

**Vacancy – an update from St Wilfrid’s:** Following a recent meeting between Benefice PCC’s and Archdeacon Malcolm Trick, we feel rather disappointed at the way the situation is being treated by the Diocese. The Bishop has decided to discontinue advertising pending a potential reorganisation of the Benefice. This might create a unified Benefice with a single PCC. Beyond that we are to consider a wider Benefice with other local Parishes. Note that the Archdeacon’s response contained several inaccuracies. We will work with partner churches to seek clarification from the Diocese of their thoughts on the future of ministry in this area. We will definitely not agree to closure of this PCC as its continuation provides safeguards for the future of the church. We will continue to press for the vacancy to be filled. A copy of the Archdeacon’s letter can be seen in the church and PCC members will be glad to give further information.

Alan Cooper, Churchwarden

**Job Advert:** St Wilfrid’s PCC is looking for a cleaner to work 2 to 3 hours per month (to be negotiated) on a flexible work pattern. Pay to be agreed. For further information and application forms please contact Vivienne Kilbourne mobile 07973 207001. Closing date: Thursday 21 March 2024.

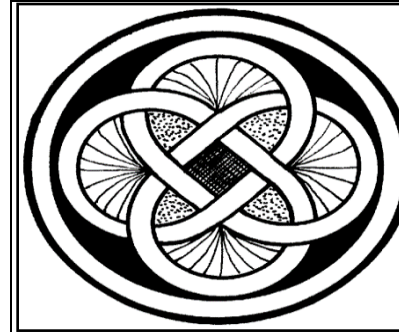
**Arts & Crafts Sale at Ilkeston Methodist Church** on Friday 5th April, 10am till 1pm.

**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March ~ 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**

9.30am	Morning Worship	UCAS, Stanley Common
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Wilfrid’s, W Hallam

**Sunday 24<sup>th</sup> March ~ Palm Sunday**

9.30am	Holy Communion	Holy Trinity, Mapperley
11.00am	Holy Communion	St Andrew’s, Stanley



St Wilfrid, West Hallam ~ Holy Trinity, Mapperley  
St Andrew, Stanley ~ United Church, Stanley Common

**THE NEWSLETTER**  
**Sunday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2024**  
**5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Lent**  
**Welcome to Worship**

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**Verse for March: John 11:25,26 NIV**

‘Jesus said to Martha:

“I am the resurrection and the life.

He who believes in me will live, even though he dies.

And whoever lives and believes in me will never die.

Do you believe this?’”

**Please also include in your prayers:**

Mary Beedell, Mike Semken, Kevin Massey, Bob Prew,  
Val Smith, George Futers, Galina Hartshorn, Johanna, John Yates,  
and the family and friends of Robert Fairfield RIP.

**THIS WEEK**

**Mon 18<sup>th</sup>** 9.30am Holy Trinity, Mapperley, open for private prayer  
**Tues 19<sup>th</sup>** 2.30pm PCC meeting at St Wilfrid’s, West Hallam  
7.00pm Bellringers meet in St Wilfrid’s, West Hallam  
7.00pm Church Council meeting at UCAS, Stanley Common  
**Thurs 21<sup>st</sup>** 10.30am Benefice Coffee Morning, W Hallam Village Hall  
2.00pm Scargill Foundation Trustees meet at St Wilfrid’s  
**Fri 22<sup>nd</sup>** 2.00pm Well Dressing meeting at St Wilfrid’s  
**Sat 23<sup>rd</sup>** 2.00pm Easter Fayre at UCAS

**NOTICES**

**APCM at Holy Trinity** in church, Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> April at 7pm.

*Sue Hack is working Mondays from home & on Wednesdays from Mapperley Church.*

***Please submit Newsletter items by midday on Wednesday.***

*If you want to visit the office, please ring as the outer door is locked.*

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