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In Appreciation of Church Cleaners

We continue our short series of extracts, in words and images, taken from *Handle With Prayer: A Church Cleaner's Notebook* by Graham Jeffery.

Those who stitch and sew,
also prepare.

Those who polish and dust,
also assist.

Those who sweep the pulpit steps,
though never entering it
help to proclaim
this is the Lord's house
and he loves us all.



Churchyard Working Party Activities

took place in wet conditions on Saturday April 27th. Nine adults (and two children) turned up for a productive morning's work.



The Vicar's Letter

JAMES HUGHES



Dear Friends,

This morning some poll cards dropped through our door—the second set in just a few weeks. We have already received cards for the local elections in early May, and now we have received cards for the European elections. Which feels slightly odd, because we don't know whether we'll still be in Europe by the time the elections come around, and certainly some are hoping that we are not. So although I've got a poll card for Thursday 2nd May, and one for Thursday 23rd May, I'm not yet sure whether I will need the latter. We live in, as the Chinese proverb has it, interesting times. The only thing that seems to be certain about our political life at the moment is that it will be uncertain. No one knows what the future holds.

Of course, no one ever does know what the future holds, but we are used to living with a level of stability which means that we think the future will be just like now. Everything will go on as it always does. It is not until we receive one of life's shocks—the loss of a job, a bereavement, serious illness, or more positively the birth of a child, a wedding or a new career opportunity, that we recognize the uncertainties of

life. And that actually is a good thing; we need to recognize that we live with uncertainty.

More than that, this realization should cause us to do something. We should be thinking about how we should live in uncertain times and thinking about what is most important. If some of the more apocalyptic Post-Brexit scenarios played out—what would matter to us most? What we lost—or what we still had? And if we are aware of uncertainty, if we say, with the famous quotation "*'Tis impossible to be sure of anything but Death and Taxes*", then what are we doing about it?

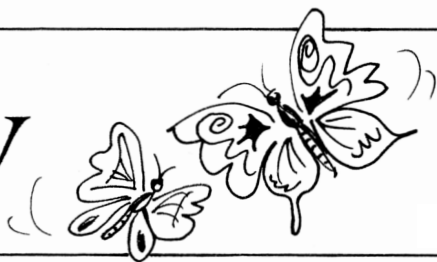
Can I encourage you to spend a Thursday evening this May, not only voting, but also thinking through some of these bigger questions? Here at St Alkmund's we are running a course called *Christianity Explored* which does just that. There is a taster session for it on Thursday 9th May at 7.30pm at St Alkmund's Church Hall, which means you can come without committing to come again. Come and see. Come and ask, come and think through what Christians believe as certain in a world of uncertainty.

Yours in Christ,

James

May

Services
& events



2019

SUNDAY 5TH MAY

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Chapel
 10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE**
"Devoted to God"—Ephesians 1:15–23
 6.30 pm **FIRST SUNDAY SPECIAL:** in the Church Hall
"Can we Trust the Bible?"—Luke 1:1–4

SUNDAY 12TH MAY

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Paul's, Little Eaton
 10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE**
"Devoted to One Another"—Romans 12:1–13
 6.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION**
"How Long, O Lord?"—Habakkuk 1

MONDAY 13TH MAY

- 2.00 pm **SONGS OF PRAISE** (MOVED OWING TO BANK HOLIDAY)
Half-hour service, followed by tea/coffee/cake

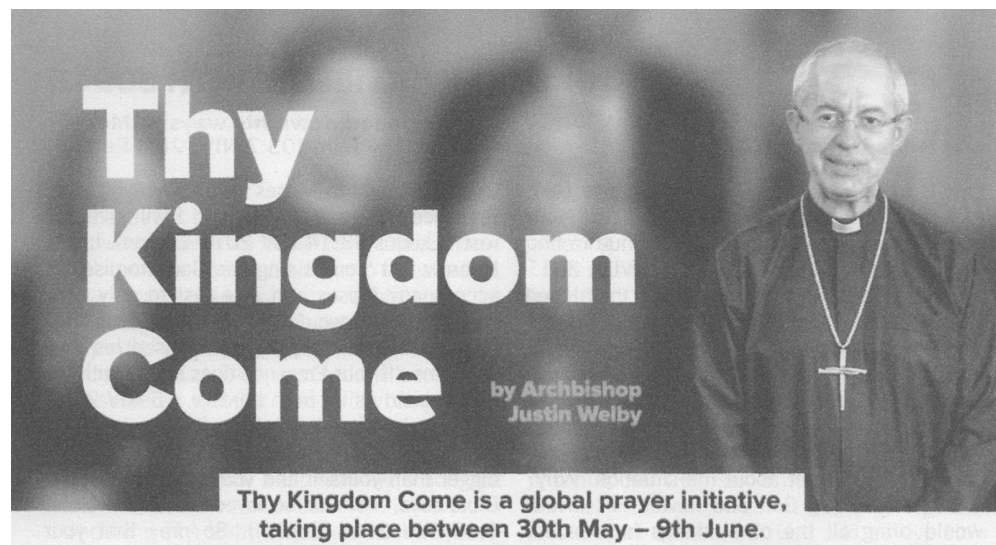
SUNDAY 19TH MAY

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at All Saints' Chapel
 10.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION**
"And God..."—Acts 6:1–7
 6.30 pm **EVENING SERVICE**
"Life and Death"—Habakkuk 2



SUNDAY 26TH MAY

- 8.00 am **HOLY COMMUNION** at St Alkmund's
 10.00 am **MORNING SERVICE**
"On Your Holy Hill"—Psalm 15
 6.30 pm **HOLY COMMUNION**
"Habakkuk's Prayer"—Habakkuk 3



IN 2016, the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, and I invited Anglicans worldwide to pray—between Ascension and Pentecost—for the renewing power of the Holy Spirit to empower us for evangelism; that friends and family, colleagues and neighbours would come to faith in Christ. What happened next was absolutely extraordinary—clearly a work of God! In less than three years, Thy Kingdom Come has captured the imagination of millions of Christians in more than 114 countries who have joined in the chorus "Come Holy Spirit, Thy Kingdom Come!"

All of us know people whose lives would be

completely different if they knew Jesus and so these eleven days present an opportunity to pray in a concentrated manner, with our brothers and sisters around the world, for those God lays on our lives to encounter the life-transforming love of Christ.

The way to participate is very simple. To pray. There is no right or wrong way to do it—just simply pray for five people during these 11 days, wherever you are in the world, in whatever manner that is suitable for you. You can pray as an individual, as a family, as a church, or as all three—it does not matter how!

Just be assured that when you pray and bring these people before God, He will impact their lives and answer our prayers. For He cares deeply for them—from the moment they were knitted in their mother's womb (Psalm 139:13).

I came to a living faith in Christ at University through the encouragement and prayers of my peers, but what I learned later on was that I had also been prayed for, every week, for 18 years by a close family friend—what an incredible gift! We must never underestimate the power of prayer. Who could give you this incredible gift of prayer to this Thy Kingdom Come?

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The Duffield Christian Council **Good Friday Walk of Witness** on April 19th set off from St Alkmund's at 10.00am, and via the A6, Town Street and King Street arrived at Trinity Methodist Church at 10.30, where a church service was held.

Regular Events:

SALT CAFÉ—Sunday 5th, in the Church Hall at 5.30pm. (For young people in school years 7–13)

SONGS OF PRAISE—Monday 13th, in the Church Hall at 2.00pm. (Half-hour service, followed by tea/coffee/cake)

BABES & BOUNCERS—Mondays (13th & 20th), 10–11.30am in the hall.

IMPACT (school years 7–9)—Mondays (13th & 20th), 7–8.30pm in the hall.

IGNITION (school years 10–13)—Tuesdays (7th, 14th & 21st), 7.30–9.00pm in the hall.

SCHOOLS' HALF-TERM HOLIDAY: Monday May 27th—Friday May 31st
(No Babes & Bouncers or youth groups during this period)

MORNING PRAYER—Tuesdays (7th, 14th & 21st) at 9.15am. In church for approx half an hour.

GROWTH GROUPS—Normally Wednesdays (8th & 22nd), at 8.00pm at various locations (see leaders for details).

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY & LUNCH—Wednesdays (8th & 22nd), at 10.00am in the hall.



MEN'S 5-A-SIDE FOOTBALL (at Ecclesbourne School)—Tuesdays (7th, 14th & 21st) at 8.00pm.

COFFEE/TEA, CAKE & CHAT—Monday 20th, 2.00–3.30pm in the hall. Monthly get together on the third Monday of the month.

EMMA'S LUNCHTIME CONCERT IN CHURCH (THEME: *Being Grateful*)—
Wednesday 22nd at 1.00pm.



Special Events:

DERBY BIBLE WEEK—Wednesday 1st & Thursday 2nd, 10.00am at Christ Church Derby, and 7.30pm at Woodlands Evangelical Church Allestree.

CHRISTIANITY EXPLORED COURSE—Thursdays (9th, 16th & 23rd) at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

CHURCH SPRING CLEAN—Saturday 11th, 9.30am in church.

YOUTH & CHILDREN'S PRAYER MEETING—Sunday 12th in the Church Hall.

MEN'S READING GROUP MEETING (Discussing Tim Keller's book: *Making Sense of God*)
Wednesday 15th, at 7.45pm in the Church Hall.

WEDDING OF LOUISE WATSON & RICHARD PAYNE—Friday 17th, at 3.30pm.

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The significance of May

In any given year (common or leap year), no month ever begins or ends on the same day of the week as May does. People consider May as offering encouraging signs of hope and anticipation of a long, dry and warm summer and pleasurable times of relaxation. Many notable Bible passages and prayers begin with the word “may” and they too are significant in providing hope, guidance and encouragement. I include **Romans 15:5–6**

“May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you the same attitude of mind toward each other that Christ Jesus had, so that with one mind and one voice you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

Romans 15:13

“May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.”

Psalms 19:14

“May these words of my mouth and this meditation of my heart be pleasing in your sight, LORD, my Rock and my Redeemer.”

I Thessalonians 5:23

“May God himself, the God of peace, sanctify you through and through. May your whole spirit, soul and body be kept blameless at the coming of our Lord Jesus Christ.”

One of the prayers that resonates with me and possibly with many people is —

“May the joy of the angels, the eagerness of the shepherds, the perseverance of the wise men, the obedience of Joseph and Mary and the peace of the Christ-child be yours this Christmas; and the blessing of God Almighty, the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit, be among you and remain with you always. Amen.”

I have always enjoyed songs which are simple in lyrics and memorable in melody; “Summer Holiday” and “Bring Me Sunshine” are good examples as is “**May Each Day**”, a song written by George Wyle and Mort Green and performed by Andy Williams (Verse 1 below).

May each day in the week be a good day.
May the Lord always watch over you;
And may all of your hopes turn to wishes,
And may all of your wishes come true.

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Thanks to James and Emma Rollin, and Mike Swan for their concert on Easter Saturday, entitled “The Wondrous Cross”. They gave an uplifting performance of contemporary Christian music, with a few old favourites. Several of the songs were written by Emma and James (see their YouTube Channel—**James and Emma write worship songs**).

Another chance to see Emma perform is at her lunchtime concerts at St Alkmund’s; the next one being on Wednesday May 22nd. Open to all and free of charge.

Here’s hoping the trio will treat us to another concert before too long.

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Too late for inclusion in last month's magazine, owing to a technical hitch, this picture shows Melinda and Ann hard at work preparing the bunches of flowers which were handed out by children at the morning service on March 31st. Thanks are due to them both for their dedicated efforts.

Men's 5-a-Side Football

Tuesdays at Ecclesbourne
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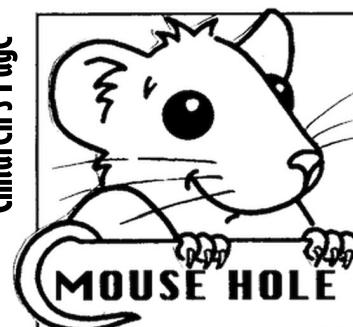
Beate Toyka trained at Cologne Conservatoire and the Royal Academy of Music where she was a prize winner. Her solo career has taken her to venues in Europe, Africa and South America. She is coach and accompanist for Nottingham University and has been on the staff at the Chetham's Summer School for Pianists.

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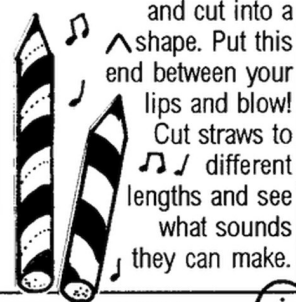
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Children's Page



When the Holy Spirit came at Pentecost, there was a sound like the blowing of a violent wind.

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The Holy Spirit **teaches** us about God and helps us to **understand**

The Holy Spirit **lives** with us and he **lives** in us!

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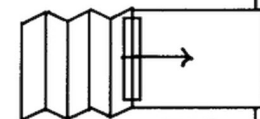


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