

# Village & Community Magazine

## MAY 2024

*Keeping All Our Villages Connected and United*



### Some Upcoming Events in May

Friendship Club - Talk by Henry Rusch - Alstonefield Village Hall - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> - 3.00pm

History Live Meeting - 'The Earth Below our Feet' - Warslow Village Hall - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> - 7.00pm

Nordic Walking Taster - From Ilam Car Park - Wed. 1<sup>st</sup> May - Meet 1.45pm for 2.00pm start

Comedy, Christianity, Caribbean Food Night - Elim Church, Ashbourne - Sat 4<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm

'Whiskey Tasting Evening' by Carver Cottage Kitchen - Alstonefield Village Hall - Sat 4<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm

'Coffee, Tea & a Chat' Morning - St Bartholomew's Church, Butterson - Tues 14<sup>th</sup> - 10.30 - 12.30am

'Teas in the Tower' - St Peter's Church, Alstonefield - Sun 26<sup>th</sup> - 2.00pm to 4.00pm

### Village Annual Meetings

Butterson Village Hall Committee AGM - Butterson Village Hall - Wed 1<sup>st</sup> - 7.00pm

Butterson Parish Council AGM - Butterson Village Hall - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm

Ilam Parish Council AGM - Ilam School - Tues 7<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm

Butterson Church APCM - St Bartholomew's Church, Butterson - Mon 13<sup>th</sup> - 6.30pm

Alstonefield Church APCM - St Peter's Church, Alstonefield - Thurs 23<sup>rd</sup> - 7.00pm

Wetton Church APCM - St Margaret's Church, Wetton - Sun 26<sup>th</sup> - 12.00 noon

Alstonefield Annual Community Meeting - Alstonefield Village Hall - Thurs 30<sup>th</sup> - 7.00pm

### DEADLINE FOR THE JUNE EDITION IS 6am on TUESDAY 28<sup>th</sup> MAY

Input from you all would be gratefully received. At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine. Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date. A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article. It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes, it will be inserted of course.

**Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.**

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies. Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date. **\*\*Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.**

# Alstonefield Village Hall

Charity Reg: 228929

## Whiskey Tasting Evening

*Six single malts  
of varying styles  
from across  
Scotland*

Ticket price  
includes food

CARVER COTTAGE  
KITCHEN

## Saturday 4 May 7pm

£47.50 from Jo Griffin on 07812 606790  
per head (em: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk))

### **Warslow and Elkstones Educational Charity**

Do you need financial help to support your or your child's education?

**Books? Stationery?  
Specialist equipment?**

The Warslow and Elkstones Educational Charity can offer funding to help towards the educational needs of children or young people under the age of 25 years who are resident or who have parent's resident in the Parish of Warslow and Elkstones.

To apply or just to find out more please contact: [warslow.elkstones.trust@gmail.com](mailto:warslow.elkstones.trust@gmail.com)

01298 84624 / 07786961219



# WARM WELCOME



AT ST BARTHOLOMEW'S CHURCH, BUTTERTON



**EVERY OTHER TUESDAY 10.30 – 12.30**

**NEXT MEETING TUESDAY 14 MAY**

THEN 28 MAY, 11 JUNE, 25 JUNE etc

**POP IN FOR A CHAT AND A COFFEE / TEA**



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**WHAT IS GOING ON?  
WELL—COME AND FIND OUT**

Archdeacon Megan with the Deanery Chair  
and Lay Chair will present:-

**THE DEANERY MISSION  
PLAN DRAFT TWO**

For consideration, discussion,  
reflection and comment

**ALL WELCOME**

**Sheen Village Hall**

Wednesday 15th May 7.00pm

Saturday 18th May 10.30am

# a Classical Concert

*in aid of*

Lviv Children's Hospital  
in Ukraine

## the Ad Hoc Baroque string ensemble

will be playing in

**St John's Church, Ashbourne**

on **Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June at 2.30 pm**

(No tickets: all money from the retiring  
collection will go to Ukraine)

music from JS Bach, Handel and Purcell, as well as  
Ukrainian composers  
Barvinsky, Leontovich and Lysenko

For details contact: [howard.kilner@gmail.com](mailto:howard.kilner@gmail.com)

## CONCERT FOR UKRAINE

St John's Church, Ashbourne  
Sunday, 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2024  
at 2.30 pm

Members of the local string music group, Ad Hoc Baroque, have got together to play in aid of the Lviv Children's Hospital in Ukraine under the auspices of the Ukrainian Cultural Association of the United Kingdom.

Please come and enjoy music by JS Bach, Handel and Purcell as well as lovely Ukrainian music by Barvinsky, Lysenko, Skoryk and Leontovitch.

Entry is free, but please come and give as much as you can to support this wonderful cause.

Every penny you give will go to the hospital.

Enquiries to Howard Kilner on [howard.kilner@gmail.com](mailto:howard.kilner@gmail.com)



Men's Stand-Up Night - Comedy, Christianity and Caribbean Food at Ashbourne Elim church (opposite Selecta Tyre) on Saturday 4 May at 7pm. Tickets are £5 (which includes the food) - sign up and more info at [ashelim.ch/comedy](http://ashelim.ch/comedy)

### Alpha Sessions

Alpha - a series of sessions for those who are exploring and questioning the Christian faith - starts at Ashbourne Elim church on 2 May at 7pm, then weekly on a Thursday until 11 July. More info and sign up at [ashelim.ch/alpha](http://ashelim.ch/alpha)



**Moorlands Connect is a Demand Responsive Door-to-Door bus service connecting villages throughout the Staffordshire Moorlands with Leek, Ashbourne, Buxton and Cheadle.**

For workers, shoppers, walkers, cyclists, visits to the area's market towns and major attractions, or simply a trip to your favourite hotel, restaurant or pub. **Leave the car (or motorhome) behind and make your journey with us!** Cycles and dogs welcome please mention when booking.

**Booking:** Booking is simple and can be made up to 2 hours before travel time. Monday - Saturday by phone or text and 24 hours in advance by email (to ensure availability). Call: 01335 342951, Text: 07946 365256, mail: [bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk](mailto:bookings@moorlandsconnect.co.uk)

**!!! Use it or we Will Lose it !!!**

# **MUDDY DUCKLINGS**

## **OUTDOOR PLAYGROUP**

**7TH OF JUNE 10.30-12NOON**  
**OVER THE RAINBOW**



**Come join our new outdoor forest playgroup for children under 5 at Ilam CofE Primary School as we explore all the colours of the Rainbow.**

**Interactive games, crafts & sensory play will cover EYFS curriculum areas. Focusing on developing skills through hands-on play and exploration in nature.**

**No bad weather with our all-weather canopy. Mud meets learning !**

**Sign up today, or just drop in for this exciting new outdoor playgroup.**

**Fun & learning for little ones!**

**£4 per child**

**Tel: 01335 350316**





## White Peak Nordic Walking



**Power of Poles taster, followed by a walk** as part of the Staffordshire Moorlands Walking Festival.

A session that will help you understand just how beneficial Nordic Walking can be and how it is far more than just walking with poles! This Introductory session will give you an insight into how the poles can propel you along and work the whole body.

After the taster we walk around Ilam Park using the poles and the Nordic Walking technique.

Don't forget to wear suitable shoes and clothing for all weathers and bring a drink/snack.

**Poles provided, there is a choice of strapless or strapped Nordic Walking poles.**

**Date: Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May.** Meet at 1.45 pm for a 2pm start in Ilam Park car park.

Booking: go to [Staffordshire Moorlands Walking festival](#)

### **Any questions?**

Please call Janneke, White Peak Nordic Walking, T: 07469895267 [janneke@nwukwhitepeak.co.uk](mailto:janneke@nwukwhitepeak.co.uk)

## ALSTONEFIELD



**Vicar: In Vacancy**

**Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant**

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

### Sunday Services in May

5<sup>th</sup>  
19<sup>th</sup>

11am  
8.30am

**Holy Communion**

**Blessing of Feet (Village Hall Garden)**

## St Peter's Alstonefield

The Prayer Course session 6 will be on Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May at 7.30pm venue to be confirmed.

The prayer Course session 7 will be potentially on Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> May at 7.30pm. to be confirmed.

### Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the Porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield

St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis.

Anyone needing food or other household items for please help yourself from the box in the church porch.

All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.



## Teas in the Tower

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2pm to 4pm

Cream teas and cakes will be available at St Peters Church to celebrate the installation of the new low carbon biofuel boiler. All welcome to join us on Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> May 2pm to 4pm.

Donations of scones and cakes gratefully received.  
Please contact Debs Railton 01335 310049.

### ELECTORAL ROLL 2024

This will be renewed prior to the forthcoming APCM on 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024. If you are already on the Roll and wish to remain so, you don't need to do anything this year.

However, if you'd like to join, or indeed be taken off, you will need to fill in one of these forms or notify the PCC Electoral Roll Officer as soon as possible, preferably by 22<sup>nd</sup> April 2024.

Forms are available in church porch or from: Angela Campbell,  
PCC Electoral Roll Officer on  
07970 609630 /  
angela@angelacampbell.me

### Annual Parochial Church Meeting 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2023

The Annual Parochial Church Meeting 2024 for St Peters Alstonefield will take place on Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2024 in Alstonefield Village Hall Meeting Room at 7pm onwards, followed by a PCC meeting.

Everyone is welcome, please come along and get involved with St Peters Church. We would especially like to welcome new PCC members to help in running this wonderful church. If you are able to join, then please get in touch.

For enquiries please contact: Angela Campbell, (PCC Secretary) on 07970 609630 / [angela@angelacampbell.me](mailto:angela@angelacampbell.me)

### Alstonefield Parish Council

**Clerk to the Council – Martin Jinks** **Next Parish Council Meeting:** Contact Clerk for details.

**Email:** [clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk](mailto:clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk) c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

**Chair:** Mr R Hignett (07904 187785)

**Vice Chairman:** Mr G Campbell (07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes ([Tel:01335 310057](tel:01335310057)), Mrs S Jeffery ([Tel:07465 217269](tel:07465217269)), Mr C McIlroy ([Tel:07930 001374](tel:07930001374)).

Mr M Newman ([mn821268@gmail.com](mailto:mn821268@gmail.com)), Mrs R Longdon (07870 731389).

*"To all residents of Alstonefield, Hope and Milldale; the **Annual Community Meeting** is to be held on Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> May, at 7:00pm in Alstonefield Village Hall. Please feel free to come along, meet your Parish Councillors and raise any matters that concern or interest you. Further details can be obtained from The Clerk "*

### **"AVETS Remember"**

**In an emergency you should always dial 999 first.**

**If you need help before the emergency services arrive, you could call the Alstonefield Village Emergency Telephone System (AVETS) on 01335818911.**

**AVETS aims to connect you direct to speak to a local volunteer who may be able to assist.**

**If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009**



### **THE LEADEN BOOT CHALLENGE**

The Challenge raises funds and makes grants available to support local good causes and projects, with over £52000 being donated over the past 13 years to our local communities.

Applications for amounts between £200 – £2000 are welcome from April 29th

Application forms are available to download online from [leadenboot.org.uk](http://leadenboot.org.uk)

Completed forms must be submitted by June 1<sup>st</sup> 2024

## Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton Treasurer & Bookings Officer: Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

Charlotte Jordan

For bookings or enquiries, please email: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please email: [alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk](mailto:alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk)

**Next Event Saturday 4<sup>th</sup> May – See Poster on Second Page**

## Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club

Members and non-members are welcome to join us for any of the upcoming talks.

Please get in touch with Fiona- 01335 310200 if you would like to come. For just £6.00 you can enjoy a talk, quiz, raffle, sandwiches and cake with a friendly and informal group. **We do hope you can join us!**

Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> May 3.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall Henry Rusch: White Park Cattle

Wednesday 19<sup>th</sup> June 3.00pm Alstonefield Village Hall Francis Burton: Medicinal Plants from the Garden

## Alstonefield Cricket Club

Alstonefield Cricket Club is on the hunt for new members. We have 11 Sunday fixtures this summer, with 8 being played at our picturesque home ground. Whether new to the game, returning after a break, or simply looking for an alternative to league cricket, you would be most welcome. There is no obligation to attend every fixture; any game you could attend would be a great help to this long-standing community-centred club.

For more information please contact: Jon Lane, (Club Chairman) on 01298 84443 or [jonlane2020@gmail.com](mailto:jonlane2020@gmail.com)



## BUTTERTON



### St. Bartholomew's Church

Revd - Jane Held:

01538 262116

Church Warden:

Maggie Risby 304115

Barbara Woodward 304324

Deputies:

Rachael Hopper

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

### Services in May

5 <sup>th</sup>	3.00pm	Evening Worship
19 <sup>th</sup>	10.00am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers: Barbara Woodward

Cleaning Rota: Sheila McDermott

**P.C.C. Members:** Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115 Treasurer: Patrick Bailey  
Maurice Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

## St. Bartholomew's

March was another busy (dare I say hectic) month. A lot going on during Easter week with services here, there and everywhere much enjoyed by all. Alleluiah, He is risen.

St Bartholomew's PCC gratefully acknowledge receipt of the generous donation of £1,200 from the Wakes Committee. This will go a long way in the present financial climate.

Thanks also go to Butterson Parish Council for their donation which is going towards churchyard maintenance in order that we can maintain our reputation for having a well-kept churchyard

We can hopefully see the end of the tunnel regarding our water ingress in the tower. A very constructive meeting with the architect and builder has resulted in some 'tweaks' being made in the south west gargoyle which will prevent rainwater etc backing up and finding its way in and down. The plasterwork is drying nicely on the stair wall so its fingers crossed for some kinder weather that won't have people rushing up to the tower to empty buckets and mop up every time it rains and the wind blows from the 'wrong direction'!

Saturday 20<sup>th</sup> April saw lovely weather for the **Wedding** of Emily Lees and Andre Neto- Bradley at St Bartholomew's. We wish the happy couple well on their new journey together.

The **Churchyard tidy** took place on Saturday 13<sup>th</sup> April. A well-attended event when helpers were rewarded with soup and sausage rolls, tea and coffee. Thanks to all who turned up. The mowing season now begins.

A new venture is about to take place at St Bartholomew's. Every other Tuesday, commencing Tuesday 30<sup>th</sup> April we will hold a '**Warm Welcome**' session from 10.30am until 12.30pm. Everyone is welcome to drop in and catch up with the chit chat over a cup of tea, coffee and a biscuit or two.

The **Memorial Garden** project is well under way. Fingers crossed the faculty has been approved so we should be able to move on it soon. The area dedicated to the Memorial Garden is directly in front of the new bench at the west end, facing the Black Lion. To begin with approx. 30 plots will be allocated for the burial of loved ones' ashes. More on this as we progress.

**Our APCM is on Monday 13<sup>th</sup> May at 6.30pm in Church.**

**Barrie Wilkinson**  
**At rest 7th March 2024**

Many people from Butterton and surrounding villages will remember Barrie Wilkinson.

His infectious smile, warm spirit, kind and patient nature. A true Christian soul Barrie was church warden in Butterton 2003 - 2012. He then moved to Wiltshire to be near his daughter and family. There he remarried and lived happily until his death in March. He would have been 88 years of age on Easter Sunday.

***Rest in Peace Barrie.***

**St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for April**

1 <sup>st</sup>	J & P Leese	( 63)	£40.00
2 <sup>nd</sup>	C & N Kendall	( 54)	£20.00
3 <sup>rd</sup>	Kim Kirby	( 35)	£10.00

**The next draw will be held on Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> Church at 11.00 am.**

**Butterton Village Hall**

**Chairperson:** Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

Chocolate Bingo was really well attended on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> March. Easter themed prizes disappeared fast from the display tables and a profit of approx. £300 was made. Thank you to those of you who attended.

The Village Hall Committee would like to thank the Wakes Committee for the very generous donation of £1,200 which will go a long way towards future improvements

Pilates and Dog Training, birthday parties and a wedding reception are keeping us busy.

The Spring Clean took place week beginning Monday 15<sup>th</sup> April and our hire rates are available on the Butterton website.....[butterton.org.uk](http://butterton.org.uk) On a sunny day there's no place better to hold your special event.....(Not bad on a bad day either!)

Our AGM is on Wednesday 1st May, at the Village Hall at 7pm.

**Voting for a new Police & Crime Commissioner takes place on Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup> May at the Village Hall, .....Early until Late.....**

**Butterton Parish Council**

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email [buttertonpc@live.co.uk](mailto:buttertonpc@live.co.uk)

**Chairperson:** Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

**Committee Members:** Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

The next meeting is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May (A.G.M.) at 7pm in the Village Hall. Councillor

**Further Meetings for 2024 are ..... 18th June, 30th July, 10th September, 22nd October, 3rd December.**

Jonathan Kempster, SMDC Councillor joined our meeting on Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> April to discuss various issues round and about the Moorlands. The APM is on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May. Everyone welcome.

## Butterton History Group

A meeting is to be held soon to decide on a date for our next event to be held in Church. The theme being worked on is 'Butterton from 1841- 1939'- A Hundred Years and Beyond'. The aim is to see the change in population and professions through the years using census material. If you think you have anything we can use, please contact Maggie with a view to loaning material for the display or enabling us to copy it.

## Message From the Community Bus Shelter (& Eric)



The Bus Shelter re-opened after the winter break just in time for the deluge at Easter. Despite this, we have had a great start. You have left a tremendous range of items which have come (and gone) from the Shelter. The book shelves have been well supplied. Unfortunately the item in the blue box is for display purposes only (Eric is his name). We have done amazingly well in April; the funds raised by our charity from direct donations and the Shelter and are on track to exceed £600, which is incredible considering the terrible weather throughout the month.

We are collecting towards the costs of creating a Memorial Garden in the church. As the church funds are very limited, this project can only be achieved by

fundraising. We expect to have news on the costs and the timescale for the project by early summer. We will keep you informed. In the meantime, we have made a donation of £250 to support Wetton resident Mandy Hudson on her way to raising £6.5k for the Brain Tumour Charity. Many of you will be aware of the background to this.

Over the coming period, we also plan to give grants of £250 to organisations which can have a direct impact on the lives of villagers. These are Buxton Mountain Rescue, West Midlands Air Ambulance and Manifold Pre-School.

If you have something special or are not sure about something, do get in touch by email ([buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com](mailto:buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com)) or Facebook, or just ask one of us at the Bus Shelter. Customers who do not have the ready cash to make a donation can now pay by bank transfer to the Bus Shelter bank account or by Paypal (the QR Code is in the Shelter). The bank account details are:

Account name: Butterton Community Giving      Sort Code: 82 11 07      Account No: 40308265

More details about the charity can be found on the village website (<http://buttertonmoorlands.co.uk/village-organisations/butterton-bus-shelter/>).

**Please make sure items left in the Bus Shelter are CLEAN and intact. Electrical or Mechanical items should work**

**(label them 'WORKING ORDER').**

**We will be obliged to remove anything which is inappropriate or potentially dangerous.**

**PLEASE don't leave:**

**Clothing, knives, paint, anything flammable or toxic. Alcohol, DVDs & CDs**

**Jam jars, egg boxes, out of date travel books, encyclopedias etc.**

## Chimney Sweep

**Steve Ball, (D & S Chimney Sweep) , will be in the village on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> May. Anyone wanting to go onto the list should contact either Peter or Tricia Tomlinson on 01538 304560.**

**Steve is HETAS Approved. Appliances Serviced/Repaired. Professional Brush and Vacuum. Log/Multi Fuel Burners.**



# **ELKSTONES**



**St. John the Baptist:**  
**Vicar: Father John Baines**

## Services in May

12<sup>th</sup>

3.00pm

Holy Communion

Flowers & Cleaning for April: Elizabeth Buxton



It is lovely to see all the wild flowers beginning to grow in the valley, with the bright gold colour of the lesser celandine and the swathes of white wood anemones currently in bloom, and bluebells just coming out. Wood anemones grow in ancient woodland and often in churchyards, and we are lucky to have a very good spread of them flourishing in the ancient woodland on the hillside down the valley. The migrant birds are also coming back after wintering in warmer places, and wheatears have been seen along the drystone walls and fences along the top road, where Don Sutherland of Elkstones recently took the fabulous photograph of the one pictured below. While we have all complained about the immense amount of rainfall that we have had recently, we are sometimes rewarded with a rainbow afterwards,

like the one that seemed to be wrapping itself round Doris and Andrew Wentworth's House, Hill Farm, Butterton, as seen in the equally wonderful shot also featured, taken by Paul Furness of Butterton. Thank you for the photos, Don and Paul.

The flowers mentioned above can be seen in abundance at the moment in the churchyard, especially in the wild area in the lower half, and make a lovely sight. Having said that, we do need to keep the walkways in the upper part of the churchyard clear, so that people can access the graves, and we are looking for any volunteers willing to give the access routes in the top part the occasional trim. There is no set rota – any offer to do this now and then, at your own convenience, is welcome. Please let Myrtle Alcock know (01538 304225) if you can give a little of your time occasionally to do this.

## **Flower Festival coming up!**

Plans are advancing for our Flower Festival, which will take place on the weekend of

**14<sup>th</sup> – 16<sup>th</sup> June, 10 a.m. till 5 p.m. daily.**

The opening day will feature at 6.30 p.m., "Part 2" of Alan Salt's very entertaining talk about cheese making in the Staffordshire Moorlands, which includes cheese tasting and a glass of wine afterwards, (£7.50 on the door) and the weekend will close with the Festival Service on the evening of Sunday 16<sup>th</sup>, our Annual Wakes Sunday, followed by Ashbourne Town Band's concert and beef baps and refreshments. Please put the dates in your diary and start saving items for the Tombola and for the Raffle, (please give to Hazel Bailey or Myrtle, or leave in the front porch at Townhead Farm, Lower Elkstone) and think about any other way in which you can help, as this is our little church's major fundraiser. Offers to do an arrangement are still welcome, and also to make cakes and to help with serving them on the refreshment rota, (let Myrtle know as soon as possible please,) but also please spread the news by telling your friends and neighbours to come along during the weekend for what is always a good display, and always completed by a welcome home-made piece of cake and a cuppa!

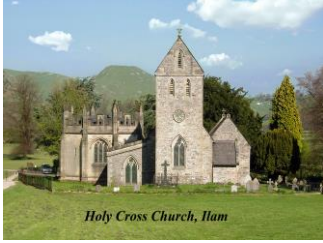


**Hill Farm, Butterton**

# Ilam

**Vicar: In Vacancy**

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**



*Holy Cross Church, Ilam*

## Sunday Services for May

12<sup>th</sup>

10.30am

Holy Communion with Arthur Hack

## May Flower and Brass Rota

3 <sup>rd</sup> & 10 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs D Flynn	Flowers & Brasses
17 <sup>th</sup> & 24 <sup>th</sup>	Mrs S Wiltshire	Flowers & Brasses
31 <sup>st</sup> & 1 <sup>st</sup> June	Mrs C Rowlinson	Flowers & Brasses

**Church Path:** Thanks to the efforts of the Parish Council and National Trust the Church Path has recently been tarmacked and what a difference it has made.

**May Service:** Our May service will take place on Sunday 12th at 10.30am with Father Arthur Hack presiding. All welcome

**Graham Nottage:** We wish Graham Nottage a speedy recovery following his recent hip operation and hope that he will soon be mobile and back on form.

**Ilam Parochial Church Council:** The APCM took place on 17th April 2024 and at that meeting resignations from Julie and Karl were tendered and accepted and our thanks go to them for all their hard work. Our thanks also go to those people who do the behind the scenes work and without whom it would be difficult to keep church running.

## Ilam Parish Council

**Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368**

**Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: [clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk](mailto:clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk)**

**Website: [www.ilam.org.uk](http://www.ilam.org.uk)**

The next meeting & AGM is Tuesday 7<sup>TH</sup> May at 7pm at Ilam School.

All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

## Dates for Future Parish Council Meetings

- Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> July, Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 12<sup>th</sup> November.

## Ilam C of E (VA) School

I'm pleased to say that all of the children had a wonderful Easter break and we all thoroughly enjoyed hearing all about their adventures! As always, we have lots of fun to report on despite having only been back for three weeks!

Upon our return, we warmly welcomed two new pupils to the school and immediately set about our learning with two exciting trips. The Squirrel and Hedgehog classes ventured off to Mrs Goldstraw's farm to support their learning about animals and to complement their study text in English, 'Woolf' by Alex Latimer. The children had the most amazing morning feeding and holding the animals, whilst learning all about what it takes to farm successfully. With a goodie bag of treats in hand, they returned to school bursting to tell the rest of us all about their time on the farm. A huge thank you to Mr and Mrs Goldstraw for accommodating us! We hope to return soon!

Meanwhile, our Kingfisher class ventured off to Eyam to support their learning of the plague. With the weather surprisingly on side, they visited the village museum and explored the buildings and reminders of this significant event in our local history. As always, the children behaved wonderfully and absorbed all of the information exposed to them during this wonderful opportunity. Amazing! I must say a big thank you to our ISA (Ilam School Association) who so kindly fundraise and finance these learning opportunities that we are very grateful to be able to provide. Much appreciated!

Our forest school lessons are also back under way despite the wet weather! We are making the most of our fantastic new canopy and heading out in all weathers! We love our lessons with Tanglewood! We are very excited to also be renovating our garden and gravel pit areas to optimise our outdoor learning opportunities and can't wait to see the final set up! With new sheds on the way too, our outdoor learning, which is at the heart of the school, will soon be even better than it already is!

On a similar note, we are so thrilled to share that David Neill Mica in Ashbourne have very kindly donated paint and repair resources to help us to renovate our small outdoor shed. The children wrote letters to the shop asking whether they would kindly support us in helping with resources. They so desperately want to create an outdoor reading space so that they can access books during break times. Touched by our wonderful letters, the shop generously agreed to help and we cannot wait to share the final product with them! The children will get so much

use out of this new initiative, something which they have requested and pursued themselves. Remarkable! Thank you David Neill Mica, community is a wonderful thing!

We continue to take our learning outdoors when possible, and all of the children have recently enjoyed a PE enrichment day focused around maths. Accelerate Learning Services joined us in providing the children with an active learning opportunity which they loved. I think we'll be doing more of this!

Our year 5 and 6 pupils also took part in a netball tournament set up by the Primary Stars team. These events are always an absolute joy and this one was no exception. Our display of skill and sportsmanship never ceases to warm our hearts. We're very proud of the children and look forward to our athletics events next half term.

'Open the Book' from Ashbourne have also kindly joined us in sharing their Bible story-based worships. We love these and always enjoy how the story comes to life in their telling of it. This time our worship was based upon the story of Samson. The children have thoroughly enjoyed discussing this story too with much to learn from it. We look forward to the next one!

We are also set to host the second of our amazing new outdoor learning playgroup sessions in school. Our Muddy Ducklings Forest School Playgroup was such a success when it met for the first time last month. We absolutely cannot wait for the next one and look forward to meeting all of our little learners and their teddy bears for our Teddy Bears Picnic on 26<sup>th</sup> April. We will be holding more of these sessions as the term continues so, please do contact the school if you'd like to attend. Thank you!

Finally, singing practice is under way in preparation for our summer production of Joseph and the Amazing Technicolour Dreamcoat. We are all so excited to be able to bring this to our small stage in July! I look forward to sharing more with you on this next time.

With so many more great events and learning opportunities to look forward to this half term, I very much look forward to telling you all about our adventures in the next issue. If you are interested in joining our beautiful small school please do get in touch. Places are available in all year groups from nursery to year 6, and we take the approach that every day is an open day! Thank you!

*Miss Emily Johnson, Acting Headteacher, Ilam C. E. (VA) School, Ilam*

## **WARSLOW**



### **St. Lawrence**

#### **Vicar:**

**Wardens:**  
Mrs. Rachel Moorcroft  
01298 84568

**Deputy Warden:**  
Judy Prince  
01298 84351

### **May Services**

19<sup>th</sup>                      11am                      Celebration of Pentecost

**Do come and join us, you will be very welcome**

Altar Flowers: Rachael Moorcroft

### **St. Lawrence**

'Thank you' to everyone who gave flowers, and decorated the church for Easter. It looked lovely.

**There is now a collection box in church for used postage stamps.** These raise money for the RNIB to help people who are blind or partially sighted. £40 would help provide RNIB's Talking Book service to one person for an entire year, which is just two kilograms of donated used stamps! The stamps should be trimmed leaving about half an inch of envelope around each side.

**Warslow's Flower Festival is scheduled for the beginning of August.** If this is going to take place lots of helpers are needed - not just to arrange flowers. Please phone Janet, our church secretary, as soon as possible if you can help in any way. Tel: 01298 812053 and then we can decide if the event can go ahead.

**On 5th May Bishop Michael, the Bishop of Lichfield,** will be leading a Rogation Day Pilgrimage from Sheen Church at 10am, to Longnor for about 12noon. There will be prayers at Sheen, and along the walk, with Holy Communion at Longnor, followed by a picnic lunch. All are welcome. (please bring your own picnic).

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**Planned activities, Think 2 funding available - Funded places for 3-year-olds, 30-hour funding available - Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367**



# History Live!

**The Earth Below our Feet: The Geology of Chrome and Parkhouse Hill & the surrounding areas.**

**Presented by Dr Andrew Smith**

**Wednesday May 1st at 7.30 (doors open 7pm) Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL**

For our final talk of the season, we are really pleased to welcome Dr Andy Smith to History Live. Andy's presentation will look at the geological setting for this spectacular part of Derbyshire; the geology and make-up of the rocks in the vicinity, and what this can tell us about the local environment during the period these rocks were being deposited. The talk will also cover the mining and mineral heritage, past and present, as well as some of the techniques anyone can use to read the signs in the landscape to better understand what is happening below your feet.

Andy is an Industrial Mineralogist by training and has worked in the field for his whole career. He is currently Head of Materials Development with Forterra Building Materials Ltd and an Associate Professor at the Centre for Mineral Products at the University of Derby. His interest in all things geological stems from his childhood, being born and brought up between the western edge of Sheffield and the Peak District and spending many happy days hill walking with his father across the Peaks.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up.

Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

## Trips

**Ford Green Hall ([fordgreenhall.org.uk](http://fordgreenhall.org.uk))** Our first trip is to Ford Green Hall, Smallthorne, which was built in 1624 and offers visitors a fascinating insight into the life of a 17th century yeoman farmer. We have arranged a package including admission, a guided tour and small cream tea all for £12. As it is only about 20 mins drive from Leek we can go in our own cars, sharing wherever possible. There is a good-sized car park there. This will be in June, exact date to be confirmed.

**Lyme Park ([www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cheshire-greater-manchester/lyme](http://www.nationaltrust.org.uk/visit/cheshire-greater-manchester/lyme))** Our second trip is by coach to Lyme Park. The cost will be £14 per person for the coach. Entrance to the house, park and gardens is free for NT members and £15 non-members. Departing 10 am from Warslow and returning at about 4pm. Pick up and drop off can be arranged in Buxton. This will be in August – again exact date to be confirmed.

Please use the contact details below if you would like to come on one or both of the trips, or let us know at Wednesday's meeting when we should have the exact dates.

[historylivewarslow@gmail.com](mailto:historylivewarslow@gmail.com) / 01298 84624 / 07786961219 / [historylive.co.uk](http://historylive.co.uk)

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**Date of Next Meeting:** Contact Clerk/Councillor for details.

## WETTON

**Vicar: In Vacancy: Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant**

**Contact & Reader: Clare Day 01538 381773**

### Sunday Services in May

26<sup>th</sup> 11am Morning Worship



## St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the April draw were:

**1<sup>st</sup> Prize**      **Hannah Durose**      **£45.00**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Prize**      **Michael Brocklehurst**      **£35.00**

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to: Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage. The next draw will Take place on Friday 17<sup>th</sup> May 2024.

## St Margarets Wetton Annual Parochial Church meeting.

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