

Services and events for March

- 1st - Parish Eucharist 10.30am
Evensong at Great Longstone 4pm
- 5th - Lent Lunch 12 noon
- 8th - Parish Eucharist 10.30am
- 12th - Lent Lunch 12.noon
- 15th - Morning Praise 10.30am
Evensong 6pm
- 19th - Lent Lunch 12noon
- 22nd - Parish Eucharist at Over Haddon 10.30am
- 29th - **Palm Sunday**. Bath Gardens 10.15
Church Service 10.45 (may be a minute or so later)

Fridays 9-9.30 Informal prayer in church

Everyone welcome



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All Saints with St. Anne's^{marc}

Parish Pump

MARCH 2026

Lent



Now we are in the season of Lent. The time we are required to do some soul searching and take stock of ourselves. This year it might be a little more difficult to do that because of uncertainty as to where we stand, right at the beginning.

The world as we know it is being shaken up and changing all around us. It is difficult to assess what we hear when plain truth is absent. When somebody says one thing and does the opposite. When long established trusts are broken. When half a story is told and you can see there is a hidden agenda. Uncertainty is all around, maybe catching us off balance. It is not a pleasant place to be.

But while we are taking stock of ourselves, look around. We are in the world but we do not have to subscribe to its current flawed values. Indeed, we must not. The world may be a wobbly place at the moment but our feet should be firmly planted. We have the teaching we are to follow and we have the faith that holds us firmly in its arms. There may be storms around us but we are to stay calm. Granted, we may be a touch apprehensive but we are not afraid.

We have an anchor that keeps the soul.
Steadfast and sure while the billows roll
Fastened to the rock which cannot move
Grounded firm and deep in the Saviour's love

(Ed)

Communication

We have recently updated the Benefice contact list in an effort to make communication easier and more efficient. However, it would appear that this has not been totally successful, since a number of members of the congregation have not received notification of recent events.

If you feel that you have been missing out but would wish to be kept informed, please have a word with Sue, Nigel or Dot.

In order to comply with data protection legislation we need everyone on the contacts list to give their permission for their contact details to be shared. The details provided - home address, e mail address, landline 'phone number and/or mobile number -will be shared ONLY with Sue Marsh, Nigel Bartlett, Rev Brenda, Pat Bryant, Dot Bushen, Emma Raynes and any future churchwardens and Incumbent. They will not be given out to any other person or organisation.

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Well Dressing

Yes, already!. Well dressing week will be Monday 22nd June- Friday 26th of June when the boards will be put in place at the end of Church Alley. Puddling - squidging through the clay to take any bits out - will be Saturday 20th Please come and help (old clothes and an apron) Well dressing takes place in the garage in Church Alley with coffee and tea breaks. It should be finished and ready to go up early evening of 26th. Not done it before? Come and join us
Sue Bull



PCC notes from January 2026 meeting

It was agreed that some services for Easter and Holy Week might have to be suspended due to the vacancy. There will be no Town Passion play this year.

The advertisement for a new vicar should appear soon in the Church Times.

Finances are not as bad as had been feared, but we are still running a deficit and so we are all asked to review our giving.

Scaffolding to inspect the Chancel ceiling has hopefully been undertaken. We hope the repairs will not be too costly!

And finally, are you getting general emails from Emma? If not, let her know if you would like to be added to the list.

Diane Brooks

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From a Surrey paper



The new font, so generously presented by Mrs Smith, will be set in position at the east end of the church. Babies may now be baptised at both ends.

O M Witherby

All Saints' Chancel Roof

In December it was noticed that there was a split in one of the beams supporting the Chancel roof. The split runs part way along the beam which is closest to the High Altar - see photo. Investigations are now underway to try to establish the extent of the damage, its potential consequences and what may be required in terms of repair.

Our architects and their structural advisers have advised that access to the far east end of the Chancel should be restricted for the time being. Scaffolding being erected to facilitate a full inspection and possible remedial work. Inevitably all this will take time and cost money, which we can ill afford. Until a full inspection has been carried out we have no idea just what will be required, and then what will be permitted given the building's status.



It does not look great, but the indications are that the split has been there for quite a few years. However it looks as though there may have been some movement recently. There is also evidence on the back of the beam that some form of action has been taken by someone in the past, but as yet the details of this are unknown.

Richard Chaplin

VOLUNTEER HELP SOUGHT.

We are looking for willing volunteers to lock and/or unlock church. The church is opened at 9am daily throughout the year and is locked at 4pm in the winter months and at 5pm in the summer

This is not an arduous task - it takes about 10 minutes.

It is felt that it is of the greatest importance that the church is opened daily. An enormous amount of people visit our church and take benefit from the spirituality and peace that they find in its space. They also contribute financially, which is essential for the day to day running of the church.

If you feel you could help in this way, please have a word with Sue, Nigel or Dot

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Blister Packs

I am pleased to report that the blister pack box will be reinstated at the back of the church. Sue Bull will regularly empty the box and make sure they are passed on for recycling through her friend or by taking them to Boots pharmacy in Bakewell . Boots do not have a designated container in store but if you are able please, to hand them, in a bag, to the staff who will; accept them for recycling too.

Bras

If anyone has used or new bras they do not want, please pop them in the box at the back of the church. The bras will be sent abroad to help those unable to afford such underwear.

Sue Bull



A Word from St Anne's



Springtime has arrived! And what a relief it is after a cold wet grey Winter. It always lifts the spirits to see nature coming back to life after a period of dormancy, with bright green colours appearing on trees and shrubs and garden bulbs coming into flower.

In the Church Calendar, of course, we are still in the season of Lent. The great Festival of Easter is a subject of next month. So how are you celebrating Lent? Perhaps "celebrating" is not the best word to use if you are focusing on abstinence - giving up something which is pleasurable (although, preferably, not very good for you!) for the six week period. It is a good discipline, and something we, in the 21st century, are not very good at as a Society, certainly not compared with our Medieval ancestors. But there is another aspect to Lent we are asked to focus upon; namely the combination of study/contemplation/meditation/prayer about topics which we might otherwise largely ignore. Setting aside time for doing this, perhaps on each day, is another kind of discipline, and one which will, hopefully, deepen our understanding of the spiritual dimension to life.

So do you have a topic of choice? It could be any one of many. There are so many possibilities, and it will probably be a matter of individual choice, or should be. We are living in a time of rapid change (when were we not!) but it does seem as if all sorts of things, whether personal, local, national or global, are in a state of flux. It is easy, when faced with this situation, to either ignore them or look for a "quick and easy" solution. Whereas it would be better - it is almost always better - to think through carefully and without hurry to reach the

right conclusion. And that means one which, for us, would be the kind that Jesus would recommend. How would we know? Well, scriptures are often helpful, as could be other writings, which is the purpose of this kind of Lenten devotion.

But in case this all seems a bit "heavy" remember that the month of March remains one of exhilaration, when life returns, in all its beauty and abundance. God's world - His Creation - always reminds us of this at this time of the year, and especially living in this beautiful part of the country, we should be glad of it.

Roger Truscott

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WORLD DAY OF PRAYER

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

This year's service comes from Nigeria, with the invitation from St Matthew's gospel: "I will give you rest. Come!" In a world where many are suffering from the burdens of shame, oppression, religious persecution, poverty and despair, the writers help us understand the depths of divine rest, transformation through God's grace and community support.

As usual there will be stories in the service of women who have struggled, but come through to hope and acceptance.

Do join us if you can at the Methodists' in this interdenominational service at 2.00pm on Friday 7th March.

ALL WELCOME