

Services and events for June

5th-26th —Art Exhibition (see inside)

7th - Parish Eucharist 10.30am

Evensong at Longstone 6pm

14th - Joint Eucharist at Rowsley 10.30am

21st -Morning Praise 10.30am

Evensong 6pm

28th - Parish Eucharist 10.30am

22nd-26th - Well dressing week-come and join us!

Church Alley— coffee and tea breaks!

Fridays—Informal Prayer-9-9.30am. Everyone welcome

100 club

The winners of the latest draw, taken on May 3 were:-

1st prize - 25 - £40

2nd prize - 1 - £20

3rd prize - 60 - £10

3rd prize - 49 - £10

If you would like to join the draw please contact Joyce Glencross on 07808 539464 or email j.glencross@btinternet.com

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All Saints with St. Anne's

Parish Pump

JUNE 2026

PCC:2026/2027



These people are your chosen representatives

At the APCM on 3rd May, the new PCC was appointed.

The members are as follows:-

Sue Marsh, Dot Bushen, Pat Bryant, Rosie Bartolome,
Diane Brooks, Angela Bird, Julie Lowthorpe,
Alison Davidson and Helen Pope

Ruth Sheldon Moore, Jeff Sheldon, Tony Evans and
Nigel Bartlett stood down.

Roger Truscott and Zena Hawley will be members as
deputy churchwardens at St. Anne's, Over Haddon
Churchwardens for 2026/2027 are Sue Marsh and
Dot Bushen.

Officers will be appointed at the next PCC meeting

It Is Well with My Soul stands as one of the most enduring hymns in Christian history - a work shaped not by comfort or ease, but by profound tragedy and unshakeable faith. Written in 1873 by a Chicago lawyer, Horatio Spafford, the hymn expresses a deep, almost paradoxical peace in the midst of overwhelming sorrow. Its power lies not only in its poetic beauty but in the heartbreaking story behind its creation.

In the early 1870s, Spafford was a successful Chicago lawyer and devout Christian. Yet his life soon became marked by a series of devastating losses. First, his young son died unexpectedly from scarlet fever. Shortly after, the Great Chicago Fire of 1871 destroyed nearly all of his real estate investments, wiping out his financial stability.

Seeking rest for his family, Spafford planned a trip to England, where he hoped they could recover emotionally while supporting the well-known evangelist Dwight L. Moody. Business delays forced him to stay behind, so his wife and four daughters sailed ahead on the S.S. Ville du Havre. Days later, the ship collided with another vessel and sank within minutes. All four daughters drowned; only his wife survived, sending the now-famous telegram: "**Saved alone.**"

As Spafford sailed to meet her, the captain pointed out the approximate location where the ship had gone down. Standing over the watery grave of his children, Spafford penned the opening lines of the hymn—words that have since comforted millions: "When peace like a river attendeth my way, When sorrows like sea billows roll..."

What makes the hymn remarkable is not denial of pain but a defiant trust in God. Spafford's words echo the biblical promise of a peace that "passes all understanding," a peace not rooted in circumstances but in God's presence.

We are even seeing this, with the rise of the far right, in what might be thought of as stable European democracies, even, as recent local election showed, in our own country!

As thoughtful Christians and responsible citizens we have a duty to engage politically, especially at times like these. Remember what happened in Europe a hundred years ago.....

But it is the month of June, and I must finish on a happy note and invite you to visit Over Haddon during the week from the 20th June to see the dressed wells and the flower festival in St Anne's church!

Roger Truscott

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ART EXHIBITION 5-26 JUNE

A reminder that there is to be an exhibition of artwork by the late Steve Taylor in the Newark during the month of June.

The exhibition will open at 7pm on Friday, 5 June and everyone is invited to view the paintings and enjoy a glass of wine and nibbles. It will be open daily from 10am to 4pm (12 noon until 4pm on Sundays) and will run until 26 June.

Most, but not all, of the paintings will be for sale, with the proceeds benefitting All Saints. Anyone who purchases a painting is asked to leave it in situ until the closure of the exhibition.

A Word from St. Anne's

This is a lovely time of the year; warmer, sunnier weather, longer days, the countryside at its gorgeous best, our gardens full of flowers, holidays coming up....And it is, perhaps, best encapsulated locally by the Wells Dressings of the Peak District. Both Bakewell and Over Haddon will be holding theirs this month, so be sure to visit the dressed wells in both communities. They will, as ever, be a joy and an inspiration.

And yet...there are times when events in the wider world force us to lift our heads and confront uncomfortable, worrying and dangerous circumstances. At present, for reasons that are not entirely apparent, countries in many parts of the world are turning away from progressive, democratic forms of government to what is generally defined as "populism." Now, democratic politics is by no means perfect. Winston Churchill once grumbled that "it is the worst form of government, - except for all the others!" But it has managed to combine individual freedom with social progress more successfully than any other system of government we have seen, and appeared to be advancing inexorably across the world - until recently.

Now we see increasingly autocratic regimes, with "popular strong man" rulers, entrenched in powerful countries, - from Vladimir Putin's Russia, Xi Jin Ping's China, Narendra Modi's India, to Donald Trump's America, and many smaller ones besides - who are taking the familiar populist lines; extreme nationalism, blame and persecution of foreigners and ethnic or religious minorities, and dismissal of rational argument, especially on difficult matters like climate change.

The hymn's second stanza shifts from sorrow to salvation, proclaiming: "My sin—not in part but the whole— Is nailed to the cross, and I bear it no more." This line reflects Spafford's deep conviction that Christ's redemptive work was complete and sufficient, offering hope even in the darkest valley.

The composer Philip P. Bliss later set Spafford's words to music, creating the melody now beloved worldwide. Bliss himself was a respected hymn writer, known for works such as "More Holiness Give Me." and "Halleluia, what a Saviour".

Over the decades, It Is Well with My Soul has become a staple in worship services, funerals, and moments of personal reflection. Its message resonates because it acknowledges life's storms while pointing to a deeper, eternal hope. As one commentator noted, the hymn is "more than poetry... it is a declaration that the peace of God is stronger than the storms of life."

Today, the hymn continues to speak across generations. Its story reminds us that faith does not shield us from suffering—but it can transform suffering into a testimony of trust. Spafford's words, forged in grief, offer a timeless assurance: Whatever our circumstances, it can still be well with our soul. If you search for "It is well with my soul katielatew" on Mr Google or your preferred interweb interface, you can listen to it yourself (and there are many other versions which you can listen to and enjoy). Tell me or our beloved editor, what you think, and then we can all learn to sing it together in faith, in assurance, in grief, and in joy, and in the company of the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit.
John Davidson, All Saints.

We shall be singing this hymn at Morning Praise on 21st June



Bird's Eye View



Annual Parochial Church Meeting June 2026

Before the APCM the Vestry Meeting elected Sue Marsh and Dot Bushen to serve as churchwardens for the coming year. Sue and Nigel were thanked for their hard work, particularly in bearing the additional strains during the vacancy as the bishop's representatives.

There will be quite a change in the Parochial Church Council this year, as Ruth and Jeff Sheldon have stepped down and Tony Evans is moving to Matlock. We shall miss their contributions. But we welcome Helen Pope onto the PCC and are pleased that Diane Brooks has agreed to be on the Deanery Synod. It is good to have someone from the parish to feed back information from the wider deanery.

Mary Creswell has struggled hard to send out a comprehensible rota to the readers, intercessors, churchwardens, chalice assistants and coffee servers. Thank you very much, Mary, but I think it is with a sigh of relief that you are handing the job on to our administrator, Emma Raynes. It does show that if those on the rota don't know where the next service is going to be, how does the man and woman in the pew know? It is also an opportunity to ask again for more people to stick their heads above the parapet and offer to do intercessions. You will be given guidance and you will NOT be criticised

Joyce was thanked for preparing the Accounts and for her work as treasurer throughout the year, and also for collating the reports that had been written. Although the deficit in the accounts was slightly lower than expected, there was money to draw on from restricted funds. This will be required for mending the chancel roof, which is bound to be expensive, and also a quinquennial report is due soon, which always points out things that need repairing.

Thanks were expressed to all those who had written reports, which were circulated in the Annual Report, sent out before the APCM. The reports go from Page 9 to 17 - suffice it to say that they give a good snapshot of a vibrant church. We have all valued Rev Brenda's quiet commitment, as well as retired clergy who have led our services. And Pat Bryant, our Reader, who keeps the Morning Praise team in check, with good humour all round. We could also mention the choir, which has acquired a bass, and Judith, who has continued to be choirmistress through the death of her husband; and a new, highly qualified organist in Andrew Cummings.

We hope that by now we will have many applicants beating a path to our benefice. In the meantime the Rt. Rev. Jackie Searle is Acting Bishop while Bp. Libby is on sick leave.

Angela Bird

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A sign seen outside a church in Cardiff:
"Last services before the motorway."

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