

New Notices

Services on the next two Sunday mornings - On 24th and 31st December there will be **only one morning service starting at 10 am**. On 24th December it will be a Holy Communion service with the choir whilst the 31st December will be a Celebration Communion with carols by the music group.

Fancy a walk on 28th December? - Chris, Fiona, Woofy and Patch will be walking from Risley Church to the Carpenters Arms at Dale Abbey. We will be leaving Risley Church at 10 am and aim to arrive at the pub at 12 noon. If you intend to come on the walk or just go to the pub please let us know.

Afternoon Julian Meeting - Change of Venue

The next afternoon Julian Meeting will be held on **Tuesday 19th December** starting at 2.00pm for 2.15pm prompt start. **Please note the change of venue this month as we will meet at 'The Well' at Anderson's, Blind Lane**. After the meeting we can order refreshments and stay behind for a social chat. Maria

Prayer Diary - Upon my retirement from licensed ministry at the end of the year I will be letting go of some of my present workload, including preparing the prayer diary. If this is to continue we will need a volunteer to take this on. All it needs is someone with access to a computer. If anyone is interested, then I will show them what is involved. It is not complicated and shouldn't take any more than an hour or two a month. Please get in touch if you can help, Maria.

Christmas Card – rather than send a card to the church family, please sign the card on the table and make a donation to the Christian Aid appeal to feed hungry children in South Sudan and Burkina Faso. **This Christmas, every pound you give, the Government will match.**

Men's Danger Club - I am sure that there must be some scientific research which proves that the wide and unusual variety of foods we eat at Christmas upset the normal workings of our digestive system, so our next event is designed to get it back on track. It's the Christmas-Chilli-Chill-Out evening. We will meet in the Bull's Head on **Friday 29th. December** about 7.00-7.15p.m. and select your choice from the Royal Spice Indian take-away. When it's ready, we'll take it over to the Church Hall to eat it. Bring your choice of drink to enjoy with your meal. John and Steve.

Message from Fr Georges,

Dear Friends,

We greet you all in the Name of Our Lord Jesus Christ.

We are very delighted to let you know that your donation (£1,900) arrived safely in our Bank Account. We received it with much happiness and great hope for our new project called **"Sustainable agriculture"**. So, we send our grateful thanks to you all indeed. That is a tremendous sum enough to purchase all our needs to achieve adequately our target. (Also to purchase the Laptop!) It is to carry on successful management of resources for agriculture to satisfy changing human needs while maintaining or enhancing the quality of the environment and conserving natural resources We will produce vegetables (for food and seeds) and also fruit trees (for fruits and seedlings...)

However, we believe that it will be probably possible to improve the Environmental education for our children and for our young people. This way is useful to develop both school and church... and of course our country. **"Actions speak louder than words"**

To conclude, we send our grateful thanks to everyone who has agreed to contribute. Thank you very much for your outstanding generosity indeed. **"As God's children, we are all brothers and sisters in His eyes. Let us demonstrate that by helping each other."** Catherine Pulsifer.

We wish a long life to the friendship between English people and Malagasy people who celebrate its 200th anniversary which is strengthened by the official visit of the Princess **Ann of England** in Madagascar, last October 2017. As usual, we will keep in touch by sending you periodically all the good results of your financial support with lots of update pictures as well. Warmest Regards. From Fr Georges and Eveline.
The Congregation Antananarivo MADAGASCAR.

Notices from previous weeks

Donations for Christmas Flowers - There are envelopes on the table as you enter the church. All contributions are welcome including "In memory of". Many Thanks, Pat Baker

Notice Sheet

Please send notices to the office [admin@stmichaels2008.plus.com] by Thursday 12 noon

Church, Church Hall and Office Bookings - Would you please contact the office by Email or telephone and we will advise you if the venue is already booked.

Intercessions - If there is anyone you would like including in our weekly intercessions please put their names in the book on the table at the back.

Coffee after the 10.15 service - will be served in the Church Hall, all proceeds from the sale of drinks goes to charity.

If you are a visitor we hope you enjoyed the service. Please note that we have a wide variety of services from traditional to contemporary and other activities. Please see the church website for more details, or ask a member of the congregation.

Spiritual Direction and Pastoral Support - Associate Priest (non-stipendiary): Rev'd Maria Przeslawski is available Tuesdays Wednesdays and Thursdays 01332 874480, Maria is able to give spiritual direction or provide pastoral support. Please call to arrange an appointment. All calls will be treated in confidence, or email, rev.maria@btinternet.com.

Rev'd John Barnes – is available on Fridays if you would like a visit or a chat, please ring on 01332 873665

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St Michael's Church

Breaston

Reaching Up, Reaching Out, Together

Services for Sunday 17th December

Isaiah 61: 1-4, 8-end John 1: 6-8, 19-28

8.45am	Holy Communion
10.15am	Celebration Service with Holy Communion
6.30pm	9 Lessons & Carols

The Week Ahead

Monday	10.30am	Sunbeams Nativity
	7.00pm	Community Carols
Tuesday	9.00am	Daily Prayer
	2.00pm	Julian Meeting – at The Well at Anderson's, Blind Lane (see notice)
Wednesday	10.00am	Prayer Meeting
	2.30pm	Church usually open
	8.00pm	Carols in the Chequers
Thursday	9.30am	Holy Communion (Maria)
	10.30am	Funeral of Hazel Moorby
Saturday	10.30am-12noon	Church usually open

Services for Sunday 24th December

2 Samuel 7: 1-11, 16 Luke 1: 26-38

10.00am	Holy Communion
4.00pm	Crib Service
5.30pm	Crib Service
11.15pm	Holy Communion