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Services in the Parish Churches

1st and 3rd Sundays
Whitwell – 8.30am, Eucharist (3 hymns)
Creswell – 10.30am, Sung Eucharist

2nd and 4th Sundays
Creswell – 08.30am, Eucharist (3 hymns)
Whitwell – 10.30am, Sung Eucharist

2nd Sunday
Steetley – 3.15pm

Each Sunday
Elmton – 6.00pm Eucharist

5th Sundays
10.30am - Sung Eucharist rotating between churches

A Fellowship Group meets at St Lawrence church, Whitwell on the first Monday afternoon of each month at 1.30pm, followed by a Ladies Group at 2pm
The Season of Lent

This year the first day of March is the first day of Lent, Ash Wednesday, so this is perhaps a good time look again at what the book of Common Worship says about the season of Lent.

‘Lent may originally have followed Epiphany, just as Jesus’ sojourn in the wilderness followed immediately after his baptism, but it soon became firmly attached to Easter during the times of the Early Church. Easter then was the main occasion for baptisms and was also the time when those who had been excluded from the Church’s fellowship could come for reconciliation.

It is this aspect of reconciliation, which explains why the traditional focus of Lent has long been self-examination, penitence, self-denial, study, and preparation for Easter.

‘Now is the healing time decreed for sins of heart and word and deed, when we in humble fear record the wrong that we have done the Lord’ (written in Latin, before 12th century).

As the candidates for baptism were instructed in Christian faith and as penitents prepared themselves through fasting and penance, to be re-admitted to communion, the whole Christian community was invited to join them in the process of study and repentance. People began this period of reflection by being marked with ashes, an ancient sign of penitence, and this custom which began in the middle-ages has remained for many the sign of the beginning of Lent.

The forty days of Lent have been counted in various ways throughout history. In the West we now count them continuously to the end of Holy Week (but not including Sundays), so Lent
begins on the sixth Wednesday before Easter, which is known as Ash Wednesday.

In the Church building, decoration is kept as simple as possible. There are no flowers and most decoration is removed or covered in fabric and in the service the Gloria is not used.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent, however, was allowed as a day of relief from the austerities of Lent and as the Feast of the Annunciation almost always falls in Lent, these two breaks became the background to the modern observance of Mothering Sunday on the Fourth Sunday of Lent.

Then, as Holy Week approaches, the atmosphere of the season darkens; the readings begin to anticipate the story of Christ’s suffering and death and the traditional reading of the Passion Narrative gave the Fifth Sunday its name of Passion Sunday.

The service of following the Stations of the Cross was made popular in the West by the Franciscan Community after they were granted custody of the Christian sites in the Holy Land.’

Ash Wednesday, the start of Lent, is of course preceded by Shrove Tuesday when all the fat, eggs, milk, meat and fish in the house are used up in preparation for the denial of the next forty days. Although many of us will eat pancakes on Shrove Tuesday, not many will completely get rid of butter, eggs and milk from the fridge these days! But although not many people today will fast strictly for the whole of Lent, many do give up something they particularly like to eat and, in facing that denial, get a sense of solidarity with Jesus as he faced his trials in the wilderness.

Others will take up something extra instead of (or as well as); extra Bible studies are very common in Lent, as is committing extra time each day to prayer and reflection.
Whatever we choose to do to keep Lent as a Holy season, it’s good for all of us to take time to reflect on our lives in the light of God’s love and examining ourselves before God, with the intention of starting afresh, is the perfect preparation for Easter when we will celebrate Christ’s resurrection to new life.

I wish you all a Holy Lent and a fruitful time of reflection.

With love and blessings for a Holy Lent
Rev. Liz

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The Counties of England (10) – Hampshire

Hampshire, its official title is ‘the county of Southampton’, lies on the English Channel, whose waters flow to it from around the Isle of Wight via Spithead and the Solent and into Southampton Water. For many years it has been prominent in the nation’s defences, with the main army training camp stationed at Aldershot and the premier naval base being at Portsmouth (Pompey). Furthermore, before regular air travel, Southampton was the main port for New York and is still important for cruises.

The high ground in the county is mainly in the north and central areas in the form of the chalk hills of the Hampshire Downs. The Test and Itchen are among its best known rivers and are famous for trout fishing, while the coastline is spectacular around the Isle of Wight with fine scenery in the chalk stacks called The Needles. The Isle is renowned for yachting (off Cowes) and for the diverse sands of Alum Bay. Carisbrooke Castle is famous for holding Charles I as a prisoner.

Stone Age, Bronze and Iron Age remains are present in the chalk in many parts of the county, while the Romans established settlements at Venta Belgarum (Winchester), Calleva (Silchester) and Portchester fort. Winchester was the capital of Wessex and all England from the time of King Alfred and the Anglo-Saxons and is one of the most historic of English cities. Its cathedral, rebuilt by William the Conqueror, is the longest in the land. It also possesses an historic gate and a castle hall containing the mythical round table of King Arthur, though it actually dates from the time of Edward III. The city also has one of the oldest of English schools. Southampton is the largest city and notable for its historic walls and defences, while Portsmouth is a base of the fleet as well as being the permanent home of Nelson’s flag ship, ‘HMS Victory’.

Hampshire has some fine Norman churches in Romsey Abbey and St Cross Chapel, Winchester. Later, medieval churches,
include East Meon and Selborne, where the famous naturalist Gilbert White was vicar. Netley Abbey in Southampton Water is a majestic ruin, though Beaulieu escaped destruction and is now both a dwelling and a vintage car museum. Highclere (Downton Abbey), the Vyne, Broadlands (the Mountbatten house) and Queen Victoria’s Osborne (Isle of Wight) are other mansions. Jane Austen’s former residence is at Chawton.

Buckler’s Hard is a unique hamlet with a small harbour. There, in the 1700s, many of the ‘wooden walls’ of Nelson’s fleet were built; the row of workers’ cottages remains, together with the shape of the slipway for launching the ‘ships of the line’. The town of Lymington, near the New Forest has a harbour full of sailing boats. The New Forest is famous for its ponies and as the place where King William Rufus was killed by an arrow (accidental or deliberate?) in 1100. The Rufus stone in the heart of the woodland marks the spot.

Turning to more recent times, Farnborough is celebrated for its annual Air Show, while for French visitors there is the tomb of the Emperor Napoleon III, nephew of Bonaparte, who ended his life exiled in England.

**Norman Trott**
Whitwell and District Women’s Institute

The February meeting saw our speaker, David Ellis, give a very interesting as well as educational talk and slide show on his experiences climbing Danali, formerly Mt McKinley. David was accompanied by his son, then 17, and a friend. The amount of equipment they had to carry on this venture was incredible; some of this equipment we were able to see and handle and we were amazed at the weight of the boots and the many layers of gloves that had to be worn to save frost bitten fingers!

The slides showed the progress of the climb right from their arrival in Alaska, flying to the start of the climb on a glazier and then the sheer stamina and strength needed by the 3 climbers to achieve their goal. This mountain is only open 2 months of the year and many have perished in the past trying to conquer the peak, so congratulations to David and his team for a remarkable achievement. An excellent speaker who brought life, passion and enthusiasm to his encounter.

Future events to look forward to are ‘The Ladies who Lunch' at the Boot and Shoe on 16th March, the County Quiz in April and a visit to the BBC studios in Manchester in June.

The next meeting is Monday 13th March and is a Beetle Drive, sounds like fun!

Come and join us at Whitwell Community Centre at 7.00pm to make new friends and have a chuckle!! Contact Jackie Stoor on 01909 723188 for more information.
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Crossword

Crossword Clues

**Across**

1 These letters come between Romans and Galatians (11)
9 ‘You will not — me to the grave’ (Psalm 16:10) (7)
10 King of Moab to whom the Israelites were subject for 18 years (Judges 3:14) (5)
11 Town possessing mineral spring (3)
13 Mede (anag.) (4)
16 High-fidelity (abbrev.) (4)
17 He succeeded his father Rehoboam as king of Judah (1 Kings 14:31) (6)
18 A son of Simeon (Genesis 46:10) (4)
21 ‘He has received from the Father the promised Holy Spirit and has poured out what you — — and hear’ (Acts 2:33) (3,3)
22 ‘You — me together in my mother’s womb’ (Psalm 139:13) (4)
23 Edit (anag.) (4)
25 ‘Who has believed our message and to whom has the — of the Lord been revealed?’ (Isaiah 53:1) (3)
28 Abraham’s brother (Genesis 22:23) (5)
29 ‘When Mordecai learned of — that had been — , he tore his clothes’ (Esther 4:1) (3,4)
30 Sympathetic (Proverbs 11:16) (4-7)

**Down**

2 ‘That was why his parents said, “He is — —; ask him”’ (John 9:23) (2,3)
3 Integrated Services Digital Network (1,1,1,1) 4
4 ‘Saul has slain his thousands, and David his — of thousands’ (1 Samuel 18:7) (4)
5 Concept (John 8:14) (4)
6 ‘Do we, then, — the law by this faith? Not at all! Rather, we uphold the law’ (Romans 3:31) (7)
7 Industrious (2 Timothy 2:6) (11)
8 ‘I pray also that the eyes of your heart may be — in order that you may know the hope to which he has called you’ (Ephesians 1:18) (11)
12 ‘Out of the same mouth come — and cursing’ (James 3:10) (6)
14 This was how many of the Jewish leaders described Jesus (John 10:20) (3)
15 Vitality (Job 20:11) (6)
19 He urged David to kill Saul at Hakilah (1 Samuel 26:8) (7)
20 ‘So for a whole year Barnabas and Saul — with the church and taught great numbers of people’ (Acts 11:26) (3)
24 ‘Hear, O Israel: The Lord our God, the Lord — — ’ (Deuteronomy 6:4) (2,3)
25 Parched (Matthew 12:43) (4)
26 ‘In the image of God he created him; — and female he created them’ (Genesis 1:27) (4)
27 Disparagement (Psalm 15:3) (4)
Dates for your diary – 2017

All the following events will be held at Whitwell Community Centre, unless otherwise stated

8th April  PCC coffee morning, 9.30am-11am
18th April  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
22nd April  St George’s Day event, 2.30pm-4.30pm
30th May  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
10th June  Hodthorpe and Whitwell Ladies Group Coffee morning, 9.30am-11am
4th July  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
11th August  St Lawrence Day lunch, 12noon
22nd August  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
2nd October  Harvest Lunch, 12noon
10th October  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
14th November  Afternoon tea and bingo, 2.30pm-4pm
Bishop Alistair’s Lent Course 2017

During Lent Bishop Alistair will be running a Lent Course at venues within the North East Derbyshire Deanery. The sessions all start at 7.30pm. Dates and venues are as follows:

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Articles for this magazine are always welcome. If you have anything that you wish to contribute please submit them to the editor by the dates listed below:

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For the young (and young at heart)

SHROVE TUESDAY
During Lent some Christians eat simple food or go without food for a while like Jesus did. Pancakes are often made to use up all the fresh eggs and milk on Shrove Tuesday, the day before the start of Lent.

ASH WEDNESDAY
The first day of Lent is called Ash Wednesday, it is a day for saying sorry to God for any wrong things you have said or thought or done and to ask for God’s help to live in the right way.
In bible times people would cover themselves with ashes as a sign of repentance. In some churches today on Ash Wednesday the minister will draw a cross shape on our foreheads with ash.

WHAT IS LENT?
When Jesus was 30 years old he was baptised by John in the River Jordan. Before Jesus began to preach and teach and heal he went out into the wilderness alone.
For 40 days he did not eat but spent time praying and talking to God, preparing himself for what God had sent him to do.
Remembering those days Jesus spent in the wilderness, the Christian Church set aside the 40 days before Easter as a time to pray, read the bible and learn more about God.
This time is called LENT

While Jesus was out in the wilderness he was tempted by the Devil three times.

Look up the bible verses to see how Jesus replied.

1. The devil said, “If you are God’s Son order this stone to turn to bread.”
   Read Jesus’ reply in Luke 4: 4 and Deuteronomy 8: 3

2. The devil said, “I will give you power and wealth if you worship me.”
   Read Jesus’ reply in Luke 4: 7 and Deuteronomy 6: 13

3. The devil said, “If you are God’s Son, throw yourself down, the Scriptures say God will take care of you.”
   Read Jesus’ reply in Luke 4: 12 and Deuteronomy 6: 1

Dear Lord,
Please forgive me for

Amen
People came to John to be baptised—washed in the river Jordan—to say sorry for what they had done wrong. Then Jesus came...

No, this is the right way now to complete God's plan.

The Holy Spirit filled Jesus and God spoke...

This is my precious son.

Jesus then went into the desert for 40 days.

He didn't eat or drink, and at the end was very hungry.

Show me you are God's Son by turning this stone into bread.

The Bible says 'You need more than bread to keep you alive.'

The Devil took him to the highest roof of the temple in Jerusalem.

The Bible says 'Don't try to manipulate God.'

Why don't you jump? God would make sure His angels would catch you.

The Devil took Jesus to where he could see the whole world.

Just worship me.

Then angels came to care for Jesus.

I have power over all this, and I could give it to you.

Go away! Only God is to be worshipped.
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Recipe of the month

Welsh Cakes – (Picau ar y Maen)

Ingredients

8oz flour
4oz butter
3oz castor sugar
2oz currants
1 teaspoon baking powder
¼ teaspoon mixed spice
2 tablespoons milk
Pinch of salt
1 egg

Method

- Sift the flour, baking powder, spice and salt together
- Rub in the butter until the mixture looks like breadcrumbs
- Add the sugar and fruit
- Beat the egg. Add enough milk to make a firm paste.
- Roll out on a floured board to a thickness of ¼ of an inch and cut into 2 inch rounds
- Grease a griddle or electric hot plate or a thick frying pan
- Cook the cakes on the griddle over a gentle heat for three minutes on each side or until golden brown
- Cool and sprinkle with castor sugar
- Serve alone or with butter
Jo Wheldon welcomed 2017 in with a presentation in two parts on 10\textsuperscript{th} January 2017. The first part was a talk on Samuel Godley, the son of a Whitwell shoemaker who enlisted in the British Army in 1806. He rose to fame at the Battle of Waterloo, his place in history secured when an etched plate depicting his heroism was included in Kelly's "Battle of Waterloo", the renowned historic record of the battle. The second part of the talk was delivered with a video of the Glacier Express train journey in Switzerland in the shadow of the Matterhorn. The spectacular mountain scenery was enjoyed by the group as the train journey, billed as Europe's slowest express, meandered its way along steep mountain-sides and beautiful valleys until its destination at St Moritz.

On 17\textsuperscript{th} January, Malcolm Walpole returned to Whitwell History Group to deliver a colourful presentation on the wildlife of Brazil. The vibrant colours of the various birdlife, including Toucans and Macaws, thoroughly entertained the audience. The pictures included the Hyacinth Macaw, the largest species of Parrot in the world. The highlight of the evening was the remarkable photographs that Malcolm obtained of Jaguars, the largest of the cat family in the Americas, in their natural environment.

On 31\textsuperscript{st} January, the group were entertained by Robert Ashton with a talk on the history of radio. With a mixture of photographs and radio recordings, the story of radio was brought to life, taking us from the first Morse code transmissions of Marconi through to the development of the transistor. The group were taken down memory lane with the familiar sounds from the Ovaltineies to Radio Caroline.

On 7\textsuperscript{th} February, Geoff Walker presented a history of Netherthorpe Grammar School from 1572 to the present day. The talk was possible thanks to the work of Ken Keeton in compiling a comprehensive set of photographs going back to
1904. The talk focussed on stories of what it was like to be a student at the school and was made all the more entertaining thanks to the reminiscences of other members of the group who also attended the school.

On 21\textsuperscript{st} February, Ron Young, the chair of Whitwell History Group, gave a thought provoking presentation featuring photographs of Chesterfield from the 19\textsuperscript{th} Century to the present day. The group were interested to see how much of the town centre had changed over the time, with the growth and demise of the industries over the period, with photographs of the famous crooked spire remaining a constant throughout the changes.

One of my churchwardens is a stickler for 'Health and Safety'...
That’s Life

Do you remember the spring of your lifetime
And all those things you did
The games that you played and the songs that you sang
When you were just a kid

Remember those walks in the meadow
Dressed in your Sunday Best
Remember that special place in the meadow
Where you stopped for a while to rest

Flowers were picked in the springtime
A gift from you to your mother
But all too quick the days slipped by
And springtime turned to summer

In summer the days were longer
The nights were not so dark
We still went for walks in the meadow
And listened to the song of the lark

The sky was bluer in summer
The sun was warm on our skin
We swam in the ponds and rivers
Before the cool of autumn set in

In autumn the leaves turned golden
Some even started to fall
Were all the leaves and flowers
In a hurry to obey winter’s call?

Soon the cold of winter was upon us
The days were short and dark
No leaves on the trees or hedgerows
From the meadow, no song of a lark
Blue skies were hidden behind dark clouds
When winter winds did blow
When those clouds in the heavens above us
Covered the earth in a blanket of snow

We still play games in winter
We built many things out of snow
I thank my God for my memory
It seems such a long time ago

Life is a year of seasons
Winter always seems to come last
Think of all the happiness
Forget the sorrows past

Forget about the hard times
Forget about the strife
Don’t be sad because it’s winter
Just say to yourself, ‘That’s your life’

Max Warren

Equinox

“The moon marks off the seasons
And the sun knows when to go down.”
Psalm 104:19

What is it that the Ides of March bring?
An equinox, heralding the arrival of spring.
The days and nights of equal hours
Inviting new animals, plants and flowers;

A transition from the darkness of short winter days
To the countryside bathed in the sun’s warming rays.
But in welcoming the sun let me not speak too soon
To devalue the purpose and aim of the moon

Which acts ‘like a maid’ to clean up the ocean,
Creating oxygen by setting the tides in motion;
Thus emphasising the moon’s real true worth,
For without it there would be no life here on earth.

Now thoughts may be turned to the sinister past,
When Julius Caesar breathed his last.
He joked that the Ides of March had come
But the soothsayer said, “Aye, but not yet gone!”

And as the moon ‘marks off each season’,
Could it, symbolically stand to good reason,
That a coin issued by Brutus by whose dagger, Caesar died
Showed the ‘cap of freedom’ with a dagger on each side?

Likewise, could the idea of equinox merit a pun,
In moving from the ‘Republic of the moon’ to the ‘Empire of the sun’?
But, come 20th March, on a half-moon lit night,
Like a biscuit of chocolate, half dark and half white,

From Pink Floyd’s famous album, ‘Dark Side of The Moon’
I’d quote:
“There is no dark side of the moon… it’s all dark. The only thing that makes it look light is the sun”

**Vaughan Clements**
The following are extracts from The Upper Weardale Church Monthly Magazine dated February 1933. The magazine was circulated in the parishes of Heatherycleugh, St John’s Chapel, Westgate, Rookhope, Eastgate and Stanhope.

Hints and helps for women with homes

If a handful of common salt be sprinkled over the sink grid last thing at night it will gradually melt and pass through the waste pipe during the night. This not only prevents the pipe getting clogged with grease, but in frosty weather will prevent the pipe freezing.

The bristles of brooms and brushes are often soft and unsatisfactory after washing. After dipping brushes briskly in and out of warm soapy water until they are quite clean, and rinsing in fresh warm water, plunge them into a pail of very cold water in which a large handful of salt has been dissolved. You will find this plan most successful in stiffening and strengthening the bristles. For whisk brooms and clothes-brushes, powdered alum is better than salt.

We very often have eggs sent to us from the country and sometimes one or more are badly cracked. We were told the other day of a way to boil these without losing any of the contents, and have tried it most successfully. This is to wrap the egg in a twist of tissue paper before putting it into the boiling water. Another method we have tried is to add a teaspoonful of vinegar to the boiling water.
Puzzle corner solutions

Sudoku

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Crossword

ACROSS: 1, Corinthians. 9, Abandon. 10, Eglon. 11, Spa. 13, Deem. 16, Hi-fi. 17, Abijah. 18, Ohad. 20, Myth. 21, Now see. 22, Knit. 23, Tide. 25, Arm. 28, Nahor. 29, All done. 30, Kind-hearted.

DOWN: 2, Of age. 3, ISDN. 4, Tens. 5, Idea. 6, Nullify. 7, Hardworking. 8, Enlightened. 12, Praise. 14, Mad. 15, Vigour. 19, Abishai. 20, Met. 24, Is one. 25, Arid. 26, Male. 27, Slur.

100 Club results

19th February 2017

1st 34
2nd 59
3rd 55
From the Registers

Baptisms
Amelia Rose Parfitt

Weddings
None

Wedding Blessing (after civil marriage)
Lawrence and Nicola Dudek (nee Howe)

Funerals
Alice Ivy Homer
Dirk Plug
Doreen Jowett

Bookings for Weddings and Baptisms

Bookings for weddings and baptisms can be made by calling at St Lawrence Church on the 3rd Friday of each month between 6pm and 7pm.
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