



WELLSPRING

26th September

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LECTIONARY READINGS FOR THIS WEEK:

Numbers 11.4-6,10-16,24-29; Psalm 19.7-14; James 5.13-20; **Mark 9.38-50**

...AND NEXT

Genesis 2.18-24; Psalm 8; Hebrews 1.1-4; 2.5-12; **Mark 10.2-16**

"I HAVE ENGRAVED YOUR NAME ON THE PALM OF MY HAND"

We continue to hold in our prayers and thoughts... **Gladys, Ethel, Ann Watson, Phil & Bridget, Claire, Tracey, Melanie & Riley, Joan** (in Scotland) **Ingrid, Valerie, Revd Stephen & Ruth, Rosemary, Anne Whittaker** and for all who have lost loved ones.

We continue to pray for the people of Afghanistan; for wisdom for the international community in its response; and for refugees welcomed by other countries, especially those settling in parts of the UK including Derbyshire.

Remember the people of Haiti recovering from the recent earthquake and pray for Christian Aid as help is offered to some of the most vulnerable.

With our community we mourn the sudden loss of Councillor Gladwyn Gratton, giving thanks for his service to the people of Wirksworth and pray for those close to him at this sad time.

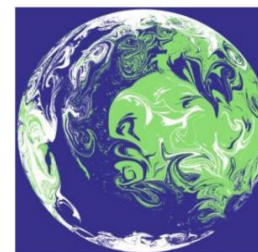
Prayer Zone: We will meet again on Tuesday 28th at 9.30 a.m. using this Zoom connection: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/3442960403>

Annexe Prayer: Please do continue to pray as the building takes shape – there are some pointers on our website, click *The Annexe Progress* button.

Thank you for supporting Tear Fund and Christian Aid working in Afghanistan and Haiti - exactly £200 was received last Sunday in response to our appeal.

Foodbank: There is a collection box in St Mary's (accessed via the north door). If you're able to help with packing, usually on a rota of every 3-4 weeks, please contact Sue Todd: se.todd@btinternet.com

ALL CREATION PRAISES



God of creation, there at the start,
before the beginning of time....

As You speak
a hundred billion galaxies are born
a hundred billion creatures catch Your breath...

If it all reveals Your nature so will I
If creation sings Your praises, so will I
If the stars were made to worship, so will I
If the rocks cry out in silence, so will I
If the sum of all our praises still falls shy
Then we'll sing again a hundred billion times

On a hill You created, the Light of the world
was abandoned in darkness to die
And as then You spoke
a hundred billion failures disappear...
If You left the grave behind You, so will we

2017 worship song on Ps148 from Hillsong expressing so clearly God's Power & Majesty. Highly abridged here. Full song/words at https://youtu.be/S5W2onv_Fol

Work in progress

From the manse I can see our church building, so have a ringside seat to watch the Annexe being built. It has been fascinating to see all the construction stages we have been through so far. The latest is the bricklaying which is now progressing at first floor level. Yet despite all the work to date, there remains a great deal to do in order to complete the project by the new deadline of 26 November (just two months away). This is work in progress.

Then once the building is handed over there will be more work to reorganise everything that has been stored for a year, not to mention cleaning all that has acquired a thick layer of builders' dust! Therefore, we are planning to hold our first service back in the chapel on Sunday 9th January 2022, and fittingly this will be our annual Covenant Service when we renew our commitment to God and one another.

Whilst I was on sabbatical, and visiting another church where significant building work had taken place, a colleague said, '*just because you have a new building, it doesn't make you a new people.*' Our new facilities will open up new possibilities in our life together in worship, in community engagement and outreach; and we might expect to be renewed as we move forward, but not overnight... for as with all aspects of Christian life, we are a work in progress.

On we go
Kevin

National Climate services:

As well as there being an in-person Climate Sunday service at Cromford on 26th there will also be a YouTube version available from 10:30am on that day. https://youtu.be/mxxK_mVcrUg

Please take the time to look at it, especially if you will not be at Cromford. Together they complete our Wellspring series of four climate-related services which began one year ago and leads us towards the huge climate conference in Glasgow in five weeks' time.

If you would like to read about climate issues from someone who knows what he's talking about - and lives locally in Brassington - click the link below to see the latest. Bill McGuire writes for 'Cool Earth', an online magazine about every month. If you'd like to subscribe click below. You can unsubscribe at any time. https://billmcguire.substack.com/p/tell-the-truth?r=7y8ug&utm_campaign=post&utm_medium=email&utm_source=copy

A Thanksgiving Service for the life of Bernard Ault, one of our Local Preachers who died last year, will be held on Friday 1st October at 11.30am at the United Reformed Church in Wirksworth. The service will be led by Rev Tim Thorpe, a Methodist Supernumerary Minister. The service will be followed by refreshments (tea or coffee and cake) in the church hall.

SHOEBOXES: From Sunday 26th Sept. *Link to Hope* shoebox leaflets will be available at Cromford Methodist Church. Do help yourself. A leaflet explains what to do. Boxes should be returned there by Sunday 31st October please.

Newsround: As the Church is meeting with Cromford Methodist Church on Sundays and several are gathering at Waltham House for Coffee on Saturday mornings, copies of our news sheet will be made available on these occasions. We shall, of course, ensure that any who are housebound continue to receive a copy.

Coming Up

- 2 Oct Wirksworth EcoFayre based at The Maltings
- 9 Oct Refresh 2021 at Whetstone Baptist Church
- 23 Oct Away Day to focus on Wellspring 2022 – all welcome
- 1 Nov CTWD Day of Prayer for COP26 at St Mary's from 10.00 a.m. to 4.00 p.m.

Wellspring@Cromford – Sunday Services at 10.30 a.m.

Sept 26th Paul Heppleston (Climate Sunday)

Oct 3rd Revd Helen Penfold (Harvest)

Oct 10th Revd Kevin Price

Oct 17th Revd Kevin Price

Kevin is leading a Harvest Service at Ambergate Methodist Church this Sunday.

SAME STORM. DIFFERENT BOATS. The climate crisis is a storm that affects us all, **BUT WE'RE NOT ALL IN THE SAME BOAT.**

On behalf of Christian Aid, you are invited to fold as many origami boats as you wish, using A4/A5 scrap paper and the following design link–

<https://www.christianaid.org.uk/sites/default/files/2021-07/J244337%20YCCN%20activity%20pack%20AW.pdf>

Please write a message or prayer and return to

COP26 @ PO Box 100, LONDON SE1 7RT by Fri 15th Oct or deliver your Boat to Watts House 2, Derby Rd, Wirksworth, by Sun 10th Oct.

Please send items for inclusion in next week's news letter by Tuesday September 28th to barbarawilson3579@gmail.com

