

Three Churches Newsletter

June 2019

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



Welcome - an important word!

Below is the values and mission statement which the PCC agreed after their consultation and reflection on the ministry and work of the parish. One of the key ways we define this parish is as a welcoming parish. The importance of the right kind of welcome to new people coming into church can't be stressed too much!

Our Values

- *We aim to be welcoming and caring*
- *We aim to build faith and encourage people into service*
- *We have a passion that others should know the Lord and his love for all*

Our Mission Statement

- *To connect in a relevant way to the people who live in our communities*
- *To pray and work that our community embraces God*
- *To witness to our faith inside and outside the church*

It's also important to remember that welcome doesn't stop with people coming to services and boosting our numbers and maybe our income – it means welcoming them into the church family and into the mission of the church. When we welcome people we welcome them to come and make a difference and bring their own views and energy into our midst. That means there will be change because new voices always bring change.

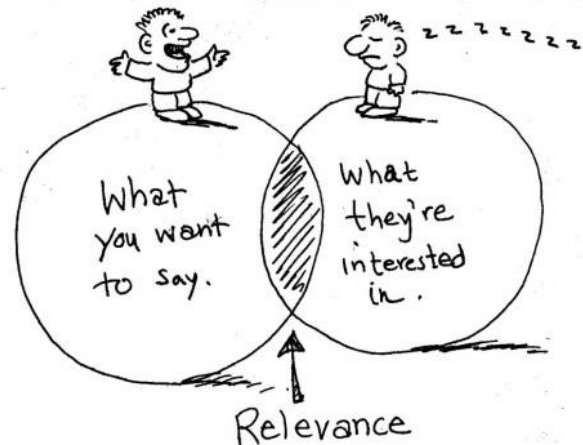
We have a lot of potential new people to welcome. This church and Hugglescote Community church organised a meeting so we could hear about the new housing developments. Two of them are nearly complete – Oak Tree Gardens off Standard Hill and Hastings Manor – opposite the doctor's surgery on Grange Road. That

means already another 300 families are living in the parish. How can we welcome them?

Over the next ten years another 4000 houses are planned to be built in this parish – this will be relevant to Ellistown and Hugglescote as houses will be built both north and south of Grange Road (across to the Amazon building). The population of the parish will double. How are we going to welcome and minister to all these people? These are going to be the big questions for this parish in the years ahead.

Here's another word which is central to our mission

- Relevance



This cartoon says it all – what's going to be the place of connection that we can make with the new people and families coming into the parish as well as those already living here? The first line of the mission statement says: 'To connect in a relevant way to the people who live in our communities.'

I think it is the most important statement. This is what needs to shape our ministry and all that we do. It needs to shape our social events, our mission and outreach and our worship. The church needs to be relevant and so demonstrate to our neighbours, old and new, that God is relevant to them too.

The task is to learn how to reach out and to worship in a way which feels relevant and not irrelevant to those whom we meet and encounter. We have a lot to learn. I will be putting a suggestion box in our churches. That was an idea that came up at the AGM.

Let's think about what would help us make connections. What event would our neighbours like to come to or what would they like to find when they come to church? This is the start of an important conversation. Please join in with it.

Don't forget to invite friends and neighbours to our Guest Services to complete the Trypraying Mission.

**Pentecost Sunday June 9th at 6.00pm at St John's
Tuesday June 11th 7.30pm at St Christopher's**

With every blessing as always – *Olwen*

Diary for June 2019

Sunday 2nd June – 7th of Easter/ Sunday after Ascension

8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's

9:30 am Family Service, St. John's

3:00 pm Messy Church, St. Christopher's

Mon. 3rd June

9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's

Tues. 4th June

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

Thurs. 6th June

9:30 am Holy Communion, St. Christopher's

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

Fri. 7th June

6:30 pm Fashion Show, St. Christopher's

8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sat. 8th June

9:00-10:00 am Coalville Churches Praying Together

At Greenhill Community Church

Sunday 9th June – Pentecost

8:30 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's

9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's

6:00 pm Joint Guest Service for Pentecost,

at St. John's – invite a friend

Mon. 10th June

9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's

Tues. 11th June

2:00 pm Mothers' Union, Broughton Lounge

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

7:30 pm Poems, Stories & Prayer at St. Christopher's

– invite a friend

Weds. 12th June

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

7.30pm Churches Together A.G.M., Oasis Café

Thurs. 13th June

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

7.30pm St. Christopher's Project Meeting, St.

Christopher's

Fri. 14th June

8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sat. 15th June

3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St.

Christopher's

Sunday 16th June – Trinity Sunday

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. 17th June

9:00 am Ministry Team Meeting, the Rectory

9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's

Tues. 18th June

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

Weds. 19th June

7.30pm P.C.C. Meeting, Hugg. Community Centre

Thurs. 20th June

9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning, St.

Christopher's

3.00pm After School Clubs St Christopher's

Fri. 21st June

8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sunday 23rd June – St. John Baptist Patronal Festival/ 1st after Trinity

8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's

9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's

2:00 pm Thanksgiving Service for the birth of

a child, St. John's

6:30 pm Jacob's Ladder, Hugglescote Social Club

Mon. 24th June

9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's

Tues. 25th June

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

Weds. 26th June

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

2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group Meeting at

St. Christopher's

6:00 pm Wedding Rehearsal, St. John's

Thurs 27th June

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

Fri. 28th June

8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sat. 29th June

12 noon Wedding of Simon Elton & Lisa Weller

4:00 pm Renewal of Wedding Vows, St. John's

Sunday 30th June

8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's

9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's

3:00 pm Holy Baptism, St. John's

ADVANCE NOTICES

Sat. 6th July - 2:00-4:00pm Summer Fair, St. John's

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS

At St. John's

5th May Stuart Paul Voce, Lucy Ann Voce

& James Stuart Voce

19th May Horry Vellam

At St. Christopher's

19th May Rio Wesley Owen Feetham aged 19 mths.

19th May Aaliyah-Rose Feetham aged 3 years

WEDDINGS at St. John's

27th April Crain Alan Kendrick & Tracy Mary Allen

4th May James Robert Powell & Amalia Victoria Küchlin

FUNERALS

At St. John's & Bretby Crematorium

1st May Darcie Ann Keates aged 3 years

8th May Jaymie Alexander Dennis aged 30 years

10th May Veronica Partner aged 76 years

At St. John's & Hugglescote Cemetery

21st May George Erasmus Johnson aged 94 years