

Chapel Matters

DESFORD FREE CHURCH NEWSLETTER

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SATURDAY COFFEE MORNING

- 1 Sue Wilks
- 8 Edith Yates
- 15 Amanda Wootton

SUNDAY MORNING COFFEE

- 2 Linda Benson
- 9 Sue Wilks
- 16 Amanda Wootton
- 23 Edith Yates, Mary Lloyd
- 30 Cathy Cunningham

VESTIBULE ROTA

- 2 Alison Willett
- 8 June Morris
- 6 Mary Lloyd
- 23 Chris Ward
- 30 Pat Brooks

FLOWER ROTA

- 3 Ruth Brooker
- 10 Joan Wagstaffe
- 17 Cath Fox
- 24 Sue Houghton



I'm sure you will already have seen and perhaps heard some of those inescapable Christmas sights and sounds in shops. The now traditional competition of our major retailers, the battle for the most striking Christmas advert, has hit our screens and we have not even got to Advent!

So let's take a moment and let me remind you of what some people call "the real meaning of Christmas"

In the carol "Hark the herald Angel sing", we sing these words

"Veiled in flesh the Godhead see!

Hail, the incarnate Deity!

Pleased as man with man to dwell,

Jesus, our Immanuel.

The mystery we celebrate at this time of the year that the king of all creation emptied himself of glory to become one of us! The challenge for us is to take the example of Joseph and Mary who had to let go of their own plans and with faith and in obedience go with God's plan, God's life giving plan, a plan that brought about the birth of His only begotten Son.

It is the incarnation that sets Jesus apart from any other in history and it's his example that should inform us of our response this Christmas! If we are followers of the Christ then we will actively seek ways of sharing this Good News. This Christmas Day, the Church rejoices that in that profound belief, that the Second Person of the Trinity, from all eternity, came down to be one with us. And that belief makes us brothers and sisters, and we are responsible for the welfare of one another, because of the coming of Jesus in the flesh, I am my brothers' keeper.

May we live an honourable way of life.' If not, it's simply a fairytale."

*Have a blest Christmas,
Jim*

PRAYING FOR LEICESTER

What a remarkable evening at Leicester Arena on Sunday the 4th of November! Eileen and myself joined Nicola and Marion from Market Bosworth to make the short trip to Leicester arena. In this gladiatorial arena we joined with around 500 other Christians, from across the county and from every denomination, to pray for our county.

You could sense the anticipation and expectation as we began a time of worship and prayer. After some invigorating and sensitive worship in music we began two hours of exciting spiritual warfare! A series of different speakers lead prayers for all aspects of church and community life both in the city of Leicester and the wider County.

The first speaker explained that we would involve many different models of prayer and encouraged us to try every model that was shared! I think there were 6 different leaders and they had three things in common. They were all humble and yet charismatic prayer leaders. They had a passion for Jesus and they were sensitive to His Spirit.

We joined in prayer and response, sometimes praying all at the same time, we prayed with others around us and for each other! We were all moved by the event and it seemed to be a prophetic evening! The sense of unity was palpable!

I'm not sure when the next Prayer for Leicestershire is scheduled but we would all encourage as many of us as possible to be part of it! Meeting from 5 to 7pm makes it quite accessible for most of us and if you need a lift to the venue we can make sure you get a lift!

I for one cannot wait!

Jim Eileen Marian and Nicola

Saltmine Theatre Company present

Sleeping Beauty

Wednesday 12th December at 7.00 pm

DESFORD FREE CHURCH

Adult £12, child £5, Seniors £10,

Family £25 (2 adults 2 children)

Call 01455 828221

Don't miss this wonderful evening

MORNING OF PRAYER

Join us for a morning of prayer at Market Bosworth Free church on 1st December; 9.30 -12.30

It will be a varied and interactive morning that will challenge your thinking on what a morning of prayer is.

What a great way to start December.

If you'd like to go but need a lift please ask Jim or one of the deacons.

CHRISTMAS AT DESFORD FREE CHURCH

Our very special Carols by candlelight Service is on Sunday 16th at 4.00pm. Do come along and enjoy a lovely time of fellowship together.

Christmas Community lunch will be on Tuesday 18th at 12.30. Do come along and bring a friend. Please let Cath Fox know if you are coming so we know how many to cater for.

Christmas Morning we will have a short service, which is always very special. Do come along and bring your visitors and families.

On 30th December the morning service will be a short service of carols and readings.

DO COME ALONG AND GIVE THANKS AND WORSHIP THE NEW BORN KING AT CHRISTMAS



Lux Mundi Christmas Special is nearly here

You're invited to the next Lux Mundi on **Sunday 9th December at 6pm** at Sutton Elms Baptist church, Broughton Astley.

We would love to see you there. It promises to be another Spirit-filled evening, with lively worship music, a positive and life-enhancing gospel message, and "Hog Roast" (roast pork cobs) afterwards!

We love sharing this event with folk from other branches of Jesus' church. So if you plan on bringing a party or youth group please let us know so we can cater accordingly.

We look forward to seeing you there.

The Lux Mundi Team

Streets for prayer

2nd Church Lane

9th Gloucester Close

16th Hazel Street

23rd Essex Close

30th Leicester Lane



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO NORMA HAWKINS who was
90 years young on 25TH. November. xxxxxxxxx

WHAT'S ON IN DECEMBER

A Prayer from the book,

“A Little book of Advent”

Into a world of sin and shame,
 Of war and waste, of pain and loss
 The Saviour Christ was born.
 Into a world that's just the same
 He's born again today.
 This is the real world, the harsh world
 He came to save.
 This is my world of which I am but a small part.
 Come and live in me, that I might live in you,
 Jesus, child of Bethlehem.



DESFORD MENS GROUP

Thursday 13th at 7.30pm

MISSION AVIATION FELLOWSHIP Alastair Crooks

ALL WELCOME

I would like to thank Cath, Cathy and Chris for their help in decorating the church with poppies and for all the ladies who gave up their spare time in knitting them, what a brilliant job they did!

**Thank you all once again,
 MARY**

If you would like communion at home please ring Sue on 01455 822980

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| Sat 1 | 9.30-12.30 | Morning of Prayer MBFC |
| Sun 2 | 10.30 am | Joint Family Service with MBFC at Desford - Rev Jim Mullin |
| Mon 3 | 9.30 am 2.30 pm | Meeting for prayer at 2 Rowan Way Emmaus Group at 61 St Martins Drive |
| Wed 5 | 2.00 pm | Wednesday Club for Senior Citizens with afternoon tea and games |
| Thurs 6 | 10.30 am 2.00 pm | Forget-me-not café at Newbold Verdon Library Friends and Neighbours |
| Sun 9 | 10.30 am | Morning Service and Communion- Rev Jim Mullin |
| Mon 10 | 9.30 am 2.30 pm | Deacons Meeting Emmaus Group at 61 St Martins Drive |
| Wed 12 | 2.00 pm 7.00pm | Wednesday Club for Senior Citizens with afternoon tea and games Sleeping Beauty Pantomime Saltmine Theatre Company |
| Thurs 13 | 7.30 pm | Men's Group Mission Aviation Fellowship |
| Sun 16 | 4.00 pm | Carols by Candlelight Service Rev Jim Mullin |
| Mon 17 | 9.30 am | Meeting for prayer at 2 Rowan Way |
| Tues 18 | 12.30 pm 7.30 pm | Community Lunch History Society |
| Wed 19 | 2.00 pm | Wednesday Club for Senior Citizens with afternoon tea and games |
| Thurs 20 | 10.30am | Forget-me-not café at St Martin's Church Centre |
| Sun 23 | 10.30 am | Morning Service - John Russell |
| Tues 25 | 10.30am | Christmas Day Service - Sue Houghton |
| Sun 30 | 10.30 am | Morning Service - the Fellowship |