

Three Churches Newsletter

November 2017

St John Baptist, Hugglescote
St Christopher's, Ellistown
St Mary's, Snibston



Healing and Wholeness

When you move house you come to realise what's valuable to you – really valuable. Its never the expensive items but the things which you treasure and hold dear. The heartfelt gifts and things which hold memories. When we moved from Brighton it was the two hand carved walking sticks we were given by a friend – inscribed with Mark 6: 8 – 'Take nothing for your journey except a staff', which were most precious to me.... They were last in the van and first out.

When we left our church in Brighton to go to Theological college in Durham, after 15 years worshipping there, the church had shortly before had a massive falling out with the Vicar.... It happens. On our last Sunday there was no one left from the cohort who had journeyed with us over those last 15 years. When we left those that remained didn't even give us a card to wish us well and send us on our way. It's a very painful memory for me.

That why I was so very moved , when we arrived in Hugglescote, by the warm welcome we received from you all at a lunch party laid on for us and especially treasure the beautiful hand drawn card you gave us, drawn by Hayley and signed by you all. I can honestly say it's the most valuable thing I own. It speaks to me of welcome and acceptance, of love and community – which we are discovering again after the trauma of the split at our Brighton church. The sense I get from God is that this parish, being a part of this fellowship, will be a place of healing and wholeness for us. A place where we can be who we are in Christ. A place of restoration.

With all good wishes,

Chris Haywood



Diary for November 2017

Sunday 5th November 2017 All Saints' Day

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's
9:30 am Family Service at St. John's
3:00 pm Messy Church at St. Christopher's

- Mon. 6th November
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting (3) at St. Christopher's
- Tues. 7th November
7:30 pm Rural Commission Open Evening at Packington
- Weds. 8th November
10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's
- Thurs. 9th November
7:30 pm P.C.C. meeting at St. Christopher's
- Sat. 11th November
9:00 am Coalville Churches Praying Together at St. David's, Broomleys
7:30 pm Decades Evening at St. Christopher

Sunday 12th November Remembrance Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's
2:00pm United Remembrance Service at Ellistown
3:00pm Remembrance Service at St. John's

- Mon. 13th November
9:15 am Open the Book Rehearsal at St. John's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting (4) at St. Christopher's
- Tues. 14th November
2:00 pm Mothers' Union in the Broughton Lounge
7:30 pm Visit of Justin Welby, Archbishop of Canterbury to the Diocese of Leicester at Leicester
- Weds. 15th November
9:15 am Open the Book Assembly at Ellistown School
10:30 am Open the Book Assembly at Hugglescote School
- Thurs. 16th November
9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning at St. Christopher's
- Sat. 18th November
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St. Christopher's
2-4:00 pm St. John's Autumn Fair at Hugglescote Community Centre

Sunday 19th November 2nd Sunday before Advent

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's
11:15am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's
12:45 pm Holy Baptism at St. Christopher's
6:30 pm Jacob's Ladder, Hugglescote Social Club

- Mon. 20th November
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting (5) at St. Christopher's
- Weds. 22nd November
10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's
- Sat. 25th November
9:30 – 1:00 pm Diocesan Synod at Beaumont Leys
- Sunday 26th November Christ the King**
8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's
11:15am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's
6:30 pm Healing Service at St. Christopher's
- Mon. 27th November
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting (6) at St. Christopher's
- Sunday 29th October Bible Sunday**
8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's
11:15am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's
- Thurs. 30th November
7:30 pm Mission Partnership Meeting

Every month we note down the weddings, baptisms and funerals that have taken place in this parish.

Please pray for the wedding couples, the baptism families and those who are grieving.

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS at St. John's

8th Oct. Ajay Albert Danvers age 5 months
22nd Oct. Mason Michael Johnstone age 2 months

FUNERALS and INTERMENT OF ASHES

Interment of Ashes in St. John's Churchyard

5th Oct. Norman Tebbatt age 90 years

