

# Three Churches Newsletter

## April 2018

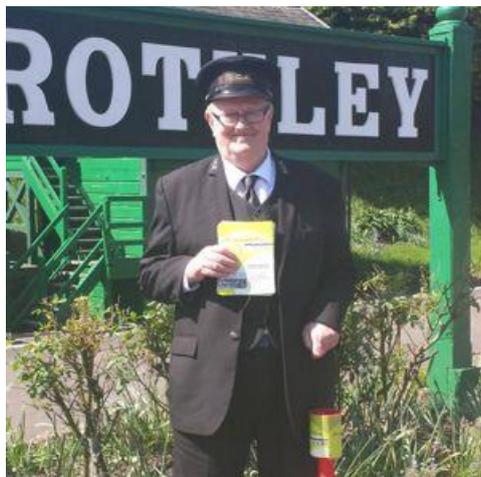
St John Baptist, Hugglescote  
St Christopher's, Ellistown  
St Mary's, Snibston



Dear everyone,

This has been a sad month for our parish. Three regular members of our congregations passed away. Betty Hornbuckle was born and brought up on Highfield Street and attended St James and St Mary's until she became too frail to do so. Sadly, Betty spent her last few years being cared for in residential homes. Those who knew her remember her with fondness.

Then last week we held the funeral of John Price who died suddenly after a short illness. John had little close family but the church was full, his friends, neighbours and his colleagues from the preserved railway turned out in force. I thought you would like to see this tribute to him in Grand Central Railway's Rail Mail.



*We were saddened to learn last week of the death of John Price, a long standing and valued GCR volunteer with over 40 years' service.*

*John joined the railway in the early days of preservation and went on to volunteer in a number of departments including S&T, and for many years was a popular figure on the platform at Rothley Station.*

*Many will have known John through his work in collecting donations for the Bridge to the Future appeal on our trains, in which he achieved great success in collecting over £9,200 in his collecting tin.*

Finally, we heard the sad news that Rowena had passed away, she had been ill since last summer and I was thankful for her peaceful end. We will all miss these kind, good people who belonged to us and were so much part of our lives.

**But** we have just reached the end of Holy Week. We have journeyed with Jesus to the cross through his suffering and his passion. We have waited through the silence and the uncertainty of Holy Saturday when all was dark and despair. And now we have woken on Easter morning to the dawn light and the discovery that Jesus is risen from the dead.

This is the story on which base our faith and our lives. The story of the resurrection, of darkness giving way to light, the dormant seed producing a green shoot, death giving way to life, sin giving way to grace and sorrow changing to joy.

This is the Easter good news. This is the Easter celebration – so although we have sadness in our hearts when our friends die we can be joyful too for these loved ones knew their Lord and like the penitent thief – today they are with him in paradise. May they rest in peace and rise in glory.

A big thank you to all who have made our churches look so beautiful for this Easter festival. May you all have a blessed and joyful Easter. - *Olwen*

### Annual Parish Church Meeting (APCM) Sunday April 29<sup>th</sup> at 6.00pm at Hugglescote Community Centre

Our AGM is an important occasion. That is when we tell everyone about the mission and the finances of the parish. A lot of hard work goes on behind the scenes to run these churches - the work of the Churchwardens, the PCC, the treasury team, the pastoral team and the clergy and readers who staff this parish. The AGM is our opportunity to honour them and recognise the breadth of service and ministry in this parish. It is important to come along.

It is also very important for all our regular congregations to understand that the governance of a church is complex and that it takes time and energy to put in place safeguarding policies, data protection regulations, meet financial standards, manage buildings as well as keep up with today's ways of communicating who we are and what we stand for via websites and facebook pages. We need help!

If you have some time and energy to offer the PCC, then this parish needs you. If you are willing to carry some responsibility for the less glamorous and down to earth governance roles in this parish then the PCC needs you.

Whichever church you attend - it is your church - please support the APCM and consider coming on the PCC. Talk to Jo Mawer or Olwen for more details.

## Diary for April 2018

### Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> April – Easter Sunday

8:30 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
9:30 am Family Communion & Egg Hunt at St. John's  
11:15 am Family Communion & Egg Hunt at St. Christopher's

### Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> April – 2<sup>nd</sup> of Easter

8:30 am Holy Communion at St. Mary's  
9:30 am Family Service at St. John's  
11:15 am Morning Prayer at St. Christopher's  
6:30 pm Jacob's Ladder at Hugglescote Social Club

Tues. 10<sup>th</sup> April

2:00 pm Mothers' Union in the Broughton Lounge  
2:30 pm Rowena Campbell's funeral at St. John's

Weds. 11<sup>th</sup> April

10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's  
7:30 pm Churches Together Planning Meeting at The Oasis Café

Thurs. 12<sup>th</sup> April

10:30 am Shirley Follows' funeral at St. John's  
3:00 pm After School Clubs at St. Christopher's  
7:30 pm P.C.C. Meeting to approve accounts at Hugglescote Community Centre

Sat. 14<sup>th</sup> April

9-10 am Coalville Churches Praying Together at New Life Church, Coalville  
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St. Christopher's

### Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> April – 3<sup>rd</sup> of Easter

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

Thurs. 19<sup>th</sup> April

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

Fri. 20<sup>th</sup> April

7:30 pm Deanery Weekend begins at St. Laurence's Church, Measham the theme will be 'Spirituality through the Psalms' – see poster at the back of church and sign up sheet if you would like to attend one (or more) of the events.

Sat. 21<sup>st</sup> April

9:30 am, 11:00 am and 7:00 pm Deanery weekend at St. Laurence's Church, Measham details on poster at the back of church  
3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema – This month's film 'Flushed Away' doors open 2:30 pm at St. Christopher's Church

### Sunday 22<sup>nd</sup> April – 4<sup>th</sup> of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's  
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's  
11:15 am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's  
3:00 pm Holy Baptism, St. John's

Weds. 25<sup>th</sup> April

10:30 am Holy Communion at St. John's  
2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group at St. Christopher's

Sat. 28<sup>th</sup> April

12 noon Wedding Blessing of Frederick and Vera Kuchlin at St. John's

### Sunday 29<sup>th</sup> April – 5<sup>th</sup> of Easter

8:00 am Holy Communion at St. John's  
9:30 am Parish Communion at St. John's  
11:15 am Parish Communion at St. Christopher's  
6.00pm APCM at Hugglescote Community Centre

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

18th March Lily Florence Robinson aged 4 months

### FUNERALS and INTERMENT OF ASHES

#### Funeral at St. John's & Loughborough Crematorium

27th Feb. Clifford Michael Coleman aged 76 years

#### At St. John's and Bretby Crematorium

12th Mar. Lilian Betty Hornbuckle aged 88 years

#### At St. John's and Newbold Verdun Cemetery

27th Mar. John Price aged 75 years