



## Besthorpe Church News May 2019

We hope you all had a lovely Easter. The beautiful weather meant we had a great Easter Egg Hunt and Egg and Spoon Race and enjoyed our egg dyeing and Easter tree decorating. We also had a joyous service on Easter Sunday - overshadowed, of course, by the terrible news from Sri Lanka, whose people continue to be in our prayers.

Looking forward to September, we will be celebrating the anniversary of the church's consecration 175 years ago, with a Songs of Praise Service on September 11<sup>th</sup>.

This got us thinking about the next 175 years, and how we will manage our finances, which, in a small village is always a concern. So, we are planning to start a 100 Club, where you are invited to pay a small amount each month, and where you can win money with a quarterly draw; so a win, win situation.

Another Idea is to do what's called a promise programme, again paying some money each month on which we can claim Gift Aid, which will go towards the upkeep, insurance and utilities bills.

As your church is also a community space, we are very aware of the importance of maintaining it in good condition. Our main pending repair job is repointing the West wall of the church which was required in our last five yearly inspection by the diocese. Please let us know if you would like to be involved in these new ventures to maintain the building for the years to come.

In the meantime, our next fundraising event is the Strawberry Tea on June 22<sup>nd</sup>. We start serving teas at 2.30pm and all the usual attractions will be there. Many thanks to Nickie and Mike Pringle who have again given us permission to use their beautiful garden. We will be asking for raffle and tombola prizes nearer the time and volunteers to help serve the teas would be welcome!

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## May Services United Parish of S.Scarle, Girton, Besthorpe

<b>Thursday May 2nd</b>	<b>10.30am</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Besthorpe</b>
<b>Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup></b>	9.30am	Holy Communion	S.Scarle
<b>Sunday May 12<sup>th</sup></b> <b>4<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	Girton
<b>Sunday May 19<sup>th</sup></b> <b>5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter</b>	6.00pm	Holy Communion	S. Scarle
<b>Sunday May 26<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Trinity Sunday</b>	<b>10.00am</b>	Morning Worship	<b>Besthorpe</b>
<b>Thursday May 30<sup>th</sup></b> <b>Ascension Day</b>	<b>7.00pm</b>	<b>Holy Communion</b>	<b>Girton</b>

Other East Trent Group Church Services displayed on Notice Board

### Village Events

*Thursdays - Keep Fit Class for over 60s 9.30am - Trinity Hall*

*No Keep Fit on May 2<sup>nd</sup> - Local Elections 7am - 10pm*

*Saturday May 4<sup>th</sup> - Grand opening of the Besthorpe Play Park  
3.30pm - bring a picnic! There will be a BBQ and refreshments*

*Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Tuesday Club 2.00pm - Trinity Hall*

*Tuesday May 7<sup>th</sup> - Besthorpe Parish Meeting Annual General Meeting 7.30pm - Trinity Hall*

*I have just received a letter today from John Blow School thanking us for the £107 donation we made (following Gavin Collison's wishes) from the raffle at Carols on The Green, in memory of Justine, Isabella and Harvey Collison who died in the Collingham fire. Thank you to everyone who contributed*