

This week's service

Sunday 27th August 2023

This week's reading

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



Acts 8:25-40

# A thought from Nigel

As we look today at the two main characters of our passage - Philip (the Evangelist) and a Eunuch (from Ethiopia), the gospel message of finding faith in Jesus is so simple.

In life God gives us opportunities to influence others. Hopefully our message will influence us to take opportunities.







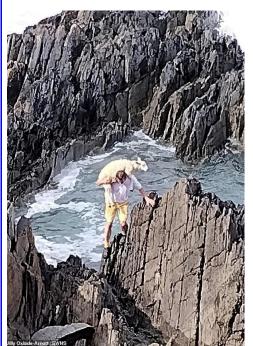
Bridge Building

## Prayer for the week

God of constant mercy, who sent your Son to save us: remind us of your goodness, increase your grace within us, that our thankfulness may grow, through Jesus Christ our Lord. 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



### The Parable of the Lost Sheep

The real –life story from the news last week of a stranded sheep being rescued from some treacherous rocks reminded me of this parable from Luke 15:1-7

<sup>1</sup>Now the tax collectors and sinners were all gathering round to hear Jesus. <sup>2</sup> But the Pharisees and the teachers of the law muttered, 'This man welcomes sinners, and eats with them.'

<sup>3</sup> Then Jesus told them this parable: <sup>4</sup> 'Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Doesn't he leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? <sup>5</sup> And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders <sup>6</sup> and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbours together and says, "Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep." <sup>7</sup> I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous people who do not need to repent.

Church diary for the next month

Thursday 31st August 7pm Prayer meeting

at Jeff &Debbie's home, 4 Falcon Way DE11 7QT

Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 aifts 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 22<sup>nd</sup> October 10:45 Morning Worship

Sunday 29th October 10:00 Joint Minster Service

at St John's, Newhall with Bishop Libby

#### REMINDER

Next week, Sunday 3rd there is NO morning service. Special Civic service here at St Peter's at 3pm

### 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

3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Nige & Deb
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Christine
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Jane
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Bill
1st Oct	Brian Redfern
8 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Val & Andy
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Nige & Deb

## 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

27 <sup>th</sup> Aug	Carol
3 <sup>rd</sup> Sept	Volunteers please!
10 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Maxine & Jane
17 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Christine
24 <sup>th</sup> Sept	Deb W & Alicia
1st Oct	Carol
8th Oct	James
15 <sup>th</sup> Oct	Maxine & Jane



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

Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 Caroline Carr 07814270347 or Deb Worth 07847458844

