

12<sup>th</sup> May 2019

**WELCOME**  
to  
**ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST**

Easter 4



**8.45 a.m. “Big Brekkie” in the Social Room raising money for Christian Aid**

**9.45 a.m. FAMILY EUCHARIST**

Introit Hymn     369  
Psalm             23  
Gradual Hymn   517

Offertory Hymn     311  
Communion Hymn  153  
Final Hymn         150

Communion Setting : *Murray in G*  
Gloria : *Halesworth Service – M. Archer*

Readings : *Acts 9 vv 36-end*  
*Revelation 9 vv 9-end*  
*John 10 vv 22-30*

Reader : Ellen Smyth  
Intercessions : Tony Grantham  
Sidesmen : Mary Bucknell and Sally Firth  
Tea & Coffee : Beryl Field and Beryl Fletcher

*Everyone is invited into the Social Room for refreshments after the morning service.*

*The music played before and after the service is offered as part of our worship. Please use it respectfully as a time of preparation before and reflection after the service.*

**12.30 p.m. Derby Arts Festival in church until 8.15 p.m.**

**N.B. There will be NO evening service TODAY.**

## Collect

Almighty God, whose Son Jesus Christ is the resurrection and the life: raise us, who trust in him, from the death of sin to the life of righteousness, that we may seek those things which are above, where he reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, now and for ever.

## Reflection

On 12<sup>th</sup> May 1969 the voting age in Britain was lowered from 21 to 18.

It is a good thing that we should be aware of our rights, but we must not lose sight of the fact that, as well as rights, we also have responsibilities and duties towards others.

Gandhi, one of India's great leaders, was once presented with a draft Bill of Rights for the people of India. He refused to sign it, saying: "*Show me a bill of **duties** and I will be the first to sign it.*"

## NEXT WEEK

(See also Notice Board at side of Main Door for midweek service details etc.)

- Tuesday** 10.00 a.m. Welcome Café in the Social Room until 2.00 p.m.  
4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx.  
7.00 p.m. Derby Music Club in church until 10.00 p.m.
- Wednesday** 4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx.
- Thursday** 4.30 p.m. Church open until 6.00 p.m. with Evening Prayer at 5.15 p.m. approx.
- Friday** 10.00 a.m. Welcome Café in the Social Room until 2.00 p.m.  
7.30 p.m. Choir Practice
- Sunday** 9.45 a.m. Family Eucharist  
Readings : *Acts 11 vv 1-18*  
*Revelation 21 vv 1-6*  
*John 13 vv 31-35*  
Reader : Charlotte Beer  
Intercessions : Linda Mackay  
Sidesmen : Pat Gregory and Linda Mackay  
Tea & Coffee : Beryl Field and Beryl Fletcher  
6.30 p.m. Evensong  
First Lesson : *Daniel vv 6-23*  
Second Lesson : *Mark 15 v 46 – 16 v 8*

## **Generosity is a great thing**

Just after the P.C.C. Meeting in March we all had a summary of St. John's financial situation entitled "Our Crest of the Wave now comes Ashore". It was a blunt statement encouraging us all to review our financial giving to ensure we remained a viable Church. At last Tuesday's P.C.C. Meeting some encouraging news was given. In response to the summary, 2 more people have set up Standing Order payments so that a regular monthly payment is made; 2 more have joined the Share Plan scheme; several have increased their Standing Order and Share Plan contributions; 3 have signed Gift Aid declarations, thereby allowing us to claim back more tax; and there has been an increase in the Sunday collection plate money. Clearly, people love St. John's to such an extent that generosity knows no bounds. A big thank you to all who have responded in this way, and may the spirit of sacrificial generosity live on. Thank you again.

## **Proposed Servery Area at the back of church**

A plan concerning this is now available for viewing. If you would like to make any comments please see either of the Churchwardens. Thank you.

## **Fund-raising Events**

As part of our fundraising to pay for the new heating pipes please note the following events in your diaries:

**Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> July 7.00 ish a quiz** is planned and this will be held at Derby College (next to the Roundhouse). Entries will be on a per table basis and there will be refreshments during the evening. Details to follow.

**Sunday 8<sup>th</sup> September (in the afternoon)** a parish treasure hunt is planned. The format of the treasure hunt will be based on a "whodunit" with the answers to the clues eliminating suspects until the culprit is finally identified!

**Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> September a "Race Evening"**. We intend to use the marquee and the social room to have a flutter of fun picking the winners.

## **Launch of another Fund-raising idea linked to the Parable of the Talents (Matthew 25 vv 14-30)**

This fund-raiser was launched last weekend. We would like as many people as possible to help with this particular fund-raising idea. Everyone who takes part will be given an envelope containing £10 and the idea is that you use this money to raise even more funds. It may be that you hold a small coffee morning using the £10 to buy biscuits, coffee and milk etc, inviting your friends to attend and asking them to pay for the refreshments so that in the end you have maybe doubled the amount you were given in the first place. If you are the type of person who likes making things to sell you could use the money to buy the materials. These are just two suggestions but you can likely think of others. It would be an ideal way to involve people who do not come to church to help in our fund-raising. This particular fund-raiser will run until 6<sup>th</sup> October (Harvest weekend) so you can use the money raised from your first efforts to fund further ideas.

## **Thank You from Pat Hanson**

A big thank you to Canon Elaine and all my friends at St. John's for the beautiful basket of flowers I received from you on Monday for my 90<sup>th</sup> birthday – so many shades of pink, I love them. Thank you.

## **ADVANCE NOTICES**

**Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> May 7.00 p.m. Iona Evening**

**Thursday, 30<sup>th</sup> May 7.30 p.m. Sung Eucharist for Ascension Day**

**Saturday, 1<sup>st</sup> June 11.00 a.m. Sausage Sizzle**

Our annual fund raiser for a local charity held on the church lawn. As usual there will be hot dogs, beefburgers, hot and cold drinks on sale. There will also be a Tombola and a Cake stall and we ask people for donations for each of these stalls. Thank you.

**Friday/Sunday, 28<sup>th</sup>/30<sup>th</sup> June St. John's Camping Weekend**

Following the success of last year's camping weekend and by popular demand, we are having another one this year. Birchwood Farm Caravan Park Wirksworth Road Whatstandwell has been booked for the above weekend. As last year we have reserved the top section of the field but we need to confirm numbers of tents and people as soon as possible. The cost per person / family will be similar to last year (whatever that was!). Would those who would like to go please notify Nick Green confirming the number of adults and number of children and also the number and berth of your tent or tents. If anyone wishes to bring a caravan, please also advise of details. The site has been reserved provisionally for the Thursday evening and the Sunday evening should anyone wish to extend the weekend. We shall erect the marquee and some tents on the Thursday evening (27<sup>th</sup>) anyway. For more information see Nick Green or contact him on 07399 451 818 or email: [nickgreen8@sky.com](mailto:nickgreen8@sky.com) Happy Camping!

## **The Mission of St. John's Church**

To be a caring community striving to follow the teachings of Jesus Christ;  
sharing in the love of God, Father, Son and Holy Spirit;  
and to love our neighbour, having the Eucharist at the centre of our worship

## **Insurance Donations**

Last year many of us took up the offer to ensure our homes and possessions with Ecclesiastical Insurance, who insure St. John's. In so doing we received £130 from Ecclesiastical for every new policy taken out with them. The insurance company has decided to continue this offer throughout 2019. Therefore, if anyone wishes to see St. John's receive a donation from Ecclesiastical, then do consider changing your insurance company. Please see the "130" posters or ask Nick Green for more details. Every £130 could go towards our new pipework!

## **Easy Fundraising**

Just a reminder that you can help raise funds for St. John's by purchasing goods and services through the Easy Fundraising website ([www.easyfundraising.org.uk](http://www.easyfundraising.org.uk)). It is simple to use. Start your online shopping first at easy fundraising, then within that website shop as normal using the app of the shop or services you wish to buy and nominating St. John's as the charity you wish to receive your donation.

## **Contacting Canon Elaine**

If you need to contact Canon Elaine other than the Sunday services or when the church is open during the week this can be done as follows:  
'phone : 07749 867347 or e-mail : [canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com](mailto:canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com)

## **Church Website**

St. John's website address is : [www.stjohnsmillstreet.org](http://www.stjohnsmillstreet.org)