

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

For Prayer

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts:

Sheila, Mary W, Jennifer & Paul, Ian, Bridget, Mike & Joyce, Ann A, Revd Alex, the family of Baby Nathanael.

We pray for our newly elected Trustee body in their service of Wellspring, that they would be always open to the leading of the Holy Spirit in their meeting and decision making.

Give thanks for the work of our local *Christian Aid* group over 50 years. Revd Bob Rhodes writes: ‘As well as fund-raising, we try to remind ourselves and create awareness generally of the reason why we raise money. The causes of poverty, homelessness, migration and violence have not gone away, rather, they have multiplied as the climate crisis becomes more acute. They emphasize the need for Christians to work and pray for justice, peace and the integrity of creation’.

With the recent developments on both sides, we continue to hold the conflict involving Ukraine and Russia before God, praying against any significant escalation that threatens world security.

Christ the King

Eternal God, Alpha and Omega,
with joy and thanks we celebrate the kingship of your Son,
for he rules with dignity not dominance;
with mercy not malice;
with power not privilege;
with grace not greed.
We thank you that he empowers us to be compassionate,
shows us the picture of perfect humility
and promises us the gift of eternal life.
Amen.

[from Roots]

Lectionary Readings

24th November

Daniel 7:9-10 & 13-14; Psalm 93; Revelation 1:4b-8; John 18:33-37

1st December

Jeremiah 33:14-16; Psalm 25:1-10; 1 Thessalonians 3:9-13; **Luke 21:25-36**



24th November 2024

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What's On?

Sunday 24th

10.30 a.m. Morning worship – led by Revd Bob Rhodes
4.00 p.m. Afternoon worship at Waltham House

Monday 25th

7.00 p.m. Christian Aid AGM (*in the Meeting Room*)

Tuesday 26th

9.30 a.m. Coffee Stop
9.30 a.m. Little Springs
12.30 p.m. Lazy Lunch
6.00 p.m. Brigades

Wednesday 27th

9.00 a.m. Prayer Zone (*online*)

Thursday 28th

2.00 p.m. Scrubology
5.30 p.m. Easy Meals

Friday 29th

6.00 p.m. Prayers for revival and growth (*at St Mary's*)

Saturday 30th

4.00 – 6.00 p.m. Advent Prayer and Reflection (*in the Worship Space*)

Sunday 1st December

10.30 a.m. Circuit Worship Together Service (*at Wellspring*)
Led by Revd Kevin Price
6.00 p.m. Advent Carols (*at St Mary's*)

Circuit Worship Together Services

Next Sunday we are hosting one of the four Worship Together Services held across our Circuit. The intention is for members of our churches to experience worship in a different, and perhaps fuller setting, together with varying styles of worship. At Wellspring, it is so encouraging that we can nearly fill our worship space on a Sunday morning... but we need to leave space for visitors on 1st December, so will have an overflow space in our meeting room – *please be mindful of this when you arrive*. Some additional help may be needed with setting up and refreshments, so please make yourself available if possible.

Annual Report

Following our ACM, printed copies are available for anyone to read about this last full year in the life of Wellspring.

Charities Fayre

Our stall at the Charities Fayre on 9 November raised £109.50, plus a £30 donation. Many thanks to those who managed it and to all who contributed or bought items. Rob

Coming Up

Lazy Lunch – every Tuesday from 12.30 – 2.00 p.m.

Something different each week... so come for coffee, stay for lunch – with thanks again to Sue Watts.

As **Easy Meals falls on November 28th**, Sue thought it might be fun to give it an American Thanksgiving theme. So the meal might consist of a sweet potato dish with turkey (not roast), green beans and cornbread, pumpkin pie (if available) for pudding. In the tradition of Thanksgiving, people share a meal with friends and chat about the things they are thankful for.

Advent Prayer & Reflection, Saturday 30th November from 4.00 – 6.00 p.m.

Advent is a time of personal reflection and communal waiting for the coming of Jesus so, as usual at Wellspring, some time will be set aside for this as we begin our preparations for Christmas. Guided prayer will be led by Kevin on the hour from 4.00 to 6.00 p.m. In past years this has been a very special time and space. All are welcome, and please feel free to come and go as you like.

Wirksworth Community Quiz 2025 Friday 14th March 2025, Antony Gell School at 7.00pm. Reserving a space is limited so if you are willing to be part of a Wellspring Team please see Barbara as soon as possible please.

Warmer Wirksworth

As in previous winters, a wide range of warm spaces will be open at different times all through the week, with the churches of Wirksworth making a significant contribution. Please see the posters for information about all options across the town.

Muddy Church ‘Christmas Pilgrimage’, Sunday 1st December, 2p.m. – 3.3.0 p.m., We are invited to wander and wonder around the grounds of Nether Heage Methodist Church, reflecting upon the many journeys of the Christmas Story, and how so much of it takes place outside! (*see poster for further details*)

Christian Aid Annual General Meeting – 25th November from 7.00 p.m. (at Wellspring) As well as the usual business of the meeting, there will be refreshments and a short presentation about the History of Christian Aid. Everyone is welcome and your support will be greatly appreciated. With thanks to David Butlin for tech support.

Community Advent Calendar

Once again, we have agreed to participate in this visual count-down to Christmas organised by Revd Neil Griffiths. **Our allocated theme for Monday December 23rd is: ‘the visit of the Magi’** so if any budding artists would like to take the lead this year, then please speak to Kevin.

Matchbox Appeal For Ukraine

For the last several years, Wellspring has run a Christmas Appeal in support of Ukraine. This year, our gifts will reach Ukraine via the Disasters Emergency Committee, made up of 15 key charities, each with their experience, expertise, and local partnerships on the ground. This enables us to keep pace with the changing needs of Ukrainian people nearly three years after the Russian invasion. Many projects now address poor mental health among traumatised children and adults, a move from temporary to more permanent housing for those who have lost their homes, and the long term needs of refugees. Our Matchbox Appeal is very simple. You are invited to take a matchbox and fill it with cash – preferably a note of a suitable colour... fill in the Gift Aid form if applicable, and return both, elastic-banded together, to the collection box. Please “post” your filled matchboxes by Sunday December 15th.

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter to Jenny by Tuesday 26th November - few.jenny@gmail.com

