

PARISH NEWS May '26

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A different and emotional time as both churches mark Paul's retirement.

Paul held his last service at St John's on 19th April where after the well attended service he helped plant a tree , donated by the churchyard group, marking his long ministry at St John's.

Friday 24th Paul and his family were guests of honour at his retirement party held at Newbold Village hall, The church provided a buffet and thanks to the VERY many generous donations, posies and gift vouchers were presented to his girls for their contribution to life in a busy, working vicarage. Ellen received an additional gift, of a locally wood turned bowl for all her work on the live streaming and as administrator of the Facebook page. Jayne was presented with a potted rose, called Jane which we hope will enhance their new garden and a bouquet, whilst Paul received a book and a cheque (the final amount not known at time of writing as donations are still being received) Many individual gifts were also presented.

Sunday 26th was Paul's last service at St Botolph's where after the service the large congregation, saw him presented with a 'memory book' containing photos and press cuttings gathered from his 37 years as Vicar.

As the Parish now moves into interregnum please support our Church wardens Barbara Sear and Rob Banks , as the Bishops representatives in the parish, they have the unenviable task of arranging visiting clergy, and lay ministers to lead our services.

Due to an administrative issue Sara is unable to take a service at the present time.

The PCC had a meeting with the Archdeacon Tim Cockell and acting Area Dean Philip Morton, who will support the parish, but confirmed that no decision has yet been made by the diocese as to the future of both churches. This is not helped that within the Rugby Deanery 5 clergy have retired in April. We pray that a suitable solution is found to keep both churches active and functioning for the benefit of all the parishioners.

Service times may change and also the type of service so as much information as we can will be posted on the church notice boards and on the website.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY

MONDAY 11 MAY THE ANNUAL PAROCHIAL CHURCH COUNCIL MEETING at St Botolphs at 7-30pm Everyone is welcome but only those persons on the church electoral role are able to vote.

There are vacancies on the PCC if you are in any way interested. There are usually about 8-9 meetings a year either in St Botolph's or when its cold in St John's .

Speak to The church warden. or Julie , Barbara T, Barbara L , Chris or Mike

KNIT and NATTER continues at St John's on the 1st Wednesday of each month

CRAFT and CHAT is held at St Botolphs on the 3rd Tuesday of each month

BIBLE STUDIES

The Lent group followed guided reading and discussion using Lent and Easter for Everyone by Tom Wright. There will be a further opportunity for study for about 6 weeks around Advent. Please speak to Barbara Thomas for more information