

ST. JOHNS CHURCH DONISTHORPE

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JULY & AUGUST 2018



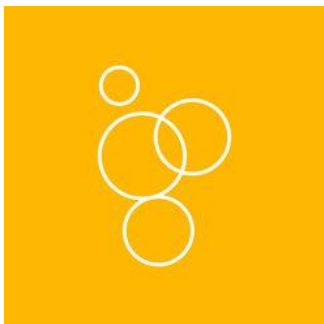
CAMPAIGN AGAINST MODERN SLAVERY

Dear Friends,

Having had a number of cars scratched by mechanical car washes over the years, I was one of the people who welcomed the arrival of the hand car wash teams. Instead of sitting in the car hearing various clunks and clangs and the occasional screeching as somebody else's aerial was dragged over my roof, I was able to sit while a team of up to six people would descend on the car, giving it a wet wash, a soapy wash, a wheel clean and a final polish.

It never occurred to me I might be colluding in modern day slavery as I paid my £5 and drove away in a gleaming car. But it now appears that car wash teams can easily be at risk and could be the victims of modern slavery. They could be people who are being cruelly exploited.

It is an example of modern slavery being perpetrated in communities in plain sight. But what do we do if we suspect that the team of people descending on our cars are in fact being paid very little and have forcibly become completely subject to another person's control?



Safe Car Wash

Help is at hand... in the form of an App. For the technically minded the new Safe Car Wash App, launched by the Church of England's campaign against modern slavery and the Catholic church's anti-slavery project has now been launched which can be downloaded for free on to Apple and Android devices.

Users can open the app when they are at the car wash and pinpoint their exact location using GPS.

They will be taken through a series of indicators of modern slavery ranging from practical details such as whether the workers have suitable protective clothing and whether they appear withdrawn.

According to the answers, App users may be directed to the Modern Slavery Helpline. Data will be anonymised and shared with the National Crime Agency and the Gangmaster and Labour Abuse Authority.

The Archbishop of Canterbury, Justin Welby welcomes the App saying through the safe car wash app we now have a chance to help tackle this scourge which is damaging people's lives. It is hoped the App will help to engage the public in identifying car washes where slavery is suspected and will also help law enforcement identify those people who may be at risk as well as those criminals exploiting the vulnerable. I am sure none of us want to collude in modern slavery, so the Safe Car Wash App will be a useful tool in tackling human exploitation.

Meanwhile I hope you still see my car nice and gleaming as we get the all clear for our local car wash teams.....my days of using a bucket and sponge are long past!

Edwina Wallace

DATES FOR THE DIARY JULY & AUGUST

UNITED SERVICE ON SUNDAY JULY 29TH AT 10.30 am

It is the tradition in the Woodfield Team to join together for a united service once a quarter. This time we'll be going into the country to Holy Rood Church in Packington. Do come along. It's great when we all get together and the singing is splendid.

SONGS OF PRAISE AT STRETTON-EN-LE-FIELD: AUGUST 12TH at 4pm

A Songs of Praise service is to be held at this lovely old church on Sunday August 12th at 4pm. Stretton is a redundant church cared for by the Churches Conservation Church, but we try to bring it to life just occasionally.

BBQ AND CELEBRATION OF OUR WORK WITH CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE. AUGUST 4TH at 6pm.

There will be a Woodfield Team BBQ at Appleby Rectory. Keep the date free so you can join in. We ask that you bring a salad or a desert and there will be a charge of £5 for the BBQ meat. Bring your own cutlery and crockery, and alcohol if you would like that. Soft drinks will be provided. There will be sign up lists in church nearer the time so we have an idea of numbers.

To make this an even more special celebration, we will be inviting all those who give so much in our children's work in our churches to come along so we can give them a big 'thank you'.

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT THE CHRISTIAN FAITH?

HAVE YOU GOT QUESTIONS THAT YOU WANT ANSWERED ABOUT WHAT CHRISTIANS BELIEVE?

Then we have just the thing for you.

Six evening sessions to be held at Appleby Rectory. The dates will be **Thursdays: August 2, 9, 16, 23, 30 and September 6th**. Open to those with little knowledge and those who are old hands but want a refresher. Contact Vivien on 01530 270354 or Sue on 01530 271327 to book in or find out more about the sessions.

WANT TO KNOW MORE ABOUT HS2?

Information will be available on July 12th: 2-8pm at Measham Leisure Centre



OPPORTUNITIES FOR TIME TO CHAT AT ST JOHN'S:

Coffeeandchat@church meets on **Tuesday 3rd July and 7th August from 9.30 a.m. in church**. Drop in for a cuppa

3 Ts (Table Talk and Tea) meets on Tuesday July 17th 2.30 – 4pm in St John's Church. We chat, discuss Christian topics and values over tea and a piece of cake.

Lunch Light meets on Friday 27th July 12.30- 2pm: it is there to support the bereaved, who find it difficult to go forward after a loss. There are many who have found this lunch beneficial in enabling them to get out into the world again and make new friends with people who are in a similar situation.

CAN YOU HELP?

Age UK's Wellbeing day care group in Moira could soon be under threat due to falling numbers. The group which currently meets in Moira Village Hall, 2 days a week from 9.30am – 3.00pm, provides much needed respite for carers and a positive and socially stimulating environment for the people they care for. Most people who attend have dementia but support is available for people with a range of conditions. If the group were to close, Coalville would be the nearest group and that is too far for many so we need your help to keep our local services local!

All you need to do to help is make your friends, family and acquaintances aware of the group and promoting it wherever you can. If there genuinely isn't a need for the group then I appreciate Age UK need to rethink the viability of providing a service in this area. However, if people are just not aware of this really valuable resource on our doorstep then between us we should be able to do something about that.



For any further details contact the group leader Ann Tunney; **01530 417 765 or 07880 756053**. Ann has limited access to emails via; georgeellis@hotmail.com

I am away now until 18th June so please liaise directly with Ann.

Thank you for your support with this.

Kind regards

Margaret Brown

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MAY READY STEADY STICK

During May half term the Ready Steady Stick Team ran 2 events, one in Measham and one Packington.

Both events proved to be fun family affairs. The children got stuck in straight away making 'listening ears' so they were ready to listen to the parable of the sower. They then joined in actions with the story itself.



It is brilliant to see new faces coming to Ready Steady Stick who are so willing to join in with all the singing and crafts that we have on offer. There were plenty of craft activities on offer. As ever decorating buns went down well and there were lots of sticky fingers! We had lots of concentration making bags out of old t-shirts that had kindly been donated by members of our congregations, and junk modelling produced some amazing figures!



We are incredibly grateful for the ongoing support from our churches. Thank you to everyone who helped and everyone who came!



St Laurence Church Measham

11th August



For all children under 11 (under 5's must have an adult stay)

£1.00 per child

For more details:

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Facebook: Woodfield childrens work

Love one another and bear much fruit together living Jesus' way.
It sounds quite simple yet much harder in practice.
Practise anyway.

Jeff Shrowder – based on John 15:9-17

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES AT ST. JOHNS CHURCH - JULY 2018

Sunday 1 st	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 3 rd	9.30am – 11.30am	Coffee & Chat (in Church)
Sunday 8 th	11.00am	Holy Communion & Healing
Tuesday June 10 th , 17 th , 24 th , 31 st	10.30am	Tuesday Prayer Group (in Church)
Wednesday 11 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Sunday 15 th	11.00am	Baptism/ Family Service
Tuesday 17 th	2.30pm – 4.00pm	3T's
Sunday 22 nd	11.00am	Holy Communion
Friday 27 th	12.30 – 2.00pm	Lunch Light
Sunday 29 th	10.00am	UNITED SERVICE AT PACKINGTON

WORSHIP AND FELLOWSHIP OPPORTUNITIES at ST. JOHNS AUGUST 2018

Sunday 5 th	11.00am	Morning Prayer
Tuesday 7 th	9.00 – 11.00am	Coffee & Chat (in Church)
Wednesday 8 th	10.00am	Holy Communion
Tuesday 14 th , 21 st , 28 th	10.30am	Tuesday Prayer Group (in Church)
Sunday 12 th	11.00am	Holy Communion & Healing
	4.00pm	Songs of Praise at Stretton en le Field
Sunday 19 th	11.00am	Baptism/Family Service
Sunday 26 th	11.00am	Holy Communion

3 T'S and LUNCH LIGHT FELLOWSHIP GROUPS

Our 3T's and Lunch Light fellowship groups will be taking a holiday break this month and so there will be no meetings, but they will be back to normal next month with meetings scheduled for 3T's on **Tuesday 18th September** and **Lunch Light** on **Friday 28th September** in church.

