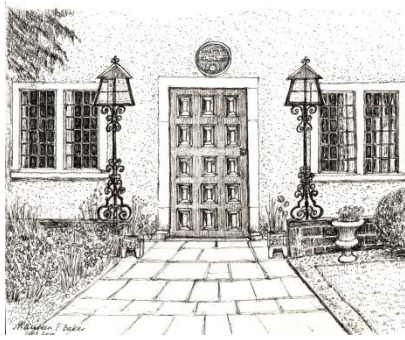


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In the light of truth and the warmth of love, we gather to seek, to sustain, to share.

Newsletter March/April 2023

Welcome to our Newsletter!

Although we have more chilly days ahead Spring is in the air and the lighter nights can help our mood. The stunning daffodils and snowdrops remind us of the beauty of the natural world and our responsibility to protect it. The chapel grounds have been tidied and we look forward to coffee mornings in a few months and other events when we can hopefully throw open the doors and enjoy the warmer weather.

Remember to put your clocks forward by one hour on 26 March.

Details visiting ministers/lay people for 2023

We have a monthly chapel service on the second Sunday of each month. All are welcome.

12th March Peter Rowson, Fulwood

9th April Rev. Maria Pap, Mansfield

14th May Francis Elliot-Wright

11th June Rev. Maria Pap, Mansfield

9th July Rowan Beton, Belper

13th August Francis Elliot-Wright

10th September Francis Elliot-Wright

8th October Peter Rowson, Fulwood

12th November Rev. Maria Pap, Mansfield

2nd December Rev. Maria Pap, WEDDING

10th December Rev. Maria Pap, Mansfield

Chapel building & grounds update

In January the Ash Tree was felled near the top gate by the wall. This was an amazing task given the height of this large field tree. Sheffield Tree Services (with their main man Nick) had a wonderful Sunday morning sorting it out. The final stage of our tree strategy is the pruning of the large London Plane tree in the graveyard. The gardener Mike has visited and removed the dead leaves, pruned the bushes and generally tidied everything ready for Spring. I hope you agree it looks really smart now!

Other vital jobs planned for 2023 include: a new ceiling in the entrance lobby porch, woodworm treatment of the old staircase timbers and new wooden chairs, re-rendering and making good the front chapel wall, and various roof repairs and inspections plus replacement of the fluorescent lights in the main chapel for LED ones. Some interior redecoration is also anticipated during the next 12 months.

DATES – Musical Events

The monthly Saturday lunchtime Concerts at the Chapel begin a new season on Saturday March 18th at 11.45am with a concert vocal music performed by Cantiamo.

The concert lasts around 45 minutes and admission is free, with a retiring collection to cover costs. Doors will be open from 11.15am. Everyone is welcome!

Reflection and Inspiration

“The flowers of late winter and early spring occupy places in our hearts well out of proportion to their size.” Gertrude S Wister

“It was one of those March days when the sun shines hot and the wind blows cold, when it is summer in the light and winter in the shade.” Charles Dickens

Did you know?

In March

1637 – on the 15th and 16th the Assizes were held in Chesterfield and five men and one woman were executed at Tapton bridge.

In April

1828 – on 6th April the Chancel of the crooked spire was first lighted with gas.

1816 – A Savings bank (presumably the first) was established in Chesterfield.

1778-9 – Not one day’s rain or snow from the day of St Thomas (December 21 1778) to that of St. Mark (April 25 1779)

Some Forthcoming Events in and around Chesterfield and North East Derbyshire

- Chesterfield Artisan Market on 26 March from 10 am.
- Chesterfield FC Recruitment Fair on Weds 29 March 10 am to 4 pm.
- Chesterfield Young Person’s Market Sun 30 April 10 am to 4 pm.

Community Support Services

Mental Health and Emotional Well-Being – www.derbyshirehealthcareft.nhs.uk
For information about services for adults, children and young people, also learning disabilities in Derbyshire.

LGBT+ Support - info@derbyshirelgbt.org.uk Tel 01332 207704

Thought for Today

“I do not want my house to be walled in on all sides and my windows to be stuffed. I want the cultures of all lands to be blown about my house as freely as possible. ... But I refuse to be blown off my feet by any” Mahatma Gandhi (1869 to 1948)

Continued thanks to our chapel officers:

*Chairman: Alan Shutt Secretary: Ann Shutt Treasurer: Martin Barrett
Organist and Building Manager: Andrew Marples*

Please see any of the above if you need help, have news or require information about the Chapel.

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*Holy and beautiful is the custom which brings us
together in the presence of the most high;
to face our ideals; to remember our loved ones;
to give thanks;
to confess and forgive;
to be enlightened and to be strengthened.*

the **unitarians** and
free christians

