The image shows the exterior of Saint Anne's Catholic Church, a two-story stone building with a gabled roof and a central dormer. A large group of people, including men, women, and children, are gathered in the garden area in front of the church. A flag with a yellow field and a red cross is visible on the right side of the building. The scene is set outdoors with greenery and a clear sky.

**Saint Anne's** Catholic Church  
Terrace Road **BUXTON**

**YEAR BOOK 2009 - 2010**

**To learn about God's love and to share it.**

# Celebration of The Eucharist

Saturday 7 pm. Sunday 8.30; 11 am

Holydays 10 am; 7 pm

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## From the Editors ~ *Why a yearbook?*

The yearbook is here to provide you with almost everything you need to know about St Anne's Church and activities within the church, in Buxton and beyond. It has been produced as a reference guide, and should be of value to both newcomers and old hands. For the newcomers, it will provide information about who is who within the Parish, our activities, and how you can get involved. For "*old hands*", it provides exactly the same information, reminding you about the many and varied activities taking place. For everybody, we hope you will be inspired to join in and take part in some or all of the activities described in this yearbook.

The second edition of the Yearbook is similar to the first edition. However, much has been updated and revised, and we hope you find this second edition both informative and interesting, as well as remaining an invaluable guide to the Parish. One key change is the timing, from now on the Yearbook will be published in the early summer, after the Pastoral Parish Council annual meeting. The reason for this is to ensure the Yearbook remains current for longer, and who to contact throughout the year.

## Keeping In Touch

In the meantime, during the year, we will provide brief updates of activities and offer information about forthcoming events. In addition, there are other sources of information about what is happening in St Anne's.

These are as follows:

- **St Anne's Website – [www.stannes.org.uk](http://www.stannes.org.uk)  
contact Robert Aldous**
- **Newsletter – prepared every week  
by Angela Duffy and Fr. Dennis**
- **Notice Boards – maintained and updated  
by Robert Aldous and Fr. Dennis**

We have had fun producing this book, we hope you all enjoy reading it!

***Rob and James***

A photograph showing a group of people in a church hall. In the foreground, a man in a grey sweater is seen from the back, looking towards a woman with blonde hair. To her right, an older man with glasses is talking to a woman with curly hair and glasses. The background shows other people and church architecture.

## Parish Assembly

The purpose of the Assembly is to present to the Parish a report of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) / Parish activities and to receive comments and suggestions from any Parish member.

Parish Assemblies will be held a minimum of twice per year (one of which also serves as the PPC AGM). In 2009, there will be two meetings. The first is in March, and will serve as the Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council, and at which members of the PPC are elected. The second meeting, usually held in October, will be more informal, and is an opportunity for people to meet those on the PPC.

All Parish members are invited to attend Assemblies.

***For more details contact James Piercy.***



## Vision and Mission



Our starting point is the creation of a Parish VISION or confirmation of WHERE we want to go i.e.

**“That St. Anne’s be an open church such that we might spread the Good News and all work together in the way Jesus taught us.”**

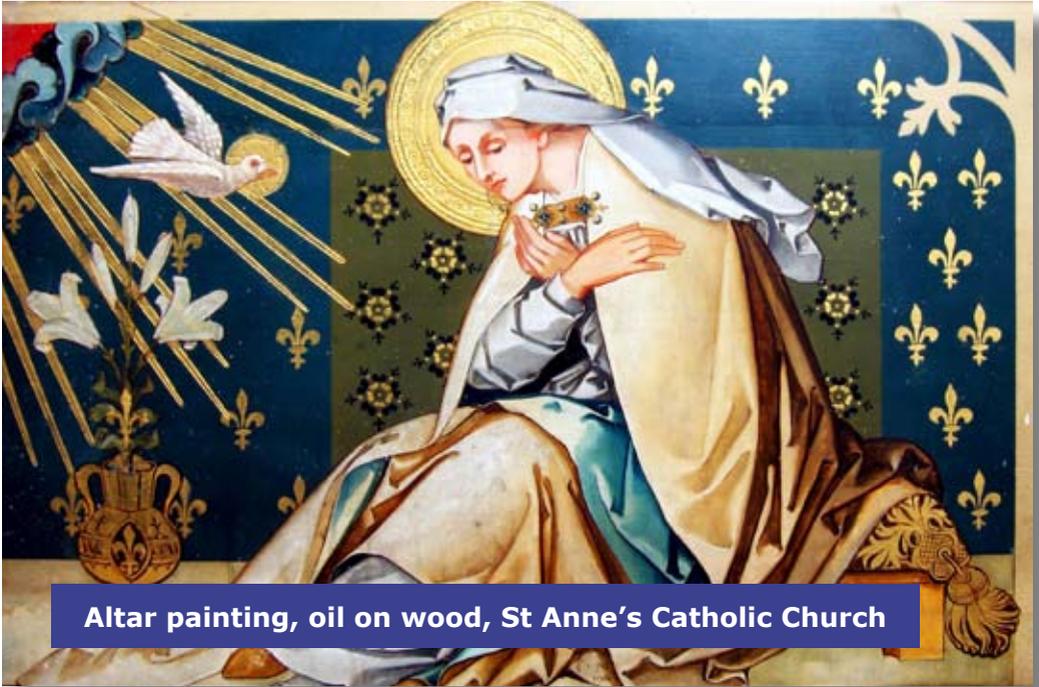
This is summarised as the easily remembered:

**“Making our church an open church”**

The next job is the creation of a Parish MISSION or confirmation of WHAT we need to do to achieve our Vision and HOW we intend to go about it.

Our mission is now summarised in the following Mission Statement:

**“To learn about God’s love and to share it.”**



But what does this actually mean in practice and just how will we achieve it?

The Parish consensus from all the discussions is that we will achieve this by:

- 1. Providing meaningful and uplifting celebration and prayer.**
- 2. Increasing our understanding of the Word of God and having the courage to face the new challenges of putting our faith into practice.**
- 3. Welcoming all and creating opportunities for everyone to be involved in parish life.**
- 4. Offering love, care and support to the wider community.**

## From the Pulpit

Another year has rolled by, so now we are in the middle of our twenty second year together. Having said that, we know that new families have joined us, while some have moved away to new pastures. Many children have been born into the parish, lots of whom have been baptised into the community of St. Anne's. Sadly, a number of parishioners have also died. However, I feel that I may say that we have celebrated our thanksgiving for their lives, and their being part of our life-story in worthy tributes.

Thanks to the people of our parish, we are seen as being truly inclusive. I am sure all people, both local and visiting, feel assured of a genuine welcome. No-one can say we make distinctions. It may appear, note "**may appear**", that some "**put their shoulders to the wheel**" while others take advantage. But the fact of the matter is that all are equal in the sight of God. In making this known and understood is the real mission of our Parish. It is what we are invited to do at our Baptism. Together, not merely as individuals, we are endeavouring to accept that invitation and make this mission a reality.

I cross the paths of many people who say "**Hello**". Many times I think "**they know me, but who are they?**" Should I recognise their faces? Can I find the courage to ask who they are? One day, two nurses in the Cavendish Hospital got chatting. Eventually, one asked "**Do you believe in the Devil?**". They were quite surprised, happily I think, when I said "**no, not really**". Smiling, they together retorted "**But you are a priest, aren't you supposed to do?**" So I had to explain to them that in caring for their patients, sitting and talking to them, that they were the instruments of God's love and creation, and that anything we do for others which helps in any way, we are doing for God. We are the "**devil**", when we put ourselves first to the disadvantage or demise of others. It is all about making decisions and being fair. There is a hymn:

***"Look around you, can you see?  
Times are troubled, people grieve  
See the violence, feel the hardness  
All my people weep with me"***

Then it goes on

***"Walk among them, I'll go with you....."***

Yes, we do look around us, and we see. We do walk among them, but do we see the good we are doing? Maybe so, maybe not. But we should, because then we'll see that it is all worthwhile and we will want to continue. When we can really say "**Thank God**", believing in God and having faith for the future becomes our inspiration. When things go wrong we are disappointed, sometimes bitterly. And so, not thanking God for other wonderful things and being despondent for the future, merely drags us down.

Twenty two years on then, in spite of difficult early years, we should appreciate that together we are, in our own way, a source of inspiration to so many, even, may I say, to those who do not necessarily concur with our sense of Mission.

Looking at last year's Parish Yearbook, I find the list of the members of our Parish Council along with the contact names for the various groups. We are so indebted to all those and to the members of the groups. In their various ways they are the cogs of the wheels of the Parish which keep **"turning, turning, turning"**. But then, if it wasn't for the support and needs of the Parish, the Diocese and the Church, those cogs would be short of the necessary lubrication to keep the wheels running smoothly. **"We'll Never Walk Alone!"**

**Fr. Dennis Higgins**



**Fr. Dennis gives out First Communion Certificates**

# Pastoral Parish Council

The purpose of the Pastoral Parish Council (PPC) is to give leadership, inspiration, guidance and support to the Parish in carrying out its Mission.

As part of this role, it coordinates the activities of the groups within the parish. As such, it is responsible for the Parish Action Plan, a document which provides a framework for the continuing development of the parish, and is a diary for future events.



Anne Cleary  
Outreach



Lesley Crowther  
Youth & Children



Sue Hardman  
Music



Fr Dennis Higgins  
Parish Priest



Esther King  
Social



Gareth Littlewood  
Secretary



Mike Monaghan

Justice & Peace, CAFOD



Dr Sandy Ochojna

Vice Chair



James Piercy

Chair



Cora Plant

Property



Mary Rooney

Communications



Peter Stacey

Adult Education

People can be elected onto the PPC to serve for a period of two years. The elections take place at the Parish Assembly. Anybody over the age of 14 can stand for election. The PPC meets approximately every two months.

The people currently on the PPC are shown in the photographs above, and their specific responsibilities are listed. Please feel free to approach any one of them with comments, ideas or suggestions – they don't bite!

# Our Church Who's Who



Fr Vincent's visit 2008

## Contact details

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
100 Club	John O'Meara Snr.	Finance/Funds	23292
Bingo	Elizabeth Mellor	Finance/Funds	26989
Brownies	Aileen Warneford	Youth/Children	25768
C.R.B.	Andrew Payne	Communications	27931
Children's Liturgy	Aileen Warneford	Liturgy	25768
Churches Together	Aileen Warneford	Outreach	25768
Cleaners	Cath Etechells	Church Property	24836
Catholic Mens Soc	John O'Meara	Adult Education	23292
Deanery Meetings	Peter Stacey	Adult Education	22160
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Robinson	Communications	22117
Flowers	Kazia Skrobot	Church Property	27233
Gardening	Andy Etechells	Church Property	24836
Guides	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
Justice and Peace	John Cassidy	Adult Education	24663
Life Group	Gae Kay	Adult Education	23418
Marriage Encounter	Tony King	Adult Education	23834
Monday Club	Wynn Bulmore	Social	26892
Music Group	Sue Hardman	Music	78955
Newletter	Angela Duffy	Communications	25340
Notice Boards	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Yearbook	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Parish Hall Bookings	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Church Property	23777
Polish Community	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
PPC	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
PPC	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
PPC	Angela Duffy	Secretary/Outreach	25340
PPC	Ester King	Social	23834
PPC	Michael Monaghan	Justice & Peace	24898

## Contact details

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
PPC	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Finance/Fundraising	23777
PPC	Esther King	Social Committee	23834
PPC	Cora Plant	Church Property	
PPC	Arthur Ryan		71168
PPC	Peter Stacey	Adult Education	22160
PPC	Margaret Swift	Confirmations	23527
PPC	Iris Thomson	Liturgy	26046
Presentation Associates	Angela Sexton	Outreach	26943
Rainbows	Joan Piercy	Youth/Children	
Readers	Rose Gould	Liturgy	77298
Repository	Cath Hobday	Church Property	77746
Rosary Group	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
Rotas (Readers etc)	Joe Brown	Communications	70922
Senior Citizen's Party	Esther King	Social	23834
St Anne's Pre-School	Gill Della Cioppa	Youth/Children	
St Anne's School	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
St Thomas More School	Kate Lamb	Youth/Children	23167
Suggestion Box	Andrew Payne	Communications	27931
Visiting/Housebound	Marie Lewis	Outreach	25467
Website	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Welcoming Committee	Cath Cassidy	Outreach	24663
Youth Representative	Josie Muncaster	Youth/Children	

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## Parish Groups

St. Anne's has a number of interest groups responsible for the growth and development of our church, our faith and ourselves. All the groups are self-managing. Representatives from every group attend Parish Assembly Meetings to improve communication and foster community within the parish. The membership of all groups is open to all, and you will be welcomed with open arms. A list of the groups with a named contact can be found on a poster at the back of the church, and on the website. Newcomers and tourists to the parish are most welcome to **"sample the water"** and visit any of the groups to see if it is suitable for their needs and talents. A brief overview of each of the groups, with key contact people (as of July 2009) is provided here.

## Adult Education

The purpose of the Adult Education Group is to enable people to develop a greater understanding of their beliefs, and about what their beliefs mean to them as individuals. The Group meets throughout the year, sometimes after mass, sometimes in the evenings.

The main work of this group over the last few months has been to formulate the Draft Mission Statement and in the immediate future to assist Parish Groups to align with the Parish Mission Statement. Books have been purchased - Communities of Hope, Pastoral Parish Councils and Making the Eucharist Matter which are available for Parish Groups to use. Future involvement with University of Derby students is planned.

***For more details contact Peter Stacey***



## The Eucharistic Ministry



In 2003, Special Ministers of the Eucharist celebrated the 25th anniversary of their formation in the Nottingham diocese. The first group was trained and commissioned in 1978, and John O'Meara of St. Anne's parish was one of the first to be commissioned. The then Parish Priest was not interested in having Eucharistic Ministers in the Parish, but John was trained and commissioned at the request of St. Thomas More School Chaplain, so that he could help in the distribution of Holy Communion at Masses celebrated in the school. Some time later, under a new Parish Priest, John was asked to carry out the duties of his ministry in St. Anne's Parish. That was the beginning of the active Eucharistic Ministry in the Parish. One of his first duties was to take a service in church when the stand-in Priest failed to turn up for the Sunday Mass! Quite an initiation!

At the present time we have ten Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist, more commonly known as Eucharistic Ministers, in our Parish, led by Margaret Robinson.

These men and women help to distribute Holy Communion at the weekend celebrations of the Eucharist, and also visit the sick and housebound of the Parish with Holy Communion. If any parishioner wishes to have Holy Communion brought to them, they, or a friend or relative, should contact Fr Higgins for this to be arranged.

Any parishioner who is interested in joining the team of Eucharistic Ministers is invited to contact Fr Higgins. Full training is given for this rewarding task, including a weekend at The Briars in Crich, followed by Commissioning at the Cathedral in Nottingham.

## Music



**Choir practice in The Hardwick Room**

St. Anne's Music Group has been playing and singing together since 1997. We are a friendly and informal group of approximately 12 singers and 2/3 instrumentalists under the musical direction of our conductor Clare O'Neill. We usually sing at the 11.00 Eucharist on the last Sunday of the month, meeting for a practice immediately before that at 10.00 in the Parish Centre.

For the last two years we have sung at Easter. We also sing at Midnight Mass for which we meet to practice on the 3 Monday evenings prior to Christmas. As we are usually joined by additional musicians and singers at Christmas, the practices are held in the Church. We normally break for the summer months with no Sung Eucharists in July or August. We would warmly welcome any singers or instrumentalists who would be interested in joining us.

The choir was very highly praised at the Buxton Music Festival and Clare is planning future performances.

***For more details contact Sue Hardman***

# Justice, Peace and the Care of Creation



## Our own & our parish response

### THE ISSUES

The central message of the gospel is the call to love. And as Fr Dennis often reminds us this involves "*being fair*".

**Justice:** Being fair is another way of trying to describe what we mean by acting justly- which is a repeated call throughout scripture. This challenges us to reflect on how we live and to be aware constantly of the scandal of millions living in poverty and others (us?) living in relative luxury.

**Peace:** We are also called by the gospel to be peacemakers –as we have seen in recent days in the Middle East war causes endless suffering but brings no lasting or just solution.

**Care of Creation:** And finally in recent years the church has joined the call of those who have been warning us that God's wonderful creation is being destroyed by our selfishness and that we need to act now to prevent further damage. But all three issues are inextricably entwined. One cannot separate justice from peace from the environment. Think for example of the recent invasion of Gaza. The Israeli attack brought about suffering on unimaginable scale and terrible environmental damage. And we need to remind ourselves that one of the main sources of the conflict is the competing demand for land & water by Palestine and Israel.

## **Our First Response - Financial:**

Faced with the enormity and complexity of the problems it is tempting to say "*what little I can do won't really help will it?*" Alone there maybe very little we can do, though no one should ever feel that doing only a little is not vital. Think of the widow's mite. But together we can do so much more - which is where the parish comes in. One recent example was the response to the CAFOD Harvest Fast Day appeal when we collected nearly £1000 for their projects around the world. And throughout the year as a parish we give financial support to many organisations helping those in need. But is giving financial help the end of our responsibilities?

## **Our Second Response - Action:**

Giving money, vital though it is, is not the only thing we should be doing. We can for example join in with campaigns organised by CAFOD, Pax Christi (the Catholic peace organisation) or Operation Noah (the Christian climate change campaign)

## **CAFOD**

Financial support is not the only way CAFOD seeks to help those in need world wide. It also looks at the causes of poverty and campaigns to change these. For example a major cause of poverty is the unjust trading system in which poor producers in developing countries get inadequate rewards for their produce –hence CAFOD's advocacy of Fair Trade. By providing Fair Trade products such as coffee at parish events we are beginning to do our bit; perhaps we can do more in this area in the coming year?

Another injustice with which CAFOD has been actively engaged is the impact of mining for metals such as nickel and gold in developing countries. These huge mines are owned by large multi-national companies some of whom have poor social and environmental standards. They force the local people from their land with little or no compensation and cause widespread pollution. The recent CAFOD campaign which we supported in solidarity with our Philippine brothers and sisters was an example of the sort of thing we can do when we work together.

## **PAX CHRISTI**

We also recently celebrated Peace Sunday. In addition to the £50 donation that we sent to Pax Christi, we used materials sent to us from them to pray & reflect on peace. We will continue to look for ways we can support their work in future.

## **THE ENVIRONMENT**

And last but not least the environment. This has become of increasing concern in recent years. Many Christian organisations are joining their voices with those advocating that all sectors of society must make real and lasting changes if we are to avoid dangerous levels of global warming. Action for the environment is also a matter of justice & fairness. It is the rich who have caused and are causing most of the problems, but it is the poor who are already suffering as a result of climate change and will suffer far more unless we act now.

But it is not enough to voice our concerns and say that “they” should do something about it. We must also act.

We plan to keep offering via the Newsletter from time to time ideas for what we can do as individuals.

The PPC is also proposing that we have an “environmental check up” to see what more we can do as a parish to minimise our environmental impact. We already take part in the Churches Together in Buxton Environmental action group who provide support and share ideas.

Later we will be seeing if we can take part in one of the campaigns by Christian groups on climate change. This will be urging our own politicians, when they meet with leaders from the whole world in Copenhagen towards the end of the year, to take truly effective steps.

So there will be no shortage of things we can do together in addition to what I know many of you already do personally.

My job as representative on the PPC for Justice, Peace & the Environment is periodically to bring to the attention of the PPC & the parish things we can do more effectively as a parish than as individuals.

It has never been more vital to nurture the virtue of Hope. The needs are great –but there is so much generosity around that we should never feel discouraged.

***Mike Monaghan***



## The Rosary Group

The Rosary Group began in Buxton in 1981 when Our Lady sent a young Franciscan priest Fr. Fabian from Italy to St Anne's church. He used to walk around in his sandals and long brown habit with his Rosary attached to his waist, visiting people of the Parish. He encouraged people to pray together as a group in their homes. The Rosary group was formed and has been praying together ever since, for 26 years. Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays.

On Tuesdays, we meet at 8pm to pray the Rosary, St. Anthony's Novena and reading the gospels. Location 6 Spencer Grove.

On Wednesday, we meet at Mrs Attwood's house (tel 71569) at 2pm.

On Thursdays, we meet at 10am **"Open Rosary"** in a different house each week. The Rosary is also prayed in church on Sunday at 10.30am before the 11am Eucharist, and before every weekday Service at 9.40am.

New members are always welcome to come and share the experience of the peaceful atmosphere of prayer. Remember the promise of Our Lady to St. Dominic **"Whatever you ask through the Rosary shall be granted"**



## Presentation Associates

We are a small group, belonging to St. Anne's, who are part of a worldwide association linked to the Presentation Sisters, following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle - the foundress of the Presentation Sisters.

We have become increasingly aware and therefore more involved in local, national and global issues, especially those concerning Justice and Peace.

We meet on the last Wednesday of the month, after the 10.00am Mass to pray, reflect on the Scriptures and plan how to take action in ways such as supporting our Sisters in Zambia, visiting our elderly and housebound parishioners and providing them with Christmas and Easter presents, writing to our local MPs on moral issues which concern us, supporting Fair Trade and caring for our Planet Earth.

We would welcome anyone who might be interested in sharing in our activities, so come and join us at one of our meetings if you can.

***For more details Lynne Collins (24695) or Angela Sexton (26943)***



## Youth and Children

Youth and children are the future of our parish. By making our Church a fun, exciting and happy place, we can encourage our young people to become involved in our community.



## Children's Liturgy

We meet during the first half of the Sunday 11am Eucharist, rejoining family and friends for the remainder of the service including Communion. There are generally 2 to 3 groups meeting, broadly catering for the 3-5's, 6-8's and post communion age ranges. Why not come and join us? Younger children may want to have some Christian fun and games with Dottie and Buzz on their website - parents are encouraged to supervise and participate.

*For more details contact Lesley Crowther or Eva Sullivan*



## St Anne's Guides and Rangers

At guides and rangers we have loads of fun. We play great games, we do cool badges, we camp or go on activity weekends and we sometimes take part in nation wide events like The Big Gig. The big Gig is a special Girl Guiding UK concert. Guides from all over the UK come to an arena like the M.E.N in Manchester or the O2 in London.

Guides are famous for doing badges and some of our favourite are: First Aid, Music, World Cultures and of course Chocolate. The badge we have recently been working on is Healthy Lifestyles.

In October 2009, the Rangers and the older guides are going to a PGL centre in Paris! We have been to a PGL centre in Shropshire but never abroad before. All involved are really looking forward to it.

One of the main reasons people come to guides is the friendly atmosphere. Every one who goes to guides is really friendly and we all have a fantastic time. We all play loads of games and some of the most popular are 'Splat' and 'Wink Murder'

***Erin and Abigail***

### Guides



Girlguiding

High Peak Division



*girls in the lead*

We are about to start one of the most exciting years in the history of Girlguiding as we celebrate 100 years. Events will take place on a world wide scale as well as here in the High Peak where our celebrations kick off in September 2009 with parties at Mam Tor and Solomon's Temple. We will have Thinking Day 2010 at the Buxton Opera House and our closing event at the Octagon in Spring Gardens. Of course there will be a variety of sleepovers, walks, camping, and badges to achieve throughout the year and celebrations at unit level. St Anne's parish supports Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and hopefully by the time the Centenary is underway a new Ranger unit thereby involving girls potentially from 5 to 25. If you would like to be involved in the celebrations as a leader or a member of a unit please contact Joan Piercy on 07779597401.

***For more details contact Joan Piercy***

## Rainbows and Brownies

The 5th Buxton Rainbows & Brownies meet on Thursday evenings in St. Anne's Parish Hall. The Rainbows, for girls between 5 and 7, meet at 4.30, and Brownies, for 7 to 10 year olds, at 5.45. The purpose of both groups is FUN, confidence building, teamwork, sharing and learning new skills. Help with fundraising is always welcome, and if you have any skills or talents, e.g. artistic skills, game skills, first aid, music etc. please contact us; you will be very welcome to join our group.

***For more details contact Aileen Warneford or Joan Piercy***



## Parish Child Protection Representative

Members of groups that come in to contact with children or vulnerable adults (e.g. children's liturgy members and Eucharistic ministers) need to have a CRB (Criminal Records Bureau) check carried out. This is a simple and confidential procedure and Andrew will complete all necessary paperwork for you. Once the check has been completed a copy of the result will be sent to you from the agency concerned. To put everyone's mind at rest, on this occasion it doesn't matter how many points you have on your driving licence!

***Andrew Payne*** holds this post for St. Anne's Parish and ensures that we comply with the appropriate legislation.

## Schools

Catholic education provision continues in Buxton, from St Anne's Primary School, up to the age of sixteen at St Thomas More. The buildings are on adjoining sites and it is presumed that children will progress through the Key Stages with the same peers, developing the same values as the schools share the same vision.

### St. Anne's Primary School

St Anne's is an above average size primary school with 330 pupils ranging from four to 11 years in age; there are slightly more girls than boys.

The last Ofsted report confirmed that the school was good and reflects its mission statement well ***'to lead our children to be like Jesus, wise, honest and fair, today and every day.'*** It is effective because staff, governors, pupils and parents contribute enthusiastically to the life of the school. Pupils of all abilities and ethnic backgrounds are well taught and achieve high standards in all aspects of their education. The quality of teaching is good because enthusiastic, caring teachers provide pupils of all abilities with interesting and challenging tasks. The head teacher provides very good leadership and is well supported by a conscientious team of staff and governors ensuring the school continues to improve.



## Mission Statement

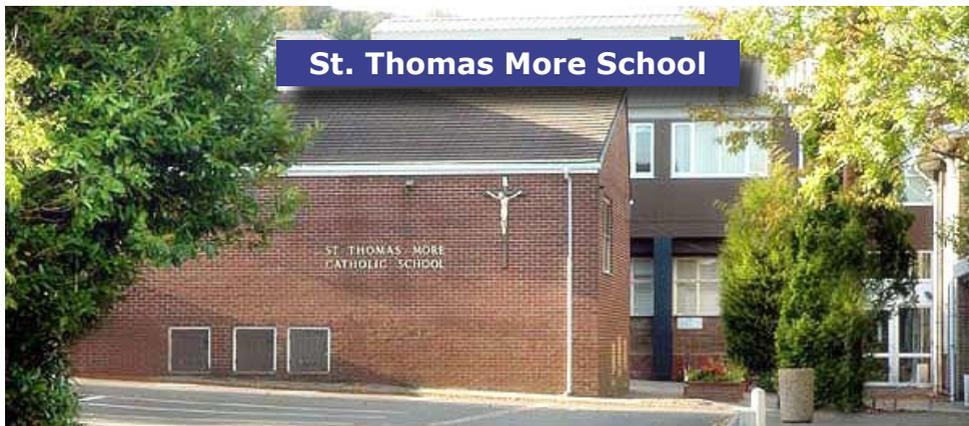
The mission of St Anne's Catholic Primary School is to lead our children to be like Jesus ... wise, caring, honest and fair, today and every day.

We aim to achieve this by:-

1. Welcoming all people and respecting all property;
2. Using our time and efforts well;
3. Celebrating our thanksgiving e.g. Mass/Assemblies;
4. Ensuring our appreciation of all staff;
5. Recognising the needs, difficulties and the talents of our children;
6. Encouraging the assistance of parents;
7. Looking to the needs of those both near and far.

We embrace Catholic tradition but recognise that we are part of a multi-cultural and multi-faith society.

In teaching our children, we value the support given by staff, parents and governors and the direction provided by the Diocese of Nottingham and the Local Education Authority.



Saint Thomas More Catholic Science College is a small comprehensive school with fewer than four hundred pupils. Having recently been awarded the status of '**Science College**' a main objective is to extend links with the local community and form education partnerships. Although it prides itself on excellent examination results, its primary role is to provide for the care and educational needs of all its pupils within a Christian environment as exemplified within the Mission Statement.

The school has its own web-site [www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk)

## Confirmation class of 2008



During the confirmation class of 2008 we learnt a lot about the sacred Holy Spirit. We discussed the effects of the Holy Spirit in Jesus' period of time and how the effects of him would be now. We also discussed and made life sized models of what Jesus would look like if he was alive today. We showed him with an Ipod and a mobile phone wearing trainers and jeans (fashion has definitely changed over the past few thousand years!) Last we looked at '**The fruits Of the Holy Spirit**' like Love, Joy and Peace. I enjoyed talking about how these gifts would help us through our confirmation and be useful in the future. I thoroughly enjoyed the confirmation program of 2008 and I know that this knowledge will help me in my future life.

*By Amy Hall*



## Outreach and Community



Polish football match

## Spirituality and Outreach

St. John's Gospel tells us that Jesus was the Word of God made flesh. We are favoured indeed if at any time we actually experience the awesome majesty of God through Jesus. How much stronger must have been the experience of those sharing his life on earth. Tim Rice sums this up in *'Jesus Christ Superstar'* when he has Mary Magdalene experiencing the strong magnetism of Jesus and singing that she loves and fears him at the same time. No wonder the Scribes and Pharisees were afraid of him.

And yet ... Jesus spent his life reaching out to the second-class citizens of his society, the downtrodden and disadvantaged. He treated them with dignity and gave them back their self-respect. Jesus taught us that in God's Kingdom on Earth, everybody is a valued member, regardless of status in society, or the circumstances we find ourselves in. He taught us how to love and honour God and each other. Jesus taught us how to live.

Some of the activities undertaken within the Parish to reach out to each other and beyond are described on the following pages.

## Going into hospital

Under the present Data Protection Act, the staff in N.H.S., Private Hospitals, and Nursing Homes are not allowed to give names of patients and residents to Church Ministers, nor Chaplains. Patients or their next of kin must give written permission. A form may be obtained on entry to the hospital. Hence, if you, a relative or friend is going into hospital, please let **Fr. Higgins** know using a written note. Please remember though, that the appointed Chaplains are responsible for our local major hospitals – Macclesfield, Stockport, Chesterfield, etc.

## Visiting the Sick and Housebound

There are at present 11 Parishioners who have volunteered to visit those who are housebound (and wish to be visited) mainly on a monthly basis. Some volunteers wish to visit in twos and others are happy to visit on their own. Eleven people are visited in their own homes and three in Nursing Homes. The group are concerned that maybe there are other housebound parishioners who would like to be included on the visiting list.

If you know of anyone, who expresses a wish to be visited please contact **Marie Lewis**. We also require more volunteers to become visitors. Please contact Marie if you think you could help - this important part of our mission cannot be accomplished without volunteers.

## Support for charities

Outreach extends beyond the parish boundaries of Buxton. It is our Christian duty to help those who are less fortunate than ourselves. As a parish, we support the Kaoma Children's Project

The Kaoma Project are two hostels run by the Presentation Sister in Zambia. The hostel supports teenagers who have spent their lives in the Children's orphanage, and are therefore without other means of support. As well as providing them somewhere to live, the project enables them to get further education and training in life skills.



**Nante and Marteu** (*photo from Aileen*)

## Social Activities

Social activities have been described as the **"engine oil"** that lubricates every part of parish life. **Esther King** has overall responsibility for coordinating Social Activities within the parish. **Esther** has already recruited some very willing helpers and would like to develop a larger team for her **"liquid engineering"** activities!

Come and relax with your friends and family at one of our Parish evenings. Get to know more people in our parish while having fun line dancing, sharing Italian food or bangers and mash, or come along to one of the coffee mornings held after the 11.00 Eucharist on a number of Sundays throughout the year.

Give it a go - you won't regret it.



## Social Activities

*For more details contact Esther King*



Don't forget, it is possible to book St Anne's Parish Hall for your own events / activities.

***For more details contact Fr. Dennis***

## Communications

If you have an idea for improving your Church, if there is something that you want your church to do for you or your Group that it doesn't at the moment, or if there is something that you want to bring to the attention of the Pastoral Parish Council, please post your suggestion / idea / solution in the suggestion box or email your suggestion to the Pastoral Parish Council. Name and contact details are not essential but may assist in bringing an idea to life. The box will be regularly reviewed so get thinking. We want to know how you think St. Anne's can become even better.



***For more details contact Mary Rooney***

### **The St Anne's Website – Facts at your Fingertips**

You will find everything you need to know about the Parish of St Anne's on the website at [www.stannes.org.uk](http://www.stannes.org.uk)

Amongst other news, the Website includes:

- The weekly readings in English, Spanish, Italian and Polish.
- A News Page, highlighting forthcoming events, and with links to various Parish rotas.
- Posting of the Weekly Bulletin, giving details of service times and special celebrations.
- The minutes from every Pastoral Parish Council meeting on the Parish Council page.
- Information about our schools with links to their websites.
- Pictures and stories from parishioners doing good works around the world.
- Pictures and stories closer to home from our many Parish Groups.

If there is something missing let us know by clicking on the contact page and email your pictures and stories.

### **150 Years Celebration**

In 2011, it will be the 150th Anniversary of St. Anne's Church. We are planning to mark this event in a number of ways. One of these will be the production and publication of the history of St Anne's and of Catholicism in Buxton. This is not intended to be a dry tome full of dates and listings of weekly collections, but as a living history, featuring personal recollections of characters and events important to the growth of the Parish and its church into what it is today. More details will be announced in due course, and to help prepare for this special event, we are looking to form a planning committee. For more details, contact James Piercy on 07720 880714.

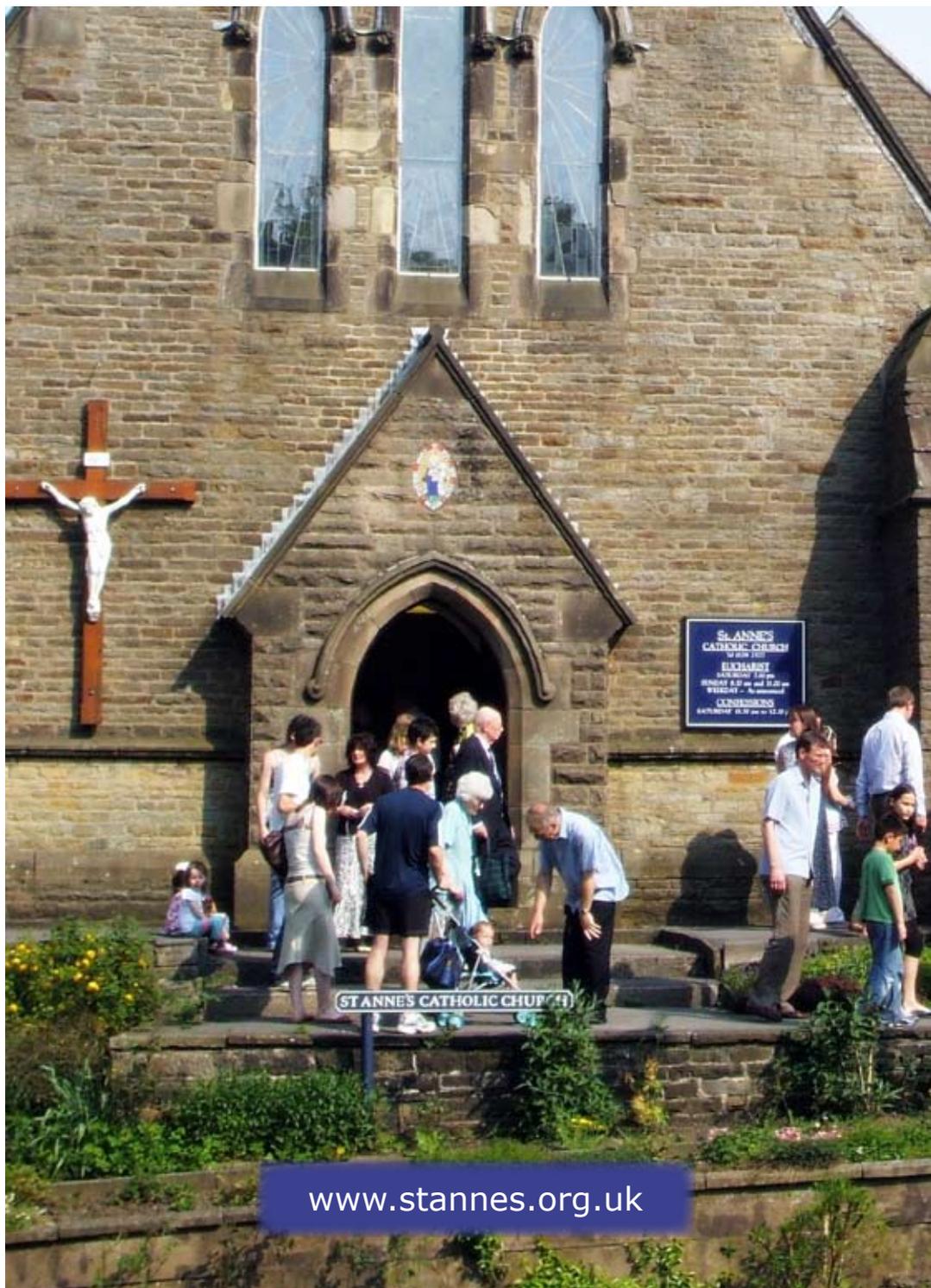
## St. Anne's Parish boundary



### **Gardening .... Gardening Volunteers required**

WE ARE LOOKING FOR VOLUNTEERS TO HELP KEEP THE CHURCH GARDEN TIDY. IDEALLY WE WILL MEET FOR 2 HOURS ONCE A MONTH ON A SATURDAY MORNING. IF YOU CAN SPARE SOME TIME PLEASE USE THE CONTACT DETAILS BELOW.

**Contact Andy Etechells on Buxton 24836**



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CATHOLIC CHURCH  
St. Anne's  
ELKHART  
CATHOLIC TOWN  
SERVICES 8.30 am and 11.30 am  
WEEK-DAY - As arranged  
CONFIRMATION  
SCHEDULED 8.30 am to 11.30 am

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