

Upcoming dates

Service of Christian Unity

Friday 19th January at 7.30pm.

Messy Church ~ Next meeting

Saturday 20th January from 11am to 1pm.

Finance Committee ~ Next Meeting

Monday 29th January at 7.30pm.

Ecumenical Prayers ~ Next Meeting

Monday 5th February at 7pm.

Church Council ~ Next Meeting

Wednesday 7th February at 7.30pm.

Monday Fellowship (meets 2pm)

8th January: AGM, Quiz & Raffle.

15th January: My Olympic Dream.

Chris Knight relates his personal story of the London Olympics in 2012.

22nd January: Toys A'int What

They Used To Be. *Barbara Daykin evokes childhood memories playing with some of the more simple toys.*

29th January: Medieval Priory to

Elizabethan Manor. *Colin Stuart takes us on a tour of Calke Abbey.*

Prayer

Thursday prayer half-hour:

We meet for prayer on the 3rd Thursday of each month from 11.45am to 12.15pm.

Derby Churches Night Shelter:

Please pray for the Night Shelter, opening each night at various churches until March 2018.

PRAYER CHAIN is available for anyone in need of confidential intercessory prayer.

Contact: Margaret Smallwood on 831533 or 07772 754818 (if unavailable, please contact David Wright on 733639).

J.A.M (Jesus and Me)

J.A.M. now only takes place on the 2nd & 4th Sundays of the month.

Activity sheets are available for children to do quietly in church.



The Big Question ...

Why did God plant His 'Church on Oakwood' here 25 years ago?

The Amazing Answer ...

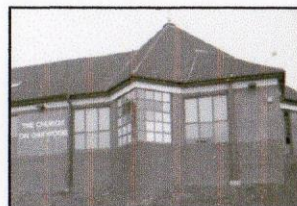
To reveal, to the whole of Oakwood, God's love in that He sent Jesus, His Son, into the world

Jesus, the Light of the World

who shines light into the world's darkness

Jesus, the Healer who gives sight to the blind who do not know God's love for them

Jesus, the Saviour whose blood was shed at Calvary to enable us all to find God's love



Our whole existence is centred on God's love, shown in Jesus.



So, how is God wanting us to go forward into the NEXT 25 years?

To seek together God's answers, EVERYONE is invited to come to three meetings at church.

These are the dates and times:

Sunday 21st January, 2.30pm

Sunday 4th February, 2.30pm

Sunday 18th February, 2.30pm

Whilst we may not all find the times convenient, these meetings are SO VITALLY IMPORTANT for the future life of God's church here.

It is hoped therefore that everyone will make every effort to come, even if it means altering routines a little.

Many thanks - and looking forward to us all being together.

Week of Prayer for Christian Unity

We shall be joining with our Catholic partners for our annual Christian Unity Service on FRIDAY 19th JANUARY, 7.30pm at church. This year's Service has been produced by the churches in the Caribbean on the theme 'That all may be free'. Everyone is welcome so please come if you are able.

For Those in Need

HOPE CENTRE FOOD BANK is asking for:

Teabags (40s)	Cereals	Biscuits
Squash	Curry	Pasta
Tin Peas	Milk UHT	Tuna
Rice (1kg)	Tinned Fruit	Noodles
Juice (1 Ltr)	Coffee (100g)	Meatballs
Chilli	Cup-a-soup	Sweet Corn
Rice Pudding	Tin Corned Beef	
Pkt Mash	Tin Carrots	
Jam	Tomato Sauce	
Tin Potatoes	Sugar (500g)	
Instant Custard		

Many thanks to you all

Church Life

Every Sunday Morning after our 10.30am service we serve drinks and biscuits. Could you help? (It's a great opportunity to get to know each other). If so, please see Margaret Smallwood.

Important Safeguarding Notice for Elders,

Church Council and DBS holders

You are required to read 'Safeguarding in the Parish: a Reference Guide'. There are 4 copies on the table at the back of the worship area. Please fill in the form when taking and returning one of the documents. For the 'Diocese of Derby Safeguarding Policy, Procedures and Practice Guidance' document which The Church on Oakwood has adopted go to: www.derby.anglican.org/safeguarding

ITEMS FOR 'CONNECTION'

I would be most grateful if items for inclusion in 'Connection' could be with me by the Tuesday before.

Many thanks, Godfrey Smallwood.

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