



This week's service

Sunday 20th August 2023

This week's reading

Welcome to today's Holy Communion service with Rev Mike Firbank



Matthew 15: 10-20

A thought from Mike

What words we choose to use is so important - whether they are spoken or written by us, 'liked' online by us, or written words simply passed on by us. Words form a narrative and narrative can turn into something beautiful or something degrading and nasty. Narrative also lasts – we often remember stories (whether nice or nasty) longer than anything else. Often though, language is just ordinary – such as daily information, facts, dates, lists, the harmless requests we make of each other or the ordinary questions of life. For a Christian though, it is so important to watch over what words we use or pass on to others.

Prayer for the week

God of glory,
the end of our searching,
help us to lay aside
all that prevents us from seeking your kingdom,
and to give all that we have
to gain the pearl beyond all price,
through our Saviour Jesus Christ.
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

Drinking From The Saucer

by John Paul Moore

I've never made a fortune, And I'll never make one now But it really doesn't matter 'Cause I'm happy anyhow

As I go along my journey I'm reaping better than I've sowed I'm drinking from the saucer 'Cause my cup has overflowed

I don't have a lot of riches, And sometimes the going's tough But with kin and friends to love me I think I'm rich enough I thank God for the blessings That His mercy has bestowed I'm drinking from the saucer 'Cause my cup has overflowed

He gives me strength and courage When the way grows steep and rough I'll not ask for other blessings for I'm already blessed enough

May we never be too busy To help bear another's load Then we'll all be drinking from the saucer When our cups have overflowed

You prepare a table before me in the presence of my enemies. You anoint my head with oil; my cup overflows. Psalm 23:5

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 24th August 7pm Prayer meeting

at 3 Sharpswood Manor

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 Saturday 23rd September 10am Women's Weekend

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

Saturday 21st October 2.30pm Wedding

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

27 th Aug	Val & Andy
3 rd Sept	Nige & Deb
10 th Sept	Christine
17 th Sept	Jane
24 th Sept	Bill
1st Oct	Brian Redfern
8 th Oct	Val & Andy

RefreshmentsRota

It's a real blessing to be able to spend time chatting with one another 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

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
1st Oct	Carol
8 th Oct	James



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

Friday 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.

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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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or Deb Worth 07847458844

