



The Lion and The Dragon



A Monthly News Sheet for St. Mark's, Basford and St Margaret's, Wolstanton

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New life!

Beloved,

To my irritation, the self-service machine in Sainsburys was flashing red, and the attendant came over. I was frustrated with what I may have not scanned properly, but then I was most impressed that she wanted to check my Identification, and rather ecstatic that people still think I look in my early 20's! Perhaps it is my shorter hair style that everyone I meet seems to comment on – oh, that people would speak as much about my preaching or liturgy!

I can't say I feel that young and certainly by Easter morning I know I shall feel drained and ready to collapse after the rigours of Holy Week.

However, New life will have dawned upon us, Creation will speak of the ageless One in time's embrace, A second Adam walks the earth and reigns, And once again we shall see God's plan unveiled, He will renew the earth and sky, His blameless life breaks the curse, His death sets us free, So that we can live with Him eternally.

I look forward to waving palms with you, washing your feet, praying with you in Gethsemane, gazing at the cross, weeping amongst you, and when New Life arrives, shouting "A.....(well you know the rest!)"

May you know the blessings of the Risen Christ, this Easter, And as heaven sings, May your reply of "Alleluia!" forever, be your song...

In Christ.

Your Shepherd. Fr Tommy

A letter from Andy Lewis

"Hello all, I'm the badly dressed bloke who waddles up for communion every week with my stick - although some of you may remember when I was a badly dressed bloke who ran up for communion every week without a stick..

The difference in pre and post stick bloke is of course a life-threatening bit of fun and games involving a bike, a Toyota, some bouncing around on a dual carriageway, a few moments of crisis, some blood and a lot of medical genius. Bluntly I am very lucky to still be about and you are all very lucky to have me ...

I made that up, I am incredibly lucky to be part of St Marks' community, you have all been so kind, so warm and so supportive and I have felt the power of your prayers. My faith has been immeasurably strengthened by my experiences and my dress sense never mentioned. The Lord moves in mysterious ways his wonders to perform, but wonders

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they are and being part of this fellowship is a wonder. I give thanks to God for the gift that is life and for the joy that is Sunday at 9:30am (or 9:42am for one or two of you..)

One day soon I hope to be a bit less waddle and a bit more joggy and can and will do some more of my bonkers fitness challenges to raise money and awareness for my beloved mums' favourite charity. Trust me, I'll be keen on your support then.

All my love and thanks to you and God Bless Andy

Worship Services during April at St Mark's

2 nd	Tuesday	12.00pm	Holy Communion
3 rd	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
4 th	Thursday	7.00pm	Holy Communion
5 th	Friday	10.00am	Holy Communion
6 th	Saturday	10.00am	Holy Communion
7 th	2nd of Easter	9.30am	Holy Communion
10 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
14 th	3rd of Easter	9.30am	Holy Communion
15 th	Monday	6.30pm	Holy Communion
17 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
21 st	4th of Easter	9.30am	Family worship + HC
24 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion
28 th	5th of Easter	9.30am	Holy Communion

Lent Appeal Thanks

Thank you to everyone for your generous donations for 'Open Door' during this year's Lent appeal. You really do make a difference to the work they do. The appeal will continue for food and cleaning products, as these are always needed.

Easter flowers

Thank you also for those who generously gave towards this year's Easter Flowers.

Diary Dates for April

13 th	Saturday	11.00am	Tabletop sale (in church)
15 th	Monday	7.00pm	APCM
22 nd	Monday	7.00pm	Baptism Prep

Early May Dates

21 st	Tuesday	7.00pm	PCC meeting
28 th	Tuesday	10.00am	Ministry team meeting

The Easter Octave will be kept at Basford (The Great 8 Days) :

Bank Holiday Monday 1st April – No Service,
 Tuesday 2nd April – 12noon
 Wednesday 3rd April – 10:30am
 Thursday 4th April – 7.00pm
 Friday 5th April – 10.00am
 Saturday 6th April – 10.00am



Tabletop Sale:

A tabletop sale will take place in church on **13th April 10.00am – 2.00pm**. Tables are available at £8/table. To book a table or further information please speak to Sue Morley.

House Group:

Janet and Heather will be running a house group for 6 sessions starting on **10th April**. Its topic will be on restorative justice. For more information, please speak to Janet or Heather.

Worship Services during April at St Margaret's Church

7 th	2 nd of Easter	11.15am	Mass
14 th	2 nd of Easter	11.15am	Mass
		1.00pm	Baptism
21 st	2 nd of Easter	11.15am	Morning Prayer
28 th	2 nd of Easter	11.15am	Mass