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On Dec 29 Paul officiated at the 10.30 UBS service in Aston and Amanda Sandland from St Peter's Chellaston gave the address. Also present is Bruce Ward thus making up the full ministry team at present.

January 2025

£1.30p

Ministry Team

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Prayer Diary

For your prayers in January

Aston The residents of Chellaston Lane, Holden Avenue and Compton Avenue. Also the Aston Community Choir.

Barrow The residents of Beaumont Close and Chapel Lane.

Elvaston The residents of Yew Tree Close, Thulston.

Shardlow The residents of London Road, Netherfields Lane and Cheal Close.

Swarkestone The residents of Church Lane.

Twyford The residents of Twyford.

Weston The residents of Main Street and Weston Court.

The Community The mentally disabled.

The Diocese The Bishops of Derby and Repton.

The Worldwide Church The Provinces of New Zealand, Polynesia, Australia and Bangladesh.

Vacancy Update

It is 4 months now since Tony retired and parishioners throughout the benefice may well be wondering what is going on to enable the appointment of a new rector.

First off, the benefice has to produce a 'profile'. This is a document that describes what the church in each parish is like, what activities related to the church take place plus a general description of the village where the church is and local facilities etc. to give a potential incumbent sufficient information for them to decide whether or not they might be interested.

From this document, the diocese produces an advertisement that is placed in the Church Times and also on line. Thereafter we are dependent on the interest that the advert generates and, bearing in mind that there are more vacancies than priests to fill them, the more attractive a post appears the greater the likelihood of attracting a new incumbent.

All 7 parishes completed their part of the process by the end of October and the information was duly sent off. There has been no advert as yet and no progress has been made by the diocese towards that as we found out recently when an enquiry was made. It seems that the information we sent was not as they wanted it but no need was seen to communicate that to us until we enquired! At least 8 wasted weeks! The way forward is for us to modify our submission to suit their requirements as clearly nothing is going to happen until we do. We shall do this very early in the new year. Regrettably we should all be prepared for a lengthy vacancy.

The rectory is currently empty though some effort has been made to brighten up the interior with a partial redecoration and new floor coverings. The diocese's intention is to let it and there are signs that someone is about to move in.

Benefice News

If you would like to receive a copy of the magazine by email rather than in a hard copy please contact me on the email address below and I will send you one. (There is no charge for this, but a donation to your local church would be appreciated)

Please inform me of any detail changes for contacts that are listed on pages 16 and 17

All material for the **February 2025** edition of the magazine to be sent to Joe Nutman at jnutman@btinternet.com by **January 20** please.

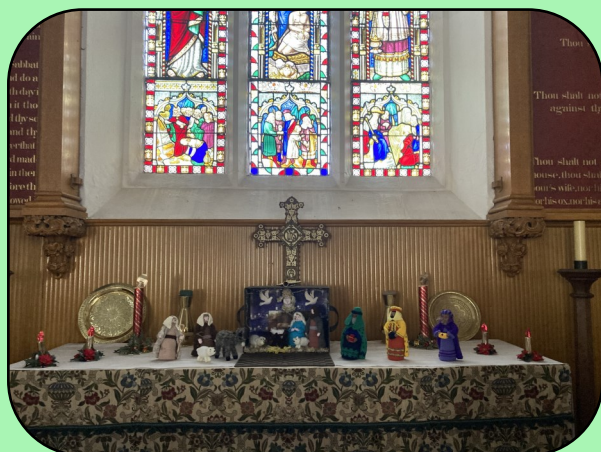
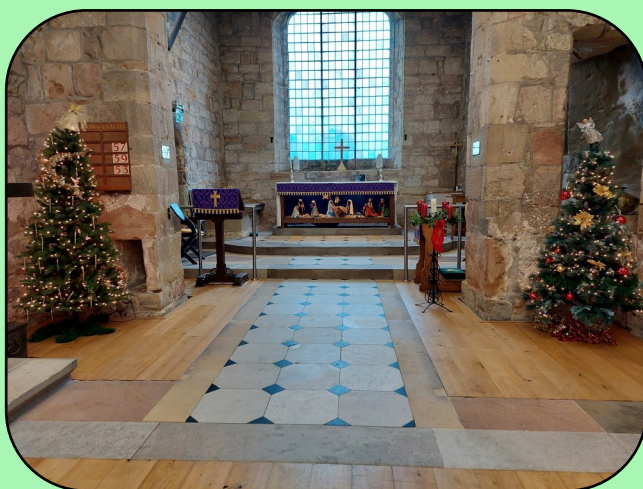
200 Club

The winning numbers for the December draw of the 200 club were:

1st - 13, 2nd - 1, 3rd - 14.

All from Aston this time.

Some pictures don't fit on the allotted page so here are some of the 'extras'. Can you spot which church they are from? More on page 12



CHILDREN'S PAGE

JESUS BAPTISED IN THE RIVER



Use the following code to reveal what God's voice said when John baptised Jesus.

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GOD SAID:

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Roundup of Christmas activities.

We started with a carol concert given by the Derwent Singers in church. A good audience turned out to be treated to a wide variety of carols, some well known, others less so, sung with great expertise and enthusiasm. An interval with a glass of wine and mince pie encouraged the concert to a vibrant second half. Our thanks to the Derwent Singers for an excellent evening's entertainment.

This was followed by Carols round the Christmas Tree a few days before Christmas with the Newhall Band, who had been at Richmond Village. A surprisingly large number of folks turned out on a cold evening. Starting off dry, the evening had to be curtailed very quickly when the heavens opened (again). Thanks to the Newhall Band for braving the

cold and wet, and we hope to see them again next year.

Next up was the Crib service on Christmas Eve.

Thanks must go to Louise Robertson and team for once again putting on a show that everyone enjoyed hugely.

Finally, again on Christmas Eve, the Carols by Candlelight service delighted a full church. Many thanks to Kathy Razzell for all her work on the music and thanks to the choir which sounded superb! Thanks to Paul too for leading the service.



The Wednesday Morning Hub in January will be as follows:

1st January - New Year's Day

8th January from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

15th January from 10.30 am: Open Book - Bible Exploration

22nd January from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

29th January from 10.00am: Open Cafe — Social

Aston Community Choir meets on Monday evenings at 7.00 pm in the Heritage Centre.

The Bellringers meet on Monday evenings at 8.00 pm.

A Happy, Healthy and
Peaceful New year from all at
All Saints'

FRICASSÉE OF TURKEY

Just in case you still have some turkey uneaten from Christmas or another occasion, here's an idea to use it up.

Melt the butter and add the flour and stir over a gentle heat until smooth.

Gradually add the chicken stock and stir until it has boiled for five minutes.

Beat the yolk of the egg and stir in the lemon juice and cream, then add these to the sauce which you have made.

Pour over the chicken – can be put into the oven at any time to heat up.

Serve onto cooked rice, or with mashed potato

Precooked leftover turkey.
1oz. Butter
1oz. Plain flour
Yolk of one egg
1 dessert spoon of lemon juice
2tbs. Single cream
½ pint Chicken stock

Aston on Trent Women's Institute

Happy New Year!! We had fun and games at our final meeting of 2024, with a music quiz and the feely bag game which kept us amused after all the food and drink.

We did really well fundraising for our charity in 2024, thank you to everyone that has supported the events over the year, we will be making the presentation of the cheque at either the January or February meeting.

We start fundraising for a new charity in 2025, with our first Coffee and Chat event on Tuesday 21st January. The new charity will be voted for by our members very soon.

We have a few members that regularly support our committee at various events throughout the year, we really appreciate their help. We would like to expand this support by inviting members to become "Committee Buddies" to be called upon to help out at events. If anyone would like to become a buddy, please let us know.

Dates for your diary: -

Tuesday 21st January 10:30-12:00: Coffee & Chat in The Heritage Centre.

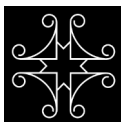
Saturday 1st March: Soup and Pud Lunch fundraiser.

September 2025: WI Holiday TBC

October 2025: Riverdance

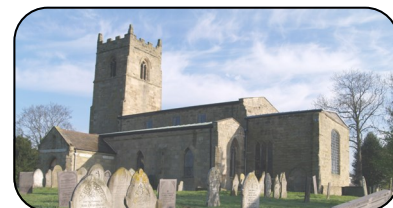
We meet at the Memorial Hall on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:30PM. New members and guests are always welcome and it's free for your first 3 meetings. Our members Craft and Dabble meetings are the 2nd and 4th Thursdays in the month in the Heritage Centre.

Barrow



St Wilfrid's Church, Barrow upon Trent

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Some scenes of Christmas in
St Wilfrid's church



A very Happy, Peaceful and Healthy New Year from all in Barrow on Trent



Prayers

We remember all who are sick or troubled at this time, especially we pray for Terry Marshall.

Services

There will be no services at St Bartholomew's during January and February.

Carol Service

We were pleased to see a full church for our Carol service again this year. A highlight was the children's beautiful singing of Away in a Manger. Once again we were joined by the Safeguarding choir who gave a lovely rendition of Joy to the World, and then after the main service led us all in a Let it Snow singalong. Thanks to all who attended and participated in our service.

PCC meeting

The next PCC meeting will be held on 30th January at 7pm.

A Happy New year from all at St Bartholomew's

Christmas Tree Festival

Last year it snowed, this year Storm Darragh did its best to disrupt our festival! However it did not deter the many brave visitors who ignored the dire forecasts and high winds and came to see the beautiful trees that lit up our church again this year. Thanks to all those who submitted trees, your imagination knows no bounds!



Shardlow

PRAYERS

Please remember in your prayers, Molly Keogh, Mavis Foster, Sarah Simpson, Christine and John Wharton and Julia Gillard.

SERVICES

Sunday 19th January 10-30am

PCC

There will be a meeting of **Shardlow PCC on Friday 10th January at 10-30am in The Hayward Room.**



COFFEE MORNING

The Christmas Coffee Morning at the end of November was a very happy and successful occasion and we managed to find seats for everyone. Many thanks to all who supported us. It was lovely to have so many people join us and lots of children too. We also had an unexpected visitor ! Santa arrived carrying a large sack of goodies, everyone young and old cheered him, I had a lovely moment of nostalgia.

Our church is very festive looking, and the centrepiece is baby Jesus in his manger in the foyer, see the photo, well done to Evadne she really is a genius and worked so hard with the decorations

It was a truly wonderful start to the Festive Season and many thanks to all who helped in any way beforehand and on the day.

The next Coffee Morning will be on Saturday January 25th from 10-00am to 11-30am and all are welcome.





CAROL SERVICE

At the Carol Service on December 8th we were joined by The Draycott Sounds Choir. As well as singing before the Service they sang six items as part of the Service. It was a very special afternoon and we thank them so much for their beautiful singing. Thanks to Paul for leading the Service and to Evadne for playing the organ and to the readers, Evadne, Margaret, Sarah, Rosemary and Paul.

Refreshments were served after the Service.

SHARDLOW SCHOOL

Thank you to the children who made the lovely stars to help decorate the church for Christmas. The school held their Carol Service for children and parents in church on the last day of term.

Many thanks to all who work so hard at St. James' in so many ways, at Services, social events, and inside and outside the church.

**WE WISH EVERYONE A VERY HAPPY AND
PEACEFUL NEW YEAR.**

From the Registers:

Barrow on Trent

Wedding 7th December Thomas Jaques and Sophie Batten



Weston on Trent

Funeral 9th December at Trent Valley Crematorium Val Flude 79 yrs



Elvaston

13th December Interment of ashes Iris Campbell



Swarkestone



Next service – [Baptism of Christ, January 12th – 10.30 am](#)

Minister:- Paul

Readers:- Dominic Clarke & Susan Smith

Church Cleaning:- Pauline Sims & Pat Taylor

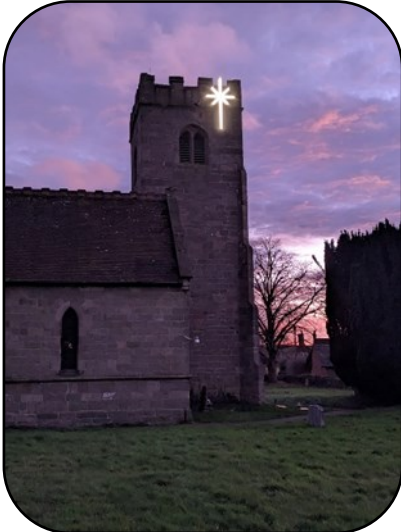
Welcomers/Sidespersons:- Emma & Dominic Clarke

Please remember in your prayers – Barbara Foster, Jill Malpass, June Thompson, the Warnock family & Ann Morton. Also the family of Peter Green who passed away shortly before Christmas.

Christmas at St James'

As always the Swarkestone Carol Service started off the Benefice Christmas season with gusto! Melbourne Town Band were on fine form, the church was packed with an enthusiastic congregation and the roof was certainly raised! The mulled wine and mincepies were very well deserved afterwards. Thank you to the band, all who took part in the service and to everyone who decorated and prepared the church ready for Christmas. If you attended any of our December services we hope you enjoyed the festive atmosphere.

We were very lucky to welcome Bishop's Chaplain Revd Adele Barker to lead our Christmas Day service. We warned her that the congregation might be small, but the news must have spread and we were delighted when around 20 people came to celebrate Christmas together. Adele was lovely and her calm, friendly approach was much appreciated. Anyone who can meaningfully weave the Muppet Christmas Carol film into a sermon will always be welcome at St James'!



Swarkestone PCC

Reminder - The first PCC meeting of 2025 is on 22nd January and we will be talking about how we move forward during this time without a permanent Rector/Vicar in the Benefice. If anyone not on the PCC wishes to attend the meeting they will be made most welcome.

We still have a vacancy for a permanent PCC Secretary. We usually only meet four times per year and this volunteer position includes attending meetings, taking minutes, handling correspondence and working with other PCC members to ensure the smooth running of the parish. Please speak to any member of the PCC for more information.

On Stream 2025

Payment for On Stream for 2025 is now due and we are pleased to say there is no price increase this year, unlike so many things. Please forward cash or cheque for £13.20 (payable to Swarkestone St James' PCC) to Mike or Denise Crocker as soon as possible. Alternatively, if you wish to pay via BACS transfer, please speak to us to request bank details.

If you know anyone who would like to receive a printed copy of On Stream every month, please let us know so it can be arranged for them. If you would prefer a digital version by email, please let us know.

A Happy, Healthy and Peaceful New Year from St James'

If you want to keep up with our news more regularly, please look for and like our Facebook page – you'll find photos and snippets about happenings at St James' and Swarkestone are added most weeks. <https://www.facebook.com/StJamesChurchSwarkestone>



More pictures of Christmas scenes from around the benefice.





The Carol Service was held on 15th December at 3.00pm. The service was led by our licensed reader, Bruce Ward. The Newmount Brass Band had kindly agreed to accompany our carols and play various pieces of Christmas music. The Church was full and the music



amazing. Singing carols in the fading light to such wonderful music was quite atmospheric. A glass of mulled wine and a mince pie finished the afternoon off with a



flourish and so a lovely beginning for Christmas celebrations 2024 was enjoyed by all. Many thanks to the Newmount Brass Band for giving us such a special and memorable Carol Service.

May we wish everyone a happy and peaceful
New Year.



St Mary the Virgin.

Weston on Trent



DID YOU KNOW THAT up to late mediaeval times the walls inside church would have been plastered and painted white, with pictures of stories from the Bible painted on them? Of course church services would have been in Latin and most people could not read or write English, never mind Latin. In fact the first English Bible was not available until 1538 so the only understanding of the Bible that people had would be what the Vicar explained to them and the illustrations on the walls.

I do not know what pictures were painted on the walls but I imagine it looked beautiful. Although I believe that some churches had scary hell and damnation type pictures on the walls, to keep the members of the congregation in order!

Why the plaster was chipped off to reveal the original sandstone I don't know. It maybe because it was a big job and very expensive to repaint it every few years to keep it in good condition?

Of course our church still looks lovely in its natural stone state and we now have the Bible stories illustrated on the beautiful stained glass windows.

BEST WISHES FOR A HAPPY AND HEALTHY NEW YEAR TO EVERYONE.

WESTON ON TRENT WI LATEST NEWS.

WI Christmas Party

The WI Christmas Party was a lovely evening of festive crafts and friendship. Attendees had the chance to make a Christmas table decoration, try their hand at sugar craft, or create charming Christmas ornaments. The crafting was accompanied by a selection of seasonal treats, including mulled wine, wine, mince pies, and stollen, which added to the cosy and cheerful atmosphere. It was a wonderful evening of creativity, laughter, and festive spirit, with everyone leaving with a sense of achievement and something beautiful to take home.

We are saddened to hear of the death of our friend Margaret Boyce.
Her funeral is at St Mary's, Weston on Thursday January 16th at 11am.

Margaret and her late husband Ken were strong supporters of the church and dedicated many years of service to St Mary's.

We will be regularly reminded of their support for the church when we view the annual snowdrop display which was started by them both.

School's Christingle Service



The School's Christingle Service was a lovely occasion. St Mary's was filled to capacity, with every pew occupied by children, parents, and extended family members. Bruce led the service, which included readings from the schoolchildren, who captivated everyone with their storytelling. The Christingles were lit and the church glowed with candlelight. A big thank you to the school, the children, and all who contributed to making this service such a memorable event.

Christmas Carol Service

The Christmas Carol Service was a highlight of the festive calendar, led by Paul and featuring the Aston Church Choir. The choir's harmonies filled St Mary's with the sounds of traditional and modern carols, and the congregation enthusiastically joined in, creating an atmosphere of warmth and celebration. After the service, mulled wine and mince pies were served, providing an opportunity to enjoy each other's company.

A Thank You to All at St Mary's

As we look back on this year, we extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who has contributed to the life of St Mary's Church. Whether you've been part of helping to clean, maintaining the church and its grounds, supporting fundraising efforts, bell-ringing or volunteering in any capacity, your efforts have been invaluable.

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My name is Victoria Rodgers, though most people call me Vicky. I grew up as an only child, which fostered a close bond with my parents and encouraged me to develop strong friendships.

I attended Leavington College for Girls, which set the stage for my future. After university, I became a teacher, spending many years at St. Joseph's Convent, where my daughter also studied. My childhood included special moments like trips to Paris with my father and memorable school plays such as A Midsummer Night's Dream. I found joy in St John Ambulance Cadets, and later, my teaching career focused on science, with a bit of English due to my love for drama.

I married Roger, and we had two wonderful children. After his passing from Leukaemia, I found a second chance of happiness with Stan, who I met through lawn bowls. We enjoyed 15 happy years together before he passed. After some health challenges, I moved to Richmond Villages, where the care and community has been a great comfort. My family is my greatest pride, especially moments like my granddaughter Darcy's flute performance here at the village.

At 80, I believe in looking forward and embracing life's changes. Richmond Villages has given me a reason to keep going, with its welcoming environment and caring staff. My advice to others is to find joy in every moment and never give up on life's opportunities.

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	Readings	Aston	Barrow	Eivaston	Shardlow	Swarkestone	Twyford	Weston
5 January Epiphany	1 John 3. 22 - 4.6 Matt 4. 12-17, 23-end	10.30 UBS HC Mike Firbank						
Wed 8 January		6.30 Compline						
12 January The Baptism of Christ (Epiphany 1)	Isaiah 43. 1-7 Luke 3. 15-17, 21-22	10.30 FW Bruce	10.30 MP Barrow Team			10.30 HC Paul		
Wed 15 January		9.30 HC Paul 6.30 Compline						
19 January Epiphany 2	Isaiah 62. 1-5 John 2. 1-11	10.30 FW Aston Team	10.30 MP Bruce		10.30 HC Paul		3.00pm HC Steve Short	
Wed 22 January		6.30 Compline						
26 January Epiphany 3	Neh 8. 1-3, 5-6, 8-10 Luke 4. 14-21	10.30 UBS HC Paul						
Wed 29 January		6.30 Compline						

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