



Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June 2026

### Today's service

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



### Today's Reading



Romans 3:1-26  
Hebrews 9:22  
1 John 1:9

### A thought from Nigel

Have you ever felt dirty on the inside?  
Not physically, but spiritually.

Many people walk into church smiling while carrying guilt, shame, regret, secret struggles, and pain. They appear fine on the outside, but their hearts are burdened.

Some try to hide it behind success, hoping achievement will bring peace. Others hide it behind busyness or religion, filling their lives with activity while avoiding what is really going on within.

Yet deep inside they wonder, "Can God really forgive me?"

The good news of the Gospel is this: Jesus did not come for perfect people. He came for people who need grace, mercy, and a fresh start.

### Prayer for the week

Faithful Creator,  
whose mercy never fails:  
deepen our faithfulness to you  
and to your living Word,  
Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen

### From the Open Door magazine

July 1902

#### The Coronation Festivities.

EARLY in the week preparations were well forward, much decoration done, food prepared, etc. On Tuesday Afternoon the whole country received the shock, "The King ill: Coronation postponed"! How true is the saying "Man proposes, God disposes." Everything was at a standstill, until the news arrived that it was the King's express wish that the country celebrations should take place. Taking into consideration the hopeful condition of the King's health, we decided to keep, as far as possible under the circumstances, to our original arrangements.

At 11 o'clock Coronation Mugs were given to all children old enough to come and take one. At 1 o'clock there was a special Service of Intercession for the King's speedy recovery.

The Service ended, people began to assemble for dinner and the children for tea: tea and dinner passed off quietly, but pleasantly. All then adjourned to the Cricket Field. In one part the children ran races and were made happy with many little prizes. There was a good programme of sports for the adults, married and single, men and women all being provided for. The competitions afforded much amusement and interest to all. The Sports were over and the prizes distributed by 7.30; but the Band continued playing until about 9.30. The weather during the whole day was splendid. Our thanks are due to the ladies and gentlemen who worked so hard to ensure a successful day.

**NB The Coronation was postponed from 26<sup>th</sup> June to 9<sup>th</sup> August 1902**

### Tomatoes and Peas by Selwyn Goodacre

I enjoyed the Garden Tip from 1896 (last week's newsletter). I had a patient who was a market gardener - he used to recommend the tomato varieties 'Alicante' and 'Ailsa Craig' "They taste like the tomatoes of yesteryear." They do!

You can try growing peas by filling a long piece of plastic gutter with compost and then planting the peas in it in rows of three.

I suspend the guttering three feet from the ground balanced on two old garden chairs - this is to prevent mice, etc. from picking the peas out. It can be tricky transferring the seedlings to the veg garden. It can work, but it is difficult to find the right twigs, etc. for them to climb up. Perhaps it is simpler to buy frozen peas from a supermarket!



## CHURCH CALENDAR



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

**Sunday 21<sup>st</sup> June**

**10:45 Holy Communion**

with Rev Mike Firbank

This is Mike's last time preaching at St Peter's

**Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> June**

**10:45 Morning Worship**

with Sean O'Toole

**Sunday 5<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:45 Morning Worship**

with Nigel Worth

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:00 Farewell Service for Rev Mike at Emmanuel Church, Swadlincote**

**Sunday 19<sup>th</sup> July**

**10:00 Joint Service with Gresley Church**

## ROTAS

Thank you to all our volunteers.

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



### Reading, Intercessions and Refreshments Rota

	Reading	Intercessions	Tea/coffee
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Emily	Friday HG	Deb W
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Brian	Nigel	Gwen
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Sandra	Brian	Jeff
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Paul	Sean	Carol
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	JOINT SERVICE AT EMMANUEL		
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	SERVICE AT GRESLEY		

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

	Meet and greet	Tidying after service
Jun 14 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan
Jun 21 <sup>st</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jeff
Jun 28 <sup>th</sup>	Christine T	Nathan
July 5 <sup>th</sup>	Carol J – Jeff	Jean
July 12 <sup>th</sup>	JOINT SERVICE AT EMMANUEL	
July 19 <sup>th</sup>	SERVICE AT GRESLEY	

**Diocese of Derby**  
THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**You are invited**

The Churchwardens and Parochial Church Council of the Benefice of Long Eaton, St John

Have the pleasure of inviting you to the licensing of:

**Revd Dr Mike Firbank**

**Vicar of the Benefice of Long Eaton St John**

By the Archdeacon of East Derbyshire

The Venerable Emma Sykes

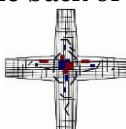
As a valued member of our congregation and community at St John's, you are invited to the licensing service of Revd Dr Mike Firbank.

The service will take place on Monday, 27 July 2026 at 7pm in church.

There will be light refreshments afterwards in the church hall.

So that we have an idea of the numbers we're catering for, please RSVP **by 10 July 2026**.

Email [church.office@stjohnlongeaton.org.uk](mailto:church.office@stjohnlongeaton.org.uk) or sign up at the back of church.



## Corrie Ten Boon - the glove

I can just tell you that the most happy commandment of the Bible is, "Be filled with the Spirit." And then you will be strong in times of persecution and great difficulties. And also you'll enjoy the times of joy.

I have here a glove that cannot do anything, and I often feel myself like this glove. It cannot write, it cannot cook, it cannot do anything. But when my hand is in the glove now it can even play the piano. You and I are just gloves.



No, it's not the glove that plays the piano. It is the hand in the glove. That is the Holy Spirit in you and me, who will make you strong in times that will be dark. Who will make you the light of the world in perhaps the most dark time of the world's history. But the Bible says, be filled with the spirit. When I keep my hand only in the middle of this glove now the glove cannot do anything. Everything must be surrendered. Every finger. And I can just ask you to surrender all to the Lord. Give yourself 100%, for also the fingers must be filled. Even the smallest corner of your life. Give everything of yourself in his will and you will experience that Jesus was victor and he is victor and he will be victor. Hallelujah!