



## This week's service

Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2024

## This week's reading



Today's  
Holy Communion service  
is led by Rev Mike Firbank



Exodus 2:21-22  
Daniel 3:16-18

## A thought from Mike

Friends, this Sunday we begin to explore the Lent course material called Purpose – this week we are invited to look at the title Purpose in Everything.

I invite you to really grapple with this question – do you really believe that there is purpose in everything?

## Prayer for the week

Heavenly Father,  
your Son battled with the powers of darkness,  
and grew closer to you in the desert:  
help us to use these days to grow in wisdom and prayer  
that we may witness to your saving love  
in Jesus Christ our Lord . Amen

The *Unfolding* of Your  
Words gives *Light*.

Psalms 119:130

## Marmalade

Thank you to everyone who bought marmalade to support **Swadlincote & District YOUTH FOR CHRIST**.

**£68 has been raised**

I still have more available so let me know if you would like to buy some  
Jane



You're welcome to join us at  
The Well  
James Street  
Midway  
at 6:30 pm

Refreshments will be served  
after the service.

Please consider sharing transport  
as parking is limited.



## Advance notice



**ANNUAL  
PAROCHIAL  
CHURCH  
MEETING**

**21<sup>st</sup> APRIL**

Everyone is invited to our Annual Church Meeting which will take place after the service on Sunday 21st April.

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.

## Church diary for the next month

**Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February**  
**10:30 Coffee and Conversation**  
 at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 25<sup>th</sup> February**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Nigel Worth

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> March**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Debbie Patrick

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
**Mothing Sunday**  
 with Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March**  
**10:45 Holy Communion**  
 with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March Palm Sunday**  
**10:45 Morning Worship**  
 with Debbie Patrick

## 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**

25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Brian Redfern
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	Val & Andrew
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Nige & Deb
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Christine
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Deb P
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Jane
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	Bill

## Refreshments Rota

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

18 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Deb W & Alicia
25 <sup>th</sup> Feb	Carol
3 <sup>rd</sup> Mar	James
10 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Maxine & Jane
17 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Christine
24 <sup>th</sup> Mar	Deb W & Alicia
31 <sup>st</sup> Mar	Carol
7 <sup>th</sup> Apr	James



On Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> March (the clocks change at 1am that day!) Gresley will host the Minster's

## DAWN SERVICE

on Easter Sunday

in Gresley Church's Churchyard.

Around a firepit from 6am we will welcome the Lord as the sun rises with words, silence and songs.

I am looking for some folks to come and cook breakfast baps for 6.30am please - eggs, bacon in a bap, coffee and tea - for after the short service.

Please let me know if you're willing to do this.

Thanks, Mike

News from



Swadlincote & District  
**YOUTH FOR CHRIST**

## AGM - 28th February

The team would like to invite you to SDYFC's AGM on the 28th February at Emmanuel Church Hall, starting at 7.30pm. This will be a time of reflecting and celebrating how God has been moving in the centre and Swadlincote over the last year.

## Coffee & Conversation

Thursday 22<sup>nd</sup> February

Goseley Community Centre



An opportunity

- to chat
- to meet friends
- to ask questions
- to pray
- or simply to sit and rest

We meet on  
 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup>  
 Thursday  
 each month

**ALL WELCOME including children**