



The Lion and The Dragon

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

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The Vicar is 10 Year's Old! And there's nothing ordinary about it!

For all our days pass away under your wrath; our years come to an end like a sigh. The days of our life are seventy years, or perhaps eighty, if we are strong; even then their span is only toil and trouble; they are soon gone, and we fly away. Who considers the power of your anger? Your wrath is as great as the fear that is due to you. So teach us to count our days that we may gain a wise heart. (Psalm 90:9-12)

Beloved,

People often make the comment that the King has 2 birthdays! But I think the clergy have the edge on that...

I certainly feel I have an advantage because as an ordained priest, I not only have the date I was 'created' into becoming a Deacon, but also the second ordination date of becoming a Priest. We also have our name-day which for me could be July the 3rd to be shared with St Thomas (although I am firmly not Thomas, but Tommy), and as I also took a new name when I was ordained, I also celebrate on March the 8th alongside dear Saint Felix (not the Cat!)

I think 5 "birthdays" is enough though!

On Friday 21st June I will be a 10-year-old Priest and I will celebrate the Holy Mysteries in Saint Mark's Basford at 7pm – I would love it if you could all be there with me for my priestly decade – I can only be a priest at the altar, when you are there also... We have a good guest preacher coming along and there will be food and DRINK to follow.

We are now in Ordinary Time – so we are back to green, we don't really have any major feasts for the next 4-5 months. Except for splattering of Holy Saints (that's why I have such a passion and devotion to them I suppose).

But what's ordinary about it? Each Sunday we proclaim the Easter Message of Resurrection, Alleluia! Each day we must worship the Lord in the beauty of holiness.

And each moment we must be ready to hear Him when he calls us and we must be awake and dressed for action, for when the Lord comes – well: 'a thief in the night'!

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We continue to pray for vocations to the Sacred Ministries and the Religious Life, And I look forward to celebrating with you all.

*Blessings, In Christ,
Your Shepherd, Fr Tommy*

Worship Services during June at St Mark's

2 nd	1 st after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
5 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
9 th	2 nd after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
12 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
16 th	3 rd after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
19 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
21 st	Friday	7:00pm	Votive Mass for the Holy Spirit
23 rd	4 th after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion
26 th	Wednesday	10.30am	Holy Communion (BCP)
30 th	5 th after Trinity	9.30am	Holy Communion

House Group:

Janet and Heather begin a new house group on 12th June. Its topic is on 'The Beatitudes'. For more information, please speak to Janet or Heather.

Coffee morning:

We will be holding a coffee morning in church on **Saturday 8th June** why not come and join us for coffee, cake and a chat from 10.30am.

Tabletop Sale:

The church queen will be holding another tabletop sale in the church hall on **29th June 11.00am – 2.00pm**. A few tables are still available at £8/table. To book a table or further information please speak to Sue Morley.

Diary Dates for June

2 nd	Sunday	2.30pm	Open house
8 th	Saturday	10.30am	Coffee Morning
12 th	Wednesday	TBC	House Group
24 th	Monday	7:00pm	Baptism Prep
25 th	Tuesday	7.30pm	Archdeacons Visitation
29 th	Saturday	11.00am	Tabletop sale

Early July Dates

13 th	Saturday	7.30pm	NHS Choir
20 th	Saturday	1.00pm	Queens Bingo and Buffet



Open House:

Diane, on behalf of the church queen will be holding a 'Open house' afternoon on **2nd June from 2.30-4.30pm**. At no1 May Avenue, with games/ tombola/ raffle/ cake stall. All proceeds going towards the St

Mark's church queen Sarah's funds. In preparation for this if you can donate cakes on the day please speak to Diane.

Archdeacons Visitation:

The visitation this year will take place on **25th June** at St Stephens church, Bentilee, **6.45pm for a 7.30pm start**. During which our wardens Diane and Nick for St Mark's church will be sworn in for the year ahead.

Worship Services during June at St Margaret's Church

2 nd	1 st after Trinity	11.15am	Mass
9 th	2 nd after Trinity	11.15am	Mass
16 th	3 rd after Trinity	11.15am	Mass
23 rd	4 th after Trinity	11.15am	Mass
30 th	5 th after Trinity	11.15am	Mass