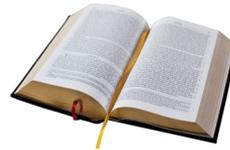


This week's service

Today's service is led by Nigel Worth with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 20th February 2022

This week's reading



Luke 6:27-38

A thought from Debbie

How beautiful would it be if our church looked and sounded just like Jesus?

Do you remember the **WWJD?** bracelets?

Well, I think that this week's reading begins to give us the answer to that question; What Would Jesus Do?

But the other question that we should be asking ourselves is... why doesn't that feel more natural for me?

Sometimes, before we can answer that question, we need to spend some time in prayer looking at our own Automatic Responses.



Minster Lent Groups: - Exploring God's Mercy

Currently we have 6 groups starting the week beginning the 7th of March and they are all running throughout Lent. Some are in people's homes, some are in centres or church halls, and one is on Zoom. We are offering different days, times, and venues. There is lots of choice.

Rev Mike is leading a group via Zoom on **Monday evenings**. This starts Monday 7th March from 7.30pm. Just login in and join us. Any questions just message Mike on 07814 033183.

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/2032719091>

Tony Yalden is leading a group at Gresley Church's Community Centre, Church Street, DE11 9NR on **Tuesday mornings** starting at 10.30am. To book a place please contact Tony on 07962 209527.

Caroline Carr is leading a group at the Community Centre at Swadlincote fire-station mainly on **Tuesday evenings** starting at 730pm. However, the first one is on Wednesday the 9th. From then on it is on a Tuesday evening - the 15th, 22nd and 29th and 5th April. To book a place please contact Caroline on 07814270347.

Liz and Beth are leading a group at Sandy Smith's house on a **Wednesday evening** from 7.30pm. To book a place and get directions to this group please contact Liz (elizabethodell2812@gmail.com) or Beth (07557 509603).

Val Clipson is leading a group at Emmanuel Church Hall, Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote on **Thursday afternoons** starting at 3pm. To book a place please contact Rev Alison on 07986 527293.

Pam Burgess in leading a group at Jon Whiten's house on **Thursday evenings** starting at 7.30pm. To book a place and get directions to this group please contact Pam Burgess on 07814 186309.

Church diary for the next month

Sunday 27th February

10:45 YFC Service

with Helen and Becky from Swadlincote & District Youth for Christ

Wednesday 2nd March

7pm Minster Ash Wednesday Service at St John's Newhall

Sunday 6th March

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Sean O'Toole with Rev Patrick Douglas preaching

Sunday 13th March

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Sandra O'Toole with Debbie Patrick preaching

Sunday 20th February

10:45 Holy Communion

led by Nigel Worth with Rev Mike Firbank preaching

Sunday 27th March

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Debbie Patrick with Rev Bex Allpress preaching

Sunday 3rd April

10:45 Morning Worship

led by Sandra O'Toole with Sean O'Toole preaching

Cleaning Rota

Please clean the church before the date marked. Please swap with someone else on the rota if you cannot clean during your week.

Bonus note: The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra, so no need to clean.

27.02.2022	Bill
04.03.2022	Val & Andy

Pastoral Reorganisation -Update

As you will hopefully remember, last year we mentioned that the church of England were making ministerial changes, and we made you aware that we would not be having our own vicar.

To align with this, the 4 local Anglican churches have the opportunity to change.

Over the last few months there has been consultation on-going to look at how it could work.

There were four options discussed at the 4 PCC's....

1. We cease being four parishes and become one parish and one benefice. We have one PCC over four churches.
2. We go from four individual parish churches in three benefices, to remaining four individual parish churches but become one benefice called Swadlincote Minster and every church keeps its PCC.
3. We continue with an informal group (with no legal structures or legal ties) locally called Swadlincote Minster. However, one of the current local paid clergy (of incumbent status) would then be asked by Libby to be licensed as priest in charge of Hartshorne and Emmanuel, whilst still retaining their present post.
4. Is there something else that nobody has thought of?

Following on from our last PCC meeting, the consensus is that we go with option 2.

Also, the general feeling across the other 3 Minster churches is similar...

1 Benefice and 4 Parishes

(so permanently joined together, but everyone keeps their own PCC)

Benefice meaning: - In the CofE this describes any parish or group of parishes under a single stipendiary minister (Vicar)

The plan being if we are happy, is that when we meet in March as a PCC, there will be an opportunity to ask questions (pre-sent) and seek clarity if required, to enable a formal PCC vote in our own group to establish if we are happy to proceed with option 2.

If you have any questions, please let us know.

God bless, Nige, Debbie, Sean & Sandra