

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

Saint Anne's

Catholic Church

Terrace Road

BUXTON

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YEAR BOOK 2008

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.

Keeping In Touch

It is planned that this book will be updated every year. 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
contact Robert Aldous**
- **Newsletter – prepared every week
by Angela Duffy and Fr Dennis**
- **Notice Boards – maintained and updated
by Andrew Payne**

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

Rob and James

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Parish Assembly



Margaret gives a power point presentation

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 will be the PPC AGM). In 2008, there will be two meetings. The first will be 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, likely to be 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 Margaret Swift.



Parish Assembly

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 was summarised as the easily remembered:

“Making our church an open church”

The next job was 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 has now been summarised in the following Mission Statement:

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



Altar painting, oil on wood, St Anne's, Catholic Church

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.**



Father Dennis at the christening of Emily Walker

Eucharist

Saturday 7 pm. Sunday 8.30; 11 am

Holydays 10 am; 7 pm

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Twenty Years on

On October 7th, the feast of Our Lady of the Rosary, 1987 I arrived in Buxton. Who knew what lay in store, or what the future held?

First, it was bad news, the parish was in debt, but it became worse; the two schools were in need of comprehensive roof repairs. Was it an omen when on opening the curtains on my very first morning a car lay on its roof on the slopes? Who knows what happened to the car? However, something had to be done about the schools. Our bank manager arranged, very kindly, a grand loan for us, and work began. The people of the parish rallied magnificently, without any begging from me, and soon they made it possible to divert £400 weekly from the collections towards the schools. Other works and extensions came along. At first we had to find 15% of all the costs, eventually this was reduced to 10%. Over these 20 years, great things have happened to our schools at an estimated cost of £500,000 to the parish.

I am glad to say that the building of the Sports Hall at St. Thomas More School will commence in January 2008. This will be of great benefit to the pupils of each of our schools. The generosity of our parishioners, and parents of pupils, will enable us to finance the furnishing of the building, some £150,000. Past times have been the foundation of the present. Present times are our foundation for the future.

My first two years here were exhausting. So much so, that I was rushed to hospital with a suspected heart attack. On returning after three months someone – I wish I could remember who – said **"Thank God you are back, we don't want to go back to 'those days' again!"** What days? Dietrich Bonhoeffer said, **"God is 'deus ex machina'"**. What does that mean? Literally, God from the machine. A religious drama on stage would come up with an unanswerable question, and like magic, an actor playing God would shoot up through the floor – with the solution. We do not need that sort of God.

Bonhoeffer said, **"(Our religion) must develop from the viewpoint of the useless, the suspect, the abused, the powerless, the oppressed, and the despised."** In a word, from the viewpoint of those who suffer. Who will come to their aid, God? Definitely not, it is we people, who come to their aid in the NAME of GOD.

There was (May 8th 2007) the beginning of the work for peace and justice in Northern Ireland. Sadly, the politicians thought it was all their own work. If they were truly Catholic, Protestant or **"half and half"** they would know that, they are putting the WORD of GOD into action. Some people know that the good they do is the WORK of GOD, many do not because they do not understand this is their vocation.

Our schools will lose their purpose unless we adults recognise that the good we do is in the NAME of GOD, as demonstrated by JESUS. This is what we are all called to do, namely our vocation. We must answer the call together, as the Body (person) of Christ in the world today.

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. 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.



Angela Duffy
Secretary, Outreach



Margaret Swift
Chair, Social



Andy Etchells
Vice Chair, Property



Ian Magno
Buildings & Gardens



Lesley Crowther
Youth & Children



Peter Stacey
Adult Education



Aileen Warneford
Youth & Children



Fr Dennis Higgins
Parish Priest



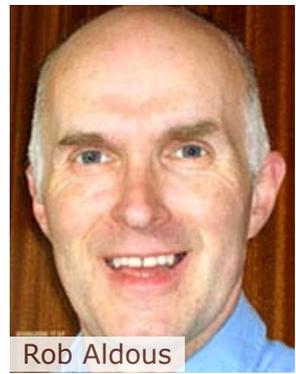
Iris Thomson
Liturgy



Mike Hallam
Liturgy, Adult Ed



Esther King
Social



Rob Aldous
Communications

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



Contact details

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
100 Club	John O'Meara	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 Etchells	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 Etchells	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	Wyn Bulmore	Social	26892
Music Group	Iris Thomson	Liturgy	26046
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	Andy Etchells	VC/Church Property	24836
PPC	Michael Hallam	Adult Education	24898

Contact details

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
PPC	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Finance/Fundraising	23777
PPC	Esther King	Social Committee	23834
PPC	Ian Magno	Church Property	25667
PPC	Arthur Ryan		71168
PPC	Peter Stacey	Adult Education	22160
PPC	Margaret Swift	Chair	23527
PPC	Iris Thomson	Liturgy	26046
PPC	Aileen Warneford	Liturgy	25768
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	Kath Cassidy	Outreach	24663
Youth	Lesley Crowther	Youth/Children	70315

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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 eventually on this 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 January 2008) 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 Mike Hallam or Peter Stacey



Coffee after the 11.00 Eucharist in the Parish Centre

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!

John was the only Minister there for some time and he remembers taking Holy Communion to the sick on First Fridays. He went out after the 8.00am Mass and visited the sick and housebound in central Buxton, the Sherwood Road area, Harpur Hill, Fairfield and several residential care homes. It was always mid-afternoon when he finished. Eventually, more Eucharistic Ministers were commissioned Jim McGrath (RIP), Bill Mitchell (RIP), Tony King, to name a few and became a very active ministry in the Parish. Some of the Presentation Sisters, resident in the parish, were also Eucharistic Ministers and they proved to be a tremendous help, particularly in taking Holy Communion to the hospital, a task that had been undertaken by John O'Meara and Jim McGrath.

John remained leader of the Eucharistic Ministers in St. Anne's Parish and a member of the Diocesan Secretariat during the training and commissioning of more Ministers of the Eucharist, but after 28 years service he had to retire for health reasons. By then, of course, The Presentation Sisters had left the Parish and a new team was commissioned to take their place. There are currently 12 people, now called extraordinary Ministers of The Eucharist (Vatican orders) led by Margaret Robinson, endeavouring to continue the good work started by John all those years ago.



Kath, John, Fr. Dennis, Mike, Marie and Anne

Music



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 Mike Watson. The music is selected by Stephanie Watts to fit in with the liturgy of the Mass. 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 the Easter Vigil. 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.

For more details contact Iris Thomson



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 or Angela Sexton



**The Kaoma Orphanage in Zambia
run by The Presentation Sisters**

Parish retreat at the Briars 1st March 2007

We had a wonderful day together out at The Briars. The sun was shining and spring was in the air, which helped us to feel positive and optimistic. There was a distinct lack of the endless sheets of paper one usually has to juggle on these occasions, but plenty of tea breaks! Our leader Tom Baptist led us calmly through a day that was thought provoking without being stressful. We followed through four themes.

MAKING A CHOICE

We watched a scene from the film "*Lord of the Rings*" in which Frodo must make a choice – will he find the courage to face a difficult journey of danger and suffering in order to protect Good and defeat Evil? We thought about our own journeys, discussing topics informally in small groups.

"What would you leave behind?" was one of the questions, and our answers were quite revealing.

WALKING TOGETHER

After reading the account of the disciples walking on the road to Emmaus, we ourselves went on a walk. We drew lots for partners, and walked with that person, each pair keeping just in sight of the pair in front. We found that walking with one other person helped conversation to flow and released us from the stress of usual activities. However, we had to keep looking ahead, being aware of the others, and of our common goal. (To reach the picnic area without losing everyone!)

KNOWING ONE ANOTHER BETTER

As we walked, we had questions to ask our partners. The first one was *"What colour socks are you wearing?"* This innocent question led to some interesting conversation! Amazing that socks can say so much about attitude and lifestyle. It was of course an icebreaker, making the more serious questions *"What do you think is your greatest achievement?"* and *"Who has inspired you the most?"* easier to answer.

Our walk ended with a picnic. As we sat on the grass sharing our food, we were aware of having a Eucharist experience – we had begun to learn to share so much more.

TRUSTING AND CARING

We were asked to choose a Station of the Cross and rewrite it! Sharing our thoughts afterwards made us place a great deal of trust in each other. Some of the shared suffering, both on a world scale and in our personal lives, was very emotional. We needed to listen to each other and give support.

The final station was very moving and was an emotive conclusion.

The retreat was a very worthwhile experience and we went home with much to ponder on, also strengthened and encouraged by our sharing.

We really did learn what it is *"To learn about God's love and share it"*

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"**



St. Anne's Catholic Church - view from Terrace Road

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



Guide Movement

St Anne's acts as host to lively Guides, Brownies and Rainbows units, which cater for girls of all ages between 5 and 14.

A key event is the annual Christingle celebration, held on the first Sunday of Advent after the 11.00 Eucharist. This gives the wider Church community the opportunity to learn a little more about the units, and to partake in a special event to mark the beginning of Advent.

Guides (by Tess Doig)

At Guides we have lots of fun working together to learn new skills and make new friends. One way that some guides learn new skills is Guide Camp. When I went I learnt to grass sledge, fire an arrow, make a fire place (from scratch!) and cook on it, build a tent and much more!

Another way is to earn badges. There are all sorts of them! There's art and craft, animal badges, but my favourite has to be the **CHOCOLATE** badge! You get to design and make your own chocolate bar.

I really enjoy Guides and if you think you will, ask **Lesley Crowther** for more information.

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 Warnford or Joan Piercy



St. Anne's Brownies 1st prize Buxton Carnival

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.



St. Anne's Primary School, Lightwood Road, BUXTON

School Council Report for St. Anne's Church (2006 - 07)

My name is Philip Etchells and I am a member of St. Anne's School Council. The council is made up from two representatives from each class; we also have a chairperson who is Dominic Hall and a secretary Daniel Cowan. Laura Bagshaw does the photocopying.

The elections take place in September when we first start in our new class and we then serve for one whole School year. Volunteers are asked for and then their names are put on the blackboard. Each person is then given two pieces of paper and they have to vote for one boy and one girl. The two with the most votes are then elected to the School council.

In June last year some members of St. Anne's Pastoral Parish Council visited us at School and sat in on one of our council meetings. We had the opportunity to ask them questions about their Council and we also talked about the things that we do at school.

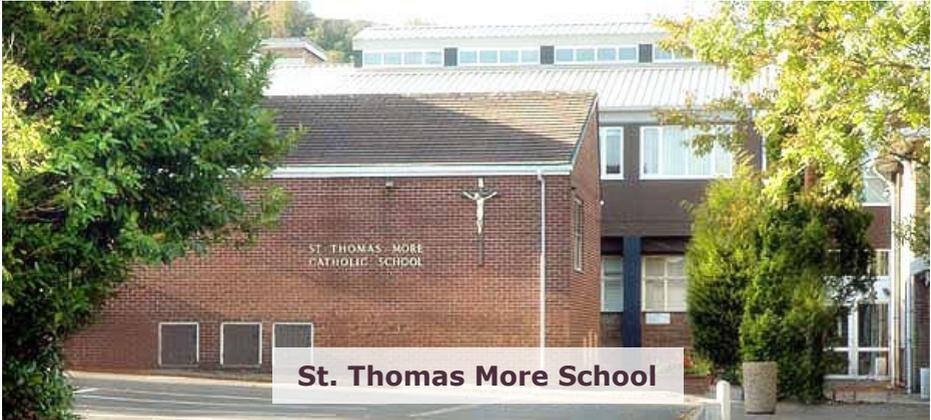
Later in the year St. Mary's Catholic Primary School from New Mills visited us as they had only just set up their School Council. They wanted some advice and to see one of our meetings. They liked the idea of our yellow class folders which we take with us each time we meet; these have our opening prayer and minutes with actions to be taken. After the meeting we use the folders to report back to our classes and next time we meet to check if the actions required have been taken.

Philip Etchells
Mrs Claytons Class Year 4



Preparing for First Holy Communion photographs

St. Thomas More



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



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.

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. 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.

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 two main charities, the Kaoma Children's Project and the Catholic Children's Society.

The Kaoma Project is a hostel 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.

The Catholic Children's Society provides services for all children and families who need or can benefit from them, regardless of religious belief or ethnic background. This includes fostering and adoption services, a schools counselling service and helping poorer communities by providing social care and helping people to rediscover their dignity and self-worth.



Nante and Marteu (photo by Aileen)

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.

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.

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

For more details contact Fr. Dennis



Filipino Banquet evening - prize draw

Social Activities

For more details contact Esther King, Margaret Swift



Auction of Promises



Barbeque afternoon



Line Dancing evening

Plans for the Future

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.



150 Years Celebration

In 2012, 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.



Flower Festival 2007

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