

Three Churches Newsletter

February 2019

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



Try Praying!

The churches of the North West Leicestershire deanery are going to run the Try Praying campaign between Easter and Pentecost.

This is how the Trypraying website explains this programme.

'Trypraying is the work of a traffic planner, a shop manager, a writer, a designer, an entrepreneur, a civil engineer and others.'

The desire to reach out to God is basic to many, many people. Trypraying is a resource for people like that: no church connection or interest, but open to find out about God. The trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide and is now being used by many to pass on to friends and family with a few words of encouragement, 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?'

As the Trypraying website explains:

Many people in the UK pray:

27 million adults pray.

1 in 5 people who say they are not religious pray.

1 in 3 people believes God will answer their prayers.

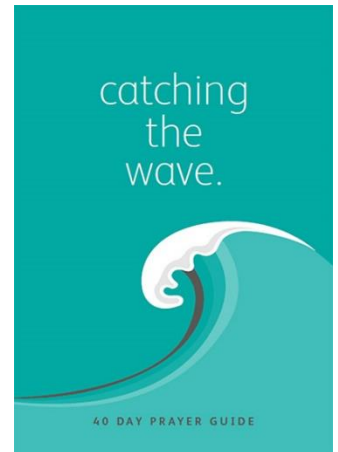
Many people have been impacted by praying at difficult times in their lives.

So, this little booklet has been produced to encourage people into prayer, in particular people who wouldn't normally come to church but may well feel inspired to follow the seven days of prayer suggested by the booklet.

The idea is that you use it and lose it. Use the booklet oneself and pray – pray for your friends and family or whoever you would like to introduce to God. Then give the booklet away to a friend or a neighbour and invite them to 'try praying' or leave the booklet on a bus or in a café.

The local churches are working to impact the whole neighbourhood with the campaign – with banners and booklets. The idea is everyone will notice and start asking questions. There are also booklets for children and young people.

There is also a forty-day devotional booklet to follow during Lent called 'Catch the Wave' – a good way to prepare ourselves for this mission. **It can be downloaded free.** Google *Try Praying catching the wave* and you should get it. I will also be ordering some printed copies. Please sign up at the back of church. Sample copy available.



Lent Course

The Lent Course this year will be based on the film 'The Greatest Showman'. The course will develop the theme of our recent sermon series 'Being Church'. Reflecting the message that we are all belong together as the body of Christ- we are one in all our diversity.

Ash Wednesday is the 6th March. We will show the film on the weekend of 9th/ 10th March and the course will begin on Wednesday 13th March for five weeks. More details to follow.

I encourage us all to keep Lent well and pray that God will use this season to build us up in Christ. With every blessing – Olwen

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Diary for February 2019

Sunday 3rd Feb. - Candlemas

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

Mon. 4th Feb.

9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting, St. Christopher's

Tues. 5th Feb.

6:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. John's

Thurs. 7th Feb.

9:30 am Holy Communion, St. Christopher's
3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's

Sat. 9th Feb.

3:30 pm Burning Bush Event, Marlborough Square Methodist Chapel

Sunday 10th Feb. – 4th before Lent

8:30 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's
9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's
11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's

Mon. 11th Feb.

9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting, St. Christopher's

Tues. 12th Feb.

2:00 pm Mothers' Union, Broughton Lounge
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 13th Feb.

10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's

Thurs. 14th Feb.

3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's

Sat. 16th Feb.

3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St. Christopher's

Sunday 17th Feb. – 3rd before Lent

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

Mon. 18th Feb.

9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting, St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Messy Church Meeting at the Rectory

Tues. 19th Feb.

2:00 pm Ministry Team Meeting at the Rectory
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 7:30 pm P.C.C. Meeting to approve accounts

Thurs. 21st Feb.

9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning at St. Christopher's

Sat. 23rd Feb.

6:00 pm Visiting Bell Ringers at St. John's

Sunday 24th Jan. – 2nd before Lent

8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's
9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's
11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's

Mon. 25th Feb.

9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting, St. Christopher's

Tues. 26th Feb.

6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 27th Feb.

10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's
2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group Meeting at St. Christopher's
7:30 pm 'Shaped Every Day' - Diocesan Roadshow with both bishops focusing on discipleship at St. David's Church, Broom Leys

THE MONTH AHEAD

Fri. 1st March

2:00 pm Women's World Day of Prayer at Christchurch
7:30 pm Jacob's Ladder Donkey Derby at Hugglescote Social Club tickets £3 (incl. Race ticket & buffet) from Ann Duckworth

Weds. 6th March

Ash Wednesday
10:30 am Imposition of Ashes, St. John's
7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes, St. Christopher's

Sat. 9th March

9:30 am Marriage Preparation Day at Hugglescote Community Centre

Sat. 23rd March

St. John's Spring Fair at the Community Centre

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

At St. John's

27th Jan. Megan Phoebe Warner-Burden aged 5 months

27th Jan. Albert Alan Kendrick aged 4 months

FUNERALS

At Loughborough Crematorium

28th Jan. Madelaine Hetty Lofthouse aged 96 years

Followed by a **Thanksgiving Service** for the life of Madelaine at St. John's Church.