

A thought from Debbie

When you are facing storms in life what do you do?

Do you get out of the boat and challenge things head on? Trusting that Jesus will be there to pick you up if you start to sink?

Or do you stay within the safety of the boat and trust that Jesus will take care of things? Well, there are no wrong answers... it may well depend on your resilience on the day or your personality in general.

The point in both cases is that Jesus **is** there to save you.

Prayer for the week

Lord, Give me faith to know that you are here regardless of how rough things are getting right now.

Give me the trust to know that you are going to calm this storm and that I can rely on you.

Lord, give me peace that passes every possible understanding. I will trust in you. Amen

Weekly Prayer Meeting

We meet each Thursday from 7-8pm.

These are exciting meetings and each week they're led by a different member of the group. Not everyone who comes prays aloud, so don't be nervous about that. The important thing is to be part of it. If you need a lift speak to Nigel or Sandra

Goats on a slope

My bible reading today was Psalm 104. Verse 18 jumped out at me -

The high mountains belong to the wild goats; the crags are a refuge for the hyrax. At the end of July we went on holiday to Cromer with my daughter and grandchildren. Walking into the town on the first day we were astonished to see a group of goats precariously grazing on the steep grass slopes overlooking Cromer beach. We learned that these are Bagot goats 'employed' by the District Council to keep the vegetation down on the sharp incline on the western side of the Esplanade.

The goats are able to maintain the vegetation and encourage the ecological balance of the cliff, without destroying the local fauna through over-consumption. The Bagot is believed to be Britain's oldest breed of goat they are very hardy and easy to tame and have been hugely popular with residents and visitors. They have even promoted their own range of **'goats on a slope'** branded merchandise which includes tea towels, mugs and key rings!



Church diary for the next month

Thursday 17th August 7pm Prayer meeting at Jane's house 5 Sandcliffe Park, DE11 7PX

Sunday 20th August 10:45 Holy Communion with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 27th August 10:45 Morning Worship led by Debbie Patrick with Nigel Worth preaching

Sunday 3rd September No service in the morning **3pm Civic Service** led by Rev Mike Firbank Please be seated by 2.50pm at the latest!

Sunday 10th September 10:45 Morning Worship led by Sandra O'Toole with Sean O'Toole preaching

Saturday 16th September 10am Heritage Open Day Tower tours and heritage displays

Wednesday 20th September PCC meeting at Emmanuel

Friday 22nd September 7.30pm Women's Weekend starts at Gresley Community Centre

Sunday 24th September 10:45 Special SDYFC service with Helen and Becky

Sunday 1st October 10:45 Harvest Thanksgiving with Rev Patrick Douglas An opportunity to bring your gifts for Swadlincote Foodbank

Sunday 8th October 10:45 Morning Worship

Sunday 15th October 10:45 Holy Communion with Rev Mike Firbank 12:45 Baptism of Eliana Ramsell with Rev Mike Firbank

Sunday 22nd October 10:45 Morning Worship

Sunday 29th October 10:00 Joint Minster Service at St John's, Newhall with Bishop Libby

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

Refreshments Rota

It's a real blessing to be able

to spend time chatting with

service. We have a rota for

Please swap with someone if

you cannot do a particular date. Please bring the milk.

one another after the

serving tea & coffee.

Thank you

20th AugBrian Redfern27th AugVal & Andy3rd SeptNige & Deb10th SeptChristine17th SeptJane24th SeptBill1st OctBrian Redfern

13 th Aug	Christine
20 th Aug	Deb W & Alicia
27 th Aug	Carol
3 rd Sept	James
10 th Sept	Maxine & Jane
17 th Sept	Christine
24 th Sept	Deb W & Alicia
1 st Oct	Carol



Modern Multi-Tasking Women's Weekend at Gresley Church Community Centre

Fríday 22nd September 2023 at 7.30pm

Saturday 23rd 10am till 3pm

Sunday 10am You are invited to our Sunday Worship Service

Refreshments and lunch will be provided on the Saturday. Any donations welcome.

You are invited to join us for time to share together and be valued as a woman.

All are very welcome to join us.

To book ring

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