

Three Churches Newsletter

September 2018

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



Dear everyone,

I hope you have had a holiday or at least some time for rest and reflection this summer. Possibly the only advantage of the hot months this summer was that it made everyone slow down. We all need times when we don't do much in order to recruit our resources and build our energy levels and even to find time to pray. These slow times equip us, both physically and spiritually, to engage with the world and with Building God's kingdom here in this parish once again.

Ray and I spent just over two weeks touring around the north coast of Ireland. Ireland is a place with a deep Christian history. Christianity was taken to Ireland before the 5th century. It was centred on the Irish monasteries which became international centres of learning which influenced Christianity in Scotland and across Europe.

The stone above is an ancient Christian cross set in the valley of Glencolmcille, in Donegal on the north-west coast where St Columba lived and prayed. Later he was to sail the Irish sea and establish the monastery on the Scottish Island of Iona. We spent a few days camping and walking in this beautiful spot. It was a great place to pray.



But now it's the time to look forward and prepare for the autumn events in the parish. We have several opportunities in the weeks ahead to reach out to our

communities and invite them into church and present the Christian Faith and Christian teaching.

Harvest Celebration Weekend 6th-7th October

We are going to hold a Bread Festival at St John's, Hugglescote. The theme of the Bread festival is a celebration of the goodness of God and his provision for us by making and displaying bread. The idea is to make something in bread which speaks of God's blessing!

We will be inviting the Church Brigade and the children from Hugglescote School to join in and make bread to add to the display. I hope our regular congregation will also rise to the challenge and make some bread! The diocese has supplied resources and are offering grants to assist churches to run these events and I thought we should have a go.

We will need some help in setting up the festival display on Friday 5th October and in the running of the festival on Saturday 6th October. There will be prayer stations and crafts stations for the children as well as bread displays. We will advertise it around Hugglescote and invite the community in. I hope we can serve refreshments and use this opportunity to interact with the community and speak of the goodness of God and God at work in our lives. Please let me know if you can help.

We will carry over this theme into our Messy Church Harvest Festival on Sunday 7th October at 3.00pm St Christopher's, Ellistown.

A further opportunity to connect with our local community will come with the 100 years anniversary of the ending of World War 1. There are two events to particularly note which will take place in Hugglescote.

Sunday October 28th at 1.00pm at St John's - The re-enactment of the march of the Famous Fifty.

These were the first fifty civilians who enlisted to join the war effort in August 2014. In October 2014 they attended a service at St. John's in Hugglescote and then marched to Coalville Station headed for their training camps. The march will begin with a service in St John's.

Friday and Saturday 9th and 10th November at 7.00pm.

A Community Theatre production 'The Famous Fifty' which will tell the story of those men. You can still get involved with the production, please see the weekly notice sheet for details. But there will be lots of other ways to help.

These events will place St John's firmly within the heart of the community, raise the profile of the church and give us the chance to present our faith. Please support them.

There are other special events and special services coming up too – see the September Diary. I just wanted to give you advance notice of the above! - *Olwen*

Diary for September 2018

Sunday 2nd Sept. – 14th after Trinity

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

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

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

Tues. 4th Sept.

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

Thurs. 6th Sept.

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

7.30pm Open Deanery Synod Blackfordby School

Sunday 9th Sept. 15th after Trinity

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

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

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

2:00 pm Holy Baptism at St. John's

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Mon. 10th Sept.

1:30 pm Mission Partnership Meeting

7.30pm PCC St Christopher's

Tues. 11th Sept.

2:00 pm Mothers' Union in the Broughton Lounge

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

7.00pm 'Hugglescote Remembers' planning Meeting. Broughton Lounge

Weds. 12th Sept.

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

7:30 pm Hugglescote & Ellistown Churches Together Meeting at The Oasis

Thurs. 13th Sept.

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

Sat. 15th Sept.

1:00 pm Wedding of Jake Gavin & Hannah Elton at St. John's

Date 3:00 pm Ellistown Community Cinema at St.

T.B.C. Christopher's – Peter Rabbit

Sunday 16th Sept. 16th after Trinity

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

9:30 am Family Communion at St. John's

11:15 am Parish Communion at St.

Christopher's

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

6:30 pm Jacob's Ladder at Hugglescote Social

Club

Tues. 18th Sept.

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

Thurs. 20th Sept. (Bishop Guli to visit NWL deanery)

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

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

7.00pm Bishop Guli to meet with churchwardens and Readers at Ashby School

Sat. 22nd Sept.
11:45am-12:30 pm Visiting bell ringers at St. John's

Sunday 23rd Sept. 17th after Trinity
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 Songs Of Praise St Mary's

Tues. 25th Sept.
6:00 pm Evening Prayer at St. John's

Weds. 26th Sept.
10:30 am Holy Communion, St. John's
2:00 pm Ellistown Afternoon Social Group at St. Christopher's

Thurs. 27th Sept.
3:00 pm After School Club at St. Christopher's

Sat. 29th Sept. Open Doors Fundraiser
Fundraising Indian Meal with English options.
Hugglescote Community Centre. Time TBC
Tickets available form Barbi Nagra

Sunday 30th Sept. 18th after Trinity
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
(Visiting Speaker: Stephen March, Pioneer Development Worker).

FROM THE REGISTERS

BAPTISMS at St. John's

12th August Lennie-Eric Stephen Webb aged 12 months

BAPTISMS at St. Christopher's

12th August Elsie Louise Johnson aged 3 years

12th August Arthur Andrew Johnson aged 12 months

WEDDINGS AT ST. JOHN'S

11th August Scott Andrew Ward & Katie Joanne Hagger

18th August Daniel Paul Stephens & Katie Louise Hicken

FUNERALS

At Loughborough Crematorium

10th August Colin Sharpe aged 75 years

DATES IN OCTOBER

6th October Bread Festival

7th October Harvest celebrations

12th October Harvest supper

28th October All Souls Service