



Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2026

### Today's service

**10:45 SDYFC Service**  
with Helen Davis

WELCOME  
TO OUR  
service

### Today's Reading



Matthew 22

### A thought from Helen

In Matthew 22 Jesus talks about loving your neighbour as yourself. How can we do this? Sometimes, to "love your neighbour as yourself" means going outside of our comfort zone. And that can take sacrifice. Christ gave the biggest sacrifice: laying down his life for us, who he calls friends. Our sacrifice doesn't need to be that extreme, but it might look like doing something new and serving Him in a new way.

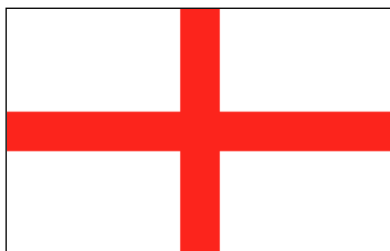
### Prayer for the week

Risen Christ,  
faithful shepherd of your Father's sheep:  
teach us to hear your voice and to  
follow your command, that all your  
people may be gathered into one  
flock,  
to the glory of God, the Father.  
Amen



Swadlincote & District  
**YOUTH  
FOR CHRIST**

If you would like to find out more about the work of SDYFC, or would like to pray for the work or donate please speak to Helen after the service, or contact her on [helen.davis@yfc.co.uk](mailto:helen.davis@yfc.co.uk)



### St George's Flag

St George is believed to have been born around 275–281 AD in Cappadocia.

St George's Day is celebrated on 23 April and is recognised as England's

national day - the anniversary of his death in 303 AD.

He was likely a 3rd-century Roman soldier of Greek origin from Cappadocia (modern-day Turkey). Born to a noble Christian family, he became a soldier and high-ranking officer. He refused to renounce his faith under Emperor Diocletian, facing torture before his execution in Palestine.

Contributed by Bill Morris



Artemis II Commander Reid Wiseman says he broke down in tears after seeing a Christian cross after landing back on earth.

While describing himself as "not really a religious person", Wiseman told a press conference that, upon splashing down in the Pacific Ocean after their historic mission around the moon, he asked to see the chaplain of the Navy vessel that picked them up.

"When that man walked in, I'd never met him before in my life. But I saw the cross on his collar, and I just broke down in tears. It's very hard to fully grasp what we just went through."

**The heavens declare the glory of God;  
the skies proclaim the work of his hands.**

Psalm 19:1

## CHURCH CALENDAR



**ALL SERVICES WILL BE HELD IN THE CHURCH HALL WHILST THE CHURCH IS CLOSED FOR RESTORATION WORK**

**Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May**

**10:45 All-age Worship**  
with Debbie Patrick

**Thursday 7<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:30 Coffee & Conversation**  
at Goseley Community Centre

**Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Nigel Worth

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Holy Communion**  
with Rev Mike Firbank

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> May**

**10:45 Morning Worship**  
with Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 31<sup>st</sup> May**

**10:00 Joint Minster Service**  
**at Emmanuel Church**



Thank you to all our volunteers.

If you would like help in any way, please have a word with Jane Horan.

### Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

|                      | Reading                     | Intercessions | Tea/coffee    |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|---------------|---------------|
| Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> | Emily                       | Sean          | Maxine & Jane |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Brian                       | Christine     | Deb W         |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup> | Sandra                      | Friday HG     | Gwen          |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup> | Paul                        | Nigel         | James         |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> | Jeff                        | Brian         | Carol         |
| May 31 <sup>st</sup> | MINSTER SERVICE AT EMMANUEL |               |               |
| June 7 <sup>th</sup> | John                        | Christine     | Maxine & Jane |

### Meet & greet/Tidying after the service Rota

|                      | Meet and greet              | Tidying after service |
|----------------------|-----------------------------|-----------------------|
| Apr 26 <sup>th</sup> | Christine T                 | Jean                  |
| May 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | Carol J – Jeff              | Jeff                  |
| May 10 <sup>th</sup> | Christine G - Sean          | Emily                 |
| May 17 <sup>th</sup> | Christine T                 | Jean                  |
| May 24 <sup>th</sup> | Carol J – Jeff              | Jeff                  |
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## Derbyshire Makes Swadlincote

**Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April**

**A free festival across Derbyshire, celebrating making in all its forms.**

Last month, I helped People Express repair wall hangings made over thirty years ago for display at Sharpe's Pottery during the Derbyshire Makes Celebration.

I restored several banners and assisted with their installation for the festival.

The 19 "Bayeux Tapestry"-inspired banners, which narrate local heritage, are featured together in the "**Stitches in Time**" Exhibition and can now be seen in their full glory.

If you miss the festival, you should be able to see the banners for a while afterwards.

Sharpe's Pottery is open  
Tues – Sat 10am – 5pm

For more information follow the link [Derbyshire Makes | Swadlincote](#)

Jane Horan

