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Swarkestone church Tower swathed in scaffolding. Turn to page 12
for pictures taken from the top of the tower!

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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in May

Aston The residents of Maple Drive, Laurel Drive, Cedar Croft and Yates Avenue . Also the Scout & Guide organisations.

Barrow The residents of Deep Dale Lane and Fenello Close.

Elvaston The residents of Brook Road and Hannslyn, Thulston. Also the Elvaston Art Club.

Shardlow The residents of Canal Bank, The Wharf, Mill Green and The Marina.

Swarkestone The residents of Trentside.

Twyford The residents of Arleston.

Weston The residents of Trent Lane. Also, the Scouts and Guides.

The Community Youth groups and Scout & Guide organisations.

The Diocese The N.E. Derbyshire Deanery. The Ministry of Readers.

The Worldwide Church The Anglican Provinces of Kenya, Korea, Melanesia and Mexico.

Tony writes:



Dear friends,

On Thursday of last week, the Church celebrated the Feast of the Ascension. It is the day, 40 days after the Resurrection, when Jesus returns to his Father. As the story goes in Acts, just before his departure, Jesus reiterates to his disciples that they should wait for the Spirit. This makes sense, given both their impulsiveness and their lack of faith. One can easily imagine that within minutes of Jesus' ascension, 6 of the disciples would head home, ready to return to normal life, while the remaining 5 set out to preach the Gospel without any help from the Spirit. Instead, Jesus says, "wait."

How often does the Church take that advice? How often do we forget that waiting is actually a pattern in the course of salvation history. Remember how the Hebrews, having fled Egypt on the Day of the Passover, get to the banks of the Red Sea and God tells them to wait there. He commands them to set up camp while the Egyptians pursue them. The Hebrews, like many of us, have no desire to wait. They want to get out of town as quickly as possible, but God demands that they hold fast.

Waiting is often a test to our faith. It is in those moments when we are doing nothing that we have to come to grips with whether or not we actually trust God to do what God has promised. The Hebrews panicked, offering one of the best lines in Scripture, "Was it because there were no graves in Egypt that you have taken us away to die in the wilderness?" The Disciples, this time at least, were obedient to the call to wait. They elected Matthias to round out the 12, they prayed, they went to the Temple, and they waited. Faithfully, they waited.

It is easy to just keep busy: to go about the business of ministry and never slow down long enough to listen for God, but sometimes, the will of God is for us to stop, set up camp, and abide for a while. In waiting, we give the Spirit a chance to meet us. In waiting, we slow down enough to hear the call of God. In waiting, we are blessed.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Tony". The signature is stylized with a long horizontal line extending from the end of the word.

Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the **June 2024** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at jnutman@btinternet.com by **May 20** please.

Tony's Retirement – PCC members note some changes to dates for the diary:

The formal “handover” meeting with the Archdeacon, Area Dean and all of the PCCs will now be held on **Wednesday 10th July at 7.30 pm** in All Saints' Church. (It was originally booked for the 3rd)

The Meeting of the Area Dean with parish representatives will now be held on **Wednesday 24th July at 7.30 pm** in the Heritage Centre. (It was originally booked for the 17th.)

Tony's Farewell Service and Celebration of 40 years of ordained ministry will take place on **Sunday 18th August at 10.30 am** at All Saints', Aston. This will be a United Benefice Service.

Tony in Kenya Tony will be in Kenya with Derby County Community Trust from 18th May to 2nd June.

Facebook. Growing numbers of people are now joining our Public Groups on Facebook for All Saints' (179 members) and for the Trent and Derwent Benefice (87 members). Swarkestone (218 followers), Barrow (434 followers), Elvaston (156 followers) and the Friends of St. Mary's, Weston (133 followers) also have their own Facebook pages. They are a very convenient way of keeping in touch and of letting everyone know what is happening around the Benefice. If you are not on Facebook or are unfamiliar with or are not used to social media, do contact Tony for advice, if you would like to be able to access the church Facebook groups.

200 Club

The winning numbers for the April draw of the 200 club were 1st: 142 (Swarkestone), 2nd: 146 (Twyford), 3rd: 190 (Swarkestone).

On Line Services We are continuing to record services in advance and post them on-line on both the Aston and the Benefice websites. You just need to go to the page entitled “Online worship and prayer.” They are also available via the Facebook groups and, if you let me know you would like to receive it, a link can be sent to your email address too.

From the Registers: nothing this month!

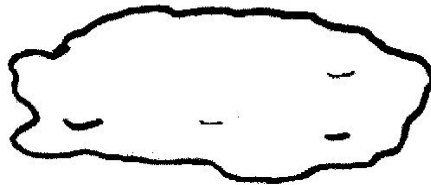
CHILDREN'S PAGE

ASCENSION

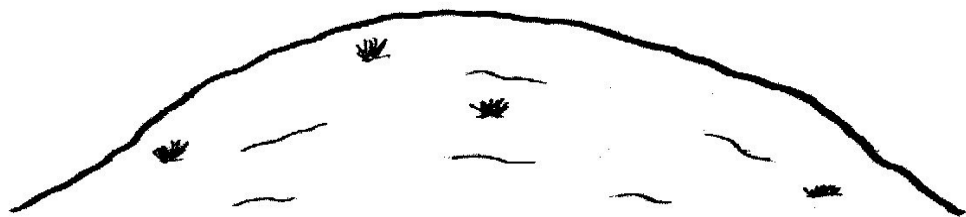
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Jesus spoke to the apostles for the last time. Then he was lifted up – a cloud came and they could see him no more!



Draw Jesus covered by the cloud and the apostles looking up on the hill.





The Wednesday Morning Hub in May will be as follows:

- 1st May from 10.00 am: Open Café – Social.
- 8th May at 10.30 am: Open Book – Bible Exploration.
- 15th May from 10.00 am: Open Café – Social.
- 22nd May from 10.00 am: Open Café – Social.
- 29th May from 10.00 am: Open Café – Social.

Election of Churchwardens. At the Annual Church Meeting on Monday 15th April Joe and Mary were re-elected to serve as churchwardens for the coming year. We are grateful to them for all that they do on our behalf.

Dates for your diary:

- Wednesday 1st May – 7.30 pm CAMEO meeting
- Thursday 9th May - Ascension Day – Holy Communion at 7.30 pm
- Saturday 11th May – May Fair from 11.30 am in the Memorial Hall. Light lunches will be served.
- Thursday 23rd May at 2.30 pm MU meeting
- Monday 10th June – 7.30 pm PCC Meeting.
- 6th & 7th July Well Dressing Festival.
- Wed. 10th July – 7.30 pm Meeting of all PCCs with Archdeacon and Area Dean.
- Wed. 24th July – 7.30 pm Parish Reps meet with the Area Dean

Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Our 2024 Well Dressing activities have commenced with a group of ladies kneeling on a garage floor bashing clumps of hard clay with hammers. It was so much fun! We have a new design team this year, so we are excited to turn their beautiful picture into our well dressing! Our members are most welcome to come and see what we get up to at any of our well dressing sessions and maybe have a go?

At our meetings we have several collection boxes at the back of the hall, one for the food bank and another for toiletries for our well dressing stall. These donations are always welcome but please ensure that they are in date. We are also looking into bra recycling details to follow.

Dates for your diary: -

- Wednesday 1st May:** Allo' Allo! At The Duchess Theatre Long Eaton.
- Tuesday 14th May 7:30pm:** AGM and 2024/25 subs due.
- Tuesday 25th June 10:30- 1200:** Coffee & Chat in The Heritage Centre.
- Tuesday 13th August 2:00- 4:00pm:** Garden Party at a beautiful garden venue TBC.
- Saturday 3rd August:** Nottingham River cruise with afternoon tea.
- 6th – 8th September:** WI Holiday to Bristol.
- Saturday 5th October:** Aston on Trent 95th Birthday Lunch at Morley Hayes.
- 26th- 27th November 2024:** Thursford Christmas Spectacular.

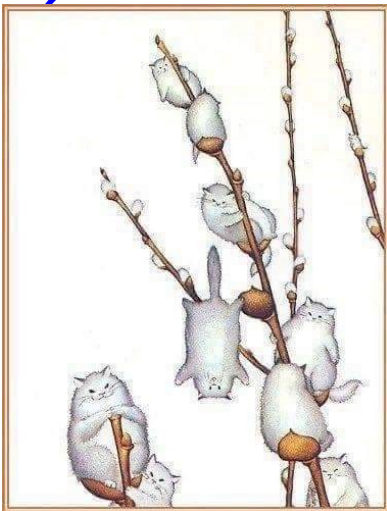
We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. New members and guests are always welcome and it's free for your first 3 meetings. Our members Craft and Dabble meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month in the Heritage Centre.

Aston and Weston Mother's Union

As the weather finally decides to get warmer, we are all enjoying our precious countryside which God has given us and needs us to help care for. There was an excellent exhibition at Weston recently, World Earth Day, encouraging everyone of all ages to protect our planet by careful use of all our resources. There was also a talk in Weston Church about the history of that ancient building which we also need to look after.

In May, first we have the Deanery Festival at Melbourne on Tuesday May 7th, and then on the 11th it will be the May Fayre from 11.45am to 2.30pm at the Memorial Hall. This is when Mothers' Union has its well known £1 stall and it's our annual effort towards church funds.....but we do need many different things to sell! Anything goes as long as its good value for £1. Please come to support and help on the stall if you can, on the day, from 11am.

The May meeting is on Thursday May 23rd, when Kathy and Andrew Field will be talking to us about the "Sacred Himalaya". We remember Andrew's previous talk about his pilgrimage walk to Santiago de Compostela and we have been looking forward to his next visit. Any visitors are very welcome to come to the Heritage Centre in the churchyard for 2.30pm for an enjoyable afternoon with Kathy and Andrew.



CAMEO

April is now upon us , Cameo bought flowers for Mothering Sunday and our members gave generously to the successful Easter festivities for the Church funds.

In our April group, we had a Craft session and flower quiz. According to an old Polish legend, many springtimes ago a mother cat cried for her kittens who had fallen in the stream .The willow branches saved them .Hence the pussy willow emerged. We also made some post-it-note holders . Our next session will be a talk by Mike Lister : All about Playing Cards. All are welcome to come and join us in the Heritage Centre Aston-on-Trent DE72 2DH.



If you need anymore information ring me :
Marion Glover (Cameo Leader) 01332 792405.



Well Dressing Festival—note from Kathy Razzell

Thank -you to all who gave books/CDS /DVDS to the Well Dressing / Young Minds fundraiser, last year raised £217. I am still collecting, please leave in the porch of 96 Weston Road.



I am also collecting any raffle prizes for Well Dressing: bottles of wine, beer etc, unopened toiletries, or gifts of money. **It now costs around £2,000 to put the Well Dressing on.**

Barrow

Following a really successful and interesting evening earlier this month when we were treated to a discussion with Duncan and Rory about the development of the amazing CGI film about our village, we have two more events for you to enjoy in early May.



On **Wednesday 1st May**, we have a talk about our mediaeval owners.

Helen J Nicholson FRHistS FLSW is Emerita Professor of Mediaeval History and former Head of the History Dept at Cardiff University.

She is a world-leading expert on the military religious orders and the Crusades, including having written books about the Knights Hospitaller; the knights who owned our church and village for almost 400 years.

Helen is making the journey from S Wales to visit our church and village, and to talk to us about the Knights.

On **Friday 10th May**, Lesley Smith is back to entertain us as Mary, Queen of Scots. Anyone who has witnessed her previous performances will know what a treat we have in store. If you would like to join us, please book your tickets as soon as possible, as this is a very popular event.

We are looking forward to seeing you

Heritage Events at St Wilfrid's

An Anglo-Saxon church in Barrow upon Trent

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EVENTS (May 2024)

All start at 7.30pm. £15 per ticket including a glass of prosecco and lovely chocolate. Please book at stwilfridsbarrow@gmail.com

Mary, Queen of Scots - with Lesley Smith

Friday, 10th May 2024

This performance gives you a chance to meet the tragic queen during her final imprisonment at Tutbury and share her hopes and fears as her dramatic tale approaches its bitter conclusion.

TALKS (April-July 2024)

All start at 7.00pm. £4 per head including tea and coffee. No need to book.

The CGI Recreation of Barrow in the Year 1300

Wednesday, 3rd April

A visualisation and narrative of the village, presented by the creators, Duncan Hewitt (Albino Igitil) and Dr Rory MacLellan (Historic Royal Palaces).

The Knights Hospitaller in Britain

Wednesday, 1st May

Presented by Emerita Professor, (Cardiff University) Helen Nicholson, a world-leading expert on the military religious orders.

The Rutland Roman Villa

Wednesday, 5th June

Peter Liddle, former County Archaeologist for Leicestershire, will talk on this high-status Roman villa, discovered between Ketton and Luffenham, south of Rutland Water.

The Journey of a Brooch

Wednesday, 3rd July

How did an Italian cameo brooch make the journey from Rome to Barrow upon Trent in the 1800s? Presented by Anne Heathcote, one of the several former owners.

FILM NIGHTS (June - July 2024)

We will be using our high quality projector and extra large pull down screen to present some great films during the Summer. These will be shown every Thursday evening at 7:30pm at a cost of £5 per person.

6th June	Indiana Jones and the Dial of Destiny
13th June	The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Pie Society
20th June	Mission Impossible – Fall Out
27th June	Downton Abbey – The Movie (King's Visit)
4th July	The Woman in Black
11th July	Love Actually
18th July	Pirates of the Caribbean – at World's End
25th July	The Dirty Dozen

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Mary Queen of Scots

Friday, 10th May 2024

7:30pm | Tickets £15

including Prosecco and chocolate

Not suitable for under 16's

Mary Queen of Scots was queen of Scotland and France, and a direct claimant for the English throne. She was a great beauty, and very well educated, but some would argue, was a fool for men, something her cousin and rival Elizabeth of England was careful to avoid. After being forced to flee from Scotland by her rebellious subjects, she was held prisoner at various properties in the Midlands and Yorkshire. Among these, her most hated was Tutbury Castle, where she was held on four occasions – once for eleven months. It was here that she first became embroiled in the plots which were eventually to cost her life. She left Tutbury for the last time two days before Christmas in 1585 when she was moved to nearby Chartley. There she was arrested and sent to Fotheringhay Castle in Northamptonshire where she was executed in February 1587.

This presentation gives you a chance to meet the tragic queen during her final imprisonment at Tutbury and share her hopes and fears as her dramatic tale approaches its bitter conclusion.



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Elvaston

Prayers

We remember all who are sick or troubled at this time, especially we pray for Iris Campbell, Terry Marshall, Jack Smith and Karen Walters.



Services

Sunday May 26th 10.30am Morning Prayer with Bruce

Churchyard

Our thanks go to Elvaston Castle volunteers for the work they have done on the north eastern boundary of the churchyard, and to Elvaston Communities group for mowing some paths in between the remaining daffodils, which has made access to the West door and other parts of the churchyard much easier.

Church Opening and Tours

Church will be open for a few hours on as many Sundays as possible throughout summer, weather permitting. Opening times variable, please see our Facebook page for details. The first church tour this year will take place on Sunday May 26th at 12 midday, all welcome.

St Bartholomew's Facebook page

Our Facebook page has up to date information on church services and all other events.

Shardlow



Swarkestone

Next service – [Ascensiontide - Sunday 12th May – 10.30 am](#)

Minister:- Paul

Readers:- June Thompson and Dorothy Hubball

Church Cleaning:- Tracy and Scott Gibson

Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Ted Lawrence and Pauline Sims

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara Foster, Jill Malpass and John Warnock



Eastertide Services

We were delighted to welcome Bob Atkins once again as minister for our Easter Day Service. It was pleasing to see a good number of people attending the service to celebrate together and share the Good News of Easter. Many stayed for coffee, chocolate and a good chat after the service. The church had been beautifully cleaned and decorated ready for the service and our thanks go to everyone who helped in any way.

It was a wonderful sunny spring morning for our regular April service and it was lovely to see so many friends. Many thanks go to Emma & Dominic Clarke for stepping in to fill a vacancy on the cleaning rota, the church looked bright and beautiful as the sun streamed through the windows. We will only have another one or possibly two services with Tony, so we all welcomed the opportunity to enjoy him leading our worship.



Buildings Update

The observant among you will have noticed that scaffolding has been erected on the church tower and by the time you read this, hopefully work will have started on the various areas needing attention. Works to be completed include – repairs to the tower roof and parapet, replacement of broken tower louvres, masonry repairs to the south window in the Chapel, attention to surface water drainage issues on the north side of the church, repairs to the main church door, plus some decorating work in the Harpur Room.

If all goes to plan (fingers crossed!) everything should be completed by mid-July. There may be restrictions in access to some areas of the church for services in the coming weeks, but this will be kept to a minimum as much as possible.

One of our congregation bravely made the precarious journey up the very narrow spiral staircase to the top of the tower and took some spectacular photos of the view on a sunny day. Thank you to Neil for sharing his photos.



View Northeast towards Chellaston

If you want to keep up with our news more regularly, please look for and like our Facebook page – you'll find photos and snippets about happenings at St James' and Swarkestone are added most weeks. <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchSwarkestone>



View South West towards Barrow on Trent

View South towards Melbourne



View South East towards Weston on Trent

View North West towards Sinfin



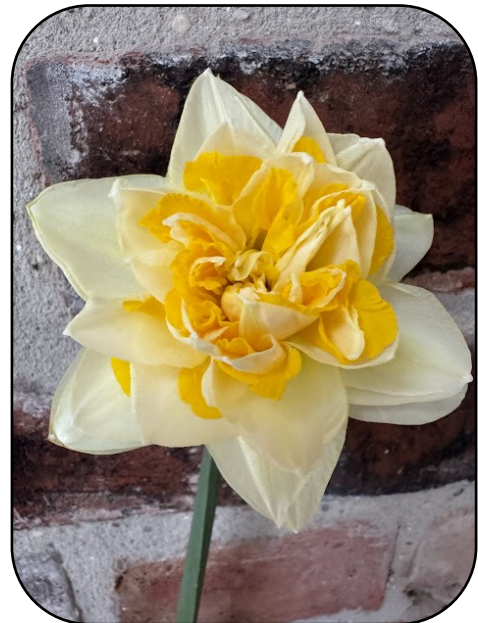


The Charm of Daffodils

In a world brimming with floral beauty, daffodils stand out as timeless icons of springtime splendour. With their radiant colours, graceful forms, and rich symbolism, these enchanting flowers continue to captivate hearts and minds around the globe. As we welcome the arrival of spring, let us take a moment to marvel at the beauty of daffodils and the joy they bring to our lives, reminding us of the endless cycle of nature's renewal.

Daffodils, known as *Narcissus*, belong to the Amaryllidaceae family. Their name is derived from Greek mythology, where Narcissus was a handsome youth who fell in love with his own reflection, ultimately transforming into the flower. Throughout history, daffodils have held deep cultural significance across different civilizations. In literature, these flowers have been immortalized by renowned poets like William Wordsworth, who penned the famous poem "I Wandered Lonely as a Cloud," where he marvels at a field of daffodils dancing in the breeze.

Gardeners eagerly anticipate the arrival of daffodils, planting bulbs in autumn to ensure a spectacular display come springtime. These resilient flowers are relatively easy to grow, thriving in a variety of soil conditions and requiring minimal maintenance. Whether clustered together in a sea of yellow or planted alongside other spring blooms, daffodils add a touch of elegance and charm to any garden landscape.





St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



HAVE YOU EVER WONDERED WHY our church is not in the centre of Weston village? Well, once upon a time it probably was. During the 1940/50's more modern tractors and ploughs came into use. These ploughs dug much deeper furrows in the earth than previous ploughs. When ploughing the field to the right of the road near church, the new plough hit hard rock. Upon investigation it was found to be the foundations of stone cottages. When these cottages were abandoned, and why is not known. It could have been due to land disputes. However this is just speculation. The actual reason the village moved is lost in the depths of time.

BLOOMING CHURCHYARD.

If you are having a walk near church make sure you have a look around the church yard. You will see buds and blossom appearing on the new little fruit trees. These trees all have labels on so you can identify what the are. Also the hedgerow is blossoming and wild flowers are appearing; including the good old dandelion!

EXOTIC BLOOMS.

Who was it that decreed,
That the dandelion is a weed?
If it was declared exotic and fair,
I wouldn't have to plant flowers more rare.
There would be no need to dig and hoe;
In fact, no more gardening to do.
I could sit in my garden of flowers,
Without having to weed for hours and hours;
And to hard work I could bid "Adieu"
As it would rival the great garden of Kew!



EASY FUNDRAISING PROJECT; CROCHET FRIENDSHIP BRACELETS.

Basic pattern for average wrist;

Crochet 30 chains.

Do 2 rows of double crochet and fasten wool off.

Lace the 2 end together with elastic; the type that looks like string.

Tie elastic with a reef knot.

Decorate with crochet flowers/motives, buttons or beads.

You can vary the size, type of stitch or knit them, if you prefer.

Give them to friends, or sell them for a donation, £1.00 or £2.00, to raise money for church, or your favourite charity.



WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

We had an enjoyable, but messy evening on 15/4/24, making Kokedama; a Japanese hanging basket. We started by making a snowball shape out of sodden compost. This was then split in half and a plant put in between the 2 halves. Once it was firmly stuck back together we covered the compost with moss and secured it with twine; ending with a loop to hang it up. Everyone did a real good job and the Kokedamas looked great. We also had some lovely cakes. Thanks to the ladies that baked them; they were delicious! Next meeting is the AGM on 13/5/24.



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SERVICES IN MAY

	Readings	Aston	Barrow	Elvaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
Wed. 1 st May		9.30 HC Tony 6.45 Evensong						
5 th May 6 th of Easter	Exod.20. 1-17 John 2. 13-22	10.30 FC & Baptism Tony			10.30 HC Paul		10.30 MP Bruce	
Wed. 8 th May		6.45 Compline					9.30 HC Paul	
Thurs. 9 th May Ascension Day	Dan. 7. 9-14 Luke 24. 44-53	7.30 HC Paul						
12 th May Ascensiontide	Acts 1. 1-11 John 17. 6-19	10.30 FW Tony. 3.00 Richmond Village Tony	10.30 MP Barrow Team			10.30 HC Paul		
Wed. 15 th May		9.30 HC Tony 6.45 Compline						
19 th May Pentecost	Acts 2. 1-21 Jn. 15. 26-27, 16. 4b-15	10.30 FW Bruce	10.30 HC Paul		9.00 HC Paul		3.00 ES Bruce	
Wed. 22 nd May		6.45 Compline						9.30 HC Paul
26 th May Trinity	Romans 8. 12-17 John 3. 1-17	10.30 FC Paul		10.30 MP Bruce				
2 nd June Trinity 1	1 Sam. 3. 1-10 Mark 2.23- 3.6	10.30 HC Paul			10.30 MP Bruce		9.00 HC Paul	

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