



***The United Benefice of
St Mary's Church, Cromford &
Holy Trinity Church, Matlock Bath***



THE CHURCH NOTICES

May 2017



The Prayer for Thy Kingdom Come

*Almighty God, your ascended Son has sent us into the world
to preach the good news of your kingdom:
inspire us with your Spirit and fill our hearts with the fire of your love,
that all who hear your word may be drawn to you,
through Jesus Christ our Lord.*

Nick's Notes

GiG: Giving in Grace is an incredible resource pioneered by Liverpool Diocese some years ago. It's a comprehensive look at Stewardship with a deal about giving. Holy Trinity PCC have asked for some teaching on Giving and St. Mary's PCC are in agreement. David (Green) our excellent Treasurer for both churches, has been on a Diocesan seminar based on Giving in Grace. David and I have met and chosen some material from www.givinginGrace.org/ which we believe will be relevant to us. It'll work in this way. On Sundays 7th May, 11th June and 16th July the theme will be Giving in Grace and the Home Groups are being asked to compliment this one week in each month. So week commencing 7th May, 4th June and 9th July material will be provided for them. May's Home Group material will be "The example of grace – The generosity of Jesus and the church in Macedonia."

TKC: Thy Kingdom Come is a global wave of prayer initiated by the Archbishops of Canterbury & York with other denominational church leaders. It's to take place from Ascension Day on Thursday 25th May to Pentecost on Sunday 4th June. "I cannot remember in my life anything that I've been involved in where I have sensed so clearly the work of the Spirit" writes Archbishop Justin Welby.

I've endeavoured, on behalf of Churches Together in Matlock, to encourage the local churches to join in. From Sunday 21st May we'll be having three consecutive Sundays with this theme. The website is very good (<https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>) and we'll be using some of the material for Ascension to Pentecost with extra opportunities to pray individually, as families and as churches.

In Acts chapter 1 verse 3, the risen Jesus spent 40 days with His disciples and the main topic was the Kingdom of God. Jesus' public ministry in Mark 1 verse 15 began with Him saying "The time has come. The Kingdom of God is near." The last verse of Acts has the same theme, "Boldly and without hindrance Paul preached the kingdom of God and taught about the Lord Jesus." God wants His Kingdom to grow, our part is to be filled with the power of the Spirit and to pray. Lord have mercy.

PCCs: Both Churches AGM's new members were elected to the PCCs, Holy Trinity have a new Warden in John Entwistle and Val joins Deanery Synod.

Congratulations to John, Val and the new members.

Alongside Nick Grayshon, David Green and Michael Wilderspin who sit on both PCC's, the members are, :

St. Mary's: Richard Ash, Tom Bradley, Sylvia Bunting, Daryl Doxford, John Farmery, Eric Fern, Ray Filsell, Gill Housley, Barrie Key and Philip Tew.

Holy Trinity: Mike Pilling, John Entwistle, John Ramage, Maria Austin, Sue Crabb, Sheila Laming, Hilary Phillips, Peter Shaw and Allen Smith. Judy Crook will be co-opted at the first PCC meeting in May.

On Saturday 20th May both PCCs are invited to a PCC half day to be held from 8am to noon in Holy Trinity church. More details to follow.

Experience Easter: This went very well for both schools, lots of seeds were planted and we thank everyone who helped out in any way.

CAG: The Community Action Group continues to work hard, there is an update from John in these Notices. The next event is the Matlock Bath Lunch Club on Thursday 4th May in Trinity Hall.

FIS: this stands for Faith in Science, not that you would have known! This is a series of 4 public lectures called "From Enlightenment to Entanglement - Exploring Faith in Science." They are on May 2nd, 1^{0th}, 23rd and 30th. See the calendar for more details of times and locations. The themes seem very good – "God and the Big Bang", "Science, Faith and post-truth", "Is there more to life than genes?" and "Hasn't Science disproved God?"

Jigsaw: Kate & Tim Lees will be with us at Holy Trinity on Sunday 28th May.

Robert Quarton: is kindly leading and celebrating here at Holy Trinity on Sunday 14th May when both Pauline and I are away. We're having a week off from Wednesday 11th May.

I hope you are familiar by now with Archbishop of Canterbury's previous Lambeth lecture, to quote again 'Worship and make disciples of Jesus Christ' and 'important decoration'. We need to remember that all the above is to do with Jesus and his church.

Every blessing

Nick

A message from Jews for Jesus

Shalom Pastor Nick, I'm so glad for your interest and enthusiasm for this Jerusalem project next year.

As the Captain of the SERVICE sector for our outreach next spring, I am delighted with your response. As the video shows, there are going to be a wide range of service projects in Jerusalem, and we are gathering data about many of them, even now, a full year ahead of time. What we are hoping for from you, and your church, is

- 1) to keep up enthusiasm for the project there,
- 2) to put plans into motion for your church to join us.

This can be done by getting a team from the church either on a missions trip with a bit of touring pre- or post, or a regular visit-Israel tour followed by a week of service added on to the end.

The travel agency we are commending is SarEl. If you have one with whom you usually work, there will be no problem with us with whoever you use.

SAREL Tours & Conferences: 8 HaHoshen St. Mevaseret Zion, 90805, Israel

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SarEl will be able to work with you on flights, housing, costs, food, add-on tourism features. They will organise whatever part of the trip you desire.

All we ask is that you organise your trip to allow a week with us serving the people of Jerusalem, beginning with orientation on a Sunday afternoon in May 2018, & finishing with a celebration/ debrief on Friday late afternoon.

Have you ever done a missions trip to Israel? If so, what might be the likely number of people who would come in 2018? We can't really work with individuals at this point, as the co-ordination and vetting is massive. So it's our hope that your congregation will come together & consider such a trip.

Let's keep working on this. I believe that we are going to see God bless the people of Israel, and bring many to Himself.

Sincerely yours in Yeshua,

Bob Mendelsohn

Director, JFJ Australia, Captain, BYG Jerusalem, Service Sector
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Experience Easter

We were privileged to be allowed to teach & explore the Easter story with all the children in both Primary Schools in the two weeks leading up to Holy Week.

The experience was based outdoors using the school grounds & in the case of Holy Trinity School the church. We began our 'Journey' by walking into 'Jerusalem' waving our palms & singing our praises as we thought about the expectations of the crowds who followed Jesus & our dreams for how people's lives around the world could be different. We spent time in the 'Upper Room' considering the example Jesus set about caring for one another when he washed the disciples' feet before we pretended to eat the last meal Jesus ate with his disciples & share in the bread & wine. Then we travelled to the quietness of the Garden of Gethsemane where the children were encouraged to ask God to give them the courage to stand up for what is right & what they believe in & to pray silently for people who face violence & an uncertain future. Next we walked together to gather around the brazier in the courtyard with the crowds & to think about the wrong choices we all make, the hurtful words we say, the unkind things we do and, as we dropped a broken twig into the flames, to learn that God willingly forgives us if we tell Him the things we have done wrong. We moved on to stand quietly in front of three crosses & to think about the symbol of the cross reminding us that our God is a loving God who forgives everyone who is truly sorry. The children were encouraged to examine a variety of different shaped crosses from around the world & think about why the cross is such a significant symbol for Christians universally. Finally, we found ourselves, like His friends, outside the empty garden tomb where the whisper 'He's alive' rose to a crescendo to announce the fact that 'Jesus was Risen'.

It was a super morning at each school, full of activity & with the children coming up with thoughtful, moving comments, questions & answers which showed their understanding of the Easter events.

There are some lovely photos of the event at Holy Trinity on their website: <http://www.mbhtprimaryschool.org.uk/news/detail/experiencing-easter-with-our-church/>
Our thanks to all who volunteered their help by presenting different parts of the story, providing resources or serving refreshments & to those who prayed. Both schools have thanked us for putting on the event & feel the children learned a lot from the experience; Holy Trinity School pupils made an Easter Garden in school & gave it to us as a church which was a lovely gesture & strengthens the links we have with our church schools.

What next?

Sheila & Pauline

Monday

9.25am: No Morning Prayer & Open Church (HT)

Tuesday

5.45pm: Faith in Science "God & the Big Bang" at Derby University

7.15pm: Tuesday Group meet in HT Church

7.30pm: Home Group at John & Hilary's

Wednesday

7.30pm: Home Group at Judy's

8.00pm: Home Group at Peter & Sue's

Thursday

12noon: to 2.00pm; Matlock Bath Lunch Club in HT

7.30pm: DaleDiva rehearse in HT Church

Friday

7.15pm: to 9.15pm; Youth Group meet in HT (*youth to wear scruffy clothes as it may get messy in preparation for the new carpet*)

Saturday

11.00am: to 1.00pm; Open Church at St Mary's Neil & Jayne

Sunday 7th May Easter 4

Giving in Grace 1 "First to the Lord": the bible and giving

Home Group Theme: The example of Grace

9.30am: Holy Communion at St Mary's Pauline Key
2 Corinthians 8 v 5, Matthew 6 v 19-21, 24

9.45am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome

10.45am: All Age Worship at HT Nick Grayshon
2 Corinthians 8 v 5, Matthew 6 v 19-21, 24

Monday

8.30am: Brews available in anticipation of

9.00am: Collective Worship for HT School in Church with Nick

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church at HT

1.45pm: Home Group at Judy's

7.30pm: HT PCC in Trinity Hall

Tuesday

7.15pm: Tuesday Group meet in HT Church

7.30pm: Home Group at John & Hilary's

Wednesday

7.00pm: Faith in Science "Science, Faith & post-truth" at the Cathedral

7.30pm: Home Group at Judy's

8.00pm: Home Group at Peter & Sue's

Thursday

11.00am: No BCP at Holy Trinity, moved to Ascension Day at St Mary's
7.30pm: DaleDiva rehearse in HT Church

Friday

7.15pm: to 9.15pm; Youth Group meet in HT

Saturday

10.30am: - 3.30pm; Christian Women's Day in Imperial Rooms, Matlock
11.00am: to 1.00pm; *Open Church at St Mary's David & Julie*

Sunday 14th May Easter 5

NO EVENING HOME GROUPS this week

10.00am: Prayer in the Upper Room - all welcome
10.30am: *Joint Guild Service at Cromford Methodist Rev Godden*
10.45am: Holy Communion at HT Robert Quarton & Bernice Smith
1 Peter v 2 1-10, John 14 v 1-14
Children's Church Judy

Monday

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church (HT)

Tuesday

Wednesday

8.00pm: to 9.30pm; UB Church Prayer Meeting at HT

Thursday

7.30pm: DaleDiva rehearse in HT Church

Friday

7.15pm: to 9.15pm; Youth Group meet in HT

Saturday

8.00am: to noon; HT PCC Half Day in church
11.00am: to 1.00pm; *Open Church at St Mary's Barrie & Pauline*

Sunday 21st May Easter 6

Thy Kingdom Come 1 Prayer

9.30am: *Holy Communion at St Mary's Nick Grayshon*
Acts 1 v 1-14 Luke 24 v 44-53
10.45am: Morning Worship at HT Bernice Smith & Pauline Key
Acts 1 v 1-14 Luke 24 v 44-53
Activities Sue

Monday

9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church
1.45pm: Home Group at Judy's
7.30pm: DaleDiva rehearse in HT Church

Tuesday

- 2.30pm: to 3.30pm; Both PCC's to meet the new Area Dean, Duncan Ballard, in Trinity Hall
- 5.45pm: Faith in Science: "Is there more to life than genes?" at Derby University
- 7.15pm: Tuesday Group meet in HT Church
- 7.30pm: Home Group at John & Hilary's

Wednesday

- 6.00pm: Matlock Bath Parish Council AGM at Temple Hotel
- 7.30pm: Home Group at Judy's
- 8.00pm: Home Group at Peter & Sue's

Thursday Ascension Day

- 11.00am: *BCP Communion at St Mary's, launch of "Thy Kingdom Come", (see Nick's Notes)*
- 7.30pm: DaleDiva rehearse in HT Church

Friday

- 7.15pm: to 9.15pm; Youth Group meet in HT

Saturday

- 11.00am: to 1.00pm; Open Church at St Mary's Raymond & Pat

Sunday 28th May Easter 7 The Ascension of the Lord

School Holidays

Thy Kingdom Come 2

- 9.30am: *Morning Worship at St Mary's Nick Grayshon*
Colossians 4 v 2-6, Luke 11 v 9-12
- 10.45am: Holy Communion at HT Nick Grayshon & The Lees
Colossians 4 v 2-6, Luke 11 v 9-12
Children's Church Lindsay

Monday

- 9.25am: Morning Prayer & Open Church (HT)

Tuesday

- 7.15pm: Tuesday Group meet in HT Church
- 7.30pm: Home Group at John & Hilary's

Wednesday

- 5.45pm: Faith in Science: "Hasn't Science disproved God?" at Derby University
- 7.30pm: Home Group at Judy's
- 8.00pm: Home Group at Peter & Sue's

HT Coffee Rota

7th May **Judy Crook** and Peter Shaw
14th May **Hilary Maltby** & Chris Hird
21st May **John & Hazel Ramage**
28th May **Milena & Keven Nutt**



***New Email System for the Office:** Many of you have noticed that we are now using a different system to send out the Notices and reminder messages. We can now personalise the messages and address you by your Christian name. We are still experiencing a few glitches so please bear with us!! Thanks for your patience, Caroline*

HOLY TRINITY CHURCH MATLOCK BATH

MATLOCK BATH LUNCH CLUB

***12 noon to 2pm at the church on Thursday 4th May
and the first Thursday of every month***

SOUP and SANDWICHES

No charge, donations welcome.

We would be delighted if you would join us!



MATLOCK BATH LUNCH CLUB started on Thursday 6th April

Thanks to everyone for praying for our first lunch club event and for your support. Sheila Laming, Maria Austin, Becky Gladstone and John and Hilary Phillips were the organising team, with Mike Pilling offering some practical help. A few fellowship members came along for their lunch and to help with the general welcome.

We had two guests from Cromford, one from Matlock Bath and one from Matlock. We hope they will come again! The soup and sandwiches were tasty and we felt that we achieved what we hoped: a friendly and relaxed atmosphere, with a nice buzz of easy conversation.

Do please continue to hold the venture in your prayers and consider who you might invite to the club over the next few months. The next one is on Thursday 4th May and there are some invites in church for you to hand out.

The Archdeacon's Visitation will be held this year at Holy Trinity, at 7.30pm on Monday 12th June where the continuing and newly voted in Church Wardens are sworn in. Volunteers will be needed to serve the refreshments afterwards, please let Caroline in the office know if you can help with this.

Christian Women's Day

Saturday 13th May from 10.30am to 3.30pm

Imperial Rooms, Matlock, organised by Derbyshire Village Mission

'Father heart of God'

Speakers: Anne Henderson (UCB) & Robyn Riggins from W.O.R.T.H

Tickets: £15 are available from Cornerstone Bookshop, Matlock

Faith and Science

A series of 5 meetings from Sunday 30th April to Tuesday 30th May will be held at the Cathedral and Derby University. Bernice says "there will be some very good Christian academics speaking". They start with:

"Does Science need God? Does God need Science?"

This will be in the Cathedral, starting at 6pm, see posters for details.

Book places at: www.derby.ac.uk/newsevents/events

Update from the DaleDivas recent trip to compete in Spain

Guess what.....we came THIRD in the Chorus Competition!

We are all coming home with a bronze medal and we had SO much fun over the weekend. We made some new friends, saw old ones, sang our best in the contest and sang around the pool together afterwards before singing again in the evening show.

We loved spending time together. A few of us came home straight after and lots of Diva's extended their time in Spain for a holiday.

Thank you for your good wishes and we'll see you soon!

Beth

PCC Tonight



PCCs (Parochial Church Councils) are crucial bodies in the leadership of all Anglican churches. They can make a significant impact for good on church life. Yet not all PCCs function as well as they might, and many people who serve on PCCs find the experience a tedious one.

PCC Tonight: Chesterfield on Wednesday 7th June

at St Thomas' Centre, Chesterfield, S40 3AW

Following the launch of a new resource to help PCCs function well in July 2015, CPAS is running an event to clarify the purpose and place of PCCs, to explore 12 common dysfunctions, and to introduce material you can use to shape its life. Intended for all PCC members, so bring several car loads and come to enjoy a fun and informative evening.

The event is led by James Lawrence and runs from 7.45pm - 9.45pm, doors open at 7.15pm for refreshments.

A Musical Night in Wirksworth...

A summer's Evening of Music with the Gresley Male Voice Choir and Soloist Karl Harper on Saturday 17 June at 7.30pm in St Mary's Church, Wirksworth. Tickets £8 (includes light refreshment) from Joanne Flint 01629 826339 or 07761 624049.

In aid of The Derbyshire, Leicestershire and Rutland Air Ambulance and The Nightingale Macmillan Unit at The Royal Derby Hospital.

The next issue of the United Benefice Notices for St Mary's & Holy Trinity is for June. Please send items to the office by Monday 22nd May 2017 latest.

Important Notes for Our Visitors:

We especially **welcome** you to Church if you are visiting. Thank you for joining us. Please take our greetings back to your church. We pray that you will be blessed and encouraged by your worship with us today. If you live locally and would like to know more about us - please ask anyone present for more details and feel invited to join us again. If you intend to come regularly, please fill in one of our Welcome Cards which will help us to get to know you.

Holy Communion:

Should you require non-alcoholic juice, please pick up a RED card from the front-left pew & show it to the Communion administrators. The smaller chalice will contain non-alcoholic juice. Should you require wheat and gluten free wafers, please take a YELLOW card. We welcome all to the Lord's Table who are in fellowship in their own church, and who know and love the Lord Jesus.

Some Helpful Information:

A loop system is installed in church. Some of our sermons can be downloaded from our website or simply listened to then and there. There is a Crèche Room at the back of church. As yet we don't have Children or Youth church at St Mary's, however we do at Holy Trinity where young visitors are welcome to join our Young People as they leave for their children/youth church. At Holy Trinity, we do not take a collection, but should you wish to give, there are boxes at the sides of the doors into the body of the Church. A Collection is taken during a hymn at St Mary's.

For Home Group day and times, venue, hosts and leaders,
please see Notice Boards, Notices and the Website.

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