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The care and protection of children, young people and adults in Church activities is the responsibility of everyone who participates in the life of the Church, this is done by Promoting a Safer Church.

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News from the Churches of Sherwood Forest



All Saints
Clipstone

St John's
Perlethorpe

St Mary's
Edwinstowe

Sunday 24th April 2022 The Second Sunday of Easter

Welcome to the News from **The Churches of Sherwood Forest**;
The parishes of Clipstone, Perlethorpe and Edwinstowe.

All Saints is open at **9.30am Sunday**
for Holy Communion with Revd. Beryl Allsop followed by APCM.

St John's is open at **9.30am Sunday**
for Morning Prayer with Lorna Jagger.

St Marys is open at **11.00am Sunday**
for Morning Praise with Lorna Jagger and APCM.

St Marys is usually open fortnightly on Wednesday mornings.

Our next Holy Communion is with Revd. Richard Ford

on **Wednesday 4th May at 9.30am.**

We look forward to welcoming you

Whilst the legal requirement to wear a face covering has now been removed, we encourage you when in Church to continue to wear one as a prudent precaution.

We hold our **Evening Prayer** by Zoom on **Thursdays at 7.30pm.**

You are **ALL** very welcome to join us. Please email office@churchesofsherwood.org to be sent the joining instructions.

GIVING TO ST MARY'S

Visit our giving page to find out how you can donate to St Marys Church:

www.tinyurl.com/y25lclet.

Or use the QR code:



Please remember the following people in your prayers:

At All Saints: Chris Edwardes, Brenda Knight, Mandy Hardcastle, Krista Bose, Revd. Richard Kirton, Karl Holmes, Jennie Sims, Rebecca Guinnane, Jessica Fletcher, Mary Smith, Jean Fuller, Alan Harris, Hayley Thompson, Glenys Ball, Theo Costadinou, Revd. David Henson, Debbie Knowles, Andrew Farquhar, Doris Jagger, Muriel Sprigg, Eileen Chatwin, and Mickey Bradley.

At St Marys: Margaret, Barbara, Davina, Elisabeth, Pam, Terry, Daz and Greg.

At St Johns: Bryan, Jean, and Lorna Dodson.

Those who have died and those who mourn including **Harrison Pearson**.

Those who are to be Married including **Stacey and Oliver** at St Johns.

The streets of Clipstone including Gorse Thorpe Lane, Mansfield Road, and Waterworks Drive.

The streets of Budby and Perlethorpe including Residents of the Almshouses, Thoresby Home Farm, All Farm Employees and everyone associated with the Environment Centre, Village Hall and Social Club.

The whole parish of Edwinstowe is prayed for during the Morning and Evening Prayers that are said on a daily basis.

All Saints Remember those whose years mind occurs during this coming week from the book of remembrance; 25th William Richard Dabbs. 26th Olive Margery Fownes. 27th (Ian) John Francis. 28th Sam Ford, Brian Clarke, Joan Kathleen Kirton, Kenneth Frederick Booth. 30th Audrey Fletcher (1926 – 2011).

The Collect Prayer: Almighty Father, you have given your only Son to die for our sins and to rise again for our justification: grant us so to put away the leaven of malice and wickedness that we may always serve you in pureness of living and truth; through the merits of your Son Jesus Christ our Lord, who is alive and reigns with you, in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

Post Communion Prayer: Lord God our Father, through our Saviour Jesus Christ you have assured your children of eternal life and in baptism have made us one with him: deliver us from the death of sin and raise us to new life in your love, in the fellowship of the Holy Spirit, by the grace of our Lord Jesus Christ.

Readings for this Week

Old Testament: Acts 5. 27 - 32.

Epistle: Revelation 1. 4 - 8.

Gospel: John 20. 19 - end.

All Saints, Clipstone

Sunday 24th April: All Saints APCM will be held after the 9.30am service.

The church electoral roll is being revised. Application forms for new members are available. Any queries to Lorna Jagger: lorna.jagger9@btinternet.com.

Saturday June 4th: For the forthcoming Queens jubilee celebrations, afternoon tea 2pm-5pm with Sherwood Forest brass band in church. £5 per ticket available shortly. More details to follow. Anyone who can help with the church grounds, tidying up etc please see David.

St Marys, Edwinstowe

The church electoral roll is being revised from Sunday 20th March until Sunday 3rd April and the latest parishioners list is on display. This can be checked to see if you are included, names only are listed (no addresses). Application forms for new members are available. Joining the electoral roll enables you to fully participate and vote at the Annual Parochial Church Meeting on Sunday 24th April. Any queries to Richard (churchwarden), or to Ros (electoral roll officer) on smelectoralroll@churchesofsherwood.org. Will current members email Ros any recent change of address by the same email.

Sunday 24th April: St Marys APCM will be held during the 11am service.



'In Search of Robin Hood' Walks 2022.

Led by **Chris Thompson**, for the Robin Hood Way Association. A series of FREE walks along sections of the Robin Hood Way. The full route, 105 miles, starts from Nottingham Castle and links all the places associated with the famous outlaw. The Robin Hood Way ends at St Mary's Church in Edwinstowe, where Robin and Maid Marian are said to have married. **Join A Walk: Sat 14th May, Sat 18th June, Sat. 30th July, Sat 24th Sept.** Between 2 and 6 miles. All start from **St Mary's Church**, Edwinstowe, NG21 9QA at **1.p.m.** Book your free place: Tel. **07719 827808**. Email: nottsrow15@outlook.com.

St Johns, Perlethorpe

Wednesday 27th April: St Johns APCM will be held at 6.00pm on zoom. For further details and joining instructions, please contact Mr Steve Shakespeare (Church Warden) : steve.shakespeare230@btinternet.com. St Johns have positions for 2 Church Wardens. The church is also looking for new members to join the PCC. Please contact Steve using the above details. Applications are welcomed prior to the APCM.

Easter Sunday at St Johns:

Steve, The Lambs are all Crying - Steve Shakespeare

So, its 5 am on Easter Sunday suddenly, our idea to host a Service of the Light gathering at St Johns doesn't seem a good one. I'd been trusted by the Caretaker, Lesley, with the Village Hall key to open up for the arrival, of Ruth and Steve who had kindly agreed to make and serve the Bacon Butties after the Service. To the glorious sound of birdsong all around and the chickens and cockerel at Home Farm in fine voice, I opened the Village Hall and managed to fix open the temperamental electric security gate, leading up to the church. Greg would soon arrive with his 'fire pit', and the plan was the fire would be prepared, lit, and coaxed for half an hour before the start of the Service so that at a particular point the new Paschal Candle (borne by Kim, with 2 lambs in procession) could be ignited and placed in Church ready for the 9.30 Communion Service.

The Cavalry in the shape of Ruth and Steve with their Hot Plate arrived early, so with the Water Boiler duly turned on for the teas and coffees later, I went to see that Greg was OK. I was impressed with the pile of comestibles I left on the worktop, despite the 2 large catering packs of back bacon procured by Sarah Orr being missing. Apparently, they had been left the day before in a fridge on a canal boat at its mooring somewhere near Birmingham and there they had remained. I have long since stopped asking Sarah to explain things as I always get lost and its probably best not to know anyway. However, a quick trip to Tesco yesterday afternoon by Sarah saw us with enough bacon to feed an army. I had managed to get every combination of bread (seeded bap, soft bap, gluten free baps,) and bacon (back, smoked, unsmoked, vegetarian sausage, Lincolnshire meat free sausage and Rosemary and herb meat free sausage). Hopefully all tastes would be catered for. Sadly, I left a kilogram of spreadable salted butter in my fridge!!!

Up at the church the fire pit was well alight, looking like one of those coastal beacons they light from time to time, and I could see from the look on Greg's smoke smudged face the Service of the Light Risk Assessment was at the forefront of his mind and being strictly adhered to. The Paschal Candle with its pins drilled into place was in the safekeeping of Kim Abbott, who half an hour previous had been in floods of tears as she was convinced that amongst the 250 sheep in the field opposite all the newly born lambs had lost their mothers as they were running round crying. I eventually convinced her they were frolicking, gambolling, and bleating not crying as that's what lambs did. That they were more than happy, they were ecstatic, and would remain that way as long as Greg managed to keep his now impressive bonfire under control. I also

advised her in the interest of not being saddened later down the line, it really was not a good idea to give them all names.

After the placing of the lit Paschal candle in Church everyone gathered at the Village Hall, where Ruth, in total command, made sure everyone was fed with their dietary requirement, and others were dispensing teas and coffees to all who asked. There were about 20 folk that took the time and trouble to come and spend a little time with us at St Johns for the Service of the Light and then stay on for bacon sandwiches. We were delighted to see so many, and we hope they all felt it was a good place to spend an early Easter Sunday morning. There was a further good attendance at the 9.30 Communion Service with Revd. Richard Ford, and afterwards the indefatigable Kim and Greg had organised an Egg hunt for the dozen or so children that came to take part. It was a great sight to see Kids flying about running round the church outside with buckets supplied by Kim trying to fill them with a maximum of six chocolate eggs. Its no mean feat trying to tell a seven-year-old that 'six is enough', its nigh on impossible. The by now famous Kim Abbot motto of 'be prepared for all eventualities by overbuying' made sure every child went home with a bucket or carrier bag, rammed full of small eggs, plus a large egg each. We would estimate each participant took home about half their bodyweight in chocolate!!

I've said before we are very lucky to live where we do and see God's creation and new life at first hand. So, for those who came to spend time with us from 6.00am a load more lambs were brought into the world. New life means exactly that here.

Special thanks to Ruth and Steve, Sarah, Ricky, Mildred, Lesley, Kim, Greg and Pete **and anyone else** who helped in the organisation of this event and took the time to spend with us.

