

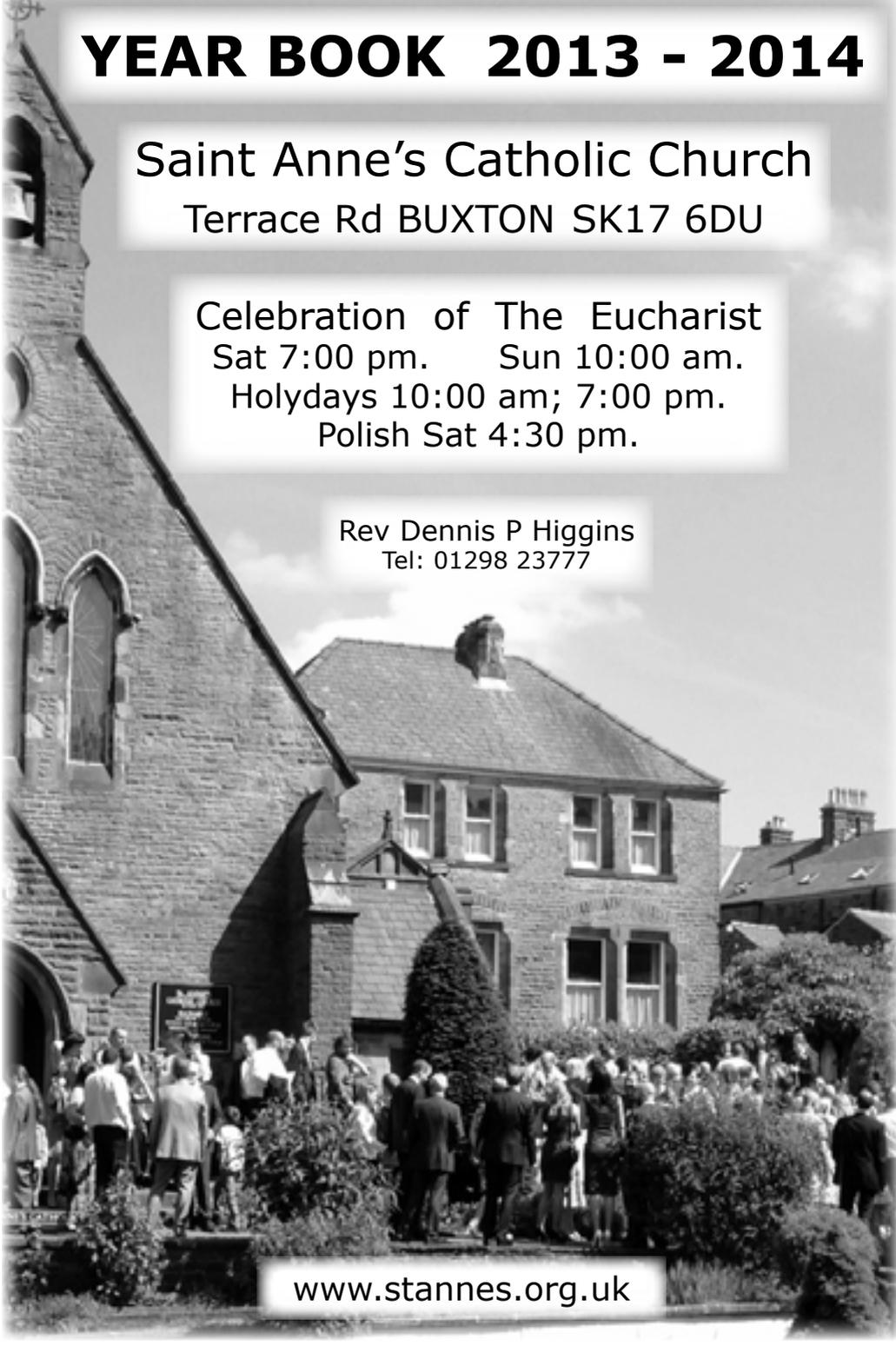
YEAR BOOK 2013 - 2014

Saint Anne's Catholic Church
Terrace Rd BUXTON SK17 6DU

Celebration of The Eucharist
Sat 7:00 pm. Sun 10:00 am.
Holydays 10:00 am; 7:00 pm.
Polish Sat 4:30 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 contact Rob 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 amongst other news, the Website includes:

- 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.

“Habemus Papam”, we have a Pope!



When I was asked by the chairperson of the Parish Pastoral Council to prepare the introduction to the 2013 - 2014 Year Book, I thought, **“Oh no, what on earth shall I write?”** Hence, I concluded, **“Why not deliberate on Pope Francis?”** But where to begin? Well, some fifty years ago the Church’s Vatican Council II was in motion. What has happened as a consequence? Very little, some would say. However, at the time of the Council I heard the words, **“The church always arrives late, and out of breath!”** Whether those words were contemporary or from earlier times I do not know. I think they should not refer to the directions of Rome, but to we, the People of God. When we were a **“Latin Church”** we didn’t have to think, but now we are a **“Vernacular Church”** and because we celebrate The Eucharist in our own languages, all over the world, we can readily appreciate that we are a **“Universal Church”** and truly catholic. This calls for the Church to learn of the needs of the different cultures and nations.

Recently, I heard an eminent Rabbi explaining how it is that we are human, based on the understanding of the Creation Stories in the Book of Genesis, **“We are made in God’s likeness and image.”** How can that be when there are very good, and very bad people in this world.

Throughout the generations of Bible writing we can recognise the evolution of the endeavour to come to terms with this mystery of God in the world.

We are more than human; we are **“homo sapiens”**, thinking beings. Animals, birds and fish etc., do not think and make decisions. They react by impulse. We are able to make decisions, maybe creative, maybe destructive. So much depends upon what we learn, and what we have experienced during our life’s journey.

So now to Pope Francis who has said, **“Religious Truth does not change, but it does grow and develop.”** But there are so many religions and denominations each claiming to have the truth. There are those who have no time for religion but do wonderful work, truly living saints. The will, or influence of this mystery we call God has no limits, no boundaries.

Surely, this is where faith comes in. But what is faith? It is not merely believing in the past or what somebody has said. With faith there has to be hope, hope that things can be better. That is what we can learn from the past. But hope is about the future.

Pope Francis just has to be the Prophet, looking to the past, getting rid of the barren, and building on the good. I hope he will show us what to do and not merely tell us. After all we are the People of God, he is our leader. But his success as Pope will depend upon the peoples of all nations, religions and cultures.

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!



Aileen Warneford

Secretary,
Youth & Children



Andy Etchells

Finance



Mary Rooney

Vice Chair



Mike Monaghan

Justice & Peace



Mike Reynolds

Adult Education



Niamh MacNamara

Youth



Rob Aldous

Chair



Trish Bothamley

Social



Cora Plant

Outreach



Fr Dennis Higgins

Parish Priest



Heather Toomey

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 2013, 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

Activity	Contact Name	PPC Area	Tel
100 Club & Gift Aid	John O'Meara Jr.	Finance/Funds	78001
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.	Eva Sullivan	Communications	70438
Deanery Meetings	Fr. Dennis Higgins	Adult Education	23777
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	22607
Music Group	Heather Toomey	Music	23995
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	Niamh MacNamara	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

With great help from Niamh MacNamara, our youth rep on the PPC and Andy Etchells, discussions are ongoing with 'The Briars' towards a future meeting bringing parishioners of all ages together.

Ideas which have been raised include; inviting an outreach staff member from 'The Briars' to facilitate a half-day meeting in the parish centre, doing 'our own thing' along similar lines, 'Targeting' Confirmation candidates and Guides or perhaps starting with an informal invitation for coffee and a 'chat' after a youth or children's Eucharist. Lesley Crowther has kindly agreed to liaise between Niamh and the Guides.

Any other ideas would be welcomed!

Mike Reynolds



The Eucharistic Ministry

At the present time we have several 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



Carnival Day human race

Pope Francis Speaks

The Pope has made it very clear in address after address that justice, peace and the environment are central issues for all of mankind and especially for Christians.

On Unemployment and Poverty*"[unemployment] is spreading like an oil spill in vast areas of the West and expanding the limits of poverty""It is clear something is not working in the world's economy which affects the entire planet"*

On the Financial System*"the idols of power, profit and money were now the norm for organising society ... we have forgotten that beyond business .. and the market there is a human being"*
"If investments in banks fall a bit it's seen as a tragedy ... but if people die of hunger .. it doesn't matter !"

And in other speeches he has referred to the tragedy of war and violence, in particular to Syria, and to the growing ecological crisis facing humanity.

Our Parish Responds

How are we doing in response to the Pope's call? Faced with the enormity of the problems it is easy to feel helpless.

But no one made a greater mistake than thinking if they could only do a little it was not worth doing.

And acting together in solidarity with others we can make a difference.

So we can remind ourselves of some of the things we have done. Poverty in our country

A recent Church Action on Poverty(CAP)/Oxfam report stated *"The explosion of food poverty and the use of food banks is a national disgrace."* They estimate that 500,000 people are using food banks. The main causes of this growing poverty are unemployment, sub-standard wages and especially the changes to the benefits system.

Here in Buxton many families are facing food shortage and the parish supports the Nightstop food bank.

We have also participated in CAP campaigns to press the government to act to change the unfairness of present situation so we will no longer need such emergency help.

We also called on the government through a CAP campaign to act on the scandal of multi-national firms avoiding paying a fair level of tax..

We were pleased to learn following our enquiries that our Diocese is committed to paying the **"living"** as opposed only to the **"minimum"** wage to its employees.

International Poverty

We have again generously supported the two Cafod Fast days – in Lent and at Harvest time.

We also took part in the Hungry for Change Campaign which Cafod and 100 other development agencies launched to persuade the G8 richest nations to act to reverse the ever-growing gap in income between the richest and the poorest peoples on earth

We continue to use Fairtrade tea and coffee at parish events.

Peace

2012 has seen the continuing tragedy of war in Syria and conflicts elsewhere in the world.

We supported Peace Sunday which is organised by Pax Christi the Catholic peace organisation by special Bidding Prayers and we sent a donation for their vital work in seeking non- violent alternatives to war.

The Environment

At a parish level we have not been active in promoting environmental initiatives this year although no doubt many of us try to do what we can in this area

Next Year

Last year we set ourselves a number of actions we would try to achieve . We have done pretty well – thanks to generous support from the parish.

For 2013 we will carry on with our work and in particular

- increase our support for the Nightstop
- continue our support for Cafod
- celebrate Peace Sunday – perhaps with a special homily
- keep up our involvement with Church Action on Poverty
- have regular updates in the Newsletter about our activities and guidance being given by the church on these matters
- see what environmental actions we might take as a parish

Mike Monaghan



Music

St. Anne's Music Group has been playing and singing together since 1997. We are a friendly, informal and ever expanding group of approximately 25 singers and 3-4 instrumentalists under the musical direction of our conductor Clare O'Neill. We usually meet in the Parish Centre at 10.00am on Sunday mornings and those that choose, sing at the 11.00 Eucharist on the last Sunday of each month. In addition to this the choir provides music for special celebrations such as Confirmation and the first mass of Christmas.

During 2012 the choir sang at the Hawthorns for the residents and we are due to sing for them again shortly and we sang at the Pensioners lunch. In December 2012, together with Mad Hatter's Youth choirs and soloists, we sang in the Pavilion Arts theatre as part of a Memorial Concert for Deborah Hollamby, a great friend and choir member, who sadly lost her battle to cancer and who is greatly missed.

The choir entered for a choral exam in May 2013, the first since the choir formed and we are constantly working on an interesting and varied repertoire which Clare provides for us to learn. It's great fun and you don't have to read music as CDs are provided to help learn the music.

Clare also taught those children in the children's liturgy a musical interpretation of the Christmas story (One Bright Star) and an interpretation of the Easter story (Roll Back The Stone) which were both performed at the mass celebrations.

Anyone wishing to join should come along to a rehearsal or contact Clare or a member of the choir.

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. It is open to children of all ages. The children are invited to attend the children's session from the body of the church at the beginning of the Eucharist and leave as a group. They are then returned safely to church by their leaders. The children explore the Gospel reading for that week in a fun way that is accessible for all ages.

We use games, crafts and role play to enable the children to access the theme for that week at an appropriate level to them in a friendly, fun way.

St Anne's Guides

Brownies meet in the Centre from 5.45 to 7.30 on Thursdays in term time. We have a full unit of enthusiastic girls aged 7 to 10/11 years. Activities include: working for Brownie Badges, Arts and Crafts, exploring the locality and sampling the local food. We are fond of visiting the Coach House, Lone Star and Pizza Express! In March we go to Shropshire for our challenging Adventure Weekend, experiencing abseiling, canoeing, games in the forest and having a great time getting along with each other. There is another camp planned in July 2014, to celebrate the Brownie 100 year birthday. We also like to sing and discuss things, often working in friendly groups. In July 2013 we took part in the Fringe Festival with a puppet show in the Pavilion Theatre, showing our own home made puppets. The girls designed a badge for this, which we had produced and each Brownie received one. We took part in the Buxton Carnival too, winning second place with our "Atonishing Egyptians" According to the new rules, parents need to go on line now to gain a place anyone interested is welcome to ring Aileen on 01298 25768 for further details.

Rainbows is for younger girls aged 5 to 7 years. We meet on Tuesdays, in term time, from 4.45 to 5.45 in the centre. Activities are based on Guiding Rainbow modules and badges are awarded. We also have our own ideas and the girls often suggest the activity - cooking is the favourite! We have a lot of craft activities, games and singing. Application for places is as for Brownies and again anyone interested can ring 01298 25768 for advice. The main aim is to have a happy time together and gain confidence.

The Guiding Promise all girls in all sections make a "**Promise**" when they become full members. This is done in a little ceremony during the session, and the girls get a badge and certificate. Until now, the Promise has contained the phrase "**to love my God**" This has now been removed from the Promise. From September, we are told by Guiding that we must, without exception use the new form of promise without reference to God. (Aileen has written to the Chief Guider concerning this, and asking if the old form could be used by units sponsored by the church - and has received the answer "**No**") Guiding has stated that "*the phrase "to love my God" does not truly reflect the society we live in*" We should like to hear any views on this from the parish..

For more details contact Aileen Warneford 25768

Guides meet on a Wednesday evening 7pm -8.30pm in the Parish Centre, during term time. We are a very busy group who go camping; we have been to Paris as well as many activity centres in England. We do lots of outdoor activities from canoeing to climbing as well as cycling.

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. We have a growing Senior Section who are working towards their Duke of Edinburgh Awards. These girls take on more responsibility for their programme working more and more in the community. The girls have great fun, gain confidence and self-esteem as well as helping others!

It is run by Lesley Crowther who you can contact on 0129870315 or 07837086578 or e-mail at lesleycrowther@hotmail.com



Rainbows and Brownies

Parish Child Protection Representative

Members of groups that come into contact with children or vulnerable adults (primarily children's liturgy catechists and Eucharistic ministers) need to have a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) check carried out (formerly a CRB, Criminal Records Bureau check). This is a simple and confidential procedure and Eva Sullivan our new representative will complete any necessary paperwork with you.

Once the check has been satisfactorily completed a Certificate will be sent to you directly from the Disclosure and Barring Service. A new on-line updating service recently launched will enable a Single Certificate to be used by numerous voluntary organisations and employers avoiding any unnecessary duplication of applications.

With many thanks to Andrew Payne for holding the position for the last eight years.

The Rosary Group

The Rosary Group began in Buxton in 1981 and has been praying together ever since. Prayer meetings are held on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 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. 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**"

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.

Presentation Associates

We are a small group, in our parish, part of a worldwide Association, linked to the Presentation Sisters, following in the footsteps of Nano Nagle who was the foundress of the Presentation sisters. Nano dedicated her life to helping the poor neglected children of her time, in the city of Cork.

We meet on the last Wednesday of each month, after the 10:00am mass, to pray and reflect on the Gospel Reading for the next Sunday, seeking out the relevance of that reading, in our lives today.

We visit our elderly and housebound parishioners and take Christmas and Easter presents to them. The children in St. Anne's School make lovely Easter cards to accompany the Easter presents.

We have become increasingly aware of and therefore more involved in local, national and global issues especially concerning Justice and Peace, for example supporting Fair Trade and Cafod and protecting our environment.

One of our main objectives is to support the Sisters' Mission in Zambia, where they care for the poor neglected children of our time in their orphanage, taking care of babies whose parents have died from AIDS and other diseases. As the years have gone by, the children who have grown up in the orphanage, need new buildings to provide, food, shelter and training in life skills. To help raise money for this developing project ten years ago all the Presentation Associate groups around the country were invited to take part in the Kaoma Box Scheme. This continues to be a wonderful success, thanks to the generosity of our parishioners and others like you in parishes all round the country. We are very grateful to Fr. Higgins for providing us with a donation of £1,000.00 from Parish Funds, for each of the last six years, to support the Sisters' Mission in Zambia. £500 goes to the Orphanage and £500 towards the Kaoma Box scheme. The grand total which has been sent to Kaoma since the Box Scheme started is £70,000.



We would welcome anyone who might be interested in sharing in our activities to come to one of our meetings. **For more details Lynn Collins 01298 24695 or Angela Sexton 01298 26943.**

Visiting the Sick and Housebound

At the present time thirteen housebound parishioners are visited. Five of these are in nursing homes and eight are still living in their homes. There are seven volunteer visitors in the parish.

Visiting doesn't take place on a random basis, as it is felt that it is important to build up a 1-1 relationship wherever possible. The visitors bring the Parish Newsletters to those whom they are visiting so that the housebound still feel part of the parish.

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

There is a liaison between the Eucharistic Ministers and the Visiting Group. It is essential that Fr. Dennis or Marie Lewis are informed by relatives or other parishioners of anyone who has become housebound and wishes to be visited so that we may be of service.

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.

Confirmation 2013



Here in St Anne's, through careful planning of sessions and Pre-Confirmation weekend at the Briars, we provide an interactive Confirmation programme that is very much candidate led e.g. discussion, games, stories, film clips, music, poetry and activities such as baking bread to illustrate child poverty across the world and interviews with a 'modern day' Jesus.

It is a journey of self-discovery through which we hope to expand the candidates' understanding of their faith and its application in life today, especially through prayer, service to others and commitment to 'justice, peace and compassion'.

"How beautiful it would be if each of you, every evening, could say: Today at school, at home, at work, guided by God, I showed a sign of love towards one of my friends, my parents, an older person...." (The words of Pope Francis during a recent Eucharistic Celebration that was dedicated to 44 young people from around the world to whom the Pope imparted the sacrament of Confirmation).

Our hope for the candidates is for them to become full members of our Church and it is only by bringing the Gospel to them, on their terms, that we will be successful. We have no illusions that we will keep every newly confirmed young person, but the small splash we make will hopefully make a few ripples!

Our sessions will, we hope, touch and enrich their lives to help them be a part of God's kingdom here on earth today, and we endeavour to reinforce this in every session.

We must strive to be a community that draws in young people, and gives them a sense of belonging, of finding a home in our church and being given opportunities to show their worth. We need to build and develop relationships with young people and encourage them to ask questions; we must make a journey of faith together, respecting each other and hoping that by our catechesis we can make a difference in their lives. *"They need to understand that life is about mystery, like the breath they breathe, like the mystery of God, whose dream for them embraces their future."* quote from Fr. Higgins.

As a Confirmation team we can assist this through prayer and leading by example; It is important however, that we all continue to reach out to young people as without them there will not be a church.

In the words of Pope Francis: **"You should pass on the flame of faith. However Jesus did not say this was an option but simply 'Go and make disciples of all nations'. This is the command that the Lord entrusts to the whole Church and that includes you"**.

Margaret Swift

On behalf of St Anne's Confirmation Catechist Team: Lesley Crowther, Heather Toomey, Sophie Etchells, Zoe Salmon, Rob Aldous, Andy Etchells.



Parish Centre Refurbishment Project

In November 2012 it was proposed that the PPC considered obtaining grants for the refurbishment of the parish centre. A recent health and safety report had highlighted several issues that were in need of attention and there was no specific funds allocated to complete any works.

The late Ken Gould had given his time, tirelessly re-painting the centre and many people had helped to maintain it, but the toilets and kitchen were in need of modernisation and the main hall floor was beyond economic repair.

Only a few grants were suitable for church parishes and their buildings and the most suitable was deemed to be the SiTA Trust. a trust created from land fill taxes. It has taken many months of gathering opinions and quotes to formulate a strong submission for a grant. The grant is now completed in time for the deadline at the start of July.

In addition to the main grant a further application was made to a local grant scheme (The Bingham Trust) to provide funds to replace the upstairs carpets. Nearly new chairs, a replacement kitchenette, tiles and paint have been donated and it is hoped that volunteers are going to help re-paint the upstairs in order to secure the future of our community centre for years to come.

If you or a company you know could help in any way please contact: Heather Toomey on (01298) 23995



Social Activities

Photo competition Parish Centre

As usual the Social Committee have had another busy year planning and providing entertainment for our Parish.

In March we held a Musical Evening in the Parish centre with an Irish theme, where a host of entertainers, singer, dancers and "Four to the Bar" serenaded us beautifully. Everyone enjoyed the "Dublin Coddle" followed by Apple Pie & Cream. A game of Irish Bingo rounded the evening off nicely.

In April we provided over 40 Parishioners with their yearly "Spring Lunch" which once again was a real team effort. There was a great bunch of volunteers and lots of help from the Guides who were fantastic again this year. Ken as usual did a sterling job shopping and cooking the meal which was thoroughly enjoyed by all. Ken even managed to bring along a couple of Scout Leaders who were a real asset in the kitchen. We have lots more planned for the Summer & Autumn watch out for details in the newsletter.

All our social events raise money for charity and this year we have helped, the local charity "Night Stop", our Parish Confirmation Group and have made a donation towards the refurbishment to the Parish Centre. We are currently in discussion with Heather Toomey regarding purchasing a License for the film nights for this year. The Social Committee are always looking for new members to join us. Meetings are held as and when needed and are a great social occasion in themselves. Please contact Ester King or any member of the social committee if you would like any further information about joining us.

contact Trish Bothamley

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

St Thomas More School

St Anne's School

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 23167**

Both schools have their own web-sites:
www.st-annesrc.derbyshire.sch.uk
www.st-thomasmore.derbyshire.sch.uk

+ Hadfield

+ Gamesley & Broadbottom

+ Glossop: All Saints

+ Glossop: St Marys Crowned

+ Marple Bridge

+ New Mills

+ Chapel en le Frith

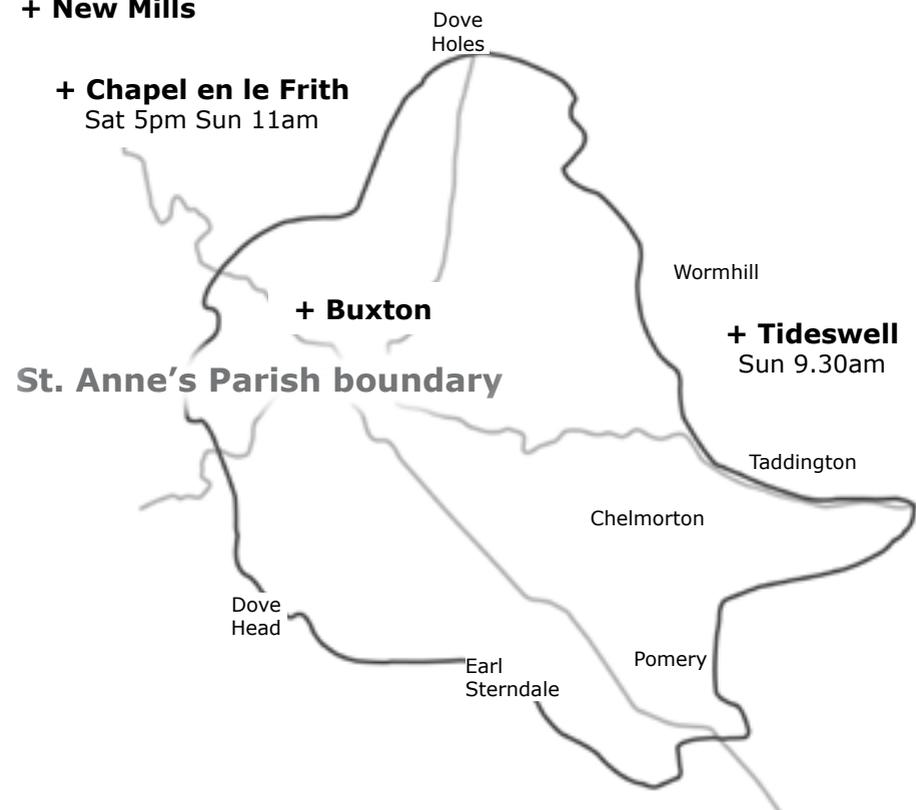
Sat 5pm Sun 11am

+ Buxton

St. Anne's Parish boundary

High Peak Deanery

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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 to Rob Aldous 78387 robertaldous@btinternet.com 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.

With grateful thanks to everyone who has contributed to the Year Book.

Gardening

We are always looking for volunteers to help keep the church garden tidy. Ideally we will meet for two hours on Wednesdays at 10.00am. If you can spare some time.

Please contact Mary Rooney on 01298 71991.

Health & Safety

Hey up ! that doesn't look safe.
If you notice anything unsafe
please let someone know.

St. Anne's Terrace Road

