

Three Churches Newsletter

March 2019

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



Let's celebrate who we are!

Hugglescote Community Primary School Year 5 Christmas Concert at St John's

The church was lit beautifully - all thanks to Stewart Duckworth. The church was full of parents, grandparents and staff. It was decorated with the entries from the School Christmas Competition all telling the story of the Nativity of Christ. A team from the parish had been into school and spent an afternoon with the children, telling the nativity story and working with them as they made their entries.

Advent Sunday Messy Church at St Christopher's, Ellistown.

The church was full of families doing crafts, making Christingles, joining in with a simple Christingle Service and sharing a meal together. Even the teenagers came along! It was a great afternoon.



Why show these photos now?

- because I used these photos last week to talk about the mission of this parish. I used them as part of a display to show the mission activities we engage in to reach out to our communities - in particular to families and children. In this parish there is a lot of mission going on, telling the good news of the gospel and bringing people to know God. I want everyone to know it. Church is much more than Sunday morning worship. Church is building relationships, telling the good news, providing care and pastoral support where needed. Even setting up new ways of being Church such as Jacob's Ladder - which was included in the displays.

The display was shown at an evening led by Bishop Martyn and Bishop Guli and attended by church leaders and lay people active in mission and focussed on building disciples - deepening faith and enabling people to share their faith. investing in the future of the church. It went down well. Let's celebrate who we are and what we do - it is recognised and appreciated by the diocese.

Our recent sermon series focussed on what it means to be church, on the ways in which God has drawn us together with our different gifts and talents, on the way we belong to each other as the body of Christ - and the way in which we get on with one another through committing ourselves to love one another as Christ commanded us.

We are in it together! The recent information pack, given to all on the electoral roll, includes a letter about supporting the ministry of the parish through committed giving. I pray we will all consider prayerfully our giving to facilitate the mission here.

Currently the PCC is working to shape that mission with a new direction and purpose building on what has gone before and giving energy and focus for the future. That will be presented at the AGM on Thursday April 11th. This is a good parish, working hard to serve God and his people looking to move forward to the future so let's celebrate it!

Keep Lent well. With every blessing - Olwen

Diary for March 2019

Fri. 1st Mar.
2:00pm Women's World Day of Prayer at Christchurch
7:30 pm Jacob's Ladder Donkey Derby at Hugglescote Social Club

Sunday 3rd Mar. – Next before Lent
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 Mar.
9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Explore Group Meeting, St. Christopher's

Tues. 5th Mar.
6:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. John's

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Weds. 6th Mar.
10:30 am Imposition of Ashes, St. John's
7:30 pm Imposition of Ashes, St. Christopher's

Thurs. 7th Mar.
9:30 am Holy Communion, St. Christopher's
3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's

Sat. 9th Mar.
9:30am-3:00 pm Marriage Preparation Day, Hugglescote Community Centre

Sunday 10th Mar. – 1st of 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
12:45 pm Holy Baptism, St. Christopher's
6:00 pm Film Night 'The Greatest Showman', St. John's

Mon. 11th Mar.
9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's

Tues. 12th Mar.
2:00 pm Mothers' Union, Broughton Lounge
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's
7:30 pm P.C.C. Meeting, St. Christopher's

Weds. 13th Mar.
10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's
7:30 pm Lent Course – St. Christopher's

Thurs. 14th Mar.
3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's

Sat. 16th Mar.
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St. Christopher's – Johnny English Strikes Back

Sunday 17th Mar. – 2nd of 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 Mar.
9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's

Tues. 19th Mar.
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's
7:30 pm St. Christopher's Project Meeting, St. Christopher's

Weds. 20th Mar.
7:30 pm Lent Course, St. Christopher's

Thurs. 21st Mar.
9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning at St. Christopher's

Sat. 23rd Mar.
2:00-4:00pm St. John's Spring Fair, Hugglescote Community Centre

Sunday 24th Mar. – 3rd of Lent
8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's
9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's
11:15 am Parish Communion & Holy Baptism, St. Christopher's
3:00 pm Holy Baptism, St. John's

Mon. 25th Mar.
9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's
7:00 pm Brigade Prize Bingo, Hugglescote Community Centre – all welcome

Tues. 26th Mar.
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 27th Mar.
10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's
2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group Meeting at St. Christopher's
7:30 pm Lent Course, St. Christopher's

Sunday 31st Mar. – Mothering Sunday
8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's
9:30 am Family Service, St. John's
11:15 am Family Communion, St. Christopher's

ADVANCE NOTICES

Mon. 8th April
7:00 pm Brigade Annual Presentation Evening, Hugglescote Community Centre – all welcome

FROM THE REGISTERS

FUNERALS

At Loughborough Crematorium

6th Feb. Beryl Lucy Glover aged 93 years