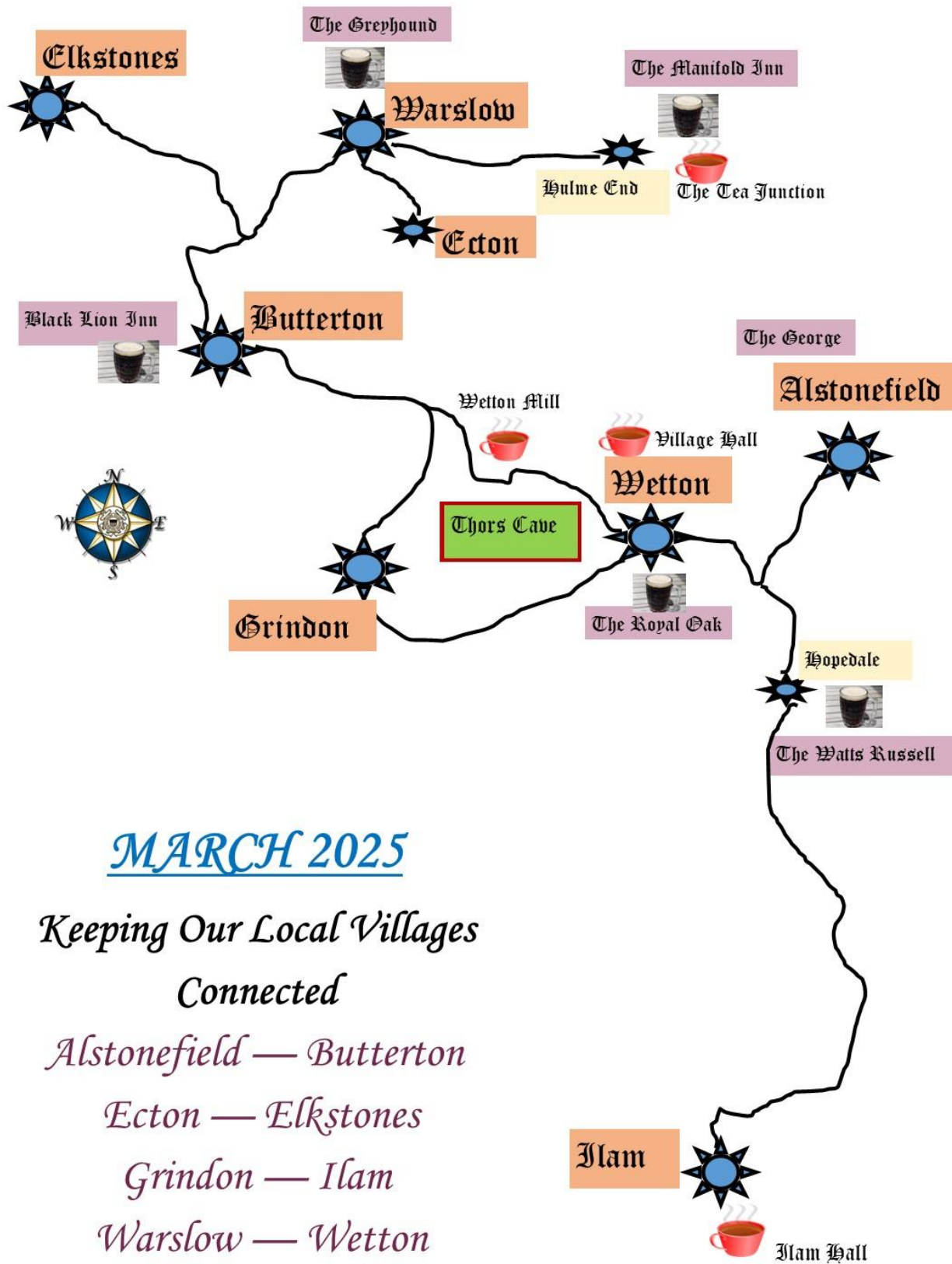


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MARCH 2025

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Alstonefield Deanery Synod

**You are invited to an Open Meeting on
Monday 3rd March at 7.30 p.m.**

Sheen Village Hall

**The speaker will be Kathleen Sheriden from the charity
Mary's Meals.**

Do come and support this event if you can.

Admission is free

Donations welcome for Mary's Meals

Time for Frogs!



March is the month for frog hunting, they can be seen and heard in ponds around the country with the male frogs the first to move to ponds to wait for the females to arrive. The males call to attract them and once the females have arrived the male will cling onto the female, wrapping around her with his fore limbs, using special 'nuptial pads' for extra grip. The female lays her spawn into the pond, the eggs of which are then immediately fertilised by the male. In March a glance into a pond may reward you with views of male and female frogs as well as developing frogspawn.

What has this got to do with churchyards and cemeteries? Very few burial grounds have ponds and they are rarely suitable places to install one, apart perhaps from a mini-pond in a Belfast sink or similar. They are however important places for amphibians generally, including frogs. Frogs move to ponds to spawn in the spring but spend much of the rest of their time on land and burial grounds provide excellent habitat for them. They can travel up to 500m away from a pond and will live terrestrially, feeding on slugs, snails and worms as well as catching flies or small moths with their sticky tongues. Frogs will hunt for food in grassland, garden areas, woodland and amongst grass tussocks and scrub. Many burial grounds contain some or all of these habitats in close proximity to each other, a mosaic of different places providing food and shelter depending on the time of year and the weather. Frogs have damp permeable skin and so cannot tolerate many of the chemicals that are used in gardens and farmland. Churchyards and cemeteries tend to be chemical free which also means they can be full of delicious invertebrates. The colour of frogs can be affected by their surroundings and you might find red or even yellow frogs in some places.

So, you will not find frogs in your local churchyard or cemetery in March, but look in garden ponds surrounding a burial ground and you may find a great many who come to the pond to breed then return for most of the year. Churchyards and cemeteries contain lots of frog-sized spaces, cracks and crevices in the ground, monuments such as chest tombs with gaps and holes or spaces beneath the roots of old trees. Many of these will be used by frogs for overwintering as are churchyard walls, particularly drystone ones. You can help frogs, as well as other amphibians, by making more habitat for them. How about having some areas of summer meadow or tussocky, rough places round the back and out of sight. Could you pile up some deadwood in a shaded area. A compost heap is also a favourite. Both of these will gently rot down providing excellent shelter with a larder attached!

Changes in our Deanery

The 2nd March marks a very significant change for the 19 churches that form our geographical area (known as the Deanery) as we become one big group of churches, rather than 4 separate benefices (smaller legal groups). We become the Alstonefield Deanery Mission Area. The big group is divided up into 4 "family groups" Whilst each family group of churches has its own "lead vicar", each living in a vicarage within the group (Ipstones, Longnor, Alstonefield and Waterhouses) we work as one team, and are going to be licensed to all 19 churches. The difference will not be particularly noticeable on the ground, but it will make it easier to share the work fairly, and to do somethings once rather than 4 or even 19 times. It does mean that the Revd Jane Held, Father John Baines and the Revd Patrick Griffin will be seen taking services in each other's churches rather like the way the Methodist Circuit works.

BUT it will make a bit of a difference because Warslow and Elkstones become part of the Ipstones family group rather than the Longnor family group. Revd Jane becomes their lead vicar.

Smile for a While (but try not to be offended by anything)

After fixing my computer, I overheard my grandson chatting with one of his friends saying it was just an ID ten T error. They both laughed. Not wanting to appear dumb, I walked away and wrote down the phrase: ID10T. He never was my favorite grandkid anyway.



Back in 1975, 'The Muppet Show' predicted what most women would look like in 2024 🤔🤔🤔



Dogs are welcome in this hotel. We never had a dog that smoked in bed and set fire to the blankets. We never had a dog that stole our towels and played the T.V. too loud, or had a noisy fight with his traveling companion. We never had a dog that got drunk and broke up the furniture....So if your dog can vouch for you, you're welcome too. *The Management*

I bought my daughter a handbag from Iraq. She said thanks for the Baghdad



Community Magazine

It's well over 40 yrs since I took over producing the Benefice Magazine which was funded, printed off and paid for by the Churches within our current circulation area. They also undertook the hand delivery of a hard copy to each household in our communities. It only became the Community Magazine, operating independently of our Churches, approximately 7 years ago when the Benefice church areas changed to become the Parishes of: Alstonefield, Ilam & Wetton / Ipstones, Berkshamsytc, Onecote & Butterton / Longnor, Warslow & Elkstones (and since my writing the above it's all changed again).

I'm now almost into my mid 70's and was not born with an electronic gadget in my hand and only use a computer as a glorified typewriter. However, I am well aware of other means of contact and distribution of information, of which I am not a part I hasten to add. I am told that Facebook is probably the best known and that it is a useful tool for up-to-date local knowledge and a good medium for all other useful information.

With this in mind, I feel that there may be a volunteer out there who has more computer knowledge and layout skills than I do who might like to take on and keep the magazine in circulation as my intention is to take a break from it all.

On a personal note, I wonder if the current magazine may now be past its sell-by-date but if there is anyone out there who would like to take it on, please contact me **a.s.a.p.** so that I might pass on the keyboard to more able hands ready for the April edition. A good knowledge of grammar would be useful.

Anyone interested please contact Tricia on 01538 304560.

Have Your say as Peak District National Park Boss Hosts new Roadshows

Peak District residents and businesses can share their views with National Park chief executive Phil Mulligan in a new series of informal roadshows.

Following the success of last year's Meet the Chief Executive roadshows, Phil will again be travelling to locations across the national park to hear the news and views of the people who live and work there.

One event will be:

- **The Greyhound Pub, Warslow – Wednesday 12th March, 4pm to 6pm**

Further roadshows are planned this year for other areas of the Peak District, including Grindleford, Tideswell, Dunford Bridge, Wincle, Tissington, Rainow and Taddington.

Phil says: "This is a chance to have open and honest conversations and for people to share their views directly with me".

"I want to hear about the challenges they're facing, the success stories they're proud of and the ideas they believe can make a difference. Whether it's about fostering sustainable growth, preserving the natural beauty of the National Park or supporting local initiatives, these conversations are vital to shaping our shared future".

"I believe that the best ideas – and the best solutions – come from listening to the people who are living and working in the heart of it all."

There is no need to book a place or to contact the National Park Authority beforehand, just simply drop in during the session times shown.

ALSTONEFIELD



Sunday Services in March

2 nd	4.00pm	Installation of Rev'd Patrick Griffin
23 rd	11.00am	Holy Communion

Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin Church Warden(s): Position(s) Vacant
Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647

Installation of The Rev'd Patrick Griffin

The Installation of the Rev'd Patrick Griffin as the Vicar for the Alstonefield Family Group of Churches will take place on Sunday 2nd March at 4pm at St Peter's Alstonefield.

'**We would welcome all helpers** at the Big Spring Clean at St Peter's Church, Alstonefield, on Saturday 15th March from 930am. All help gratefully received.'

Community Larder Open 24hours a day in the porch of St Peter's Church, Alstonefield

St. Peter's PCC Community Larder supports people experiencing difficulties in the current cost of living crisis. Anyone needing food or other household items please help yourself from the box in the church porch.

All donations of dried food and toiletries to benefit others are welcome. Please place them in the boxes in the church porch. Every two weeks or so excess items will be donated to the food banks in Leek or Ashbourne.



The Church family of Alstonefield, Ilam & Wetton

Lent Study & Reflection Group

Meeting at the vicarage in Alstonefield, we will gather to journey through the season of Lent with bible study, prayer and fellowship. This group is open to anyone who wishes to explore matters of faith, there is no further requirement, all are welcome!

Meeting at **7pm** with refreshments for a **7:30pm** start, lasting no longer than an hour.

Dates: **12th March - 19th March - 26th March & 2nd April**

Alstonefield Village Hall

Chair: Kevin Stockton **Treasurer & Bookings Officer:** Jo Griffin

Committee members: See Below.

Liz Power

Duncan Scroggs

Mark Smith

Martin Snodin

Dave Littlehales

Val Littlehales

Charlotte Jordan

VOLUNTEER(S) NEEDED



Alstonefield Village Hall is looking for one or more people to join us, who can look after village hall bookings (a mostly automated process) and/or accounts (the treasurer role). It can be one person or the role can be split.

Bookings is mostly about responding to any booking-related emails, confirming automated booking requests, checking payment, and dealing with any practical matters such as handing over keys.

The treasurer role involves paying bills online, recording transactions on a standardised spreadsheet and providing summaries for committee meetings.

If you think you might be able to help, call Jo on 07812 606790 or email: alstonefieldvillagehall@hotmail.co.uk

You can see all role descriptions on the village hall page of the village website here:

<https://www.alstonefield.org/community/village-hall>

*If you would like to hire the Hall or have any queries, please
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If you would like to know more about what we do, please call Meg on 488 or Carrie on 009

Alstonefield Parish Council

Clerk to the Council – Sally Dartnell. Email: clerk@alstonefield-pc.org.uk c/o The Village Hall, Alstonefield, Ashbourne, Derbyshire. DE6 2FR

Chair: Mr R Hignett (Tel:07904 187785) Vice Chairman: Mr G Campbell (Tel:07919 353800)

Mr A Hayes (Tel:01335 310057), Mrs S Jeffery (Tel:07465 217269), Mr C McIlroy (Tel:07930 001374). Mr M Newman (mn821268@gmail.com), Mrs R Longdon (Tel:07870 731389).

Date of next meeting:

Trees in the Conservation Area - what you need to know

We are incredibly fortunate to live in such a beautiful part of the world. You may know that some of our locality is designated a "Conservation Area". This means that amongst other things, there are important legal requirements that apply to trees. Put simply, you cannot lop, chop or fell any tree in a Conservation Area that is more than 75mm in diameter when measured 1.5m off the ground without submitting a section 211 notice under the Town and Country Planning Act 1990. The only exception is if the tree is dead, dying or dangerous, in which case the onus is on the applicant to prove that this is the case. If you are not sure if your property is inside a Conservation Areas, there is a map on the Peak District website showing the three Conservation Areas covering Alstonefield, Milldale and Lode Mill you can check maps here.

A big thank you to everyone who made our Burns night in Alstonefield Village Hall such a special community occasion. The event wasn't primarily intended to be a fund raiser, but we are delighted to have been able to donate £421 to Alzheimer's Research UK from the small profit made, together with donations on the night.

Alstonefield and District RVS Friendship Club News

Volunteers Wanted!

We are looking for a new volunteer coordinator to begin as soon as possible. The coordinator works alongside a committee of members and volunteers to deliver activities- mainly for older or retired people in our local communities.

If you feel you could take on this role, or if you would like more information about its scope, please contact Fiona on 01335 310200. Alternatively, if you would like to offer your services as a volunteer, Fiona would be happy to explain more about the club and the various volunteer roles.

Our new programme began in February with an Armchair Fitness Workshop. New members are always very welcome.



BUTTERTON



St. Bartholomew's Church

Rev'd - Jane Held:

01538 262116

Church Warden:

Maggie Risby 304115

Rachel Hopper

Deputy:

Lily Hambleton-Plumb

Sunday Services in March

9 th	3.00pm	Evening Worship
23 rd	10.00am	Holy Communion

Altar Flowers: None in Lent

Cleaning Rota: Vacancy

P.C.C. Members: Secretary: Maggie Risby 304115. Treasurer: Patrick Bailey

Maurice & Barbara Woodward, Dorothy Glaister, Sheila McDermott, Jackie Sumerling, Maggi Rowland.

St Bartholomew's Church.

Special Services in March: -

- 2nd March at 4pm, Installation of new house for Duty Priest, Rev'd Patrick Griffin, Alstonefield Church
- 5th March at 7pm, Ash Wednesday, Ipstones Church
- 30th March 11am Mothering Sunday, Ipstones Church

This year the Church Electoral Roll has to be renewed. At present there are 33 names on the Roll which is displayed in Church. Each person has to step down and indicate their willingness to re-enrol. This process needs to be completed very soon and the deadline for collecting names is Monday 7th April. Please contact the Electoral Roll Officer Maggie Risby asap. We hope some new members will come along and join. Being on the Church Electoral Roll entitles each person to attend the Annual Parochial Church Meeting and is entitled to a

vote if needs be. You do not have to be a regular church goer. Please do not confuse this Roll with the local District Council Electoral Roll.

The APCM is on Tuesday 22nd April at 7pm in Church.

At 6pm on the same evening there is a meeting to which everyone is invited. We will discuss what's been happening over the past year. Refreshments will be served.

Warm Welcome continues to be exactly that. March get togethers are Tuesdays 4th and 18th March, 10.30am – 12.30pm in Church. Come along and have a catch-up with friends and partake of the delicious cakes.

The PCC would like to thank the Wakes Committee and Wakes Queen Aurora for their very generous donations to the Church funds.

The PCC would also like to thank Les Bassett for his excellent work over the years, keeping the churchyard in such good condition. Sadly, Les has retired from his position as Groundsman so we are looking to appoint someone to fill his shoes. A hard act to follow..... Any interested person should contact either of the Churchwardens.

St Bartholomew's Church Lottery Winners for February

1 st	Sarah Hudson	(139)	£40.00
2 nd	Gwen Bagshaw	(79)	£20.00
3 rd	Sisa Bartley	(88)	£10.00

The next draw will be held on Saturday 8th March in Church at 11.00 am.

Butterton Village Hall

Chairperson: Hilary Bassett (Chairperson) 422314, Marjorie Renshaw (Minutes Secretary), Sheila McDermott (Secretary), Maggie Risby (Treasurer and Bookings Clerk) 304115, Gwen Bagshaw and Dianne Wint.

Bookings continue to come in for birthday parties, Dog training and Pilates etc, for which we are very grateful. It is good to see the building being used in what we would call a quiet time of the year.

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Chimney Sweep

Steve Ball, (D & S Chimney Sweep) , will be in the village on Monday 10th March. Anyone wanting to go onto the list should contact either Peter or Tricia Tomlinson on 01538 304560. Steve is quite willing to visit other villages adjacent to Butterton on the same day.

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Butterton Parish Council

C/O Clerk: Maggie Risby, 01538 304115. Email buttertonpc@live.co.uk

Chairperson: Jenny Land 304265, **Vice Chairperson:** Mike Stone 304455

Committee Members: Karen Salt 304543, Peter Tomlinson 304560, Mike Stone (Website Manager) 304455, Tracey Perkin 304781, John Hewitt 07976266459, Darren Kirby 07779121210.

The next meeting is Tuesday 8th April. Everyone is welcome to attend. If you have any issues you would like discussed then please contact the Clerk in the first instance and she will ensure sufficient time is given on the agenda.

Message from the Community Bus Shelter

The Butterton Bus Shelter plans to re-open the book and bric-a-brac fund raising in time for the Mothers' Day weekend at the end of March. This is dependant on weather and, of course, the availability of Shelter Elves to assist in the set-up. We will keep you informed on the village Facebook page.

We will need your surplus books and stuff, because we have very little held over from last year. If you are planning a cull, do bear the Bus Shelter in mind before you dispose of it. But please remember, we do ask for donated items to be clean and in good condition to maintain the high standard we aim for. Do get in touch if you have something to donate, and would like to discuss it: our email is buttertonbusshelter@gmail.com or phone 01538-304408. We'll be happy to chat.

As ever, the Bus Shelter charity (Butterton Community Giving Charity) invites suggestions for the use of funds in 2025. We have carried over money which will be used to pay for the new Memorial Garden in St. Batholomews Churchyard, and we hope to continue to make grants to the three volunteer funded services which serve our community – namely Air Ambulance, Mountain Rescue and Manifold Pre-School. However, we are open to fresh ideas for the coming year.

Ladies, Are You Having a Clear Out?

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<https://www.againstbreastcancer.org.uk/recycling/bra-recycling>

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Yvonne. Tel 0780 1558712; yvopope@googlemail.com

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ELKSTONES



St. John the Baptist:
Vicar: Father John Baines

Sunday Services in March

16th 3.00pm Holy Communion

Cleaning & Flower Rota: Sally Faulkner

We are sad to announce the death on 15th February, of Mrs. Jean Holt at the age of 95. Jean moved to the village in 1983 and being very talented in both art and music soon became a leading light in village activities, along with her late husband Charles. Until Charles became ill, she was instrumental in putting on all sorts of social events, especially musical evenings such as the Victorian, Twenties and Wild West nights, which were all hilarious fun, and for several years she designed and organised annual Well Dressings for Elkstones.

We send condolences to her two daughters and their families.

There will be a meeting of Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council at 7.30 p.m. on Wednesday 26th March in Warslow Village Hall. The Agenda and Minutes of the previous meeting can be seen on the Council's website at **warslowandelkstonespc.org**

Ilam

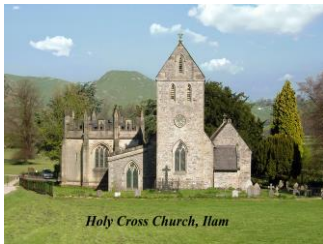
Sunday Services in March

9th 10.30am Holy Communion

All are most welcome

Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin

Contact & Reader: Clare Day: 07774 980647



New Vicar

We are delighted that the Rev Patrick Griffin will be installed as Vicar of Alstonefield, Ilam and Wetton on Sunday 2nd March. The service is to be at Alstonefield Church and starts at 4pm. All welcome.

Electoral Roll

2025 is the year the Church Electoral Roll is renewed. Letters and forms will be sent to everyone on the current electoral roll and these will need to be completed and returned to Ellen Clewes by Easter please. If anyone else would like to join the electoral roll please contact any of the PCC members.

March Service

Our March service will take place on Sunday 9th March at 10.30am and will be a service of Holy Communion and will be the first service taken by our new vicar! All welcome

March Flower and Brass Rota

7 th & 14 th	Mrs E White & Mrs B Temperton	Lent, Brasses only
21 st & 28 th	Mrs J Wain	Lent, Brasses only
4 th & 11 th (April)	Mr I Smith	Lent, Brasses only

[For details of Lent Study and Reflection Group please see Alstonefield Section](#)

Ilam Parish Council

Chairperson: Caz Sellers 01335 350368

Clerk: Lindsay Oulsnam 01335 350579 Email: clerk@ilamparishcouncil.co.uk

Website: www.ilam.org.uk

The next meeting is Tuesday 11th March 2025, 7pm at Ilam School. All welcome and please send any questions you may have to the Clerk, so they can be passed on to the council for discussion.

Ilam Parish Council Meetings 2025

Tuesday 6th May & AGM, Tuesday 15th July, Tuesday 9th September, Tuesday 11th November.

All meetings are held at Ilam School at 7pm

Ilam School

Here at Ilam Primary School, we have embraced the cold weather but regardless feel pleased to now see signs of Spring upon us!

The chilly Winter certainly hasn't stopped us making the most of our days in school! Our older children have loved taking part in their Bikeability sessions and will benefit hugely from putting the skills gained into action as they continue to grow in confidence cycling.

We were very lucky indeed to have also been given the amazing opportunity to attend the Derby Faith Trail in early February. We visited a Mosque and Sikh Gurdwara to learn more about the people that we share our world with. The children loved exploring other faiths and even had an opportunity to try some new foods too! It was a truly wonderful day and we're so very grateful to have had this experience!

In raising awareness of the amazing work of the NSPCC, we filled the school with number themed outfits and fun! Our children never cease to amaze us with their creativity. Greek and Roman Day equally did not disappoint! With lots of wonderful learning, crafts and even food tasting, we emersed ourselves into our History themed day. Amazing fun indeed!

We rounded up the half term with a Valentines Day themed disco! With the hall all decorated and some delicious snacks, the children danced the night away helping to raise valuable funds for our Ilam School Association which kindly helps to fund the amazing trips, resources and experiences that we provide for our children.

We've loved having Reverend Jane, Open the Book and Nathan joining us again for our collective worships again recently. We're so lucky that we get to enjoy these visits, and very much look forward to welcoming Reverend Patrick in due course. We held our last worship of the half term over in our beautiful Church celebrating our achievements from the half term. A wonderful way to wrap things up!

We may only have been back a couple of days but we've already packed in a visit from QEGS staff embracing a morning of dance, as well as an adventure off to QEGS for an Arts day with other local Primary Schools. With this in mind, it's already set to be another half term full of fun-based learning.

We look forward to continuing to share our adventures with you! If in the meantime you'd like to visit our beautiful school, please do get in touch!

Miss Emily Johnson, Acting Headteacher, Ilam C. E. (VA) School, Ilam, Staffordshire DE6 2AZ
01335 350316/350908. www.ilam.staffs.sch.uk

WARSLOW



St. Lawrence

Vicar:
Rev'd John Bains
01298 83411

Deputy Warden:
Judy Prince
01298 84351

Sunday Services in March

2 nd	11.00am	Sunday Service
16 th	11.00am	Sunday Service

Flowers: Lent, No Flowers

For other services please see the church notice board or the website "A Church near you".

St. Lawrence

Congratulations to Meghan and Sam Hallam on the safe arrival of a baby girl recently.

Our clock is now working again. Special thanks to Joe at Smiths Clocks for repairing/servicing the clock.

Warslow and Elkstones Parish Council

Clerk: Sandra Hampson email: parishclerk.warslow@gmail.com

Website: <http://warslowandelkstones-pc.org>

Acting Chairman: Mr P Moakes 01298 687238,

Councillors: Mrs C Allsop, Mrs J Nash, Mr S Gould, Mr Wardman, Mr B Peach, Mr N Searston

Date of Next Meeting: Contact Clerk for details.

Warslow Pre-School

Small friendly Pre-School based in Manifold C of E Academy. We offer a wide range of activities to encourage your child to learn through play. Ofsted Inspection rated good. Open 5 days a week
9am – 3.10pm for children from 18months to 4yrs

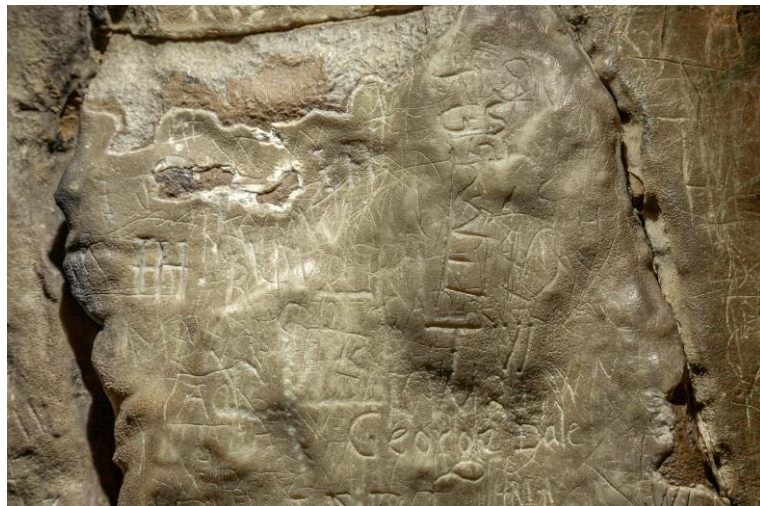
Planned activities, Think 2 funding available- Funded places for 3-year-olds, 30-hour funding available -
Further information from Amy Shaw 01298 84367

History Live!

Local History in the Staffordshire Moorlands

Written in Stone

An exploration of the Graffiti in Poole's Cavern, Buxton



Wednesday March 5th at 7.30
(doors open 7pm)
Warslow Village Hall, SK17 0JL

Between March 2023 and January 2024, Andy, Richard and Angela, with permission from Buxton Civic Association, carried out a detailed photographic survey of the various forms of graffiti visible along the access path in the cavern. This work formed the basis for further research and our speakers will tell us what is so far known about who left their marks and when they were made.

Andy is a well-known figure in the graffiti recording community. Angela & Richard are Cultural Heritage volunteers with the Peak District National Park with experience in surveying and photography.

Doors will open at 7pm to give you time to have a drink, a cake and a chat! No need to book – just turn up. Entrance is just £4 including refreshments.

** We are always grateful to receive cakes to share at our events. If you can help, please let Elspeth know the weekend before the meeting so she can plan. Email her on elspethjwalker@gmail.com or ring 01298 83282. Free entry to the talk if you bring a cake! **

historylivewarslow@gmail.com / 01298 84624 / 07786961219 / historylive.co.uk

WETTON



Sunday Services in March

18 th	11.00am	Holy Communion
30 th	11.00am	All Age Worship

Vicar: Rev'd Patrick Griffin Church Warden(s): Situation(s) Vacant
Contact & Reader: Clare Day 07774 980647

Installation of The Rev'd Patrick Griffin

The Installation of the Rev'd Patrick Griffin as the Vicar for the Alstonefield Family Group of Churches will take place on Sunday 2nd March at 4pm at St Peters Alstonefield.

St Margaret's Church 50/50 Lottery Results

The lucky winners in the February draw were:

1 st Prize	Mrs Lilian Higton	£54.00
2 nd Prize	P. Allen	£36.00

You can join the lottery by paying £5 cash to Margaret Hodgkinson at Manifold Cottage.
The next draw will take place in church on Sunday 16th March 2025.

[For details of Lent Study and Reflection Group please see Alstonefield Section](#)

Wetton and Back of Ecton Parish Council.

If you wish to make contact with the Parish Council, please do so through the following email address: wettonpc@gmail.com The parish council agendas and minutes can be found on the parish council noticeboard and also on the website.

“Wetton and Back of Ecton WhatsApp Group”

Wetton and Back of Ecton have a WhatsApp group set up so that residents can communicate with other group members directly on matters relating to the area. There are already fifty plus members.

The group is Called “Wetton and Back of Ecton Talk”

As well as lost pets and mislaid parcels the group has already been very useful for communicating quickly, parish wide, on matters such as stray farm stock, antisocial, suspicious or criminal activities, accidents, floods, planning applications, opening times, blocked roads, utility issues and things of relevant local interest.

If you live in the parish and would like to join the group, please send a WhatsApp message to Les Gray on 07484 704726, with your name and your house name or address.

You can leave the group at any time should you find it does not suit you.”

DEADLINE FOR THE APRIL EDITION IS 6am on WEDNESDAY 26th MARCH

Input from you all would be gratefully received.

At the end of the day, if you don't contribute then there is no magazine.

Talking of which, a lot of you believe that you cannot send items until the deadline time and date.

A deadline has to be set but you can send your information/pictures/jokes anytime and it really helps me to put things together the earlier you send your items to me. So please feel free to submit any article.

It's your magazine and just so long as it is Legal, Decent and Appropriate in my eyes it will be inserted of course.

Please remember I can only accept word documents and NO PDF's or Photocopies.

Call me on 01538 304560 if you need any help. Don't be late, the old rule still applies.

Absolutely nothing will be accepted after 6am on the above date.

***Editors decision on layout and inclusion is final.*