



# St Paul's, Quarndon, Parish Newsletter

APRIL/MAY 2017

## Good News!

The long wait will soon be over! We hope that by the time you read this we'll know who will be joining us as Vicar of St Nicholas, Allestree and Priest in Charge of St Paul's, Quarndon. That will be very good news for us all, and we look forward to exciting times as we plan for the future with a new leader.

At this time of year we also look forward to celebrating the Good News of Easter Day, when Jesus rose from the grave. The Church is currently in the season of Lent, when we prepare ourselves spiritually for the events of Holy Week. At St Paul's we have been trying to focus on 'doing something extra' instead of, or as well as, giving something up for Lent. Members of our congregation have been doing a Lent Challenge, with a task for each week and a suggestion for prayer. The tasks focus on sharing the love of God in our community. We are also planning several special events to which you are all invited:



On **Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> April** at 10am we mark the start of Holy Week with an **All Age** service for Palm Sunday. We remember how Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey. His followers spread palm branches at his feet and called out "Hosanna" or "Saviour." We can't promise a donkey but there will be Palm crosses for all!

**Friday 14<sup>th</sup> April** is Good Friday. Our service at St Paul's at 2pm will be reflective, giving us space to contemplate what Jesus did for us in dying on the cross.

'Good' may seem a strange name to give to such a solemn day, but, as terrible as that day was, it had to happen for us to receive the joy of Easter, when Jesus came back to life.

On **Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> April**, Maundy Thursday, we have a special service at 7.30pm in which we consider the **Passover Meal** which Jesus shared with his disciples.

The 'meal' will be largely symbolic, and will only include a dessert, so you will need to eat a main course at home.

The evening will end with an informal Communion.

Numbers are limited for this event, so if you would like to join in, please book at least one week in advance by contacting one of the churchwardens (see back page) or by signing the list in church.



**Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> April** is **Easter Day**. Our service of Holy Communion at 10am will reflect the joy of the Good News that Jesus is alive! There will be activities for children during this service. All are welcome to join us, whether or not you wish to receive communion. Please remember to bring a short-stemmed flower to place in our Easter cross!

Our celebrations on this day will be tinged with sadness, however, as we say farewell to Rev Jamie Mackay. Jamie has been supporting us during the vacancy but is now leaving Derby to take up his new post as Priest-in-Charge (Rector Designate) of Old Dalby, Nether Broughton, Long Clawson, Hose, Harby and Stathern and Deanery Mission and Outreach Enabler, Diocese of Leicester. We are very grateful to Jamie for all his help and we wish him well in this new stage of his ministry.

Best wishes to all,  
*Mary Connell (Churchwarden)*

## ST PAUL'S CHURCH SERVICES AND EVENTS FOR FEB/MARCH

<b>April</b>	2	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	9	10.00 am	All Age Worship
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
	13	7.30 pm	Passover Meal
	14	2.00 pm	An Hour by the Cross
		7.00 pm	Good Friday FOG at St Nick's
	16	10.00 am	Holy Communion for Easter
	23	10.00 am	Morning Praise
		6.30 pm	<b>Annual Church Meeting</b>
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
<b>May</b>	30	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		4-6 pm	MESSY CHURCH in the church hall
	4	7.30 pm	PCC meeting
	7	10.00 am	Holy Communion
	14	10.00 am	All Age Worship
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's
	14	Start of	Christian Aid Week
	21	10.00 am	Holy Communion
		4-6 pm	MESSY CHURCH in the church hall
	28	10.00 am	Morning Praise
		7.00 pm	FOG at St Nick's

## FAMILY OCCASIONS

In **Baptism** we have welcomed Darcey Florence North.  
In their **bereavement** our prayers are with the family of Melvyn John Clamp.

## CHURCH NEWS

### Derbyshire Churches Link with the Church of North India

40 years ago Derbyshire churches set up a partnership with the Church of North India (CNI). To mark the anniversary the Partnership Council is inviting a representative from Nagpur to attend the Annual Meeting on 21<sup>st</sup> May. Churches in the Allestree area, including St Paul's, set up their own project within the CNI, and have been supporting the CNI Social Services Institute in Nagpur for around 35 years (The Nagpur Link). The CNI-SSI describes itself as an ecumenical venture of churches to express the love, concern and care of Jesus Christ for the marginalized and the oppressed. The CNI-SSI works for the cause of education, services, rights and justice of marginalized people.

Our Lent lunches are a good way of fundraising whilst also promoting fellowship within the Link churches. The Lent Lunch on 4<sup>th</sup> March at St Paul's raised £260 towards the cause and many thanks are due to all who helped or kindly donated food or cakes and plants for the stalls. The Director of the SSI is Aradhana Upadhyay and she will be visiting in May! This is very exciting as it allows us to get a good update on what is happening in Nagpur, whilst sharing with her examples of the work done in Derbyshire.

*Jill Reed*

Please note that the dates for the last two Allestree Churches Together **Lent Lunches** have changed and are now:

April 1<sup>st</sup> Broadway Baptist

April 8<sup>th</sup> St Edmund's, Allestree

Both start at 12.30pm and the cost is £3 for adults, £1 for children.

### **“Come gather ‘round people wherever you roam”**

It was Morning Worship with a difference on March 12<sup>th</sup> at St Paul’s. Led by Rev. Jamie Mackay it focused on and featured the music of Bob Dylan, as Jamie talked us through the Christian Imagery featured in so many of his songs. Recently awarded the Nobel Prize for literature, the wording of many of Bob Dylan’s songs held much to inspire, move and challenge us, as we listened to renditions not only from Dylan himself but also Tom Jones, Sinéad O’Connor and others. It was an event to remember and we are hoping that Jamie can come to us again sometime in the summer to hold an evening service based on the music of another modern singer/songwriter. Watch this space!

### **Save the date!**

We are holding a Summer Fair on Sat 10th June from 2pm in the church and hall. There will be a variety of stalls, competitions, refreshments, children's entertainment including HOW Puppets. Watch out for posters nearer the time!

Our next **Mini-outing** will be to the Children’s Society Coffee Morning at St Nick's on Thursday 6th April at 10am. Admission £1.

**St Paul’s Choir** is looking for new members. They sing at 3 services a month (10.00am start) plus occasional practices, mainly traditional hymns. There is an opportunity for a choir leader to work with the current members to encourage development of music within worship. Anyone interested please contact a churchwarden.

**Christian Aid Week** this year starts on Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> May. After many years of service, Mandy McBride feels she can no longer be our coordinator for this. We are very grateful to Mandy for all she has done to support this work and to the many volunteers who have delivered and collected envelopes throughout the parish. We shall endeavour to deliver as many envelopes as possible this year, but they may not be collected. The money raised during this campaign is vital to the work of Christian Aid, so we do hope you will still want to be generous. If you would like to make a donation and your envelope is not collected, please would you deliver it to the church (or give it to someone who is coming to church). There will also be spare envelopes in church for anyone who does not receive one.

## **COMMUNITY NEWS**

### **Quarndon Cricket Club**

Only a few weeks to the start of the 2017 Cricket Season.

QCC would like to invite you and your family to visit during the season for cricket or social.

Enjoy a relaxing afternoon in one of the most picturesque cricket grounds in Derbyshire.

We can offer you a cup of tea, ice cream and of course the BAR is always open - and of course great cricket!

Our club house is available for family parties, meetings and social events, or just call in for a pint or glass of wine. It is also a safe and secure area to let the children play whilst you watch a match on either of our two pitches.

Cricket is played by all abilities from Kwik cricket to senior competitive, social and friendly so everyone can take part.

The bar is open whenever there is a game or training.

Forthcoming events open to all:

Fun Run and Walk in Kedleston Park on JUNE 18<sup>th</sup> - entries from club or on our website .

Quizzes as will be advertised.

CAR BOOT dates SEPT 24<sup>th</sup> and OCT 8<sup>th</sup>

Future events will be advertised.

**WE WELCOME EVERYONE**

## **Quarndon Friendship Group**

Thursday 13th April 2.30pm our guest Mark Newbold will give a talk about his time aboard the Royal Yacht Britannia.

Thursday 27th April 2.30pm is that time of year again for our AGM. As usual to tempt you to attend the meeting it will be followed by another fabulous high tea.

Thursday 11th May 2.30pm we will have a Social Afternoon.

Thursday 25th May 2.30pm our guest Judy Colby will give a talk about being a Wardrobe Mistress. She will also bring along costumes and props for display.

## **Women's Institute**

We meet on the first Thursday of most months. Most meetings are currently held in Members' houses. Please 'phone 550478 for venue. but on Thursday 6th April at 2.15 at the Church Hall, Charles Hanson (or a colleague) will be talking about antiques.

## **Church Hall bookings**

The church hall is available for private or group hire and this can now be done through our church website. Just visit [www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk](http://www.stpaulsquarndon.org.uk) and click on 'Hall Hire' to complete an online booking form. Alternatively you can telephone or email Pat Glover (see below).

### *ST PAUL'S, QUARNDON, DIRECTORY*

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For enquiries during the vacancy please contact the church office which is usually manned on Monday, Wednesday and Friday. There is an answerphone which will be checked every day.

The deadline for copy for the newsletter is the 16<sup>th</sup> of the previous month, so copy for the June/July edition must be with the editor no later than **16<sup>th</sup> May**, please.