



# The Lion

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

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**June 2026**



Greetings to my brothers and sisters in the Lord.

How time flies! Yesterday was Pentecost and next Sunday we enter Trinity!

Our parish and the parish of St Margarets have now been in vacancy for over a year so how have we at St Marks survived this year? On Saturday morning members of our PCC and St Margarets Church PCC were invited to meet with Archdeacon Megan and The Rev'd Prebendary Terry Bloor to consider the way forward and to help us as we consider the writing of a parish profile e.g. we looked at our strengths and weaknesses etc and how we should address them!

This year has been a year of change but having said that it has also been a year in which the faithfulness of many people has kept our parish steady and hopeful. There has been growth in many ways, and we offer our grateful thanks to all those who have helped not only to keep the church afloat but also to increase it in other ways too.

St Paul writes in his letter to the Corinthians about the many parts of the body needed to make up the whole. Think of our parish as a living body. We are a parish which has come through a year of change with faithfulness and grace. We are a parish where people have stepped forward graciously so that things have continued without interruption. We have discovered that our parish does not depend on any one person but on the shared work of many and on the Spirit who holds us all together.

At the moment we are a parish waiting in hope. Please continue to hold the appointment of a new incumbent in your prayers and also pray for those who hold office in our church for strength and grace of the Holy Spirit to be with them. Pray also for those who will be involved in the appointment of a new priest.

Here is a prayer you may find useful. (PTO)

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Heavenly Father

Thank you that we are held together as a community in your love.

May we be ready to share the good news with those around us

Strengthen us as we patiently wait as a parish remembering that your son is the good shepherd who will guide us along our future path.

May we gently encourage one another be quick to listen and humbly reach out to support those in need with everlasting love. We trust in you alone to provide in this new season. In Jesus name we pray. Amen.

For those who will be going on holiday this next month, have a safe journey and a happy time and come back to us refreshed.

*With love and blessings,*

*Revd. Pat xx*

#### Worship Services during June

3rd	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
7th	1st after Trinity	10.00am	Service of the Word
10th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
14th	2nd after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion
17th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
21st	3rd after Trinity	10.00am	All Age Worship
24th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
28th	4th after Trinity	10.00am	Holy Communion

#### Diary Dates for June

3rd	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
10th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
16th	Tuesday	TBC	Ministry Meeting
17th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
24th	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
28th	Sunday	12:30pm	Wedding

#### Early July Dates

1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group
8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	7:15pm	House group

#### House Group:

The House group reconvenes on **Wednesday 3<sup>rd</sup> June and throughout June at 7:15pm**. Where we will be looking at the Acts of the Apostles. For more information, please speak to Janet.

#### Garden Fundraiser:

On **14th June from 2-5pm** Diane will be holding a fundraiser event at 1 May Avenue ST5 ONU with various stalls for a local man Paul Johnson with stage 4 Cancer who needs to access treatment in Germany. For more information speak to Diane.

#### Gardening Team:

St Mark's church is so blessed with our award-winning gardens thanks to our amazing gardening team, and once again it's that time of the year when the gardening team need your help by requesting donations for the purchase of Summer Bedding plants, to enhance the Church gardens. Please speak to Pat and Ken regarding any donations