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Weekly Newsheet

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**'Ronarag 42'**

Dear Church family,

We have recently welcomed Rev'd Amanda Marshall to our Team who is joining us on a short term placement as part of her Curacy Training within Derby Diocese. She will have special responsibility for St Bart's in Clay Cross during her time with us and will be supervised by me, Lynn. Today we meet Amanda in her own words:

*I am in my third-year of curacy and married to Richard (for 32 years). We have three children, two girls (one married and training to be a solicitor), one in Sheffield (training to be a Doctor) and one boy who has just finished his A levels and taking a very quiet year out – he had so many plans before the pandemic! Richard is a leadership coach and works with senior leaders via Zoom all over the world and in the UK. He even works with the Church of England!*

*My background is in Marketing and having started in financial services Marketing for Marks and Spencer I soon got involved in marketing and fundraising for charities as a result of living for nine years in Asia. We first worked with a mission in Nepal and then moved with Richard's job to live in Bangkok, Thailand, where Richard headed up the Asia Pacific HR team of World Vision and I taught Marketing to post-grads. I am passionate about reaching out to those who don't know Jesus and have been involved with children's and families work all my life. I have been involved with Messy Church, Holiday clubs, House groups, Alpha, Marriage courses, Parenting courses, Mums and Tots groups and children's church wherever I have lived. I am especially blessed to have worked in great leadership teams where older folk have encouraged young Mums into faith. Some of these older folk have become an important prayer power house for our work.*

*Why am I here?*

*This 3-6m placement is part of my final year training, so my intention is to listen and learn as much as possible. I want to support the church, encourage growth, nurture leaders who can take the church forwards after I am gone.*

We are delighted to welcome Amanda among us. Please pray for her time with us as she settles into the Team and looks forward to particularly working with St Bart's.

With my prayers for you all,  
Lynn

### **Sunday Services**

***Services at St Mary's, St John's and St Bart's are currently suspended. Do please continue to check out our Facebook page and also our entry in A church near you (website).***

Our service will continue to be found on Youtube – please check your emails for the link to this

### **Notices**

#### **Coffee after church -11am for everyone**

We will continue to meet for coffee after church on Sunday mornings. Whatever church you attend you are extremely welcome to join us – we'd love to see you! We will only run one event at 11am so that we can gather a good number of people together and hopefully get to know each other from our different congregations. If you haven't been for a while, we run things a little differently now which I hope makes it easier to take part in. We would love to see you back again!

#### **The Bible Series on Zoom**

Our Monday Evening Bible Series session starts this Monday, 18th January, on Zoom at 7:00pm. You are most welcome to join us - please have your Bible to hand. The evening will include video, prayer and discussion in small groups - no preparation is required. Here are the Zoom details to join:

#### **Zoom meeting details (same every week):**

Join Zoom Meeting - [click here](#)

or join manually with this Meeting ID: 893 1401 3805 and Passcode: 858576.

Please be prompt; if you are late joining, that's fine - please join silently so as not to interrupt what has already started. We will aim to finish around 8:15pm.

**Email Version** If you don't wish to join the zoom discussion group you can still watch the videos and join an email discussion. Please contact Maggie Limb or Amanda Marshall if you would prefer to join the non-zoom group.

### **St Bartholomew's - Rev'd Amanda Marshall**

We're delighted to welcome Amanda among us and it was good to have the opportunity to say hello to her on zoom last week at coffee after church. She is going to be working predominantly at St Bartholomew's and I know that she has already been in touch with many of you there. If you would like to chat to Amanda she would be delighted for you to contact her.

### **Lent Quiet afternoon - Date to be determined**

'Arise, my fair one and come away'.

A team from St Bart's will be leading a Quiet afternoon during Lent looking at the theme of Spring and new growth. Come and enjoy an opportunity to pray, reflect and discern God's leading.

Sadly, owing to the pandemic this first quiet day will have to be on Zoom. However, training is available beforehand for anyone new to zoom. Further details to follow!

### **(Virtual) Afternoon Tea at St Bart's – Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> Jan 3-345pm.**

You are all warmly invited to a virtual afternoon tea at St Bart's to meet Amanda, the new curate. It will be a good opportunity to see others who perhaps you have not seen for some while. This will be on zoom. Details can be obtained from Amanda. If you are new to zoom, help will be given to get you started. (and you will need to provide your own tea and cake!!)

### **Prayer Ministry Training – Saturday 30<sup>th</sup> January 10-4pm**

If prayer ministry is something that you are passionate about and would like to get involved in within our churches, can I encourage you to consider taking part in a prayer ministry training day. This will be run by the Harnhill Centre for Christian Healing of which I am a part. It will be run on-line **via zoom** and costs £20. Please speak to **Lynn** for further information or to book (by 20<sup>th</sup> Jan at the latest).

### **Colin and Linda Cooper's Retirement**

In these strange times, it will unfortunately not be possible to say farewell to Colin and Linda as we would have hoped. They have therefore agreed to return later in the year when we can hopefully give them the send off they deserve.

With this in mind, it has been agreed that we will make a monetary gift to them now which you are invited to do in one of two ways:

**Either** online using the following details:

Account name: North Wingfield District Church Council  
Sort code: 60 01 10  
Account number: 04814371  
Ref: CLR

**Or** if you don't use internet banking by calling Mel (07941 009683)

St Lawrence are also producing a postcard album of memories for them to take away. Please send any postcard sized memories, photos, good wishes, etc to Melanie Earland, St Lawrence Schoolrooms, North Wingfield, S42 5HX or to me at 18 Old Hall Close, PILSLEY, S45 8JD.

We have an album with room for 200 memories, so the more the merrier. We also have some plain postcards if you need any.

### **Readings for week beginning 18<sup>th</sup> January:**

Mon: Psalm 145; Amos 6; 1 Corinthians 6.1–11  
Tues: Psalm 132; Amos 7; 1 Corinthians 6.12–end  
Wed: Psalm 81; Amos 8; 1 Corinthians 7.1–24  
Thurs: Psalm 76; Amos 9; 1 Corinthians 7.25–en  
Fri: Psalm 27; Hosea 1.1–2.1; 1 Corinthians 8

### **Prayers**

Father God, we thank you for the Bible - Your book, that tells your story and our human story; Your book, an inspired message that changes lives for good. Lord Jesus, We thank you that in it we discover you, the living Word; the Saviour of the world, sent to us that we may have life, life in all its fullness. Holy Spirit, thank you that you breathe life through the word; that you have inspired those who wrote it and us through its message

We pray this week for:

- All those under pressure in our NHS services particularly those working in Covid wards and our emergency services. Give them strength and endurance to cope with the overwhelming stress and anxiety.
- Families with children home-schooling with the added pressure that this brings. We pray especially for homes which are not safe and those where there is little opportunity to study. We remember too families which are struggling financially.
- We remember those who are sick or struggling and particularly those who have lost loved ones recently. We pray that they will know God's peace and comfort at this difficult time.

Help us to have a renewed sense of freedom in our lives Help us to know your peace  
in our lives and the world

Help us to receive your love, and to share it with others

Help us to understand what it is to live in community

And help us to live with the certainty of hope in all that's yet to come.

In the name of the Father, Son and Spirit, Amen