

**Saint Anne's** Catholic Church  
Terrace Road **BUXTON**  
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**YEAR BOOK 2011 - 2012**



Fr. Dennis Higgins  
Celebration of The Eucharist  
Saturday 7 pm. Sunday 8.30; 11am  
Holydays 10 am; 7 pm

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# The purpose of the 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.

## Keeping In Touch

There are a number of ways in which you can find out about what is happening in St Anne's, including

**The weekly Newsletter – available in church every Saturday and Sunday**

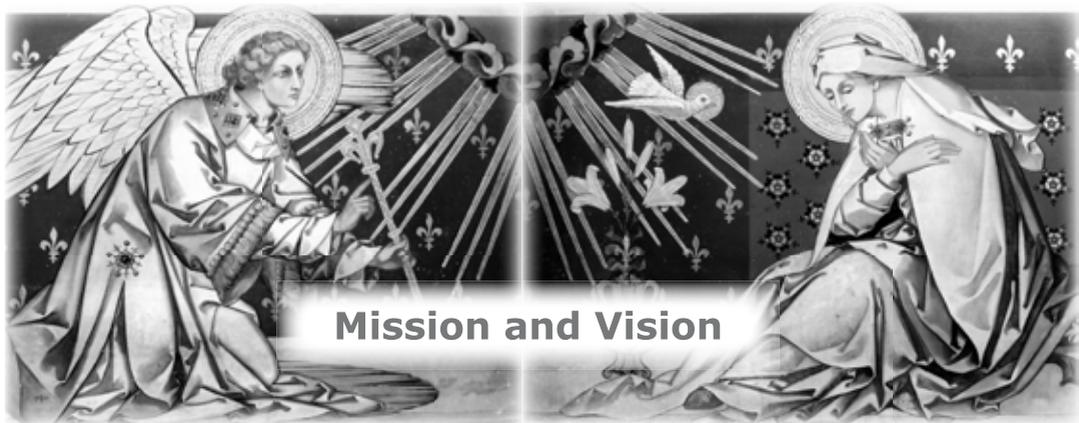
**Notice Boards inside and outside the church – maintained and updated by Robert Aldous and Fr. Dennis**

**The St Anne's Website – [www.stannes.org.uk](http://www.stannes.org.uk) contact Robert Aldous**

On the website 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.



## Mission and Vision

Our Parish VISION is

**“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:

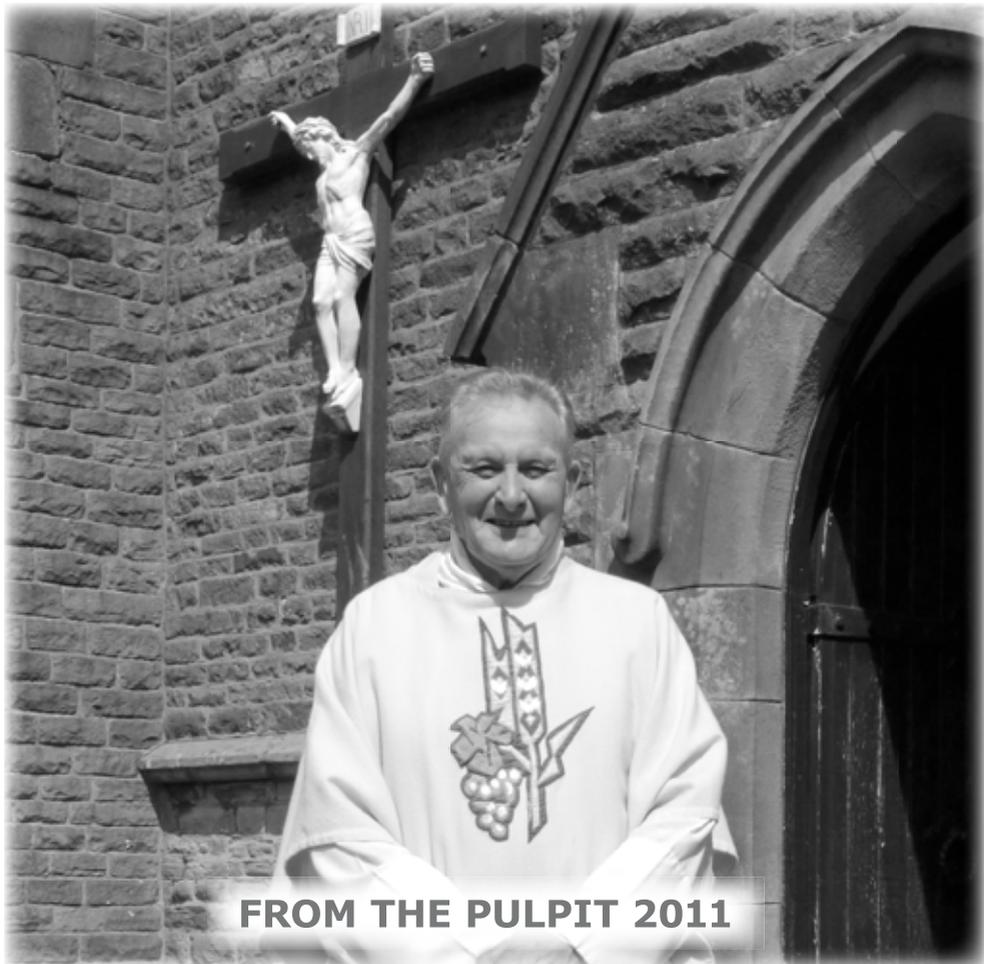
**“Making our church an open church”**

Our Parish MISSION or confirmation of WHAT we need to do to achieve our Vision and HOW we intend to go about it, is summarised in our Mission Statement:

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

This will be achieved through:

- 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 2011

As I begin to compose my introduction to this year's Parish Year book I look out of the window over the sun emblazoned garden. There are beautiful signs of life: there are wonderful colours of red, blue, purple, mauve and various shades of green. The view really is as pretty as a picture.

However, over the Slopes there is a massive bank of grey and black cloud. The arrow on the Museum roof is pointing to the north. The brisk breeze is decidedly chilly. I can see one bush which died during the winter. Standing firm and proudly is Michael Regan's rock.

Who was Michael Regan, or Mick as he was affectionately called, you may ask? Well, I'll tell you. Mick was part of the Parish fixtures when I arrived in 1987. He looked after the Parish Centre, cleaning, organising the furniture for different events. Amongst other jobs he would turn out at midnight to put on the heating when a winter frost was forecast. He moved the winter snows and tended the gardens.

He did it all for the love of God. Then this lovely little man died in his sleep, with his hands clasped in prayer, and a smile on his face. He had lived and died a happy man.

Since then, for over twenty years, we have been lucky to have many workers caring for our Parish needs, both in doors and outside of them. Please excuse my not listing their names. They know who they are, and I say a big THANK YOU to them all, both past and present. I mention Mick because I am inspired by the sight of his "rock of faith".

Another question, "what is faith?" I hope we accept and understand by now that faith is hope for the future. In no way do I include eternity from the very "beginning" to the unknown future when time will not be a factor. "Hope for the future" is in reference to God's kingdom here on earth. It looks towards God's people of future generations who will grace the future of God's kingdom here on earth.

Our church with its community is a symbol of God's kingdom here in Buxton, along with all the other churches, chapels and places of "worship" with their own communities. Each one endeavours to promote God's kingdom here in Buxton in its own chosen way. Hence these buildings and their people have significance, namely God's presence in the world. Each community has its own agenda, theology and philosophy in order to justify its purpose.

Here at St. Anne's we continue to determine our needs for the future of our significance of God's Kingdom - on earth. We do have two outstanding signs of our purpose in our schools.

Our schools, along with all schools, prepare pupils for their future life, both academically and how to be good citizens. All in all, to be fair. To be fair is to be a servant of God. In the end, all the stories about Jesus teach us to be fair.

The standard of our school buildings is of paramount importance. Over these twenty years our Parish has helped financially to improve them, to the tune of £600,000. Developments continue to go forward even now. Even as I write, projects are being furthered at both schools.

The Sports Hall at St. Thomas More School is now "an earner" out of school hours. Many thanks to the business management there. Our Schools Building Fund is set up for the future on the inception of donations of £80,000 and £50,000. However, 10% responsibilities will be called on, so parental donations are still needed.

That brings us to our church properties. Lots have been done over the years. The house and church have been rewired - new lighting in the church, along with decorating. Roofing repairs have been completed. At the end of the financial year we "broke even". The sanctuary repairs costing £10,500 were covered by two generous donations. There is still much to be done on church property in the future. Many, many thanks for your generosity. My faith is that I have hope for the future of God's kingdom here at St. Anne's Buxton.

*Fr. Dennis Higgins*

# 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.

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!



Anne Cleary  
Outreach



Fr Dennis Higgins  
Parish Priest



Esther King  
Social



Gareth Littlewood  
Secretary



Mary Rooney  
Gardens



Mike Monaghan  
Justice & Peace



**Peter Stacey**  
Adult Education



**Rob Aldous**  
Communication



**Sandy Ochojna**  
Chair



**Sophie Etchells**  
Youth



**Sophie Lyster**  
Youth



**Sue Hardman**  
Music

## **Parish Assembly (Annual General Meeting)**

The purpose of the meeting 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.

The Annual General Meeting of the Pastoral Parish Council will be held in the autumn of 2011, and is the meeting at which members of the PPC are elected to serve for a period of two years. Anybody over the age of 14 can stand for election.

It provides a good opportunity to meet other parishioners and also to take / share ideas with the people on the PPC. All Parish members are invited to attend this meeting.



## Our Church Who's Who

### Responsibilities and Contact details

<b>Activity</b>	<b>Contact Name</b>	<b>PPC Area</b>	<b>Tel</b>
100 Club	John O'Meara Snr.	Finance/Funds	23292
Bingo	Elizabeth Mellor	Finance/Funds	26989
Brownies	Aileen Warneford	Youth/Children	25768
Children's Liturgy	Lesley Crowther	Liturgy	70315
Churches Together	J & J Pocock	Outreach	
Cleaners	Cath Etchells	Church Property	24836
Confirmation	Margaret Swift	Youth/Children	23527
C.R.B.	Andrew Payne	Communications	27931
Deanery Meetings	Peter Stacey	Adult Education	22160
Eucharistic Ministers	Margaret Robinson	Communications	22117
Flowers	Phyllis Bailey	Church Property	
Gardening	Mary Rooney	Church Property	71991
Guides	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315
Justice and Peace	Mike Monaghan	Adult Education	
Monday Club	Wynn Bulmore	Social	26892
Music Group	Sue Hardman	Music	78955
Newletter	Angela Duffy	Communications	25340
Yearbook	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Parish Hall Bookings	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Church Property	23777
Polish Community	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
Presentation Assoc	Angela Sexton	Outreach	26943
Rainbows	Aileen Warneford	Youth/Children	25768
Readers	Rose Gould	Liturgy	77298
Repository	Cath Hobday	Church Property	77746
Rosary Group	Kazia Skrobot	Outreach	
Rotas (Readers etc)	Joe Brown	Communications	70922
Senior Cit'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 Sch	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Youth/Children	23167
Suggestion Box	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Visiting/Housebound	Marie Lewis	Outreach	25467
Website	Robert Aldous	Communications	78387
Welcoming Comm	Cath Cassidy	Outreach	24663
Youth Rep	Sophie Etchells	Youth/Children	

## 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 is provided here.

## Adult Education

The purpose of the Adult Education Group is to help people understand their beliefs and spirituality, and what it means to them as individuals. The parish does this by offering opportunities for people to discuss their beliefs and ideas in an open and friendly atmosphere.

*Peter Stacey*



## The Eucharistic Ministry

At the present time we have ten 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.



## Justice, Peace and the Care of Creation

**2010:** While the devastating earthquake in Haiti is no longer in the news the suffering and the needs do not disappear. Much help was provided at the time and helps continues to flow in as we can read in reports from Cafod for example. As a parish we decided to make a special effort later in 2010 when the attention of others had perhaps gone elsewhere.

We also need to beware of needs closer to home. The economic crisis, brought about by a greedy & unsustainable banking system, is affecting many, especially the poor ( who did nothing to cause the problems). We will be supporting Churches Action on Poverty campaigns, and also Cafod in their campaign "**Act on Poverty**".

The plight of asylum seekers, who are fleeing from torture & oppression in their own countries and are often forced to live in destitution, is a disgrace in a civilised society. We will be looking at how we might offer our support to them via organisations working on their behalf.

And finally the environment. Climate change remains the greatest threat to the future of the planet and is already causing untold suffering, again to the poorest sections of humanity. We will continue to focus on this at a personal & parish level.

**THE ISSUES: Justice:** The central message of the gospel is the call to love. And as Fr Dennis often reminds us this involves "being fair". 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 the Middle East conflict, and elsewhere, 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.*

**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. Our contributions to Cafod at the twice yearly appeals are one vital way we can combine to show our Christian concern.

**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) Operation Noah (the Christian climate change campaign) and anti-poverty and refugee organisations. We hope to bring these to your attention during the year.

We can also as a parish continue to support Fair Trade- but is there more we can do here? 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**



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.

In the last 12 months we have been busy. We held an inspiring Christmas concert with music and readings and were joined by the Polish and Pilipino communities who sang some of their Christmas songs. Everyone enjoyed the experience. We also sang at the midnight mass at Christmas, and on Easter Sunday as well as at the ecumenical Pentecostal service which was held at our Church this year. We also provided the music for Confirmation, which included many different styles to suit all ages! In addition we sang at a concert in the Paupers Pit and at the Devonshire Dome and also at the Buxton Music Festival where the choir was highly commended.

Clare provides an interesting and varied repertoire for us to learn. Its great fun and you don't have to read music as CDs are provided to help learn the music. Any enthusiastic singer wishing to join should **contact Sue Hardman, Clare O'Neill or a member of the choir.**



## The Rosary Group

The Rosary Group began in Buxton in 1981 and has been praying together ever since. Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays as follows.

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

### **Parish Child Protection Representative**

Members of groups that come into 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 the 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.

# The Guiding Movement - High Peak Division

St Anne's Parish supports Rainbows, Brownies, Guides and hopefully a new Ranger unit, thereby involving girls potentially from 5 to 25. If you would like to be involved in the activities as a leader or a member of a unit please contact Joan Piercy on 07779597401.

## St Anne's Guides and Rangers

Guides meets on a Monday evening 7pm -8.30pm at the Burbage Institute. It is run by Lesley Crowther who you can contact on 0129870315 or 07837086578 or e-mail at lesleycrowther@hotmail.com.

We are a very busy group who go camping, we have been to Paris and are planning a trip to Uganda for our older girls next year. We have great fun every week doing activities that range from the chocolate badge, the cooking badge to games, crafts, outdoor ventures as well as caring for and taking responsibility for our community and environment. We have close links with the East cheshire Hospice whom we adopted as our charity, and with the Mayoral charities.

The girls have great fun, gain confidence and self-esteem as well as help others!!



## 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.**



## **Outreach and Community**

### **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.

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 below.

### **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**

At the present time, ten housebound parishioners are visited. Four of these are in nursing homes in Buxton and six are still living in their own homes. There are eight volunteer visitors in the Parish. Some visit in pairs and others individually.

At Christmas and Easter the Presentation Associates deliver gifts to the housebound, and the children from Saint Anne's school make cards for them.

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.



## Confirmation

Planning began in earnest in January 2010 with a weekend for the catechists at the Diocesan Youth Centre, Crich. Sustained by many cups of tea and advice from Fr Joe, we finalised the programme with some exciting new activities and ideas.

We held a "Getting to Know You" session with the candidates and had a lively and interesting afternoon in the Parish Centre followed by the Celebration of the Eucharist in the Church. Our theme for the day was "The Transfiguration" and we used the significance of the white garment to reflect upon Sacramental occasions that had led up to the point that the candidates were at in their Christian lives. Everybody, including the catechists, was given a white t-shirt and we used this throughout the programme, to decorate and record our journey of faith and exploration. So we began our journey. We encourage the candidates to reflect upon their image of God the Father; on the person of Jesus Christ; their perception of the Holy Spirit in their lives; what it means to belong to the Church and what it means to be Church in today's world.

One of the highlights of the programme was our Pre-Confirmation weekend away at The Briars, enjoyed by all! This year our activities centred specifically around the names the candidates could choose and this proved to be very interesting, coming up with some Saints' names we had never even heard of! The t-shirts came along with us and everyone added their chosen confirmation name to the back; we ended up resembling a football team when we wore them to Mass on Saturday evening! As usual, although sad to be leaving, we all felt enthused, eager to continue and knowing each other a whole lot better!

We finally arrived at our destination on May 27th when we held our Ceremony of Confirmation; with all of us wearing our now fully decorated t-shirts. The service was inspirational and our candidates were fully involved; from the welcoming, prayers, Offertory to singing along with the choir (some more enthusiastically than others!)

We hope and pray that our candidates can go forward to face the prospect of living out their Christian life day by day, sustained and strengthened by their faith, by the knowledge of their importance in our community and by the grace of the Holy Spirit bestowed upon them in this Sacrament of Confirmation.

**Margaret Swift**



## 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.

**contact Esther King**



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

**contact Fr. Dennis**

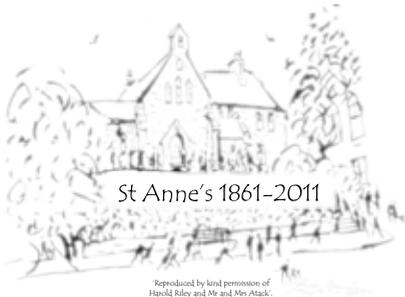
## Support for Charities

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 has two hostels run by the Presentation Sisters 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.

# 150 Years Celebration

In 2011, the Catholic Parish Church of Saint Anne in Buxton celebrates its 150th anniversary. However, the parish itself dates back to medieval times. Until the Reformation the parish was centred at the Well Chapel, near to the Crescent. This was closed in 1538 by Thomas Cromwell. Until the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, Catholics could not build churches for public celebrations. The few remaining Catholics in the area met in various private houses on Spring Gardens, West Road and High Street. In the twenty years between 1850 and 1870 the number of parishioners grew from sixty to over two hundred. Most of the new parishioners were Irish immigrants who came to work, first on the building of the railway, and later arrivals (mostly women) to be employed in the hotel trade. The arrival of the railway helped Buxton to grow as a tourist venue. In 1852, as a temporary measure, a chapel was opened on Scarsdale Place. By 1860 there was felt to be a need for a more substantial church building and work began on the present day church on Terrace Road. The foundation stone was laid by Bishop Roskell, who returned on 16th July 1861, accompanied by the future Cardinal Manning, to open the building. The most prominent Catholic family in the area, the Grimshaws from Errwood Hall, helped to fund the building of the new church. The first parish priest for the new church, appointed in 1850, was Father Edward McGreevey. Before then Mass had been celebrated by visiting priests including Fr. O'Farrell from Leek, and Fr. Collins from New Mills. Over time, due to the increasing population, it was felt that there would be sufficient demand for children to have a Catholic education. Father Hoeben, Parish Priest in 1885, rented a room in the old Town Hall where a small school was opened, with a Mr and Mrs Gordon as teachers. Saint Annes School moved to a new building in Hardwick Square in 1887, with Mrs Elizabeth Gordon as the head teacher. In 1891, the number of pupils averaged fifty-six and by 1903 the school had an average of one hundred and forty pupils. The teaching staff included three Sisters of the Presentation Order, from the convent on Livesey Street in Manchester. This community of religious sisters opened their convent in Hardwick Square in 1898, where they remained until 2005. In 1972 the school was relocated to Lightwood Road. In 1959 a new Catholic Secondary School dedicated to Saint Thomas More was opened on Palace Fields. Both schools have worked along with the church to help the Catholic Community to take its place in the town.

While various events and activities are planned throughout the year they culminate in a day of celebration on Sunday, September 25, 2011 with a special 11 o'clock eucharist celebrated by Bishop Malcolm, followed by a parish buffet, and a concert in the Pavilion Arts Theatre in the evening.



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# for 150

a place to learn about God's love and share it

# years



There are two schools providing Catholic education in Buxton, St Anne's Primary School, and St Thomas More Catholic Science College. 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 is an above average size primary school with 330 pupils ranging from four to 11 years in age. 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. The head teacher, Clare Sierotko (tel 01298 23589), provides very good leadership and is well supported by a conscientious team of staff and governors ensuring the school continues to improve.

Saint Thomas More Catholic Science College is a small comprehensive school with fewer than four hundred pupils up to the age of sixteen. Having 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 its Mission Statement. **Contact: Brendan Hickey** (01298 23167)

Both schools have their own web-sites:  
[www.st-annesrc.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-annesrc.derbyshire.sch.uk)  
[www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk](http://www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk)

# St. Anne's Parish boundary



## Communications & Suggestions

If you have an idea for improving our Church, if there is something that you want our 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 ([info@stannes.org.uk](mailto:info@stannes.org.uk)). 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.

**Robert Aldous**

## Gardening

We are looking for volunteers to help keep the church garden tidy. If you can spare some time please contact Mary Rooney on Buxton 71991