

Upcoming dates

Ecumenical Prayers ~ next meeting

Monday 5th February at 7pm.

Ash Wednesday Service

14th February at 7pm (AT ST ALBANS).

Messy Church ~ Next meeting

Saturday 17th February from 11am to 1pm.

Church Council ~ Next Meeting

Wednesday 21st February at 7.30pm.

Annual General Meeting (A.G.M)

Sunday 4th May at 12.30pm

Monday Fellowship (meets 2pm)

5th February: Games Afternoon.

12th February: Extraordinary

Eaters. Dr Ann Featherstone looks at people who ate and starved for a living.

19th February: Victorian Shopping in Nottingham. Peter Hammond looks at life then, using adverts of the times.

26th February: Annoying Ancestors.

Gay Evans relates an anecdotal tale of what to look for and pitfalls to avoid when searching for your ancestors.

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 meets only on the 2nd/4th Sundays of the month. Activity sheets are in church for children to do quietly.

Ash Wednesday and Lent

We shall be joining with our Catholic partners for:

Ash Wednesday Service at 7pm at St Albans R.C. Church on WEDNESDAY 14th FEBRUARY, followed by a Frugal Supper.

Lent Course at 7 for 7.30pm, Tuesdays 20th FEB to 20th MARCH (details below).



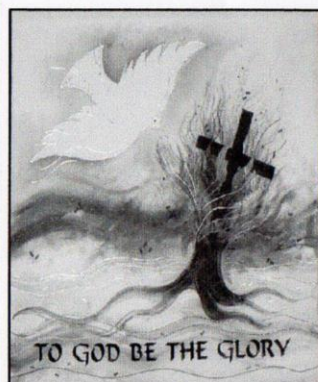
Question: Why did God plant His 'Church on Oakwood' here 25 years ago?

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.



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 4th February, 2.30pm

Sunday 18th February, 2.30pm

Sunday 11th March, 2.30pm

These meetings are VITALLY IMPORTANT for the future life of God's church here. Although it is appreciated that this may mean altering our routines a little, it is hoped that everyone will make every effort to come.

Church Life Every Sunday after our morning service we meet for drinks and biscuits. Two people are needed to set up and serve but often only one is available. Please see Margaret Smallwood if you could help maintain this time of fellowship.

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

Lent Course These are the topics:

20 Feb ~ Have I got news for you!

27 Feb ~ So what? Implications of the Resurrection.

6 March ~ "Let him easter us".

13 March ~ Celebrating and praying Easter.

20 March ~ A risen Church.

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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