

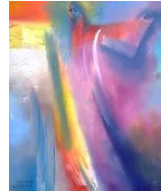
St Helen's Church May Magazine



Risen, ascended, glorified Lord.
Ascension Day – Thursday 9th May

Pentecost – Sunday 19th May

May the fire of the Holy
Spirit set us alight with God's
love and grace



Christian Aid Week 12th - 18th May

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Afternoon teas at

Meadow Cottage, Snitterton, Matlock DE4 2JG

On: Saturdays May 11th and 18th

and Sundays May 12th and 19th from: 2pm to 4pm

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New website coming soon!

Fear or Friendship?

This letter needs a bit of a health warning. I want to be very clear – God does not need our ‘friendship’, and without our friendship God isn’t ‘lonely’. Yet, God wants us to share friendship with Him to experience the fullness and the flourishing as a child of God. However, for many centuries we’ve been taught that we must fear the Lord since we are ‘Miserable Sinners’. But think about the Bible quotes talking about how ‘God is love’ etc. Then transfer this to ‘God is Friendship’ or ‘God wants us to flourish by sharing friendship’.

To trust this experience of God as friend, we must move beyond our feelings of fear of God or of those good old Christian feelings of guilt or inadequacy. These negative feelings can be like a cancer eating away at our good and positive, and mature feelings. The teaching that most older Christians received about God induced fear of God rather than the feelings invoked by the term *friend*.



I still meet more people who fear God especially those who haven’t been to Church for a number of years; or for people who have many shadows from their past. We need to allow Jesus to free us from the old feelings and our old selves then we are free to share warm and friendly feelings towards God.

Does the idea of friendship with God figure into your experience of religious teaching and worship? I suspect that it often does not, but for our five parishes to work fully together we need to develop ‘Friendships’ 1. with God, 2. with other people, 3. with ourselves and 4. with different types of worship.

In case you think this is new and a bit wishy washy, there is an ancient tradition of identifying *carinas* (love or charity) with friendship, and thus defining God as friendship. Many of you know I like the Monastic Spirituality of past ages. I think much of their teaching still speaks to rural parish life. Aelred, 12th Century English Cistercian abbot of Rievaulx, developed his own variant of John’s ‘God is love’ (1 John 4:16): “Shall I say . . . God is friendship?” Then a hundred years later, Thomas Aquinas defined *carinas* as friendship with God. Both writers

knew the text from the first letter of John in its Latin form: 'Des carinas est.' In this month of May when we see new life spring up in nature and new social life as we all sort of come out of our winter cocoons and spend more time outdoors. Our friendships are then renewed. Aelred and Thomas wrote centuries before the Reformation but today more than ever we need to be open and live in love and friendship with God; and love and friendship with all God's people.

So, to finish – many of you reading this have very busy lives. But so often we suffer from loneliness and isolation. To be Christian and to be human we need to have the courage to develop our friendships and respect for each other. To be Christian is to value all of God's amazing creation and that includes the communities we are part of, and with people we live close to.



May we all have the courage to be open and loving and so enjoy friendship with all people and with our merciful and loving God.

With my love and Prayers.

Stephen Monk (Revd.)

³⁴ 'A new command I give you: love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. ³⁵ By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.'

John 13.34-35



**Please pray for Stephen on his
licensing as priest for Holy Trinity
Matlock Bath and St Mary's Cromford
on 5th May 6.00pm.**



We have been invited to attend by HT but you needed to have let us know you would like to go by **28th April** as HT need numbers in advance.

You're invited!

Bring your friends and join us for afternoon tea.

We are raising vital funds for
Christian Aid to help the
poorest people around the world.

**Fundraising for
Christian Aid**

Held at: **Meadow Cottage, Snitterton, Matlock DE4 2JG**

On: **Saturdays May 11th and 18th
and Sundays May 12th and 19th**

From: **2pm to 4pm**

Tea, coffee, soft drinks, scones and cakes! All welcome,
come and enjoy spending time with friends.

NB the road to Snitterton is closed from the South Darley
end. To drive come via Sainsburys.



For further information text Diana on
07526 168354

Please donate online at

[Christian Aid Garden Parties - Christian Aid Fundraise](#)

Christian Aid Week May 12th to 18th May

Christian Aid helps enable those who are on the edge of survival due to war, natural disasters or climate change.



The focus this year is on Burundi where malnourishment and poverty affect more than 70% of the population. An example of Christian Aid's work is Aline's story. She was pushed to the brink, abused, homeless and hungry but she pushed back. She found a lifeline through Christian Aid funded small business training and she set up as a

grocery wholesaler. This meant Aline achieved what had seemed impossible, a vital income for her and her children. There is more about this project on Christian Aid's website.

There will be Christian Aid envelopes in church during Christian Aid week. You can put these in the collection plate or give them to David or Diana Wills. There is also a web address and QR code on the invitation below. By supporting Christian Aid, you can help people like Aline.

The Spirit is not given to make Bible study needless, but to make it effective. - J I Packer

Forward in Faith with Ephesians

A series of group discussions and studies to help grow in faith and fellowship

A time to share, discuss, think, ask questions and learn.

Week 1	Ephesians	1.1-14
Week 2	Ephesians	2.11-22
Week 3	Ephesians	3.14-21
Week 4	Ephesians	4.1-16
Week 5	Ephesians	4.17 - 5.2
Week 6	Ephesians	5.3-20



Sunday 7th July Holy Communion taking Ephesians 6.10-23 to round up the period of Bible Study

There are three group options available:

Group 1 – Monday evenings on Zoom (two 30-minute sessions, 7.00 and 7.30pm).

Starts on Monday 13th May

Chris Townsend will send out the invitation. Contact Chris on christownsend2@sky.com

Group 2 – Thursday afternoons 1.00pm to 2.00pm approx. in the Church Hall.

Starts on Thursday 2nd May

The Thursday Coffee Social club will meet from 12noon until 1.00pm (bring own packed lunch). Why not come to this and stay on for the bible study?

Group 3 – Thursday evenings 7.00pm to 8.30pm approx.

Starts on Thursday 2nd May

The session starts with pudding so have your main dinner course at home and then come to enjoy the delicious puddings on offer

N.B. Join whichever suits you and mix and match if you can't make it every week to the same one.

Monday Lunchers



Monday Lunchers are a group of people who, for whatever reason, live on their own but enjoy a meal out with others. We meet monthly at the Terrace Tea Rooms at the Whitworth Centre. There is no set menu, you choose whatever you like for your meal.

There are two groups, Salt and Pepper. Salt meets on the second and Pepper the third Mondays of the month.

Each person receives a phone call, a weekend before their meal, inviting them to come. Often this is an important point of contact and also means we can reserve the correct number of seats at the cafe. You do not need to be a member of a church to join us. Everyone is welcome and there is always someone to welcome you as you arrive. For some reason this works and the chatter around the table is a pleasure to hear.

If you would like to join us, or you know of someone who would, phone Kathleen on **01629 732805**.

Transport is usually available if needed.

The Next All Age Community Service
Is at 11.00am on the 12th May
Looking after God's World in Darley Dale
An informal Service for all the family.
Everyone welcome! Do come and join us.

Tea, coffee or squash and biscuits will be served in the church from 10.40am. and after the service in the Church Hall.



There are activities for children during the service and a craft table; plus, a play area for preschool children.



Each month we support a local charity or organisation. This month it is Churchtown School to encourage them to learn more about the natural world. We hope to see how the sunflower plants, which adults and children have potted up, are growing.



At every All-Age Community Service half of the money in the plate collection is given to the charity or organisation we are supporting in the service.

If you prefer not to do this place your giving in an envelope marked St Helen's. Equally mark an envelope Churchtown School if you would like to give a dedicated amount. **Don't forget to bring cash if your regular giving is online £££.**



All donations will be a great help to the school.

There will be a cake stall on the 12th organised by the PTA, so come prepared to buy some home-made treats too!



Regular events at St Helen's

Open Door Sunday 5th May 2.00 – 3.00pm



Chill and Chat with Coffee Toddler Group in St Helen's Church Hall

Thursdays 8.45 to 11am term time only



Coffee bar open for tea, coffee, toast and biscuits throughout the morning. Children's snack followed by singing and story time at 10.15. No charge but donations to cover the

costs welcome if you are able.

The church is also open for quiet reflection and prayer

Thursday Coffee Social – every Thursday

12noon to 1.00pm from Thursday 2nd May

In St Helen's Church Hall - a space and time to relax and enjoy good company. Everyone is welcome
Light refreshments available.



Please bring your own packed lunch.



This will be followed by the afternoon sessions of **Forward in Faith with Ephesians 1.00pm to 2.00pm approx.** Do come to both! Friendship and fellowship around coffee and then the bible. What could be better?

Prayer Meeting Saturday 11th May

9.30 – 10.00am in church

You can pray as you feel led or prepare something in advance. You don't need to pray aloud at all, other than an Amen at the end of a prayer. Don't forget there's coffee/tea and cake in the hall afterwards!

The Saturday Coffee Morning – Saturday 11th May in the Church Hall



Home-made scones and cakes and a time to relax with friends. Take time out from Saturday chores and come and join us! Bring a friend or neighbour! Or both!

If you are a baker, a cake contribution would be great!

Monday Lunchers

Salt 13th May and Pepper 20th May

11.45 am for 12noon at the Whitworth Terrace Café

For more information contact Kath on 01629 732805

And see Page 8



Ecumenical Holy Communion

Friday 10th May 11 a.m. at St. Helen's

Come if you can for a time of worship and fellowship with our Methodist brothers and sisters



'A new command I give you: **love one another**. As I have **loved** you, so you must **love one another**. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you **love one another**.' John 13.34-35

Home Groups and Worship Group

For 6 weeks from 2nd May to 6th June the Thursday Bible Study Groups will be suspended to take part in the joint bible study – Forward in Faith with Ephesians - in the Church Hall. See Page 6.

The Worship Group will meet as arranged By Steve, Jayne and Dea.

Around the Benefice and the Matlock and Darley Dale Area

St John's, Winster, Café in the Church



1.00-4.00pm Saturday and Sunday. Home-made scones, cakes and savouries with fresh coffee or tea at a very reasonable charge. Just the ticket after a lovely walk in the surrounding area or just pop in for a quality time with friends.

Churches Together in Matlock and Darley Dale

I attended the AGM on the 24th April. The Chair's Report highlighted the past year's successful activities, including the Prayer Breakfast we hosted at St Helen's. We then looked forward to the coming year.

While most of the events take place in Matlock, we do advertise them and they are open to anyone to attend.

The benefit to us is sharing what is happening in all our churches and supporting each other in prayer. Our local events are also advertised (e.g. The Christian Aid Teas at David and Diana's, and the Café in the Church at Winster).

Chris Townsend



The Matlock Area Schools Trust (MAST) has a simple aim: to help children explore the Christian Faith.

How do they do that?

The team currently take Collective Worship in around 60 schools each half term around Derbyshire, from Edale in the north, to Buxton in the west, down to Belper in the south and everywhere in between. Each of the team members approach Collective Worship in different ways. Some use puppets, others carpentry and others song. Each way is unique and offers children a fresh way to explore the stories of the Bible for themselves.

In addition to taking daily Collective Worship, the team also provide R.E. classes, Christian Unions and other events.

Please pray **for Chloe and Hannah from MAST** (Matlock Area Schools Trust) as they work in our local infant and junior schools. On the 6th June, Chloe is at South Darley School. She also visits Churchtown School and was there in April.

They ask that we:

- ~ Pray for the seeds sown in hearts to be watered and to take root.
- ~ Pray that the 'Jesus died for me' booklets would be read and would help children in their understanding.
- ~ Pray for protection for Hannah and Chloe in travel and health.
- ~ Pray for each member of staff we meet –that we would be an encouragement and blessing to the Christians and a witness to those who don't know Christ.
- ~ Pray For our families as they support us in this ministry.

See Page 20 for article on

Prayer for Schools Fortnight – 6th to 20th May

Ascension Day Thursday 9th May

Editor: Canon Paul Hardingham considers the Ascension, which this year we commemorate on Thursday 9th May

The Truth of the Ascension

'While He was blessing them, Jesus left them and was taken up into heaven.' (Luke 24:51).



The Ascension is a hugely neglected festival, which deserves to have a bigger place in our church life. How do we understand it?

The Ascension tells us that Jesus is in control: 'Jesus has gone into heaven and is at God's right hand' (1 Peter 3:22). Jesus occupies the top spot in the universe; the control of our world is in the safe, scarred hands of Jesus. We can offer Him our worship and allegiance, knowing that His plans are better than those of any Prime Minister or President.

The Ascension tells us that God is committed to His world: 'And God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus' (Ephesians 2:6). Jesus did not leave His humanity behind when He ascended, for we are raised with Christ to heaven. Therefore, God is bound to His world and we can trust Him to fulfil His purposes for our lives and world.

The Ascension gives us a job to do: 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to Me. Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations' (Matthew 28:18,19). God's way of working in the world is through us. He commissions us for this task at the Ascension and equips us at Pentecost. We are called to make disciples, starting in our workplace, family and community.

'Christ has no body now but yours. No hands, no feet on earth but yours. Yours are the eyes through which He looks compassion on this

world. Yours are the feet with which He walks to do good. Yours are the hands through which He blesses all the world.' (Teresa of Avila).

Ascension Day (9th May) – the promise to return

Many people will be surprised when Jesus comes again – but nobody will be mistaken. - Anon



Pentecost - Acts 2

Pentecost Sunday 19th May

Editor: The Rev Paul Hardingham considers the work of the Holy Spirit

What is Holy Spirit all about?

At Pentecost, we remember the gift of the Holy Spirit to the first disciples. It was a powerful experience, when along with wind and fire, *'all of them were filled with the Holy Spirit'* (Acts 2:4).

Power is experienced in two ways: it can be either unleashed or harnessed. The energy in petrol can be released explosively by dropping a lighted match into it. However, in the engine of a car, it will transport people in a controlled way! The Holy Spirit works in a similar way. At Pentecost, he exploded onto the scene and 3000 people were added to the church, because of Peter's preaching. He also equips us with his gifts to engage in the mission and ministry of the church.

However, the Spirit's power also enables us so to grow in our faith. He assures us of God's love and acceptance in our lives, despite our fears, doubts or failures: *'God's love has been poured out into our hearts through the Holy Spirit, who has been given to us'* (Romans 5:5). The Holy Spirit is also committed to producing the character of Jesus in us, enabling us to live as Jesus would in our place i.e. job, family and time: *'the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.'* (Galatians 5:22,23).

The Spirit gives us a new love for God, a longing to read the Bible and pray, a desire to meet with other Christians and a readiness to share our faith. He will also challenge wrong habits, attitudes, words or lifestyle in our lives.

'Let the church return to Pentecost, and Pentecost will return to her. The Spirit of God cannot take possession of believers beyond their capacity of receiving Him' (Andrew Murray).

Editor: In the aftermath of our Annual Church Meetings, David Pickup, a solicitor, considers church wardens...

Time to pray for your church wardens

O Eternal God... enlighten with Thy Grace the Wardens of this church, and so rule their minds and guide their counsels, that in all things they may seek Thy Holy Will... Amen.

*O Lord, ...we beseech Thee to bless all who, ...give themselves to the service of their fellow worshipers. Endue them with wisdom, patience and courage to strengthen the weak and raise up those who fall... that they may worthily minister in Thy Name to the suffering, the friendless and the needy... Amen
(Prayers from the C of E)*

Churchwardens have a vital and historical role in the life of the church. They used to have a significant role in the wider life of the parish with responsibilities for charity, poor relief and even bridges and roads.

Their church duties today include:

Maintaining order and decency in the church and churchyard, especially during the time of divine service

Being entrusted with the property of the church

Having a duty to cooperate with the vicar

Encouraging parishioners in practice of “true religion”

Quite a job! These are their legal duties, but I also like the prayer above as it reminds us to pray for them to seek God’s will, not theirs or ours, but God’s, and to strengthen the weak and encourage the fallen.

They may feel most of the time that they are weak and have fallen, but they are equipped with our support and prayers to look after other people who need strength or support - which is probably most of us at times!

Let’s Keep Steve and Chris in our prayers and while we continue to bring problems and issues to them let’s remember to thank them too. *Chris*

The lighter side of church life...starting with Smile Lines

Children’s exam papers

The following real-life answers to various exam papers explain why teachers need long holidays...

What is a nitrate?

Cheaper than a day rate.

What was Sir Walter Raleigh famous for?

He is a noted figure in history because he invented cigarettes and started a craze for bicycles.

What did Mahatma Gandhi and Genghis Khan have in common?

Unusual names.

Name one of the early Romans’ greatest achievements.

Learning to speak Latin.

Name six animals which live specifically in the Arctic.

Two polar bears. Four seals.

Name the wife of Orpheus, whom he attempted to save from the underworld.

Mrs Orpheus.

Where was the American Declaration of Independence signed?

At the bottom.

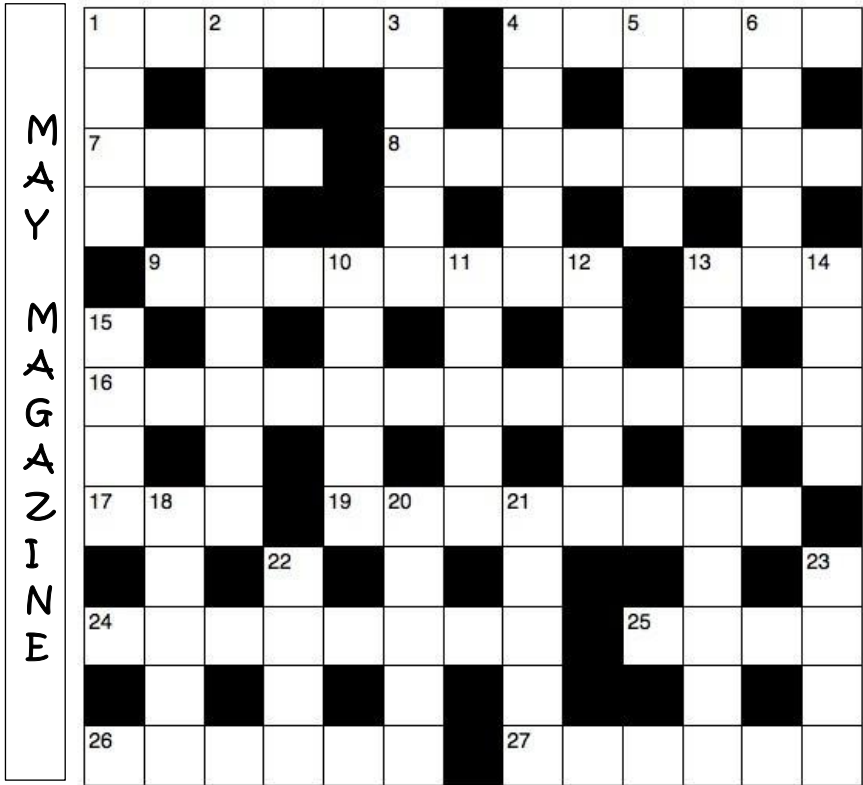
Where was Hadrian's Wall built?

Around Hadrian's garden.



There was no more dozing off after the vicar started serving the extra-strength coffee *before* the service

(I'm saying nothing! Chris)



Crossword Clues

Across

- 1 One who owes money, goods or services (Isaiah 24:2) (6)
 4 'A good measure, pressed down, — together and running over' (Luke 6:38) (6)
 7 Continuous dull pain (Proverbs 14:13) (4)
 8 This bread contains yeast (Amos 4:5) (8)
 9 'But take heart! I have — the world' (John 16:33) (8)
 13 And the rest (abbrev.) (3)
 16 What Paul was accused of by Tertullus, the high priest's lawyer, in his trial before Felix (Acts 24:5) (13)
 17 Rap (anag.) (3)

- 19 Founder of the Jesuits in 1534 (8)
 24 'For where your — is, there your heart will be also' (Luke 12:34) (8)
 25 The first word written on the wall during King Belshazzar's great banquet (Daniel 5:25) (4)
 26 'We all, like sheep, have gone — ' (Isaiah 53:6) (6)
 27 One was given in honour of Jesus in Bethany (John 12:2) (6)

Down

- 1 'The blind receive sight, the lame walk, the — hear, the dead are raised' (Luke 7:22) (4)
 2 Conduct (Colossians 1:21) (9)
 3 In the Catholic and Orthodox traditions, the body of a saint or his belongings, venerated as holy (5)
 4 'Like a — of locusts men pounce on it' (Isaiah 33:4) (5)
 5 Very old (Genesis 44:20) (4)
 6 In Calvinist theology, one who is predestined by God to receive salvation (5)
 10 How Nicodemus addressed Jesus when he visited him one night (John 3:2) (5)
 11 Sea (Psalm 148:7) (5)
 12 'I will — you, my God the King; I will praise your name for ever and ever' (Psalm 145:1) (5)
 13 One of the groups of philosophers that Paul met in Athens, who disagreed with his teaching about the resurrection (Acts 17:18) (9)
 14 Barred enclosure (Ezekiel 19:9) (4)
 15 'Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in — with the Spirit' (Galatians 5:25) (4)
 18 Cares (anag.) (5)
 20 Garish (Ezekiel 16:16) (5)
 21 'So God said to Noah, "I am going to put — — to all people"' (Genesis 6:13) (2,3)
 22 Just (2 Corinthians 6:13) (4)
 23 'The — of the Lord is the beginning of knowledge' (Proverbs 1:7) (4)

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In the News

Spreading hope in Gaza – ‘amid the darkness’

Baptist organisations in Palestine and Israel are continuing to support people amid the ‘heart-wrenching reality’ of the war in Gaza.

One such organisation is [Christian Mission to Gaza](#), whose founder and president is Hanna Massad, the former pastor of Gaza Baptist Church.

In regular newsletters to supporters, Hanna details how CMG is actively involved in providing essential aid to those affected by the conflict.

This includes winter clothes, groceries, meals for people sheltering in churches and beyond (many Christians are sheltering at St. Porphyrios Greek Orthodox Church and the Holy Family Roman Catholic Church), as well as financial support to help families meet basic needs.

Prayer for Schools Fortnight – 6th to 20th May

Our local schools are busy places, and draw in many people, especially students, teachers, governors, parents, caterers, and school grounds support services. These people need our prayer, as they face many daily challenges.

And so it was that four years ago a network made up of Churches Together England, CARE, Youth for Christ, Scripture Union, New Generation, the Association of Christian Teachers, came together to launch the Prayer for Schools Fortnight.

It now exists to promote prayer for schools in partnership with prayer groups, churches and Christian organisations. The vision is to see all 30,000 schools in the UK being regularly prayed for.

The theme this year is Running the Race, based on Hebrews 12, and highlighting the perseverance and team mentality needed for schools to operate successfully.

Mike Simmonds, director and education consultant of Go Ministries which supports governors in schools, said: "Schools have almost always been at the heart of the Church's mission. Praying for teachers, other staff, governors, and children must surely underpin our hopes and vision that the next generation will flourish in every way possible.

"For most, school will be the only place they encounter God - that must be a prayer priority."

More details at: <https://www.eauk.org/church/pray-with-us/pray-for-schools.cfm>

Earth Matters

The rewilding plan turning churchyards into 'living sanctuaries'

How can we encourage new life in our churchyards this year?

The Bishop of Norwich, the Right Revd Graham Usher, recently called for "land action plans" to be developed to encourage and enhance biodiversity across the estates owned by the C of E. The bishop urged that churchyards should be rewilded to become "places for the living, not just the dead".

With the C of E responsible for around 17,500 acres of churchyard alone (notwithstanding a further 70,000 acres of agricultural land owned by dioceses which is known as glebe land and is largely leased

to tenant farmers), such a concerted push could have a dramatic impact on enhancing Britain's biodiversity.

There is another reason that churchyards have the potential to be such an oasis of wildlife across the country. As consecrated ground, they have been largely spared the ravages of industrial farming and development which has decimated Britain's flora and fauna elsewhere. Ancient trees have been left to grow and the earth left undisturbed for centuries.

Several national schemes exist to support the rewilding ambitions of church congregations. A charity called Caring For God's Acre provides an action pack for those considering rewilding consecrated ground, while since 2016 the Christian charity A Rocha UK has offered an "eco church" accreditation.



(With Erica Fretwell's help we are making some progress in our rewilding plans. Look out for more information on this.

Erica ran our first Butterfly Identification session on 13th April, which was enjoyed and found useful by those who attended. We will

be running it again.

I have joined Caring For God's Acre on behalf of St Helen's and will be circulating some of the information in future weeks and months.

Chris)

Looking at you

Roads at 'breaking point'

Have you hit a pothole and damaged your car yet? If not, it is probably only a matter of time.



Despite TWO MILLION potholes being filled over the past year (the highest number since 2015) the Asphalt Industry Alliance (AIA) is still warning that our roads are crumbling to 'breaking point'.

According to the AIA's annual survey, just under half the roads in England and Wales which are maintained by local councils are in good condition. 36 per cent are adequate and 17 per cent are poor.

Last October the Government said it would provide £8.3 billion of extra funding over the next 11 years, just to fix potholes. But the sum now needed to fix the backlog is at £16.3 billion.

Meanwhile, Simon Williams, the RAC's head of policy, warns that the extra £8.3 billion will be "only sufficient to resurface around 5,000 miles of road, which is sadly just three per cent of all council-managed roads in England."

Yet there are an estimated 107,000 miles of roads which are fast reaching the end of their lives. "The scale of the problem now facing councils is truly gargantuan."

(I have hit so many unavoidable potholes that my left front tyre needs some air in. I know someone who ended with a puncture due to hitting a particularly deep and sharp-edged pothole!

As one witty, but disgruntled car driver pinned a 'Twinned with the Grand Canyon' notice under a village sign! *Chris*)

ACROSS: 1, Debtor. 4, Shaken. 7, Ache. 8, Leavened. 9, Overcome. 13, Etc. 16, Troublemaking. 17, Par. 19, Ignatius. 24, Treasure. 25, Mene. 26, Astray. 27, Dinner. **DOWN:** 1, Deaf. 2, Behaviour. 3, Relic. 4, Swarm. 5, Aged. 6, Elect. 10, Rabbi. 11, Ocean. 12, Exalt. 13, Epicurean. 14, Cage. 15, Step. 18, Acres. 20, Gaudy. 21, An end. 22, Fair. 23, Fear.

All items for the June Magazine to be with me by the 15th May, please. Send to: christownsend2@sky.com Thank you

United Benefice Services in May 24

Three churches – one church family

St Helen's:

- Sunday 5th 11.00am Holy Communion
2.00pm Open Door
- Friday 10th 11.00am Ecumenical H C
- Sunday 12th 8.00am Holy Communion BCP
11.00am All Age Community Service
- Sunday 19th 11.00am Holy Communion
6.00pm Celtic Contemplation
- Friday 24th 11.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 26th 11.00am New Beginnings (10.30 Café in the hall)

St Mary's:

- Sunday 5th 10.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 12th 10.00am **All Age Community Service St Helen's**
- Sunday 19th 10.00am Holy Communion
- Sunday 28th 10.00am Morning Prayer

St John's:

- Sunday 5th No service
- Sunday 12th 4.00pm Café Service
- Sunday 19th 10.00am Holy Communion @ St Mary's
- Sunday 26th 4.00pm Café Service

Monday Evening Zoom Sessions:

During May there will be 2 sessions 7.00-7.30pm and 7.30pm-8.00pm as we follow the Forward in Faith bible studies

Details and access invitation: christownsend2@sky.com

You are welcome to attend any of the services in our 3 churches.