

January 21<sup>st</sup> 2024



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**Churches United in Christ**

### LECTIONARY READINGS FOR 21<sup>st</sup> January

Jonah 3.1-5,10; Psalm 62.5-12; 1 Corinthians 7.29-31; Mark 1.14-20

### And for 28<sup>th</sup> January

Deuteronomy 18.15-20; Psalm 111; 1 Corinthians 8.1-13; Mark 1.21-28

### “PRAY ALWAYS FOR ALL GOD’S PEOPLE” (Ephesians 6:18)

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts:

Jennie & Peter Binks; John Pearson; Sheila; Mary W; Jenny F, Jennifer Tonks and all who have recently been bereaved.

### **For Prayer**

Mindful of the wonderful fellowship we experience as Churches Together in Wirksworth and District we ask for God’s anointing upon our week of shared reflection and prayer.

As we find ourselves in another cold snap we pray that those in our community who feel it most will find warmth and give thanks for the *Warmer Wirksworth* project and all who use their skills in different ways to make these spaces warm and welcoming.

And our prayers remain with the people of Israel, Gaza, Ukraine and Japan.

### **Funeral of Phil Bateman**

Following a private family service and burial at Brassington, a Celebration of the Life of Phil Bateman will take place at Wellspring from 12.00 noon on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> followed by refreshments. We hold Bridget and all the family in our prayers as we say farewell and give thanks for a life so wonderfully lived by our faithful brother.

### **Sunday 21<sup>st</sup>**

- 10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Marion Bolton from St Teresa’s  
Kevin is preaching at St Teresa’s
- 2.00 p.m. Muddy Church at Shining Cliff Woods (see over)
- 6.00 p.m. United Service at St Mary’s

### **Monday 22<sup>nd</sup>**

- 9.30 a.m. Week of Prayer at St Teresa’s

### **Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup>**

- 9.30 a.m. Week of Prayer at the URC
- 9.30 a.m. Coffee Stop
- 6.00 p.m. Brigades

### **Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup>**

- 9.30 a.m. Week of Prayer at Wellspring with Communion
- 12.00 - 2.00 p.m. Lazy Lunch (*in the Worship Space*)

### **Thursday 25<sup>th</sup>**

- 12.00 noon Celebration of the life of Phil Bateman
- 5.30 p.m. EasyMeals

### **Friday 26<sup>th</sup>**

- 6.00 p.m. Prayers for revival and growth (*at St Mary’s*)
- 7.00 p.m. Circuit Prayer at Belper Methodist Church

### **Sunday 28<sup>th</sup>**

- 10.30 a.m. Morning worship led by Revd Kevin Price
- 4.00 p.m. Afternoon worship at Waltham House

## Coming up

**Muddy Church – TODAY** 21<sup>st</sup> January at 2.00 - 3.30 p.m.

An invitation to 'wander and wonder' at Shining Cliff Woods, Ambergate, meeting at the Youth Hostel car park accessed from Jackass Lane. (See poster for more details).

This Muddy Church will be in a beautiful remote setting, and being in a woodland we will be thinking about everything tree and history. EXPECT MUD!!

## Warm Spaces

Warmer Wirksworth , with the **Free Bus** on Wednesdays, and *Lazy Lunch* in the Worship Area.

## Jigsaw Foodbank

There are collection points in the Co-op, St Mary's and Matlock Sainsbury's for donations of non-perishable food items for local families in need. Currently they particularly need tins of meat and fish, coffee, chopped tomatoes, custard, rice pudding and biscuits.

## Congregational Meeting Dates 2024 (for your diary)

**Saturday 24<sup>th</sup> February** - Re-Vision from 10.00 a.m.

**Sunday 12<sup>th</sup> May** - with lunch at 12.00 noon following our morning service

[note change of date to avoid the Baptist Assembly]

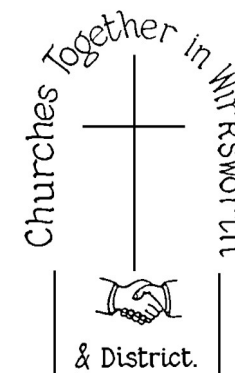
**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> September** at 7.30 p.m.

**Saturday 23<sup>rd</sup> November** - ACM at 10.30 a.m.

## Week of Prayer for Christian Unity: 18<sup>th</sup> - 25<sup>th</sup> January

This year's material comes from the Christians of Burkina Faso in West Africa and is based on the parable of the Good Samaritan. We will be led in prayer by members of *Churches Together* in different venues around Wirksworth, daily at 9.30 a.m.

As always, the resources are inspiring and challenging, and it is good to reflect and pray as Churches Together. Anyone is welcome so if you've not engaged with this 'week' before... why not give it a go?



## Lord, show us how to respond to our neighbour:

Holy God,  
your Son Jesus Christ came among us  
to show us the way of compassion.  
Help us by your Spirit to follow his example,  
to serve the needs of all your children,  
and so witness together as Christians to  
your ways of love and mercy.  
We pray in Jesus' name.  
Amen.

Please send all materials for the 28<sup>th</sup> January edition to Jenny Few  
by Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> to [few.jenny@gmail.com](mailto:few.jenny@gmail.com)