

# Three Churches Newsletter

## May 2019

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



### Today we launch the TRYPRAYING mission.

You have seen the banners! There's a banner outside every church in the North West Leicestershire deanery – to impact the whole area with the suggestion to try praying!

Trypraying is aiming to reach people with no church connection or interest, but who might be open to find out about God.

The Trypraying booklet is a 7-day prayer guide with lots of stories about answered prayer.

You may be someone who prays a lot or only prays sometimes but...

**We are inviting everyone in our congregations to 'use it and lose it.'**

### The First Week. Use it.

The challenge is to take a booklet – and during the next seven days pray your way through it. Reflect on what God is saying to you. Make a note of the ways in which God speaks to you through the words in the booklet or in any other way.

Then we want to invite you to tell us some of the stories. Write a few words down – and we will add them to the noticeboard- anything you are willing to share. We want to hear how God is speaking to one another. Let's encourage each other in our walk with God.

### The Second Week. Lose it.

The challenge is to give the booklet away to a friend, family member, work colleague, someone at the gym or in your sports club or even a fellow dog walker! Anyone who you think might be open to the invitation to trypraying.

Give it with a few words of encouragement - 'Why don't you try praying for a week and see what happens in your life?'

Meanwhile, of course, pray for them! Again – if you hear stories of people being touched by God – then, with permission, please share them!

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**It's a very easy mission – to draw us into prayer and to reach out in a simple way to others.**

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**We are going to run TRYPRAYING until June 9<sup>th</sup> which is Pentecost Sunday.**

**We will end with a special Welcome Guest Service on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm in St John's.**

**Repeated on Tuesday June 11<sup>th</sup> at St Christopher's at 7.00pm.**

A chance to invite any friends and family who have responded to the invitation to try praying to come and hear stories and testimonies, and think a little more about God. A simple accessible service to invite any friend to. Someone who wouldn't normally come along to church.

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### Alpha Prayer Course

**It begins on Monday May 13<sup>th</sup> at 7.30pm at St Christopher's** and is open to all whether new to faith and prayer or a Christian for many years. The focus of this whole summer season will be on prayer. The Alpha Prayer Course is six sessions helping us explore prayer and deepen prayer in our lives. There is always more.

*Please sign the sheet at the back of church if you are interested.*

**Above all – please pray for the fruit of the TRYPRAYING mission**

## Diary for May 2019

Weds. 1<sup>st</sup> May Funeral 2.00pm St John's

Thurs. 2nd May  
9:30 am Holy Communion, St. Christopher's

### Sunday 5th May – 3rd of Easter

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

Mon. 6th May Bank Holiday  
9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's

Tues. 7th May  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer, St. John's

Weds. 8th May  
10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's  
1.00pm Funeral St John's

Thurs. 9th May  
3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's

Fri. 10th May  
8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sat. 11th May  
9:00-10:00 am Coalville Churches Together  
Prayer Breakfast at Wetherspoons, Coalville  
  
6:00-11:00 pm Jacob's Ladder Beer Festival,  
Hugglescote Community Centre Tickets as per  
details on weekly noticesheet

### Sunday 12th May – 4th of Easter

**8:30 am Holy Communion, St. Mary's**  
**9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's**  
**11:15 am Parish Communion, St. Christopher's**  
**6.00pm Confirmation Service St Helen's Ashby**

Mon. 13th May  
9:15 am Coffee & Chat, St. Christopher's  
7.30pm Alpha Prayer Course Session 1  
at St Christopher's

Tues. 14th May  
2:00 pm Mothers' Union, Broughton Lounge  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 15th May.  
7.30pm Deanery Synod Christ Church

Thurs. 16th May  
9:30 am Holy Communion & Coffee Morning, St.  
Christopher's  
3:00 pm After School Clubs, St. Christopher's  
7.30pm PCC Meeting St Christopher's

Fri. 17th May  
8:00 pm Bellringing Practice, St. John's

Sat. 18th May  
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St.  
Christopher's – the Return of Mary Poppins

### Sunday 19th May – 5th of Easter

**8:00 am Holy Communion, St. John's**  
**9:30 am Parish Communion, St. John's**  
**11:15 am Parish Communion with baptism , St.  
Christopher's**  
**3.00pm Holy Baptism St John's**

Mon. 20th May  
9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's  
7.30pm Alpha Prayer Course – session 2 at  
St Christopher's

Tues. 21st May  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 22nd May  
10:30 Holy Communion, St. John's  
7.30pm Meeting to hear about new housing  
developments. Hugglescote Community Centre –  
arranged for Hugglescote Churches.

Thurs. 23rd May  
3.00pm AfterSchool Clubs St Christopher's  
7.30pm Archdeacon's Visitation All Saints  
Loughborough

### Sunday 26th May – 6th of Easter- Rogation 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. 27th May Bank Holiday  
9:15 am Coffee & Chat at St. Christopher's

Tues. 28th May  
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 29th May  
2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group Meeting  
at St. Christopher's

Thurs 30th May  
10.30am Ascension Day Service St John's

### ADVANCE NOTICES

Sunday 9th June - 6.00pm Guest service St John's  
Tuesday 11th June 7.30pm Guest service St Christopher's

### FROM THE REGISTERS

#### BAPTISMS

##### At St. Christopher's

14th April Summer-Rose Thomson aged 4 years  
14th April Sophia Maria Thomson aged 11 months

#### FUNERALS

##### At St. Christopher's & Ibstock Cemetery

4th Mar. John Henry Taylor aged 76

##### At St. John's & Hugglescote Cemetery

26th Mar. Arnold Heister aged 68

##### At Loughborough Crematorium

Elizabeth 'Betty' Grant aged 95

##### At St. Mary's & Bretby Crematorium

8th Apr. Melinda Mary 'Molly' Edwards aged 95

##### Interment of Ashes at St. John's Churchyard

20th Mar. Ellen Watson