



***AN OPEN DOOR***  
**NEWSLETTER**  
**OF**  
**WEST DERBYSHIRE URC**  
**COLDWELL STREET, WIRKSWORTH**  
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## **A PRAYER FOR THIS DAY**

**God of the dawning**, grant me hope for this day  
that I may walk in your pathway and live in your light.

**God of the morning**, grant me purpose to go forward  
to respond to the promise of opportunities to love and serve.

**God of the noontide**, grant me strength as I labour to serve,  
to keep my head high, and fulfil my commitment to the task.

**God of the rest-hour**, grant me grace to be still,  
to know the healing balm of time alone,  
and to find you in the peace.

**God of the evening**, grant me space and time to let go of  
my responsibilities,  
to enjoy the pleasure of rest and the company of those I love.

**God of the night**, grant me the faith to face  
the darkness without fear,  
to know that you will hold me in the blessed sleep of time  
and eternity.

**God of all my days**, grant me the promise of days yet to come,  
and the thankfulness of past days well used.

*Tom Gordon, a member of the Iona Community.*

## **THE CHURCH AND CHURCH FAMILY**

**People news not available on line.**

## **Art & Architecture Trail (8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> September)**

During this weekend the town comes alive with thousands of visitors all enjoying the work of hundreds of artists and makers showing their work in houses, historic and quirky buildings, gardens, shop windows and churches. Street theatre can also be enjoyed together with music. We look forward to welcoming people to the church where Mo Walton (a local person) will be exhibiting her jewellery and paintings.

## **Meals in the Glenorchy Centre**

Over the Art & Architecture weekend we will be serving meals etc in to the Glenorchy Centre. We get an immense amount of pleasure in providing this service and it is lovely to welcome people and serve them with refreshments. All help will be appreciated.

On this same weekend there will be the annual Clypping Service at St Mary's Service on Sunday 9<sup>th</sup> September at **3pm** when the congregation of all the churches and visitors alike join hands encircling/embracing the church. Everyone is also invited to stay for tea/coffee/cakes.

## **Guitar Concert – James Rippingale and Jonathan Priestley**

As part of the Festival Fortnight there will be a concert in the URC on Sunday 16<sup>th</sup> September at 7.30pm. The concert is being performed by Derbyshire classical guitarists James Rippingale and Jonathan Priestley. They play a variety of solos from the standard repertoire plus some of their own compositions.

## **Harvest Thanksgiving and Communion Service**

The months of September and October bring the autumn. Each season brings its own special characteristics and many of us have our favourite season – the autumn is a favourite for many with the beautiful rich colours. During autumn the annual Harvest Thanksgiving Services are held and this year ours will be on 30<sup>th</sup> September at 10am and the service will be led by our Minister.

## **Celebrating 150 years of church life (and more...!)**

As reported in the July/August newsletter, this year our present church building is 150 years old and we think that is worth celebrating! There has been a Christian worshipping community on this site for much longer than this, with roots dating back to the 17<sup>th</sup> century.

The preparations for the celebration weekend (13<sup>th</sup> – 14<sup>th</sup> October) are ongoing and we look forward to being together at this time. On the Saturday there will be an Open Day in the church – with displays and photographs telling the story of the church, craft activities for young and old and, of course, refreshments! There will also be fundraising towards replacing the window panes on the front of the building, which are in poor condition (the building is showing its age!).

On Sunday afternoon at 2.30pm there will be a Celebration Service for all ages – which will include dramatisations of church life over the past centuries. Following the service there will be a “Bring and Share” tea in the Glenorchy Centre.

We look forward to being together at this time and there are plenty of opportunities to get involved. We want it to be a really special weekend with as many people playing a part as possible. And do spread the word!

### **SUNDAY EXPLORERS**

We pray for our Sunday Explorers and for all children, families, teachers and all those who are gearing up to return to school and the term-time routine: that they may know God’s peace and guidance and be well rested. We were pleased to know that those who have taken examinations this year are pleased with their results.

### **REPORT ON EVENTS - Poetry and Coffee Evening**

Thanks to Jenny and David for arranging such a lovely evening which raised funds for the church.

### **Trip to Llandudno 21<sup>st</sup> July**

A delightful church outing was arranged by Ian – thank you. It was a lovely day (not too hot) and everyone said how much they had enjoyed themselves.

### **Soar Valley Music Centre Concert**

The young musicians stayed in the Glenorchy Centre and it was a delight for us when they suggested giving a concert in the URC - they invited young musicians from the Wirksworth Music Centre to join them too. A lovely afternoon concert.

## **Baroque Music Concert**

Alison Richards had brought together a lovely group of musicians who gave a really lovely concert to an almost full church. The money raised was for two charities : the Wirksworth and District Music Lessons Fund (which subsidises music lessons for children in need) and the Derby Refugee Centre. It is great that our church is able to offer a venue for musical concerts.

## **The International Day of Prayer for Peace – 21<sup>st</sup> September**

Hundreds of thousands of people from churches, synagogues and mosques around the world will today join together in praying for peace. The International Day of Prayer for Peace offers an opportunity for church communities in all places to pray and act together to nurture lasting peace in the hearts of people, their families, communities and societies.

Lord teach us to see our world as your love would make it; a  
world where peace is built with justice  
and justice is guided by love.

Let our wrestling with your truth bear fruit in this world and  
bring your kingdom closer. Amen

*From the Common Daily Prayer of Dominican Peace Action*

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Come September and we begin to think of Autumn and harvest, though all has been gathered in early this year. Thanks to the weather, it won't be a bumper crop. The Parable of the Sower (**Mark chapter 4, verses 3 to 9**) tells of the trials and tribulations and the ultimate success of the man who sows the seed.

- Verse 3 “a man who went out to sow” You can usually choose a character to when you listen to a parable; but there is only one character here. Try to imagine his feelings as he set out once more to sow his corn. Are you a “sower”? Would your feelings be the same or different from his?
- Verses 4 to 7 “some of it fell on the path....on rocky ground....among thorn bushes” A catalogue of disaster! Is the sower to blame? Or is this inevitable? Down to the nature of the land and fact that the seed is “scattered”.
- Verse 8 “Some seeds grew and produced corn...30, 60, 100 fold” Is the sower going to be happy with this return? Is it a surprise result? I think so, given the conditions and the crop.

- Verse 9 “Listen then, if you have ears.” “Do you get the message?” That seems to be the question the whole chapter is asking. There is an answer in verses 13 to 20, but today many suggest Jesus would not have given an explanation like this.

So what can we say? Is the “Sower” about being persistent in God’s work, or about the need to trust ultimately in his abundant grace? You must decide.



### **CHRISTIAN AID**

Thank you from the Wirksworth & District CA Group to all those who supported the Christian Aid Summer Party in August. As well as being a social success over £1,250 was raised for the Christian Aid Harvest Appeal which is being match-funded 4-1 by the EU.



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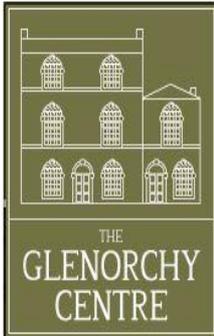
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you are invited to look at it.***

### **SERVICES**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. at 10am Revd C Veitch – Holy Communion**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 10am Mrs A Linney**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 10am Revd C Veitch**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. at 10am Mrs V Smith**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept at 10am Revd C Veitch Harvest Thanksgiving/Holy Communion**

**Vestry Duty: Mr M Weaver    Porch Duty: Mr & Mrs B Heeley**

***Sunday Explorers! Children are invited to 'explore' God's Word Together.  
Activities are held in the side room during the Sunday Morning Service.***

**Regular Events at West Derbyshire URC**

**Mon. 7 - 9pm – Table Tennis in the Glenorchy Centre.**

**Tues. 9.30am – Morning Prayers**

**Fri. 9 – 11am - Toast and Tea at the URC.**

**Other Events at the URC**

**Thurs. 6<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7pm – Elders Meeting**

**8<sup>th</sup>/9<sup>th</sup> Sept. Art & Architecture Trail.**

**Sun. 16<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm – Classical Guitar Concert.**

**Tues. 18<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30pm – Fellowship Meeting at The Manse.**

**Wed. 26<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 9.30am – Glenorchy Centre Meeting**

**Other Events in and around**

**Sun. 9<sup>th</sup> at 3pm – Clypping Service at St Mary's Church.**

**Tues. 11<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 11am – Communion Service at Waltham House.**

**Thurs. 20<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 7.30 CTWD Meeting in the Glenorchy Centre.**

**Tues. 25<sup>th</sup> Sept. at 8.30pm - Be Still Gathering Crown Yd, Wirksworth.**

**Thurs. 27<sup>th</sup> Sept. 5-7pm - Easy Meal at Wellspring.**

**Flowers in Church**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Sept. Mrs E Vallance**

**9<sup>th</sup> Sept.**

**16<sup>th</sup> Sept Mrs J Heeley**

**23<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Mrs J Brown**

**30<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mr G Millward**

**Church cleaning week beginning**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Sept. Mrs D Hodgkinson**

**10<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mrs C Powlson**

**17<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mrs A Radford**

**24<sup>th</sup> Sept. Mrs J Taylor**

**1<sup>st</sup> Oct. Mrs V Shore**