fund is complete, the proceeds of the 100 club will go into the fabric fund, until another major project for which fund-raising is required is identified.

If anyone is interested in joining the 100 club please contact Joyce on 07808 539464 or by e mail at j.glencross@btinternet.com

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Well Dressing

Yes, we do think ahead! Dates for this year are:- Puddling - Saturday 21st June Wooling and well dressing begins Sunday 22nd (if clay surface allows) and thereafter every day that week. Well dressing goes up on Friday 27th.

Coffee and tea breaks every day. We are a welcoming group so do come along if you haven't tried your hand before.

No theme yet We aren't that far ahead!

Birds Eye View (by a different bird!)

Joyce, our Treasurer, came to present the accounts for the year 2024, having, I'm sure, not slept since New Year's Eve to get them ready in time. As expected, our expenditure exceeded our income last year by around £2000. You will remember Mr Micawber "Annual income twenty pounds; annual expenditure nineteen pounds nineteen and sixpence, result happiness. Annual income twenty pounds, annual expenditure twenty pound and sixpence, result misery." This does not include the organ which had its own separate fund. This enabled us also to look in greater depth at this year's budget. We discussed, for example, whether we really need to spend £1800 a year on candles, lovely as they are. A more major concern is the £11,000 we are spending to heat the church. We really need some expert advice on thermostatic controls.

As well as trying to reduce our expenditure where we can, we really need to look at ways to increase our income, whether through donations from visitors, congregational giving or external letting. Let us know if you have any ideas!

In other news:the Royal British Legion would like to reinstate the flagpole that used to be opposite the Newark Steps. What do you think? Is it a good idea?



Christmas Tree Festival

A huge "thank you" to everyone who helped to make this year's Christmas Tree Festival so special and so successful.

There were 59 trees in church, decorated by local businesses, organisations, charities and schools and 7 church trees. The church looked magical.

We had a record number of visitors, most of whom were very impressed by the quality and the originality of the trees and of the appearance of the church in general. Many positive comments were received.

So many people lent a hand - in preparation; moving trees; welcoming visitors; counting money; making tea; making cakes, biscuits, mince pies, soup; working in the kitchen; and in the aftermath - removing trees; clearing up pine needles and returning the church to its normal clean and tidy state.

You all did a remarkable job. Without you, the festival could not go ahead and we are sincerely grateful to you all. Thank you.

The church budget is not looking very healthy for the year ahead and a deficit is anticipated. It is therefore, very gratifying that the festival made just over £4,500, inclusive of repaid tax, for church repairs.

Dot and Joyce

(and our thanks to both of you! Ed.)



A Word from St Anne's

...And so the year moves on to February! Still definitely a winter month but I always find that, on some day in February it feels as if the season is changing, and the first signs of Spring are appearing. Maybe it is the lengthening hours of daylight - did you know that the 10th of February is the daylight equivalent of the 31st of October? - or maybe it is the appearance of the first hardy flowers of Spring - aconites, crocuses - or maybe I am just an incurable optimist! Anyway, I think February is a hopeful time of the year....

Having said that, we have only just taken down the Christmas decorations in St Anne's church. We decided (on advice) some years ago that we could leave them up until the end of the season of Epiphany, the Feast of Candlemas. This means that visitors have longer to enjoy the windows, the tree, the nativity scene and the spectacular entrance porch, and judging by comments in the visitors book this is much appreciated.

Like the rest of the Bakewell benefice, St Anne's church, Over Haddon is looking forward to the rest of 2025 with some apprehension. I don't mean Donald Trump being in power (although that's a good enough reason) but, of course, that we are losing vicar Tony; moving on, with Rachel, to well-deserved retirement. The period of an "interregnum," however long or short, will require some creative adjustments in the way we run our churches and order our services. As one of the smaller churches and communities in the benefice we may have to be especially creative....so it is perhaps as well that we have had a few years experience of managing about half of the services in St Anne's and are now reasonably comfortable about doing that. And although it increases the size of the benefice we are also happy to see Great Longstone and Wardlow

join the benefice, bringing their own experience and resources into play.

So perhaps the watchword for 2025, not only for St Anne's and Over Haddon, but for all the benefice, should be "creativity and innovation?" and maybe our churches, and church communities, will emerge stronger for it?

Roger Truscott

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An old lady said to the vicar: "When I die, I want to be cremated, and my ashes scattered all over the local football stadium."

"Why the football stadium? You hate football, don't you?" asked the vicar.

"I do, but at least my children will come and visit me each week during the season."

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