

# Welcome to Griffydam Chapel In the Valley

JESUS HAS TOLD THIS CHURCH TO GO AND MAKE  
DISCIPLES AND TEACH THEM TO OBEY HIM.



Sunday 8th February 2026

At 11.00 am with Cliff and at 6.00pm with  
Juliet Hogsden  
And it's Netherseal day

## The Grace of God

God of all grace, whose thoughts toward us are ever thoughts of peace and not of evil, give us hearts to believe that we are accepted in the Beloved; and give us minds to admire that perfection of moral wisdom which found a way to preserve the integrity of heaven and yet receive us there.

We are astonished and marvel that one so holy and dread should invite us into Thy banqueting house and cause love to be the banner over us. We can not express the gratitude we feel, but look Thou on our hearts and read it there. Amen.

A.W.Tozer - 1897 – 1963

## Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

*Sunday services at 11.00 am and 6.00 pm (unless shown differently)*

February

Wednesday 11th

Church meeting at 7.30pm

Sunday 15th

Morning - Cliff

Evening - tba

Friday 20th

'The Other Bible Study' - 10.00 am

Sunday 22nd (Lent 1)

Morning - Clare

Evening - tba

Friday 27th

'The Other Bible Study' - 10.00 am

Saturday 28th

Prayer Day

March

Sunday 1st (Lent 2)

Morning - Cliff

Evening (at Ibstock at 4.00 pm) - David Evans

### *Ephesians 2:14-22 New International Version*

<sup>14</sup> For he himself is our peace, who has made the two groups one and has destroyed the barrier, the dividing wall of hostility, <sup>15</sup> by setting aside in his flesh the law with its commands and regulations. His purpose was to create in himself one new humanity out of the two, thus making peace, <sup>16</sup> and in one body to reconcile both of them to God through the cross, by which he put to death their hostility. <sup>17</sup> He came and preached peace to you who were far away and peace to those who were near. <sup>18</sup> For through him we both have access to the Father by one Spirit.

<sup>19</sup> Consequently, you are no longer foreigners and strangers, but fellow citizens with God's people and also members of his household, <sup>20</sup> built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, with Christ Jesus himself as the chief cornerstone. <sup>21</sup> In him the whole building is joined together and rises to become a holy temple in the Lord. <sup>22</sup> And in him you too are being built together to become a dwelling in which God lives by his Spirit.

Here and there in...

February

Sunday 8th	Ellistown Service (Sam) - 10.30am Moira Service (Pam Deacon) - 10.30am
Tuesday 10th	New Swannington Church meeting - 7.00pm
Saturday 14th	New Swannington Coffee morning 10.00 – midday
Sunday 15th	New Swannington Service (Daphne) - 10.30am
Sunday 22nd	Ellistown Service (Andy Whinray) - 10.30am Moira Service (Cliff) - 10.30am
Saturday 28th	Ellistown Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Every Wednesday,	"Ellistown Friendship Group" - 10.30am to 1pm

### Church Flowers for 2026

15th February - Jill

22nd February - Jill

1st March - Lisa

8th March- Lisa

Have we lost our compass?

That is to say, our moral compass.

Media headlines, increasingly it seems, focus more and more upon the 'so called' failure of people in high places falling foul of our sense of morality; in government, in business or in a myriad other situations.

As we read the headlines, and listen to so many peoples' opinions of what this or that person has done or has not done, are we right to think, 'what is the world coming to'?

And then we might also ask, who it is that is setting the rules as to how any of us should behave, either in public office or indeed in society in general.

Have we abandoned the rule book for a free-for-all.

But then again, who writes the rule book?

If we look into the Bible, be that Old or New Testament, we see continually that one rule book was paramount, the fact that God rules, and His rule is a rule of love.

The problem with mankind setting (or failing to set) the rules is that no one can seem to get them right.

On the contrary, the rule book set by God was (and still is) set by one who sees everything, including the nature of humankind and through lovingkindness has set out a way to safety.

Of course, no one likes rules imposed, and everyone at sometime or other believes that they know better, or that they don't apply to themselves - but see what became of the Israelite nation when they decided they knew better, or those down the years - secular or sacred - when they also felt the same.

But, there is a way to solve this dilemma. Scripture reveals how human character apart from God is flawed and corrupted by sin. From the beginning, the Bible teaches how our sinful nature separates us from God and makes human character selfish and rebellious.

The early saints knew this and sought to live it; and you and I are called to do likewise.

We may not save the world from itself, but we can certainly show them Someone who can.

## LET US PRAY -

- With thankful hearts for God's graciousness upon us every day of our lives.
- For each other, especially those who are sick or serving, lonely or lost, seeking or sought. Let us name them in our hearts and present them and their needs before God's altar of grace; for their hearts, minds and spirits will find healing in Jesus
- For governments; international, nation and local; that they might find the source of true inspiration and guidance for those who they seek to serve.
- For our rural communities where the gospel still is so much needed and the churches and chapels that remain within them.



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