

CHURCH UPDATES
News Sheet 8th February 2026



8th 9.00am Holy Communion – **Mission Sunday** – Church Pastoral Aid Society.
 CPAS (Church Pastoral Aid Society) was founded 190 years ago this month, as an Anglican Home Mission Agency, with the aim ‘to bring the gospel to every person’s door’. This has been central to its work ever since, though of course it has evolved greatly over the years. These days it has an emphasis on equipping and encouraging church leaders in all areas of ministry, but it also organises evangelistic holidays for children and young people of all ages and from different backgrounds. This is through its Ventures & Falcon Camps which reach over 3,000 each year. Another important arm is its patronage work. CPAS is either sole or joint patron of some 700 parishes, including ours. This means it’s responsible for appointing gospel ministers to many churches, including ours! On Sunday 8th February the Chair of the Patronage team, Rev. Gary Jenkins, will be speaking at both our services. Gary has ministered in a number of parishes in Southwark diocese, and is currently Dean of Estates Ministry, which has a specialist focus on supporting those who minister in areas that can be overlooked by the church. Hope to see you at either service!

10.30am Morning Worship – Rev. Gary Jenkins – Mark 6:30-44 (both services)

4.00pm **KINGDOM COME**



Please join us if you can. An opportunity where time will be set aside to pray for our church, our community, and the needs of the world all in the context of informal Spirit-led worship.

The evening will be intentionally unstructured in nature to deliberately allow space for the Holy Spirit to guide our prayer and worship in whichever way He leads.

Start of a new Preaching series

15th 10.30am Café Church – The Secret to being content – *Contentment in every situation*
 Philippians 4:10-13

4.00pm Kids & Families

22nd 9.00am Holy Communion - The Secret to being content – *Joy* - Philippians 1:3-11

10.30am Morning Worship – As above



Prayer Ministry is available between 10.00 & 10.30am and at the end of the 10.30am service. The team is identifiable with badges. If you need help in finding someone, please ask a warden or a welcomer on the door.

Prayers Diaries for February are available on the table at the back of church for those who prefer a printed copy. They are also on our website.

LADIES GROUP - The next Ladies Group meet on Thursday, 12th February at 2.00pm. The speaker will be Dr. Julie Barker and she will be speaking on “Beautiful Bodies”. It will be interactive with a visual presentation. All ladies are welcome – there will be refreshments, as always, following the talk. Also a reminder from Carolyn James to bring two or three song requests with you. Alternatively, you can email them to her or send a message via WhatsApp or text. Email address: semajeiram@gmail.com Phone number 07742 564786.

LENT GROUPS 2026

Peter May and his ecumenical team have now prepared material to be used at next year's Lent Groups. This will be a five week course based on The Beatitudes. The course begins week starting February 23rd.

Leaflets with dates, times and hosts are now available at the back of church. If you would like to join a group please take one and let Glennis Hobbs – glennishobbs@yahoo.co.uk know by the 9th February.

Should you have any questions please have a word with Peter or Caro May, they are our Churches Together in Southwell contacts.

CHURCHES TOGETHER IN SOUTHWELL

We're delighted to share that The Bible Comes to Life Exhibition will be visiting Southwell this March.

The poster for 'The Bible Comes to Life Exhibition' features a central image of a desert landscape with a large stone structure. Text on the poster includes: 'CMJ UK', 'Southwell Methodist Church, Prebend Passage, Westgate, Southwell, Nottinghamshire, NG25 0JH', 'Thursday 5th March 5:00-9:00pm', 'Friday 6th March 5:00-9:00pm', 'Saturday 7th March 9:30-3:00pm', 'All Welcome!', 'Event Sponsored by: Southwell Churches Together', and 'For more information visit: www.southwellchurchestogether.org.uk'. There are four small inset photos showing people interacting with the exhibition. A QR code is located in the bottom right corner.

Hosted at Southwell Methodist Church, this immersive exhibition offers a hands-on, visual journey through the world of the Bible — helping visitors of all ages engage more deeply with the Scriptures and the setting in which they unfolded.

The exhibition is especially popular with schools, families, and church groups, but is open to everyone. Through artefacts, models, storytelling, and interactive elements, the Bible truly comes to life in a memorable and engaging way.

For more information, please visit:

👉 southwellchurchestogether.org.uk

PALM SATURDAY MARKET OUTREACH

CTiS volunteers are planning to visit the Market on Saturday 28th March from 9.00 - 12.00. While we will be promoting the Easter services at all our churches and giving out hot cross bun tasters we are hoping to spread the Good News of Easter to our community. This is a great opportunity to engage with people of all faiths or none on their home turf in an easy way.

We would be delighted for any of you to join us in this outreach opportunity. If you would be willing to be part of the organising team please let Trisch Thornton know ASAP (trisch53@yahoo.com 07766400620) many thanks Trisch T"

THANK YOU on behalf of everyone at Home-Start Newark, for your generous donation of £212.94 received on 19th January (Christmas Day Offering).

Your support is vital as we continue to provide a lifeline to families with young children under five who are experiencing disadvantage across the Newark and Sherwood district. This donation will help us provide essential support to vulnerable families facing challenges such as mental health issues, social isolation, and poverty. Whether through our trained volunteers providing weekly home visits or through our Family Group sessions, your contribution helps us empower parents to create nurturing environments where children can thrive.

Please do pass on our sincere thanks to the wider group at Holy Trinity. We are incredibly grateful for your kindness and for standing alongside local families when they need it most.

New worship song

This week Jacob is introducing a new worship song at the 10.30am service. It is not always easy, first time round, to worship with a new song so if you would like to listen to it before Sunday do pick up the link/

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=efdUjxNJ6B8>

ECO Church Tips for February from A Rocha

FEBRUARY

This Lent, take part in Climate Steward's Carbon Fast. Lent is a time when Christians traditionally fast and focus on God. The Carbon Fast will help you consider ways to live more simply, give you new ideas to cut your carbon footprint and invite you to focus on God and consider the whole of his creation. Beginning on 5 March, you'll receive a weekly email containing key facts, suggestions for how you could reduce your carbon footprint and a prayer to lead you through this Lenten season. Each week features a different theme designed to help us take climate action in manageable ways that bear witness to a God who has promised to restore all of his creation. Find out more and sign up at climatestewards.org/resources/carbon-fast/

Last year Greenwood Community Forest began a planting project at Thorney Abbey on the Oxton Road creating a new woodland with public access for all to enjoy. This year they are completing the project creating a Community Orchard consisting of 55 mixed fruit trees for the public and wildlife.

*On the **14th February** they are holding an open day for any that wish to come and help with the planting. Further details/leaflets available on the table at the back of church.*

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Please let us know if you do not wish to receive further notifications from us.