



WELLSPRING

13th September

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LECTIONARY READINGS:

THIS WEEK

Genesis 50.15-21; Psalm 103.(1-7),8-13; Romans 14.1-12; **Matthew 18.21-35**

NEXT WEEK

Jonah 3.10-4.11; Psalm 145.1-8; **Philippians 1.21-30**; Matthew 20.1-16

“I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND”

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts... **Gladys, Ethel, Trevor & Alison, Ann Watson, Phil & Bridget, Jenny and Bill, Claire, Revd Geoff, Anne Whittaker, Graham Sellars, Sheila’s sister Elsie and brother-in-law Tom, Lillian and Keith,** and others who are known to us alone.

A Requiem Mass for Daphne West, will take place at Our Lady & St. Joseph's Catholic Church, Matlock at 1.30pm on Monday 14th September 2020 followed by a private committal at Amber Valley Memorial Park & Crematorium. Numbers are limited due to the Covid 19 distancing rules. Some spaces may still be available - should you wish to attend please let Peter know as soon as possible.

We continue to remember all those suffering and bereaved; NHS and other key workers. Pray for our society as stricter rules on social gathering are imposed and that local authorities and police forces would work sensitively with the communities they serve.

Think of our Brigades planning to re-start this week.

Continue to pray for our Annexe project as tenders for the construction work are evaluated.

Pray that we would be kept safe as we re-start worship this Sunday and that God will meet with us.

Please send items for next week’s news-sheet to Barbara, barbarawilson3579@gmail.com by Tuesday 15th September.



Welcome back!

You come to him, as living stones to the immensely valuable living stone (which men rejected but God chose), to be built up into a spiritual House of God, in which you, like holy priests, can offer those spiritual sacrifices which are acceptable to God by Jesus.
(1Peter 2: 4 & 5 - J.B.Phillips)



We have events at church this week!

- Sun 13th September 10.30 a.m.**
Morning Worship with Communion - Revd Kevin Price
- Tuesday 15th**
 - 9.30a.m. **Prayer Walk**
 - 6.45p.m. **Brigades**
- Sunday 20th at 10.30am**
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As we go to press the Government has announced stricter limits on social gatherings. 'Covid secure' places of worship are exempt and as we have prepared thoroughly to reopen for worship it is intended to conduct our Sunday services as planned.

Joyful noise!

There has been a strange noise heard from Nether Gardens recently... the sound of young people going to school, and their voices coming from the Anthony Gell playing fields. After many months away they have returned to work and play; it is good to hear.

It is a little like a scene in the short story by Oscar Wilde: 'The Selfish Giant' (recently made into a film) where the giant, having excluded children from his garden for a while, changed his behaviour and allowed them back. The Narnia-like snow and frost which had settled thawed, the garden blossomed again and the giant began to enjoy seeing and hearing the children play. There are also some Christian allusions in this strangely timely story - and worth reading.

Over the last 6 months Coronavirus has excluded us from so many places that we took for granted but now we are starting to return – some more cautiously than others ('winter' is not over yet) but it is a joy to see and hear. We pray that soon our open doors and our worship will bring joy to our community.

*'Make a joyful noise to the Lord, all the earth.
Worship the Lord with gladness;
come into his presence with singing'.*

(Psalm 100:1-2)

Jubilate Deo
Kevin

What's On

Sunday 13th September at 10.30 a.m. will be our first opportunity to join with others in gathered worship and as it is necessary to limit our numbers, those living in odd numbered houses (except those also with names) are invited. This special service will be repeated next week and will include Holy Communion.

September Services online: As well as the above, our online worship will continue at:

<https://www.wellspringchurchwirksworth.co.uk/september-2020.html> Here you will find piano accompaniment for all the August songs plus five new ones. A new CD and song sheets will be distributed to be used alongside the August sheets. Who knows, we may have additional songs and stories every month for a while! (Paul H)

Tuesday 15th September at 9.30 a.m. - we will meet again for a Prayer Walk. Perhaps those who are unable to join with us online can also be with us in prayer at this time.

NORTH END CEMETERY – plants Our efficient and vision-sharing maintenance man Matt has offered to build 3-4 large planters free of charge for our cemetery. The Trustees have agreed to donate £100 towards to the cost of compost, manure and soil, but we hope that congregational members may feel able to contribute (maybe £10 each) towards the cost of plants that Matt will put into the planters. Get in touch with Paul (540969) if you are willing to help in that way; he will arrange for the collection of any monies.

SHOEBOXES: Yes, we're back again on the shoe-box trail. The final date for placing them in Wellspring (or arranging for collection via Paul) is 31st October, giving us time to check them all and get them to the Chesterfield central collection point. The people of Eastern Europe are in ever-greater need; we just cannot comprehend the poverty levels there, so any help will be of great value. If you cannot do a box, a donation to *Link to Hope* would be a wonderful way to show our concern. Contact Paul (540969) to chat through options. Thank you.

