

“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 & Gill, Bridget, Mike & Joyce, Ann Andrews, Peter Binks, the Pearson family, & Revd Alex.

We were saddened to receive the news that Baby Nathanael has left this world after just 17 days and our prayers are with his family: Beth, Geoffrey together with sister Bella, and of course, grandparents Hazel and Paul. May they know the peace of God, which passes all human understanding, at this difficult time.

Think of all affected by Hurricane Helene in the USA, together with the impact of recent flooding in Central Europe. At the same time, we give thanks that coal fired electricity generation has now finished in the UK (a world first!). The two are not unconnected – and as this *Season of Creation* comes to an end, we are mindful of our God-given place as stewards of this Earth, so pray for all involved in driving positive environmental change.

A prayer for Black History Month

Creator of our wonderful world, and its beautiful people, we thank you for Black History Month and the opportunities to celebrate the myriad contributions that Black Britons have made to this country over the centuries.

May this month be an opportunity for everyone to hear more about those men, women and children whose stories have previously gone unheard.

*[from Churches Together in
Britain and Ireland]*

Lectionary Readings

6th October - Job 1:1,2:1-10; Psalm 26; Hebrews 1:1-4; 2:5-12; Mark 10:2-16

13th October - Job - 23:1-9, 16-17; Psalm 22:1-15; Hebrews 4:12-16; Mark 10:17-31



6th October 2024

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Harvest

What's On?

Sunday 6th

10.30 a.m. All age café worship for Harvest - led by Revd Kevin Price

6.00 p.m. Evening Communion – led by Revd Kevin Price

Monday 7th

10.00 a.m. Trustees' Meeting

7.30 p.m. Life Group goes to the pub (see inside)

Tuesday 8th

9.30 a.m. Coffee Stop

9.30 a.m. Little Springs

6.00 p.m. Brigades (*in the hall and café*)

Wednesday 9th

9.00 a.m. Prayer Walk

Friday 11th

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

Sunday 13th

10.30 a.m. Morning worship - led by Revd Jenny Few

10.30 a.m. Service of Celebration at Cromford Methodist Church

Harvest services – Sunday 6th October

In the morning, we shall worship around our café tables and in the evening around our Communion Table. Donations of non-perishable food for Jigsaw Foodbank in Matlock are invited.

There will also be an extra collection today in support of emergency relief and education support in Bangladesh. More details at bmsworldmission.org/kingdom.

Membership

If anyone wishes to become a member of Wellspring, please speak to Kevin. We anticipate welcoming some new members at our morning Communion Service on 20th October, and there will be other opportunities as we grow.

Trustees' Election

In November, Ali Proctor's term as an elected Trustee will come to an end, so there will be four vacancies on our Trustee body and an election will be held at our Annual Congregational Meeting on 23rd November. Nomination forms are available, and names must be submitted by Saturday 2nd November - so church members please prayerfully consider who might fulfil this crucial role in the oversight of Wellspring.

Mission 25

At our recent Churches Together Meeting, Revd Neil Griffiths shared a quite prophetic idea that we should engage in a planned Mission to Wirksworth in 2025. Inspired by Jesus feeding the 5000, the challenge is: 'what spiritual nourishment can we offer to the (roughly) 5000 people of Wirksworth?'

One of Wellspring's contributions to this programme may be *Big Questions*, an opportunity for those on the fringes of church and beyond to meet in a neutral space (e.g. a café or a pub) and put those difficult questions to us Christians, as pioneered by Roanna Pilsbury of our Methodist Circuit.

More on this later... but for now, and whilst our Monday evening Life Group hosts are away, let's meet at 7.30 p.m. in the *Hope and Anchor* on 7th October, for a drink and chat (alcohol is optional, of course).

From John Bayes

Just to say a big thank you for the wonderful 10th Anniversary Week-End - and a special thanks also for those who have supported me in my bid to raise money for Meningitis Research by running the Robin Hood Half Marathon.

Just to say that not only have we raised my target of £4000 but that I have already covered the 13.1 miles in 4 recent round-the-village jaunts! So I hope you won't mind if I excuse myself from the official run on the 29th September! (Our Regional Minister is visiting us at Calverton Baptist Church on that day - and I had to be there for that!!)

Love and thanks to everyone! John Bayes

Coming Up

Dougie Dug Dug's Crazy Science Praise Party – Saturday 23rd November, 3.00 - 4.30 p.m. at St Andrew's Langley Mill.

Dougie Horley is a well-known Christian children's entertainer, and this Circuit event is aimed at Primary school children - with crazy science demos, songs and lots of fun for the whole family. Tickets are available at £2.00 each or £6.00 per household.

Service of Celebration at Cromford Methodist Church – Sunday 13th October at 10.30 a.m.

Led by our Circuit Superintendent Revd Ann Anderson, this final service will celebrate the life and ministry of Cromford Methodist Church, so please remember our friends in Christian fellowship at this time.

The circuit's new Lay Employees will be commissioned at a service on **Friday 11th October at 7.00pm at Belper Methodist Church**. This is a circuit service, and all are encouraged to attend.

News sheet mailing list: Our weekly news sheet is emailed to a wide circulation and if you would like to be included in this mailing, please inform Barbara Wilson, our current editor.

Please send any contributions for the next newsletter to Barbara by Tuesday 8th October. barbarawilson3579@gmail.com

