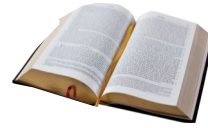


This week's service

Sunday 12th February 2023

This week's readings

Welcome to today's service
led by Debbie Patrick
with Nigel Worth preaching



1 Corinthians 13:1-3
John 3:16

A thought from Nigel

Today we will look at three LOVE scriptures
-Galatians 5:22-23, 1 Corinthians 13:1-3
and one in particular, John 3:16.

These scriptures will help us explore God's
love towards us.

The world exploits LOVE and has
damaged the real meaning. You will see
today God's truth and how it is relevant to
us.

Prayer for the week

Eternal God, whose Son went among
the crowds
and brought healing with his touch:
help us to show his love,
in your Church as we gather together,
and by our lives
as they are transformed
into the image of Christ our Lord.
Amen

An invitation from Mike



Join me for a
LENT
course on
CONFIDENCE
at
Gresley Church
Community Centre,
Bridget's Room

Any questions? Please just ask, Mike ☺ 07814 033183

Thursday 23rd Feb from 730pm
Confidence through being convinced

Thursday 2nd Mar from 730pm
Confidence through community

Wednesday 8th March from 730pm
Confidence through compassion

Thursday 16th March from 730pm
Confidence through consistent spiritual practices

Thursday 23rd March from 730pm
Confidence through confidence

Thursday 30th March from 730pm
Confidence through courage

Marmalade

I am making marmalade
to raise money for
Swadlincote & District
Youth for Christ.



So far I have made 30
jars of Seville Orange marmalade
and I will be making Pink Grapefruit
marmalade later this month.

**However I desperately need more
empty jam jars with lids.**

Could you please save any and
bring them to church?

Many thanks, Jane

Afternoon Tea & Live Music

4th March

**Don't forget to book your place by
17th February!**

**Sign up forms are on the table at the
back of church.**

**Completed forms and donations
can be given to
Helen or Sandra**



Swadlincote & District
**YOUTH
FOR CHRIST**

Church diary for the next month

Friday 17th February
5.30pm Visit by Gresley Beavers
 with Rev Bex Allpress

Sunday 19th February
10:45 Morning Worship
 with Rev Mike Firbank

Wednesday 22nd February
Ash Wednesday service at St John's, Newhall

Thursday 23rd February
10am Coffee, Conversation & Company
 at Goseley Community Centre

Sunday 26th February
10:45 Holy Communion
 with Rev Bex Allpress

Saturday 4th March
2.30pm Afternoon Tea and Music
 in aid of SDYFC in the church hall
 Booking essential

Sunday 5th March
10:45 Morning Worship

Thursday 9th March
10am Coffee, Conversation & Company
 at Goseley Community Centre

26th MARCH



**ANNUAL
 PAROCHIAL
 CHURCH
 MEETING**

Everyone is invited to our Annual Church Meeting which will take place after the service on Sunday 26th March. If you want to take an active part and vote on any matters you need to have your name on the church electoral roll. Forms are on the table at the back of church. If you lead a group or activity please send your report to Christine for inclusion in the APCM booklet.

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.



The toilets will be cleaned weekly by Sean & Sandra

19 th Feb	Brian Redfern
26 th Feb	Val & Andy
5 th March	Nige & Deb
12 th March	Christine
19 th March	Deb P
26 th March	Jane
2 nd April	Bill
9 th April	Brian Redfern
16 th April	Val & Andy

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one other after the service.

We have a rota for serving tea & coffee.

Please swap with someone if you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk. Thank you

12 th Feb	Maxine & Jane
19 th Feb	Christine
26 th Feb	Deb W
5 th Mar	Carol
12 th Mar	James
19 th Mar	Maxine & Jane
26 th Mar	Christine
2 nd April	Deb Worth

A few years ago Sean and Sandra divided clumps of snowdrops from their garden and shared them with us. The snowdrops are now flowering profusely. You're probably familiar with William Wordsworth's poem that starts "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud..." but do you know this one?



To a Snowdrop

Lone flower, hemmed in with snows and white as they
 But hardier far, once more I see thee bend
 Thy forehead, as if fearful to offend,
 Like an unbidden guest. Though day by day,
 Storms, sallying from the mountain-tops, waylay
 The rising sun, and on the plains descend;
 Yet art thou welcome, welcome as a friend
 Whose zeal outruns his promise! Blue-eyed May
 Shall soon behold this border thickly set
 With bright jonquils, their odours lavishing
 On the soft west-wind and his frolic peers;
 Nor will I then thy modest grace forget,
 Chaste Snowdrop, venturous harbinger of Spring,
 And pensive monitor of fleeting years!

William Wordsworth 1819