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**BOOKINGS FOR WEDDINGS & BAPTISMS**



If you would like to book a Wedding or Baptism at either Elmton or Creswell church; please come along to: St. Mary Magdalene's Church, Creswell between 6 –7 pm on the 1st Thursday of the month: (Contact David Froggatt on 01909 723342)

**Baptisms take place on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday  
of each month at 12.00 noon.**

Many people book baptisms well in advance and dates do get booked up particularly in the Summer months, so please don't arrange a Christening party before you have checked with us first.



# Meeting God in the Discipline of Silence

11 years ago, one snowy day in February, I drove from Bury St Edmunds to Pleshy (near Colchester) in a blizzard: with windscreen wipers that weren't working properly. I had to keep stopping to wipe the windscreen and by the time I reached Pleshy, I was cold, tearful and fed-up: this was the inauspicious introduction to my first retreat!

Having been restored by a hot cup of coffee, I got another blow when we met together with our retreat director: he recommended we make the retreat silent, although it hadn't been advertised as such. The only reason I didn't get in the car and drive home there and then, was that A.) it was still snowing and B.) the windscreen wipers still didn't work!

SILENCE for 3 DAYS??!! How on earth could I manage to be silent for 3 days? What would I do if I couldn't talk??



And yet on 13<sup>th</sup> February I will head off to St Beunos' Jesuit Centre in North Wales for an 8 day Silent retreat - and I can't wait.

I had to face up to my fear of silence that first retreat; and found it wasn't frightening at all, in fact the silence allowed me to

have my closest ever experience of God.

I have been to St Beunos each year for 10 years now and count down the days till I get there. It is the most spiritual place I know; the silence is truly healing; the countryside is beautiful.

But retreats are not all about relaxing. Yes there will be time to walk and sit and reflect and pray; but also there will be times of deep searching, of tears, of allowing God in to the parts of our lives we usually try to hide, and most people feel changed by the experience and come home knowing that the time spent meeting with God in the quietness has given new insight into God's love for them and for the world.

The Quakers (who use silence a lot in their worship) have a phrase for silence: they say "Silence sifts us". It's an odd phrase and perhaps until we have spent time in silence it is not that easy to understand. It might make sense if we think about sifting flour; how the gentle shaking breaks apart the lumps, separates out the grains and allows air into the mix. When we sit with *God* in silence, we allow God to gently work on us, to break open the parts we keep tightly closed and bunched together; God separates out our fears and lets his light into our hearts and minds; and so we return to our daily lives refreshed and perhaps 'sifted'.

At St Beunos there will be about seventy of us; from very different walks of life; different nationalities; different faiths: all there to let the Silence do its work; or perhaps more accurately, to let God work in the Silence.



Silence is not an easy discipline; minds like to wander! But spending time in silence *with God as a companion*; is time well spent: and God will honour the time we give him and sift us in the silence to bring us new light and life.

*With love and blessings. Rev Liz*

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There are seven things that will destroy us:

Wealth without work;  
Pleasure without conscience;  
Knowledge without character;  
Religion without sacrifice;  
Politics without principle;  
Science without humanity;  
Business without ethics.

- Gandhi (1869-1948)

## FROM THE REGISTERS FOR JANUARY

**Baptisms:** Lenny-John Peter Vardy. – Creswell.  
Daisy Jayne Simpson – Elmton.

**Weddings:** None.

**Funerals:** Anette Booker, Janet Barber. – January  
Gwyneth Mouldsdaile – December.

## SUNDAY READINGS FOR FEBRUARY

### **Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Isa. 58. 1 – 9. [9b – 12]  
2nd Reading: 1 Cor. 2. 1 - 12. [13 – end]  
Gospel Reading : Matt. 5. 13 – 20.

### **Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Duet. 30. 15 - end.  
(or Eccclus. 15. 15 – end.)  
2nd Reading:: 1 Cor. 3. 1 - 9.  
Gospel : Reading: Matt. 5. 21 - 37.

### **Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Gen. 1. 1 - 2.3.  
2nd Reading: Rom.. 8. 18 - 25.  
Gospel Reading: Matt. 6. 25 - end.

### **Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>**

1st Reading: Exod.. 24. 12 - end  
2nd Reading: 2 Peter. 1. 16 - end.  
Gospel Reading: Matt. 17. 1 - 9.



## SERVICES FOR FEBRUARY

### Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

### Thursday 2<sup>nd</sup>

Eucharist for Candlemas at All Saints Steetley 7.30pm

### Sunday 5<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 10.30 am

Sunday School : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

### Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30 am

### Sunday 12<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 am

Eucharist : All Saints Steetley 3.15 pm

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

### Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 9.30 am

### Sunday 19<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

### Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 9.30 am

### Sunday 26<sup>th</sup>

Holy Communion : St. Mary Magdalene Creswell 8.30 am

Holy Communion : St. Lawrence Whitwell 10.30 am

Eucharist : St. Peter's Elmton - 6.00 pm

## St Mary Magdalene 200 Club

The 200 Club is in the **Nineteenth Year** and it is still profitable.

*The Weekly cash prizes is:-*

**First Prize £30,**

**Second Prize £20**

**Third Prize £10.**

*Two Special Cash Draws At Christmas and at the Annual Summer Garden Fete will remain.(2 x £175) £350.00*

We **still** have **spare numbers; so please join up.**

St Mary Magdalene is a beautiful church and needs your support.

The Church is an asset for the whole community.

Not only is it used for the regular Sunday and Wednesday Worship, but also by the Community for Baptisms, Weddings, Funerals, special commemorative services, The Wednesday Coffee Morning, The Creswell Breakfast Club, Christmas Services....(*and more*)

Your contribution helps to keep it maintained.

We get no Government help in maintaining our church.

The sole source of income is from the congregation's regular giving on Sundays, fund raising events and programs. (such as the 200 club)

If you know of anyone who may like to join please contact one of our collectors for Information.

Michele Ellis, Pauline Orwin, Helle Woodcock, Marlene Frost

Dennis Smedley, Janet Staniforth and of course Lewis.

Parochial Church Council

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# CRESWELL SUNDAY SCHOOL

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## **Elmton***with***Creswell** LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

The next meeting is on Thursday February 2nd at 7pm when the speaker will be Bob Glassey with "Newly Discovered Old Photographs".

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"Differences are not intended to separate, to alienate. We are different precisely in order to realize our need of one another."

— *Desmond Tutu*

Change will not come if we wait for some other person or some other time. We are the ones we've been waiting for. We are the change that we seek.

- Barack Obama.

All Saints Chapel,  
Steetley



Holy Eucharist

For

Candlemas

**February 2<sup>nd</sup> 2017**  
**7.30pm**

What are you doing, O Magi? Do you adore a little Babe, in a wretched hovel, wrapped in miserable rags? Can this Child be truly God? ... Are you become foolish, O Wise Men ... Yes, these Wise Men have become fools that they may be wise.

— *Saint Bernard of Clairvaux*

## Bishop's Lent Course 2017

### Venues in NE Derbyshire Deanery

**All to start at 7.30pm**

Hosted by parish clergy.

**March 7<sup>th</sup>:** Rev Liz Kirby  
St. Mary Magdalene  
Elmton Rd  
Creswell  
S80 4ES

On road parking.

**March 14<sup>th</sup>:** Rev Ben Griffiths  
St. John the Evangelist  
St. John's Rd,  
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On road parking or next door in Rectory drive.

**March 21<sup>st</sup>:** Rev David Hull (Associate, Parish in Vacancy)  
Church Street,  
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**March 28<sup>th</sup>:** Rev Daniel Cooke  
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**April 4<sup>th</sup>:** Rev Andy Walker  
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## Local History Corner

Hannah Hodgkinson- An Old Elmton Resident

In a Parish Magazine of March 1901 Miss Hodgkinson advertised honey for sale which she would deliver to any part of the Parish or which could be obtained from her house below the church.( Was this Rose Cottage?).She was one of three daughters of Joseph Sykes Hodgkinson and his second wife Mary Simpson of Clowne

In 1926 at the age of 86 years she still lived in the same cottage paying £5.00 a year rent which hadn't altered for 48 years.She was still selling honey, keeping poultry, gardening and walking to and from Clowne and Creswell with her goods for sale in an old time market basket.

She could remember when Elmton Common was enclosed and when the living of Elmton was held jointly with that of Shireoaks. The Rev. W.J.Salmon who lived in Shireoaks journeyed from there on a white charger each Sunday to take the services at Elmton.

Miss Hodgkinson attended a school on Elmton Green run by a Mr.Cropper and where with 15 other children she learned the 3 Rs.Later she went to a private school at The Cross in Clowne. A church school was opened in Whaley in 1869 and she was appointed as teacher there.Some 25 to 30 children from the surrounding area attended including Mrs.Kirk who became the wife of the Elmton Sexton.In 1926 she still held the school registers containing particulars of the local families.Her salary was £5.00 per year and the children paid 3d a week for tuition.

She is buried in Elmton Churchyard.

**Elmton***with***Creswell**  
LOCAL HISTORY GROUP

### Air Training Corps (Creswell) Squadron.

The Air Training Corps was formed nationally in March 1941. 907 Squadron was originally the Clowne Mining and Technical Institute Squadron. It consisted of five flights. Clowne, Whitwell, Killamarsh, Langwith and Creswell. There were about 30 of us in the Creswell flight. Our headquarters were in the Church of England Senior School, as it was called then. The commanding officer at Creswell was Mr. G.W. Jones with the rank of Flight Lieutenant. The first N.C.O's ,after passing a proficiency test in the Pilot/Navigator syllabus, were Ken Hurt, John Walker, Gordon Goodwin and Dennis Smedley.

The first civilian instructors were:

Cyril Heath, Aircraft Recognition.

Mr. T. Green (the colliery surveyor) Navigation.

Mr. Adin (school teacher) Physical Training.

Mr W. Adams (power linesman for Bolsover Colliery Co.)  
Signals.

Mr. J. Bainbridge (Colliery Fitter) Drill.

In time all instruction was given by the N.C.O's

Dennis Smedley was later promoted from Flight Sergeant to Squadron Warrant Officer.

After the war the Squadron Headquarters was an R.A.F. hut at the end of Laburnum Close on land belonging to the building contractor, Monroe Landrick. By then all the other flights had disbanded and so the Squadron became 907 Creswell Squadron.

In 1948 John Walker, Dennis Smedley and Bill Atkin (who joined after serving as a Navigator with the RAF during the war) were commissioned in the Training Branch of the R.A.F.V.R. with the rank of Flying Officer.

In 1951 Mr Jones resigned as C.O. due to his workload as Whitwell Colliery Engineer and Bill Atkin became C.O. with the Rank of Flight Lieutenant.

In 1955 Monroe Langrick wanted the land on which the hut was standing for building development and in March 1955 the Squadron was disbanded. Exactly 14 years since its inception in March 1941.

*Sent in by Dennis Smedley.*

## SUDOKU –solution on page 19

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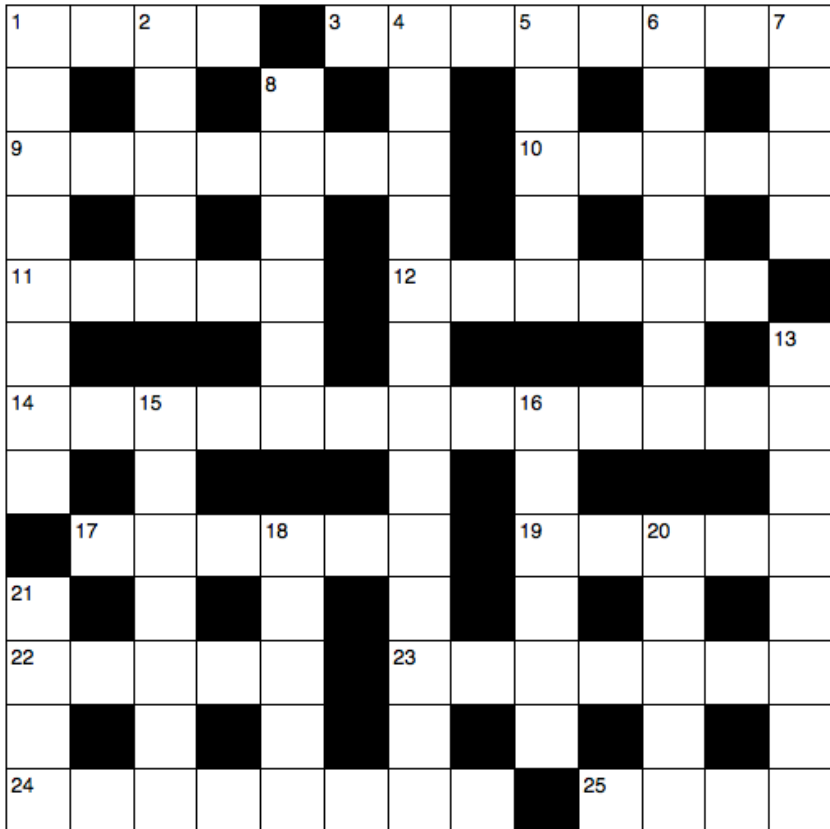
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"To think we grumbled when the Church used unintelligible archaic language!"

# CROSSWORD

Answers on page 19



*Scribble Space*



## ACROSS

- 1 Salary (Isaiah 19:10) (4)
- 3 Question Jesus asked of those healed of leprosy, 'Were not all ten — ?' (Luke 17:17) (8)
- 9 Wide, elevated level area of land (Joshua 13:9) (7)
- 10 'So you also must be — , because the Son of Man will come... when you do not expect him' (Matthew 24:44) (5)
- 11 '[He] said to the man, "Stretch out your hand." He — — , and his hand was completely restored' (Luke 6:10) (3,2)
- 12 'Who has gathered up the wind in the — of his hand?' (Proverbs 30:4) (6)
- 14 Not born again (13)
- 17 'Again and again he — the same sacrifices, which can never take away sins' (Hebrews 10:11) (6)
- 19 Mails (anag.) (5)
- 22 'He — — here; he has risen' (Matthew 28:6) (2,3)
- 23 Defeated (Judges 20:43) (7)
- 24 Soldiers' quarters (Acts 21:34) (8)
- 25 'Pillars of marble' were how the Beloved described those of her Lover (Song of Songs 5:15) (4)

## DOWN

- 1 Totally destroyed (Genesis 7:23) (5,3)
- 2 What the Philippian jailer was told to do with his prisoners Paul and Silas (Acts 16:23) (5)
- 4 Object of ridicule (Job 12:4) (8-5)
- 5 In most years, the month in which Easter falls (5)
- 6 For example, Caesarea, Joppa, Tyre, Sidon (7)
- 7 '[Jesus] was in the desert for forty — , being tempted by Satan' (Mark 1:13) (4)
- 8 'Hallelujah! Salvation and glory and power — to our God' (Revelation 19:1) (6)
- 13 Mend dots (anag.) (8)
- 15 Purifier (Malachi 3:3) (7)
- 16 Attacked (1 Samuel 27:8) (6)
- 18 The good Samaritan to the innkeeper: 'When I return, I will reimburse you for any — expense you may have' (Luke 10:35) (5)
- 20 How Matthew described the crowds who followed Jesus (Matthew 4:25) (5)
- 21 For example, one of 25 Across (Judges 19:29) (4)



## **Events from the past which occurred in the month of February.**

1<sup>st</sup> Elizabeth 1 signs death warrant for her cousin Mary Queen of Scots 1587.

2<sup>nd</sup> Madman Jonathan Martin sets York Cathedral ablaze. £60,000 damage 1829.

4<sup>th</sup> Former labour mp for n/e Derbyshire Henry White dies 73yrs.

5<sup>th</sup> Ben Ainslie record gold medal winning Olympic sailor born (40) 1977.

6<sup>th</sup> England beat Brazil 2-1 in friendly at Wembley 2013.

8<sup>th</sup> The 20th Century Fox film "Planet of the Apes" released 1968.

10<sup>th</sup> Queen Victoria weds her cousin Albert at St James Palace 1840.

12<sup>th</sup> Abraham Lincoln 16th US President born 1809.

14<sup>th</sup> Albert Einstein divorces Mileva Maric after 16 yrs marriage 1919.

15<sup>th</sup> King George VI laid to rest in Windsor 1952.

15<sup>th</sup> Monte Cassino (Abbey) Italy almost destroyed by US bombers 1944.

16<sup>th</sup> Last episode of classic drama "A Family at War" aired 1972.

17<sup>th</sup> William Cadbury chocolate manufacturer born 1867.

20<sup>th</sup> The FA Premier League formed in 1992.

21<sup>st</sup> Mo Farah breaks indoor 2 mile world indoor record in Birmingham 2015.

22<sup>nd</sup> Shakespeare's Sister at no 1 with "Stay" remained there for 8wks 1992.

25<sup>th</sup> US playwright Tennessee Williams dies (71) 1983.

26<sup>th</sup> John Christie murders his 7th victim Kathleen Maloney 1953.

28<sup>th</sup> London tube train crashes into buffers at Moorgate station kills 43 1975.

29<sup>th</sup> Swansea Town" beat Liverpool 2-1 in 1/4 final FA cup 1964.

*Sent in by Kevin Jones.*

## **The Presentation of Christ in the Temple/ Candlemas**

In bygone centuries, Christians said their last farewells to the Christmas season on Candlemas, 2 February. This is exactly 40 days after Christmas Day itself.

In New Testament times 40 days old was an important age for a baby boy: it was when they made their first 'public appearance'. Mary, like all good Jewish mothers, went to the Temple with Jesus, her first male child - to 'present him to the Lord'. At the same time, she, as a new mother, was 'purified'. Thus we have the Festival of the Presentation of Christ in the Temple.

So where does the Candlemas bit come in? Jesus is described in the New Testament as the Light of the World, and early Christians developed the tradition of lighting many candles in celebration of this day. The Church also fell into the custom of blessing the year's supply of candles for the church on this day - hence the name, Candlemas.

The story of how Candlemas began can be found in Luke 2:22-40. Simeon's great declaration of faith and recognition of who Jesus was is of course found in the Nunc Dimittis, which is embedded in the Office of Evening Prayer in the West. But in medieval times, the Nunc Dimittis was mostly used just on this day, during the distribution of candles before the Eucharist. Only gradually did it win a place in the daily prayer life of the Church.

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*Lord, now you let your servant go in peace,  
your word has been fulfilled:  
My own eyes have seen the salvation,  
which you have prepared in the sight of every people:  
a light to reveal you to the nations  
and the glory of your people Israel*



"Er... Vicar?... you're a praying man, aren't you?..."

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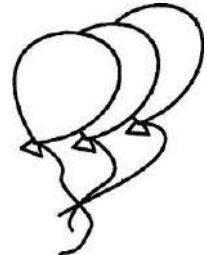
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