

## SOLVING AMERICA'S GUN PROBLEM?

The heart is deceitful above all things and beyond cure.  
Who can understand it? (Jeremiah 17:9)

Maybe it's our Britishness, but when we hear of another mass shooting in the US, it's hard for us to comprehend America's relationship with guns. It is heart-breaking to see school-children gunned down in a place where they should be thriving, and we share their grief. The right to 'bear arms' is proving costly indeed. The view that it requires a 'good guy with a gun to stop a bad guy with a gun' is deeply flawed. It is not how a civil society deals with crime; but supremely it displays a woeful misunderstanding of human nature, because it is rare for someone to define themselves as the 'bad guy'. It's naïve to split the world into goodies and baddies like that. No wonder the U.S. has such problem with gang culture and everyday violence. Rather, you need an objective definition of who should be armed in society, because left to ourselves we'll not get it right. Thankfully, in the U.K. we recognise that to be armed and shoot is reserved only to highly trained and clearly defined law enforcement officers. For many of us, it was *Dad's Army* that put to bed any notion of the effectiveness of a civilian militia! In Little Eaton, we know the sad consequence of having armed volunteers. In 1941, during the threat of invasion and necessary formation of the Home Guard, Eric Johnson tragically died in an accident with a firearm. We remember him here as a casualty of war; but also the danger of guns present to us. But the greater danger is that we underestimate the deceitfulness of our hearts to do what is right even when we know what we should do; let alone in a time of stress and danger. Recognising the problem is always the beginning of finding a cure. And that applies not just to guns.

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THOUGHT FOR THE MONTH  
FROM DAVID BARNSLEY



A short service of favourite hymns, chosen by you.

**First Thursdays (1st March, 5th April, 3rd May)**  
2pm in the Church Hall, followed by tea and cakes.

### Third Thursday

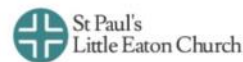
15th Mar, 19th April, 17th May  
2pm in the Church Hall.  
Tea, cake and company!



## Annual Memorial Service

### A Service of Remembrance for bereaved families

**Sunday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2018**  
**St. Paul's Church**  
**3.00pm**



Keep up to date with latest events and happenings at St Paul's Church - visit:  
[www.littleeatonchurch.co.uk/calendar](http://www.littleeatonchurch.co.uk/calendar)



## March & April

<b>Thur 1</b>	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
	7.30pm	Lent Course
<b>Sun 4</b>	5.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	5.30pm	Salt Cafe
<b>Thur 8</b>	10.00am	Church History Course
	& 7.30pm	Duffield Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Course
<b>Thur 15</b>	10.00am	Church History Course
	& 7.30pm	Duffield Church Hall
	2.00pm	3rd Thursday
	7.30pm	Lent Course
<b>Sun 18</b>	3.00pm	Annual Memorial Service
<b>Thur 22</b>	10.00am	Church History Course
	& 7.30pm	Duffield Church Hall
	7.30pm	Lent Course
<b>Sat 24</b>	9.30am	Gospel-centred Anglicanism
<b>Sun 25</b>	10.00am	Café Church
<b>Thur 29</b>	7.30pm	Lent Course
<b>Fri 30</b>	10.00am	Good Friday Family Service
	12.00pm	Reflection at the cross
<b>April</b>		
<b>Sun 1</b>	5.00pm	Prayer Meeting
	5.30pm	Salt Cafe
<b>Thur 5</b>	2.00pm	Songs of Praise
<b>Mon 9</b>	10.00am	Derby Bible Week
	& 7.30pm	
<b>Tues 10</b>	10.00am	Derby Bible Week
	& 7.30pm	
<b>Wed 11</b>	10.00am	Derby Bible Week
	& 7.30pm	
<b>Thur 12</b>	10.00am	Derby Bible Week
	& 7.30pm	
<b>Thur 19</b>	2.00pm	Third Thursday, Church Hall
<b>Sun 22</b>	10.00am	Café Church
<b>Thur 26</b>	7.30pm	Growth Group

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

## FORTHCOMING EVENTS

# JUST START talking

INTRODUCING JESUS INTO YOUR CONVERSATION

*Just Start Talking* is a 3 evening course designed to give you the tools and confidence to introduce Jesus into your conversations in a natural and confident way.

Thursdays 19<sup>th</sup> April, 17<sup>th</sup> May, 21<sup>st</sup> June at 7.30pm in the Church Hall.

## Don't all religions lead to the same God?



Café Church is a safe place to think about big questions people often have.

**Café Church** in the Village Hall | Sun 25<sup>th</sup> Mar  
10.00 to 11.00 Coffee, croissants and pastries served from 9.45am

Did you know St Paul's Church is on Facebook? Search for 'St Paul's Church Little Eaton' and follow us.



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## SUNDAY SERVICES AT ST PAUL'S

Mar 4th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Mar 11th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Service
Mar 18th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
Mar 25th	10.00 am	Café Church
April 1st	10.00 am	Holy Communion
April 8th	8.00 am	BCP Communion
	10.00 am	Morning Service
April 15th	10.00 am	Holy Communion
April 22nd	10.00 am	Café Church
April 29th	10.00am	Morning Service

## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

3-11's	<b>Explorers</b>	Sunday at 10.00am Church Hall, Little Eaton
Y7-9	<b>Impact</b>	Mondays at 7.00pm St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
	<b>Fuel</b>	Sundays at 10am Church Hall, see website for dates
Y10-13	<b>Ignition</b>	Tuesdays at 7.30pm St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield
Y7-13	<b>Salt Café</b>	1st Sunday at 5.30pm St Alkmund's Parish Hall, Duffield

## REGULAR CHURCH ACTIVITIES

<b>Growth Groups</b> (meet fortnightly)	
Tues 1.45pm	Thurs 7.30 pm & 8.00 pm
<b>Church Prayer Meeting</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Sunday Church Hall 5.00 pm
<b>Songs of Praise</b>	1 <sup>st</sup> Thursday Church Hall 2.00 pm
<b>Third Thursdays</b>	3 <sup>rd</sup> Thursday Church Hall 2.00 pm



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