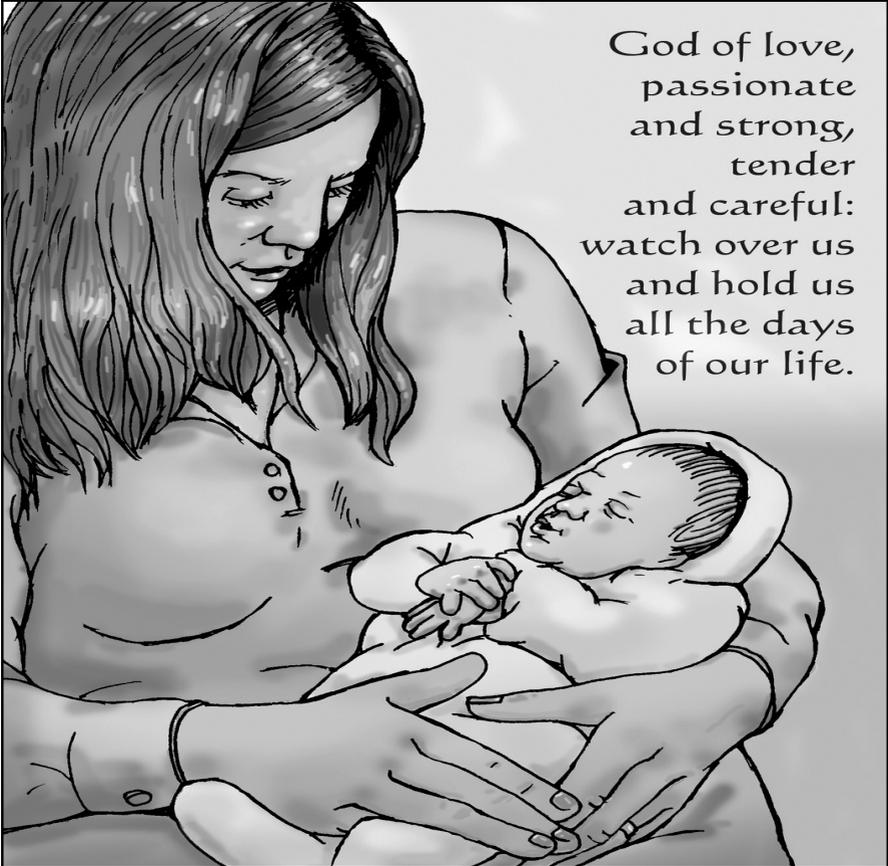


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God of love,
passionate
and strong,
tender
and careful:
watch over us
and hold us
all the days
of our life.



March
2015

Letter from the Minister

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March 2015

Dear Friends,

“For the journey”

As you read this we shall be well into the season of Lent. Mothering Sunday is just on the horizon, then it will be all go til Easter. However, Lent is a time of preparation for Easter. It's a time we need to go through steadily and patiently – and how we go through it will signal how we come to Easter Day.

Traditionally, Lent is a time of penitence and reflection, of thinking about our own lives in the light of the love of God. It's also a time of thinking of the needs of others -is there something we can do, or take up, rather than give up?

And of course Lent is a time to think of the journey of Jesus as He goes to the cross – of temptation and betrayal, suffering and sacrifice. We too are invited to join the journey to the cross.

As much of our preparation for the most significant and defining moment of the year for Christians is overshadowed by chocolate eggs, bunnies and daffodils, it's always good to remind people to take time to prepare themselves for Easter. If you haven't joined a Lent group, or been to the Lent lunches as advertised, please do. They will help you to engage with the themes of Lent, bringing Christians from different traditions to journey together.



The journey to Easter is not a bed of daffodils, but a road of nails and thorns, which, when travelled together, weaves itself into something life transforming and beautiful.

Join in the journey to Easter this year. And may you know the grace and presence of God's love as you do.

Your minister and friend,

TIM

Ashbourne Circuit Church Services

Sunday March 1st

Ashbourne	9:15am	Mr Robert Sales
	10:30am	Mr Robert Sales
	6:30pm	Rev Tim Morris
Brailsford	10:45am	Rev Tim Morris
Hulland	2:30pm	Mr John Dyster

Sunday March 8th

Ashbourne	10:30am	Rev Tim Morris
	6:30pm	Miss Diana Whitmill
Brailsford	10:30am	Mr Tom Parkinson
Hulland	2:30pm	Mr Peter Dawson
Kniveton	2:30pm	Sister Merle Wilde
Parwich	2:30pm	Mrs Ann Parkinson

Sunday March 15th

Ashbourne	10:30am	Mr John Dyster
	6:30pm	Praise
Brailsford	10:30am	Rev Loraine Mellor
Hulland	2:30pm	Rev Tim Morris
Parwich	10:00pm	
Tissington	10:30am	Rev Tim Morris

Sunday March 22nd

Ashbourne	10:30am	Deacon Andrew Carter
	6:30pm	Rev Mair Bradley
Brailsford	10:45am	Mr Robert Sales
Hulland	2:30pm	Mr Tim Dutton
Kirk Ireton	6:30pm	Rev Tim Morris
Kniveton	11:00pm	Rev Tim Morris
Parwich	2:30pm	Rev Tim Morris

Sunday March 29th

Ashbourne	10:30am	Rev Mark Broadhurst
	6:30pm	Rev Tim Morris
Brailsford	10:30am	Rev Tim Morris
Hulland	2:30pm	Mr Tom Parkinson

Thursday April 2nd

Ashbourne	7.30pm	Rev Tim Morris
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Friday April 3rd

Ashbourne	10.30am	Rev Tim Morris
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Lent 2

Café Style

United Service at Methodist

Lent 3

Communion

Communion

Mothering Sunday

in Century Hall

All Age, 9:15am Breakfast

United Service at Parish
Communion

Passion Sunday

Communion

Palm Sunday

Communion

Maunday Thursday

Communion

Good Friday

PTO>

Sunday April 5th

Ashbourne	8:00am	Rev Tim Morris
	9:15am	Mr Tim Dutton
	10:30am	Rev Tim Morris
	6:30pm	Mr Peter Dawson
Brailsford	10:45am	
Hulland	10:00am	Sister Merle Wilde

Easter Day

Communion
Café Style
Communion
United Service at Parish
Communion

A Reminder!

Pat Fielding's 'Green Box 36' in the February edition of *Connections* referring to the litter found almost 3 miles deep in the Atlantic Ocean, reminded me of an afternoon spent litter picking on a beach almost 79 degrees north, in the Svalbard Archipelago in July 2003.



We were on a wildlife holiday, so we were somewhat surprised initially when everyone was given a large yellow sack - and asked to clear what we could of the accumulated plastic bags and other rubbish which had been washed in. It was a memorable experience for all the wrong reasons.

Thank you Pat for reminding us to be more alert to this problem.

Margaret Hasler

From the Editor

Dear Friends,

I hope you find something of interest in this month's magazine. How about contributing a review of something you have experienced recently.?

Our April edition will be published on **Sunday 29th March** and will of course be an Easter Edition. Copy to me please **by March 18th.**

Arthur Watts

Sew where will it all lead?

It never ceases to amaze me how things come to be

My husband's work took him to South Africa so I went there with him and not knowing anyone and wanting to find a sense of belonging I found myself a church to go to. I met a lady there who said "You'd get on with my friend Sandra, she'll be here next week". The following Sunday Sandra approached me and said "Are you Jan?". We began talking and discovered that we both enjoyed sewing. To cut a long story short we had an idea.....

Already established in the church there was a sewing class teaching ladies how to sew. There was also a group set up to try to find domestic work for the ladies as well. However the domestic work was drying up and still the ladies were unemployed. Sandra and myself wondered if we could start a cottage industry using the ladies' sewing skills and sew it snowballed.

The church would give us a room and loan us the sewing machines, the material would be donated by the members of the church – some of which are interior designers who would not only give us material but would also buy accessories off us. We plan to make mats, cushions, runners bags etc. A gentleman who has already started his own business using the skills he was taught in prison, and has managed to sustain it for two years, will train the ladies and run the little enterprise. The government will pay him for this so for him it's a 'win – win' situation. We hope to oversee things and come up with ideas and template of how to make the items. The ladies will sell the items they make at the many, many craft markets as well as making items to order.

We hope to run the business as a cooperative and divide the money between the ladies according to how many hours they have worked. Sew all in all we hope that the ladies will have employment and purpose.

Sew where will it all lead? I suppose only God knows the answer to that!

Janis Thomkins (Brailsford)

Ashbourne Church Council

The Church Council meeting was held on Monday 26th January in Century Hall.

The order of the agenda has been changed in line with the Mission Action Plan and prayers were said before the business of each area of the church.

Worship - Times when people had been blessed during the services was discussed.

Youth - Blessings resulting from the youth work were discussed.

Learning and Caring - After changing the names, the Church Safeguarding Policy was approved for another year. Details of how the procedures for the “annual review of workers” and “church organised transport” are to be implemented were outlined. This was approved.

Outreach - Feedback was given on the recent day of prayer and discussion about the Family Outreach Worker. A discussion followed about amending the booking agreement for Gateway to remove the clause about alcohol. Church Council approved the proposal and a report will be sent to the District Executive.

Resources - CPL Architects are working on the Option Study for the future of the building. A report is expected in March. Because further maintenance is required, the scaffolding will remain for a while longer.

The accounts for the period ending August 2014, were presented and approved. The Trustees Annual Report was also presented and approved.

Any Other Business - A secretary to the Church Council is still needed. Details of a Rural Mission training event at Ashbourne on 28 February were given. Swanwick has been booked for the next Circuit Weekend Away which will be in September 2016, from Friday 16th to Sunday 18th. A Circuit Afternoon of Fun is being arranged for Sunday 7th June 2015 with a barbecue and evening service at the Brailsford Institute. Details for follow.

Future Meetings - Church Council on Monday 20 April at 7:30pm.
Annual Church Meeting on Monday 18th May at 7:30pm.



MISSION MATTERS



VIP
VISIT!

“Uplifting and empowering people from impoverished communities”

The new Director of Phakamisa will be visiting us in Ashbourne on Thursday 23rd April. This is the mission we support in South Africa, see <http://www.phakamisa.org> . The plan is to share lunch together in the Century Hall with the opportunity to meet Thokosani and hear what she has to say about her work.

Mrs Thokozani Khumalo Poswa wrote at Christmas that she is married to the late Poswa, is a mum of three, two girls and a boy, born from a Christian family she grew up at Ntuzuma Township. A social worker by profession she studied at the University of Natal.

'In joining Phakamisa I saw myself as a servant of God called to serve and I accepted the calling. When I introduced myself to the staff, the Caregivers and Educare students I set a theme for us all - GOD IS LOVE - and that we should all spread the love of God to one another so that Phakamisa will smell the aroma of LOVE.'

She says: *“I hope this Christmas season brought you and your family much joy and happiness. Thank you from all of us here at Phakamisa. May God keep and protect you and your families till we meet in 2015, when I visit England.”*

Phakamisa is a Zulu word pronounced pa-ga-mee-sa and means to uplift. The organisation “responds to the needs of adults and children from poor communities and those who are living with HIV/AIDS through our uplifting and economically empowering programmes.”

“We are a hardworking, committed, flexible people, devoted to being a sign of the Kingdom of God in a broken world.” They do this by:

- Offering basic, practical training courses for people from disadvantaged backgrounds and teaching: 0-3 year old children through our Childminders Course. 4-6 year olds through our Educare Course.
- Providing support, training and resources for mainly elderly women who care for and support children who are orphaned and vulnerable through HIV/AIDS.
- Employing 3 ‘Wandering Teachers’ who provide a free education to children living in informal settlements.
- Our confidential HIV/AIDS support group meets twice a month to celebrate life, living it positively. We promote a healthy lifestyle with education on HIV matters, counselling, social interaction and life skills.
- Women, with skills learnt at PHAKAMISA, are able to utilize them to make incomes, mainly from within their communities. Some women use their sewing skills to provide soft furnishings and clothing; others use cooking and beadwork to earn an income, whilst some sell surplus crops from their gardens if they've not first been turned into pickles or chutneys .“We have come to that time of the year when we say



New director (Jan 2014), Thokozani celebrating with Glenda who founded and led the project until Dec 2013.

farewell to 2014. This is the time where we look back at the work and wonders of God through this far. We are saying “EBENEZERI - THUS FAR THE LORD HAS BEEN WITH US”. We have seen joy and much growth within *Phakamisa* community. We would like to forward our sincere gratitude to all the people who have supported us through prayers and funding or donations they really make our work worthwhile.”

Richard Odell and Anne Wills

Ashbourne Church Family News

We pray for those recently bereaved including Janet Haslam, David Bale and Tom Parkinson and their families and friends.

We continue to pray for Tim's parents as his father remains very unwell and for Tim, Alison, Samuel and Jacob. We pray for those who remain unwell, for those recovering from surgery and those who care for them including Margaret and Don Cox, Ena and Trevor Staniforth, John Perkins, David Bale, Brenda Hallam, Maureen and Mike Gilbert, Sheila and Arthur Cook, Joan Constable and Eric Matthews.

Others are undergoing tests, or waiting for tests, or waiting for appointments with consultants or on a waiting list for an operation. This can be a very worrying and difficult time. We pray too for others who are in a period of great difficulty for whatever reason, who prefer not to be named, including those with concerns over health issues, concerns for members of their family, those unhappy in their work or looking for work and those with mental health difficulties. Some have had changes of circumstances which they would not have chosen. Some have a great deal of pain in their lives, often unseen by others. Some find their difficulties cause their faith to be severely tested.

We continue to pray for Stephen, son of Jonathan and Isabel Hill, our mission partners in Zimbabwe, who is studying at Derby.

If anyone would like prayer, there are people who pray regularly, normally on a Thursday at 1pm in the Vestry. Anyone is welcome to attend. Please contact Liz Mawdsley (344420) or Margaret Sharples (310072) if you want to know more. After worship on a Sunday, there are people available to pray with you or for you. Look for someone with a yellow badge or ask a steward.

As you are probably aware we have many job vacancies including church council secretary, crèche co-ordinator, Powersource staff, and Leadership steward. All these roles urgently need filling. Please prayerfully consider whether you could fill any one of these and if not, pray that others will come forward.

Elizabeth Spencer is part of the Chaplaincy Team at the Royal Derby Hospital as a Chaplaincy Visitor. She is also a Hospital Visitor at St Oswald's Hospital in Ashbourne. Could anyone who knows of people who are in hospital, or due to be, please let her know, if you would like prayers or for her to visit (348482).

Do let me know if there are things you would like included in the future that I may have overlooked or been unaware of.

“Through Jesus, therefore, let us continually offer to God a sacrifice of praise – the fruit of lips that openly profess his name. And do not forget to do good and to share with others, for with such sacrifices God is pleased”. *Hebrews Ch 13, vs 15 and 16 (NIV)*

Daphne Dyster, Pastoral Secretary 9.2.15



ASHBOURNE CHURCHES TOGETHER PATNA PARTNERSHIP

We are expecting visitors from Patna in June. The aim of the visit is for our visitors to experience Church life in the Ashbourne area by joining in with the normal activities of the Churches as well as some special ones. There will be a United Service of Thanksgiving in St. Oswald's Church at 6.30 pm on Sunday, 14 June, preceded by a Faith Tea in St. Oswald's Church Hall. This service will mark the beginning of the visit which will last for 2 weeks. We hope that our visitors will have opportunities to spend time with many people from our Churches.

We do need your help!!

- 1.** Please pray that our visitors obtain visas. It will be especially difficult as all the visitors are clergy from the Church of North India.
- 2.** We need hosts to provide bed and breakfast with an occasional other meal. The plan is for each visitor to spend time with a family in a village and a week in Ashbourne. So we shall need 8 hosts.

3. We need people who are willing to provide transport from time to time during the visit.
4. We need people to provide meals.
5. We need to know about your church activities in the period 14 – 28 June.

We hope that the visit will be a time when we can exchange ideas, encourage each other and worship and pray together.

The people organising the visit are

Jane Methuen – St. Michael and All Angels' Church Kniveton

Anna and Martyn Davis – Christ Church, Hulland

Sheena Bryden – St. John the Baptist Church, Mayfield

Deidre O’Ryan – All Saints’ Catholic Church, Ashbourne

Arthur Watts – Ashbourne Methodist Church

Clare Sales – Ashbourne Methodist Church

John and Elizabeth Hurfurt – Ashbourne Methodist Church

Any of the group will be willing to talk to you about the visit.

Mothering Sunday – and Mother Church

The Fourth Sunday in Lent was called ‘Mid-Lent’ or ‘Refreshment Sunday’, when the rigors of Lent were relaxed more than was normal for a feast day. It is called Mothering Sunday as a reference to the Epistle reading for the Day (Galatians 4:21-31). The Lenten Epistles follow from each other with teaching about our life as Christians and how we are to follow Christ. On Midlent Sunday the Epistle talks of bondage and freedom; the bondage of the Law and the Old covenant as compared to the freedom in Christ, "the promised one", and the New Covenant. Verse 26 reads *"But Jerusalem which is above is free, which is the mother of us all."* We gain our freedom from Christ and, as it was seen before the Reformation, the Church.

Thus Mothering Sunday is about the freedom that we gain through the promise of Jesus Christ delivered through our Mother the Church. People were encouraged to go to their ‘Mother Church’ (their home

church or their home Cathedral) to worship and give thanks. Hence apprentices, and others, went home for the weekend and often brought gifts (or accumulated pay) home to their family.

On the other hand, Mother's Day is a secular festival invented in 1904 and is celebrated on the 2nd Sunday in May in most countries in the world. The British Isles seem to be the exception. In recent years Mothering Sunday has been hijacked to take the place of a special, secular day to give thanks for our mothers.



ASHBOURNE CHURCHES TOGETHER

One World Group

**You are warmly invited to the launch of an exciting new project
Live music, wine & nibbles, with guest speakers the Bishop of Derby,
the Rt Revd Alastair Redfern and Joel Payne, of Christian Aid
7.30pm Friday 13th March 2015 at Ashbourne Town Hall**

The ACT One World Group is supporting the Christian Aid Burkina Faso Project by raising £5,000 over the next two years to help Christian Aid improve resilience and food security for poor communities in Northern Burkina Faso.

The European Union will match funding this project 1:5, so that our £5,000 will become a staggering £30,000 to support some of the poorest communities in Burkina Faso.

Focusing on the poorest and most vulnerable in 45 villages, the project's ambitions are rooted in the needs of the community. Christian Aid's partners are local men and women who understand first-hand the experiences, uncertainties and challenges that families face in Burkina Faso.

Over the years, the ACT One World Group has raised around £50,000 for Christian Aid.



Finding yourself in mental illness

People suffering from mental illness can easily lose track of themselves in their diagnosis. Healthcare treatment inevitably focuses largely upon a patient's diagnosis and the symptoms from which they are suffering, but what is happening to them as a person? It is vital, even during a psychotic episode, when a patient is losing contact with reality, that they are helped to hold on to a consciousness of who they are, as a person. And that, sometimes, is where a chaplain comes in.

One night, on an NHS mental health ward, a patient who was suffering a psychotic episode asked, in the midst of her terror, for the chaplain to be paged. When the chaplain arrived he found the young woman, whom he knew well, in an agitated state. He addressed her by her name and sat with her, holding her hand, speaking softly, praying silently. After some minutes the young woman began to calm down and became more herself. She was able to go back to sleep.

As the chaplain passed by the nursing station, the charge nurse asked him: "I'm really puzzled," she said. "How can you be a pastor to someone who is psychotic?" He answered, "I was not speaking to the psychosis. I was speaking to that little bit of herself of which she was still conscious, the bit that was afraid, the bit that had asked me to come."

Another young woman, who suffered similarly on the same ward, shared in a spiritual support group, how she was able to hang on to a thread of reality in the midst of her psychosis. "There was one nurse who helped me," she said. "Whenever she came to my room she always addressed me by my name. My name was the one reality of which I was still conscious. Just the constant mention of my name helped me to hang on to myself through all the terror of my experience, until I came out on the other side."

In her experience those young women were plumbing the depth of meaning in the words of the prophet Isaiah (43:1): *"But now thus says the Lord, he who created you....Fear not, for I have redeemed you. I have called you by name, you are mine."* (ESV)

The Methodist Church is holding its first ever Conference on mental

Health here in Derbyshire , **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS** is a conference providing support and training for people in the church wishing to learn about mental health issues and support those affected.

Taking place over the weekend **5th—7th June** at Cliff College. **MENTAL HEALTH MATTERS** will seek to provide essential tools to help make the church a more welcoming and understanding place for those facing such issues.

For further information about the conference please contact Claire Rakich (Email: rakichc@methodistchurch.org.uk) or follow the Link - <http://www.methodist.org.uk/ministers-and-office-holders/pastoral-care/mental-health>



Methodist Women in Britain

District Day - Thursday 12 March

Our next District Day will be at Bridge Street Methodist Church, Mansfield. Coffee is served from 10.30 am and business commences at 11 am. (Registration £2.00). There will be break for lunch at approximately 12.30 pm - packed lunch required.

The afternoon commences at 2 pm when the speaker will be the Rev Piers Lane of Cliff College. I am sure he will be very good. Why not give it a try?

Supper Evening - Wednesday 25 March

Our next Supper Evening will be at **Brailsford**, commencing at 7.30 pm. The menu is soup and a sweet. Our after-dinner speaker will be Mr Geoff Cole. He is an Ashbourne town guide and local historian. I am sure we shall get a very interesting talk from him. Tickets will be £5.00 and are strictly limited. If you want to come, please get your name on Alma's list asap!

Editor: The Ven. John Barton considers a major new book on British society, edited by the Archbishop of York.

Foundations

“The most important book to come out of the Church of England in 75 years,” said Sir Peter Bottomley MP, at the recent publication of ***‘On Rock or Sand? Firm Foundations for Britain’s Future’***. * The book is a collection of essays, edited by the Archbishop of York, Dr John Sentamu, which invite us to examine our society to see if it is as healthy and hopeful as we would want. The former Chief Rabbi, Lord Sacks, says it is a “fine work... which will lift our sights as a nation”.

If you know anyone who had to have their home underpinned, you will remember what an expensive shock it was for them. Major cracks had appeared in their walls, because the ground underneath had given way. Liquid concrete had to be funnelled under the floor to strengthen the original foundations. Had they been built strongly enough in the first place to withstand changing conditions, the remedial work would not have been necessary. If this sounds familiar, you read it first as Christ’s parable of the house built on the rock, versus the one with sand as a foundation, in Matthew, Chapter 7 etc!

Every society has its unseen building blocks. We tend to assume they are safe and do not examine them because we are preoccupied with what is going on in our own lives and homes. Until there’s a crisis. The financial catastrophe of 2008 saw some financial institutions crash; banks across the world wobbled and, as Archbishop Welby points out in his contribution to this new book, the subsequent recovery in the UK has been patchy. The output of ten of the 12 regions that make up the UK is below the national average, with only London and the South East above it.

Dr Andrew Sentance, a former member of the Monetary Policy Committee of the Bank of England, writes that Christian values can shape our approach to managing the economy and operating within it. He highlights the biblical call to share prosperity, particularly with those in need. Lord Adonis points to needs within the educational system and Dr James Woodward, a Canon of Windsor, in a chapter about Ageing, calls for a national change of attitude.

Other distinguished contributors write about the value of work and the worker, the changing face of poverty and Christian approach to health. In a sentence, this book says our need now is not just for greater material stability, but to increase our concern for other people until it matches that we have for ourselves. Now where have we heard that before?

*Published by SPCK; £9.99.



METHODIST HOMES. It's that time of year again where I would like to have your boxes and / or donations for MHA, before the end of the financial year.

At least by the week end of **21st 22nd March** so I can get donations to MHA by the end of March, thank you.

If you have trouble getting it to me please give me a call and I will be happy to collect it from you. Tom Parkinson.' 324918



JMA (Junior Mission for All)

JMA lunch in The Cornerstone.

Sunday 8th March. 12-2pm.

All JMA members and friends invited.

Please let Ruth know if you can

ruth@mallards.me.uk 01335 348342

attend. Thank you.

Women's World Day of Prayer. 6th March 2015.

2 pm Mayfield Church.

7.30 pm Methodist Church, Ashbourne. (*correction of last month's notice*)

Service prepared by Christian women in the Bahamas. Theme 'Jesus said to them: Do you know what I have done to you?' If you require transport to Mayfield please contact Betty Hadley, 300699.

THANK YOU!

Sheila Cook and Chris Dakin would like to thank everyone who has given them sheets for our Malawi appeal. We have sent a lot of the sheets as they are, all in very good condition. The others have been made into cot sheets for the babies. Sheila alone has made over 100 cot sheets!

Also thank you to everyone who has been busy knitting.

Everything has now gone over to Mr Graham Smith who is busy packing all goods ready for the container which goes out to Malawi in March.

Tuesday Fellowship

If you, or anyone you know, has a hearing problem you may find the meeting on 3rd March (2.15 pm Century Hall) helpful. Simon Keeling from CamTad will tell us how we can be helped.

In order that the ladies could take part in the Shrovetide game (if only!), we cancelled our planned meeting of 17 February. This was to have been a 'crafts and other hobbies' display. This has now been re-arranged for 17th March at 2.15 pm in the Century Hall. If you have a particular hobby, or a craft to display we would be delighted for you to take part.

Enquiries to Betty Hadley 01335 300699. Transport requests to Brenda Micklethwaite 347799.

**DERBYSHIRE CONSTABULARY MALE VOICE CHOIR
IN
CONCERT**

**At Ashbourne Methodist Church
Saturday, 11th April. 7 for 7.45pm**

Tickets: £7 (seniors, £6 and children £4).

Pre-concert light refreshments included.

Contact: Rosemary Spencer 01335 330240 (please use answer phone) or Natural Choice, Ashbourne 01335 346096, or on the door.

PROCEEDS IN AID OF ST JOHN'S CHURCH ALKMONTON

How to plant your Garden of Life

THREE ROWS OF PEAS:

1. Peas (peace) of mind
2. Peas of heart
3. Peas of soul

FOUR ROWS OF SQUASH:

1. Squash gossip
2. Squash indifference
3. Squash grumbling
4. Squash selfishness

FOUR ROWS OF LETTUCE:

1. Lettuce be faithful
2. Lettuce be kind
3. Lettuce be patient
4. Lettuce really love one another

THREE ROWS OF TURNIPS:

1. Turnips for meetings
2. Turnip for services
3. Turnip to help one another

THREE ROWS OF THYME:

1. Thyme for each other
2. Thyme for family
3. Thyme for friends

Water freely with patience and cultivate with love because you always reap what you sow!

*Anon - Contributed by Ruth Mallard.
From "This England" magazine*

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Some people think reconciliation is a soft option, that it means papering over the cracks. But the biblical meaning means looking facts in the face, and it can be very costly; it cost God the death of his own son.

Archbishop Desmond



SMILE LINES

ST. PATRICK'S DAY GROANERS

Q: Why do people wear shamrocks on St. Patrick's Day?

A: Regular rocks are too heavy.

Q: Why can't you borrow money from a leprechaun?

A: Because they're always a little short.

Q: How can you tell if an Irishman is having a good time?

A: He's Dublin over with laughter!

Hard to find

Minister's wife: I'd like to open a joint account.

Bank staff: With your husband?

Minister's wife: Heavens, no. With someone who has some money!

Expensive boat

A vicar was planning an Easter pilgrimage to the Holy Land, and was aghast when he found it would cost him £50 an hour to rent a boat on the Sea of Galilee. He protested to the travel agent that the cost was ridiculous. "That might be true," replied the travel agent, "but you have to take into account that the Sea of Galilee is water on which our Lord himself walked."

"Well, at £50 an hour for a boat, I am not surprised!"

Seasick

It was discovered on a cruise that a clergyman was a bad sailor. Another passenger, a judge, found him leaning over the rail of a ship as it swayed to the heavy roll of the sea. "Can I do anything for you?" asked the judge, with sympathy.

"Yes," pleaded the clergyman. "Overrule the motion."

ASHBOURNE CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sun	6:30pm	Mustard (Youth Fellowship)
Mon	10:00am	Homegroup: weekly <i>Contact - David Heaton (343418)</i>
	2.00pm	Craft and Chat in The Cornerstone <i>Contact - Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	7:30pm	Homegroup: weekly <i>Contact - Helen Walker (343910)</i>
Tues	9.00am	kids@cornerstone <i>Contact - Clare Sales (342321)</i>
	10:00am	Homegroup: weekly <i>Contact - John & Elizabeth Hurfurt (342859)</i>
	12:30pm	Luncheon Club: last Tuesday in month, Century Hall
	2:15pm	Tuesday Fellowship - Century Hall <i>Contact - Betty Hadley (300699)</i>
Wed	9:30am	Walk and Talk Group: 1st, 3rd & 5th Wednesday Amble & Ramble (easier walking): 2nd & 4th Weds <i>Contacts - Chris and John Dakin (345280)</i>
	7:30pm	Homegroup: fortnightly <i>Contact - Ken and Margaret Sharples (310072)</i>
Thurs	7:30pm	Homegroup: fortnightly - 1st and 3rd Thursdays <i>Contact - Jeff Ffoulkes (300443)</i>
Thurs, Fri, Sat	10:00am	The Cornerstone Coffee Shop <i>Contact - Pat Fielding (345695)</i>

BRAILSFORD CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Sun	9:15am	Breakfast: monthly, 3rd Sunday
Tues	9:30am	Coffee Shop: weekly
Wed	12:30pm	Luncheon Club: monthly, 2nd Wednesday

HULLAND CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wed	7:30pm	Bible Study: monthly, 3rd Wednesday
Thurs	2:15pm	Women's Fellowship: monthly, 1st Thursday

KIRK IRETON CHURCH ACTIVITIES

Wed	7:30pm	Fellowship: monthly, 3rd Wednesday
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