

# On Stream

The Magazine of  
the Trent and Derwent Churches

[www.trentderwentparishes.org](http://www.trentderwentparishes.org)



Frost on grass in the recent cold spell. Pic courtesy of Kathy Field

February 2025

£1.30p

## Ministry Team

### Rector/Vicar Vacancy

#### Associate Priest

The Rev'd. Paul Hygate

38 Oaklands Avenue,

Littleover,

Derby. DE23 2QH

07956 700744 Email: frpaulhygate@gmail.com

For Weddings and Baptisms in any of our churches Please contact Rev'd. Paul Hygate

### Licensed Readers

Mr. Bruce Ward

01283 702854

## Prayer Diary

### **For your prayers in February**

**Aston** The residents of Weston Road, Posey Lane and Hilton Gardens. Also CAMEO and the Aston Players.

**Barrow** The residents of Brookfield and Walnut Close.

**Elvaston** The residents of Oak Road, Thulston.

**Shardlow** The residents of Aston Lane and Aults Nook Way.

**Swarkestone** The residents of Bridge Barn and Bridge Farm.

**Twyford** The residents of Twyford.

**Weston** The residents of Weston Road and The Pastures.

**The Community** Local G.P.s, Community Health services, Social services.

**The Diocese** The Peak Deanery. The Board of Education and all Church Schools.

**The Worldwide Church** The Provinces of Canada, Central Africa, Central America and The Congo.

## ***Paul writes***



We are called to think about Love this month with Valentine's day.

Love is something we all know about and it really forms the basis of Christianity.

When we love someone we would do anything for them, we will go the extra mile for them, we would sacrifice something for them.

We would go without something for ourselves so we could give it to the other person.

Those of us who have children have that instinct ever since they have been born. That is why it comes as so shocking when we hear of parents killing their own children.

So if we know in our own lives what Love means, we can understand Jesus teaching as it relates to society.

We definitely should have a society where no one needs to use a foodbank, those with more should give more. Those who need looking after should be looked after. I don't find those political demands, they are human demands. And I believe Jesus teaching was for individuals and society as a whole.

So this month we could set ourselves one challenge

There might be one person or one situation that we are in at some point and we will have a choice

To sit and listen, or to say we haven't got time

or

To let something go over our head and not lose our temper

Just to try and do that once this month would be a great way to show Love in the world

God Bless,

your friend, Paul

## Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the **March 2025** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at [jnutman@btinternet.com](mailto:jnutman@btinternet.com) by **February 20** please.

The winning numbers for January's draw were:

1<sup>st</sup> – 132 (Weston), 2<sup>nd</sup> - 80 (Aston), 3<sup>rd</sup> – 87 (Aston)

The next draw is on Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February at church.

### Parish Vacancy Update

The Diocese now has all the information and pictures with which to produce an advert for the vacancy in the Benefice. We hope to receive the draft copy within the next few weeks so possibly the advert can go out shortly afterwards. As we have found so far, there are frequently hiccups along the way so don't be surprised at further delays!!



Recognise where this was taken? Pic courtesy Kathy Field

# JESUS the LIGHT of the WORLD



Listen to the story told in today's Gospel.  
Fill in the missing letters to complete the sentences below.  
Then colour in the picture of Simeon holding baby Jesus.

M \_\_\_ and J \_\_\_\_\_  
presented Jesus in  
the T \_\_\_\_\_.

At the Temple they met  
S \_\_\_\_\_ and A \_\_\_\_\_.

Today  
we also bless  
candles that give  
light. These remind  
us that Jesus is the  
Light of the world.  
Draw a picture or  
write about how to  
live in Jesus' light.





This time of year is usually fairly quiet as everyone hunkers down in the cold weather! However, the church in Aston is continuing as normal, keeping everything going without a resident incumbent. Our thanks go in particular to Paul, on whose shoulders have fallen the bulk of the responsibilities, for keeping everything going so well in addition to planning for the large number of weddings in the benefice this year and carrying out funerals and other services. Without him, and Bruce too, we should be really struggling. Mention must be made of the 'in house' services once a month, well received and thanks to Mary and Ken for doing the bulk of them. We also mourn the loss of stalwart Carole Bagnall who has contributed so much to the church and community at large over many years. RIP

The Wednesday Morning Hub in February will be as follows:

**5th February 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30: Open Book– Bible Exploration**

12th February from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

**19th February 9.30 Holy Communion and from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration**

26nd January from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

**Aston Community Choir** meets on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Centre.

**The Bellringers** meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm.

### CAMEO

Happy New Year to everyone. The new year of 2025 has come around quickly after a mild Christmas and now a snowy, frosty start to the year . Despite the cold weather, many of our members turned up to our January session to hear an excellent talk from St John Ambulance Service . The work they do around derby is all voluntary and many dedicated people do numerous hours to help others.



We had a demonstration of how to perform CPR and First Aid courses can be available to groups free of charge.

Our next meeting will be Wednesday 5th February in Heritage Centre Aston-on-Trent DE72 2DH at 7.30pm all are welcome. We will be having a quiz ,tea/coffee. £3 .

### Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Aquabox was very pleased with their cheque for £1,800, presented by Anne James our President, and a couple of our "Committee Buddies" that help out at fundraising events. Thank you all for supporting our 2024 charity.

At our January meeting we voted for our 2025 charity, Marie Curie Derbyshire- Nottinghamshire who won by 4 votes! We started the fundraising for them with our Coffee and Chat event on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January in the cosy Heritage Centre. If you can't make the weekday fundraising events, we have The Soup and Pud Lunch on Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March which is always a successful and very tasty event where everyone is welcome. We look forward to seeing you soon.

Aston on Trent Women's Institute isn't just about fundraising but also companionship and fun, we welcome all women from the age of 18 -118! New members and guests are always welcome and it's free for your first 3 meetings. We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM.

#### **Dates for your diary: -**

**Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> February:** Darts & Dominoes at The White Hart members social.

**Saturday 1<sup>st</sup> March 12:00- 14:00:** Soup & Pud Lunch fundraiser in The War Memorial Hall

**September 2025:** WI Holiday TBC

**29<sup>th</sup> October 2025:** Riverdance trip.

*Our members Craft and Dabble meetings are the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Thursdays in the month in the Heritage Centre.*

### Mothers' Union

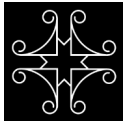
In the new year we were saddened to hear of the passing of our dear friend Carole Bagnall. She has been a treasured member of Aston and Weston MU for many years and has made a great contribution to the Branch, always ready to help in any way and full of ideas. She has been ill for a long time, but regularly at church and Compline services and we are thankful she is now at rest with her Lord.

Through the cold winter days, in our cosy warm houses we must try continue to pray for those who aren't as fortunate as we are; everyone without family, shelter, or food and those around the world who have lost their homes because of persecution.

Next Meeting. Some of you will remember when Bishop Peter Fox was invited to All Saints' Church at Aston to lead the Sunday morning service. He was very friendly and well-liked, and talked to some of us in the Heritage Centre over coffee. We spoke of MU and he said how very important it is in Papua New Guinea where he had lived and worked. (which is what Ed had told us previously). We asked if he would come and talk to our small group of enthusiastic MU members, and he said he would be pleased to visit our Branch and bring his wife because she was very involved in MU in Papua New Guinea. So we look forward to welcoming them on Thursday, February 27<sup>th</sup>. They were used to big meetings in PNG so please come along and bring a visitor if you can! Meetings begin at 2.30pm in the Heritage Centre.

Also – a reminder that there is a coffee morning every Wednesday in the Heritage Centre from 10am, except on the third Wednesday when it is a Bible study for all. Everyone is always welcome.

# Barrow



## St Wilfrid's Church, Barrow upon Trent

Email: [stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com](mailto:stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com)



# Flvaston

### Prayers

We remember all who are sick or troubled at this time, especially we pray for Terry Marshall.

### Services

There will be no services at St Bartholomew's during February.



# Shardlow

### PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers, Molly Keogh, Mavis Foster, Sarah Simpson, Christine and John Wharton and Julia Gillard.

### SERVICES

Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> February 10-30am Morning Service

### COFFEE MORNING

At the time of writing we look forward to the January Coffee Morning after such a long time. The February one is on Saturday 22nd February from 10-00am to 11-30am. Everyone is very welcome to come along and enjoy the friendship and fellowship we have together. There are lots of books to borrow from the library in the Hayward Room and we have numerous jigsaws and an ever increasing number of people exchanging these.

The group of willing volunteers continue to work hard in keeping the churchyard very tidy, and we are very grateful to them.



## *From the Registers:*

### Barrow

Funeral: January 17 Peter Green



### Swarkestone

Funeral: January 3 Alfred Camp 85yrs



### Twyford

Wedding: January 30 Troy Holler and Faye Hambleton



### Weston

Funeral: January 16 Margaret Boyce 95yrs





# Swarkestone



Next service – [4<sup>th</sup> Before Lent, February 9th – 10.30 am](#)

Minister:- Paul

Readers:- Mike & Denise Crocker

Church Cleaning:- Carleen & Nick Osborne

Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Laura Howarth & Ted Lawrence

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara Foster, Jill Malpass, June Thompson, the Warnock family & Ann Morton.

## AGM ADVANCE NOTICE

Our AGM will be held after our regular service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> March. All are welcome to join us to hear reports on what we have been doing over the last year. We will also be giving an update on any progress made in the recruitment of a new minister. If you are interested in joining the PCC or to help us until we can welcome a new Rector, this is an ideal opportunity to find out how you can become involved. We look forward to seeing you.

*Not a great deal has happened this rather dreary January, so as part of our occasional series of history articles, here is what was happening near St James' about 380 years ago. No doubt the frightened villagers of Swarkestone would have been taking shelter in the church and wondering what the future held for them whilst trying to keep safe, warm and dry.*

*Not much has changed in some places and we share here a prayer for peace in our troubled world.*

*O God of all hope and peace, we bring to you the needs of our broken and hurting world.*

*Our hearts are breaking with images of lives lost and torn apart by grief. We pray for an end to violence and warfare so that the challenging work of rebuilding may begin.*

*Help us, O Lord, to affirm our common humanity so that in our differences we may build together for justice and peace.*

*In Jesus Christ, our Lord.*

*Amen*

If you want to keep up with our news more regularly, please look for and like our Facebook page – you'll find photos and snippets about happenings at St James' and Swarkestone are added most weeks. <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchSwarkestone>

## ***THE BATTLE OF SWARKESTONE BRIDGE***

Up until the 17th century, Swarkestone Bridge was the only place to cross the River Trent between Burton-on-Trent and Nottingham. It provided a valuable line of defence and communication and in the Civil War, Royalist Commander Henry Hastings fortified the bridge and garrisoned Swarkestone Hall, which was the home of Sir John Harpur (2<sup>nd</sup> Baronet), with a regiment of about 700 Royalists.

On the 6th of January 1643, Sir John Harpur unsuccessfully defended the bridge against the parliamentarian Sir John Gell of Hopton Hall. Gell's forces suffered one wounded soldier, whilst killing 8 royalists and wounding several. The barricades on the bridge were dismantled and part of the bridge was demolished. The loss of the river crossing caused problems for both sides in the ongoing conflict.

Swarkestone Hall was damaged during the Civil War but was repaired afterwards. The Harpurs subsequently moved to Calke Abbey and the Hall appears to have been little used after about 1715 and was pulled down during the first half of the 18th century.

The portrait of Sir John (left) is displayed at Calke Abbey. The tombs of his father (Sir John Harpur 1<sup>st</sup> Baronet) who died in 1622 and also his mother are in the Harpur Chapel at St James'. The portrait of Sir John Gell (right) is at the National Army Museum in London.



# Twyford

Flowers: Mrs Jenny Jackson and Mr Peter Woodward

An excerpt from "Over the Hills to Calke" by L. J. Cox concerning Twyford Ferry:

"The ferry boat belonged to the Harpur Crewe Estate and John Hind, the tenant of Ferry Farm, who had land on both sides of the river, was in charge, and used the boat for access. At Twyford he practised what must have been a system of dairy farming unique in England. Each spring he would drive his cattle along the road to Willington, the next village, to cross the river over the bridge, then back towards home through Repton and Milton to reach his grazing land opposite Twyford village – a journey of five and a half miles to arrive 60 yards away by boat! Each morning and evening throughout the summer the farm workers would cross the river with buckets, stools and churns to milk the cows in the open air. In the Autumn the cattle would be brought back by road again to spend the winter in the cattle sheds at home. The ferry boat is no longer there as it was wrecked in the severe floods of 1963."



## St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



### WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

At January's WI meeting, we were privileged to hear an inspiring talk from the air ambulance team, who shared insights into their incredible and life-saving work. We learned about the immense skill involved in their operations, from plotting precise flight routes to ensure they reach patients swiftly, to navigating challenging conditions to arrive at critical moments. The team's highly trained medical staff bring advanced care directly to the scene, often making a life-changing difference in emergencies where every second counts. Their dedication and expertise left us in awe.

Looking ahead, we're excited to support another great cause at the pop-up café raising funds for Forget Me Notts. Join us on Saturday, 2nd February, from 10 am to 2 pm at Weston-on-Trent Village Hall for delicious treats and good company, all for a wonderful charity.

### DATES FOR DIARIES

Sunday March 30th. Mothering Sunday service, St Mary's Church, Weston

Sunday April 20th Easter Sunday Service, St Mary's Church, Weston



*The TEACHER  
The RESILIENT SPIRIT  
The PROUD GRANDMOTHER*

**M**y name is Victoria Rodgers, though most people call me Vicky. I grew up as an only child, which fostered a close bond with my parents and encouraged me to develop strong friendships.

I attended Leavington College for Girls, which set the stage for my future. After university, I became a teacher, spending many years at St. Joseph's Convent, where my daughter also studied. My childhood included special moments like trips to Paris with my father and memorable school plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream. I found joy in St John Ambulance Cadets, and later, my teaching career focused on science, with a bit of English due to my love for drama.

I married Roger, and we had two wonderful children. After his passing from Leukaemia, I found a second chance of happiness with Stan, who I met through lawn bowls. We enjoyed 15 happy years together before he passed. After some health challenges, I moved to Richmond Villages, where the care and community has been a great comfort. My family is my greatest pride, especially moments like my granddaughter Darcy's flute performance here at the village.

At 80, I believe in looking forward and embracing life's changes. Richmond Villages has given me a reason to keep going, with its welcoming environment and caring staff. My advice to others is to find joy in every moment and never give up on life's opportunities.

Every resident has a story, this is Vicky's. Move to Richmond Villages Aston-on-Trent and celebrate yours.

Try the lifestyle out for size and enjoy 2 nights FREE\*  
Call 01332 794300 or visit [richmond-villages.com/special-offers](http://richmond-villages.com/special-offers)

**R I C H M O N D  
V I L L A G E S**

*Part of Bupa*

\*Terms and conditions apply, visit [richmond-villages.com/special-offers](http://richmond-villages.com/special-offers) for more information.



**STRAIGHTFORWARD,  
PRACTICAL LEGAL ADVICE**

*Our specialist team are ready to assist and offer a fast, friendly and efficient service.*

- ▶ Residential & Commercial Property
- ▶ Personal Injury
- ▶ Divorce & Matrimonial
- ▶ Wills & Probate
- ▶ Litigation & Disputes

**Local Law for Life**  
Alexander & Co Solicitors LLP

56 Friar Gate Derby DE1 1DF  
5 Raynesway Alvaston Derby DE24 0DW  
2 Chapel Street Spondon Derby DE21 7JP  
The Gate House 1st Floor 43B Church Gate Loughborough  
46 Bridgford Road West Bridgford Nottingham NG2 6AP  
7 Church Street Eastwood Nottingham NG16 3BP  
t: 01332 600005 w: [AandCo.co.uk](http://AandCo.co.uk) e: [enquiries@AandCo.co.uk](mailto:enquiries@AandCo.co.uk)

*CALL NOW*



**Hair For Mature Ladies**

**BRINGING STYLE TO YOUR DOORSTEP**

[sue@hairformatureladies.co.uk](mailto:sue@hairformatureladies.co.uk)

07736 948128

**MOBILE  
HAIRDRESSER BASED  
IN DERBY  
BY  
SUE**



**Broadbents  
Solicitors**

25 Iron Gate  
Derby

**Tel:01332 369090**





**GEORGE SIMNETT**  
FAMILY FUNERAL DIRECTORS  
HONOURING A LIFETIME\*

## A.M.H DECORATING

Interior & Exterior. Insured & Qualified  
Free Estimates  
**Adam Henshall**  
Tel: 01332 669822 Mob: 07436814786  
A.M.H\_DECORATING@MAIL.COM  
[www.facebook.com/amhdecor](http://www.facebook.com/amhdecor)

At George Simnett Family Funeral Directors our aim is to 'Honour a Lifetime'. My experienced staff and I hope to ensure that all personal requirements, whatever they may be, are carried out in a caring, professional manner, with the utmost high standard of service and respect. Our independent funeral care combines traditional values and beliefs, responsive to the needs of all cultures, with a modern approach to making the funeral service an honorary celebration of a loved one's life.

### **George Simnett**

George E Simnett  
Managing Director

Funerals directed under the personal supervision of George Simnett and Ruth Bartlett.

24 hour personal and professional service

Private Chapels of Rest

Grey Mercedes ceremonial vehicles

Black Jaguar ceremonial vehicles

Proud owners of the Land Rover Defender 130 hearse

Horse-drawn carriages and alternatives available

In house floristry service

Monthly payment option available



Offering pre-arranged and pre-paid funeral plans from the UK's largest independent planning provider

01332 690211  
[www.georgesimnett.co.uk](http://www.georgesimnett.co.uk)

Allestree Branch  
Dalley House  
4 Blenheim Parade  
Allestree  
Derby  
DE22 2GP  
01332 985150

Chaddesden Branch  
John Simnett House  
96c Wood Road  
Chaddesden  
Derby  
DE21 4LZ  
(Opening soon)

Chellaston Branch  
Walker House  
65 High Street  
Chellaston  
Derby  
DE73 6TB  
01332 690211

Spondon Branch  
Williams House  
77 Sitwell Street  
Spondon  
Derby  
DE21 7FH  
01332 661195



## **Huw Campbell Plumbing & Heating**

All aspects of plumbing work undertaken – leaking taps to full kitchen and bathroom fits. No job too small.

**Tel: 07834 169576**

Personal To You

## Home Help And Cleaning Services

Specialising in- Helping with every day activities, Personal care needs, Shopping, Cleaning and any cooking

Contact  
Jeanna: 07398964171

<https://thepurpleboat.co.uk/>  
<https://www.narrowboatcanalholidayhire.com/>

**The Purple Boat**  
Narrowboat Holiday Hire



Perfect for 2 and can accommodate 4, try a fun family, or cosy couples holiday on the British canals starting from the historic inland waterways port of Shardlow. Boat handling tuition and fuel included. Equipped with microwave, oven, grill, fridge, TV/ DVD, freshly laundered bedding, towels, loo rolls, pots, pans, crockery and cutlery.

Email: [thepurpleboat@outlook.com](mailto:thepurpleboat@outlook.com)

**Kip McGrath**  
EDUCATION CENTRES

In Centre Online

Kip McGrath Education Centres Derby South

For more information or to book a FREE educational assessment please call Sue on 01332 381127.

[www.kipmcgrath.co.uk/derby-south](http://www.kipmcgrath.co.uk/derby-south)



## Does your child need help with English or Maths?



Here at Kip McGrath Derby South we provide individual small group tuition in English and Maths for children of all abilities aged 5 to 16 using only qualified and DBS checked teachers. Our Education Centre is based in Allenton and we currently offer both In Centre and Online tuition using bespoke Kip McGrath platforms. We're Ofsted registered and can accept working tax credits, universal credit, childcare vouchers and tax free childcare as payment.

*Watch your child's learning and confidence grow with their own individual programme.*

## SERVICES IN FEBRUARY

	Readings	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
2 February Presentation of Christ	Mal 3. 1-5 Luke 2. 22-40	10.30 UBS HC Rev Robert Atkins						
Wed 5 February		9.30 HC Paul 6.30 Evening prayer						
9 February 4 <sup>th</sup> before Lent	Isaiah 6. 1-8 Luke 5. 1-11	10.30 FW Bruce	10.30 MP Barrow Team			10.30 HC Paul		
Wed 12 February		6.30 Compline						
16 February 3 <sup>rd</sup> before Lent	Jerem. 17. 5-10 Luke 6. 17-26	10.30 FW Aston Team	10.30 MP Bruce		10.30 HC Paul		3.00pm HC Steve Short	
Wed 19 February		9.30 HC Paul 6.30 Compline						
23 February 2 <sup>nd</sup> before Lent	Gen. 2. 4b-9, 15-end Luke 8. 22-25	10.30 UBS HC Paul						
Wed 26 February		6.30 Compline						

HC = Holy Communion, FC=Family Communion, MP=Morning Prayer, ES=Evensong, FW=Family Worship, Ext. HC = Holy Communion by Extension, UBS = United Benefice Service