

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 March 2026 (3rd in Lent)

At 11.00 am with Cliff and at 6.00 pm 'Bring and share' - a hymn, a prayer, a gospel word.

with prayer time on Zoom at 9.30 am

And 9.00 am on Mondays

Psalm 95

- ¹ Come, let us sing for joy to the Lord;
let us shout aloud to the Rock of our salvation.
- ² Let us come before him with thanksgiving
and extol him with music and song...
- ...⁶ Come, let us bow down in worship,
let us kneel before the Lord our Maker;
- ⁷ for he is our God
and we are the people of his pasture,
the flock under his care.

Strengthen Us – Thomas a Kempis (c. 1380 – 1 May 1471)

God, our Father, we are exceedingly frail and indisposed to every virtuous and gallant undertaking.

Strengthen our weakness, we beseech you, that we may do valiantly in this spiritual war;

help us against our own negligence and cowardice, and defend us from the treachery of our unfaithful hearts.

for Jesus Christ's sake.

Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

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

March

Saturday 14th WRU General meeting at Rushden

Sunday 15th (Lent 4 & Mothering Sunday) Morning - Cliff
Evening - tba

Thursday 19th GLUE from 7.15pm

Sunday 22nd (Lent 5) Morning - Clare
Evening - tba

Tuesday 24th WRU Magazine Committee on Zoom at 1.30pm

Sunday 29th (Palm Sunday) Morning - Cliff
Evening - tba

April

Thursday 2nd Ambler Ramblers

Sunday 5th (Easter Sunday) Morning
Evening at Ibstock with Rev M. Nicholls at 5.00pm

And also...

Prayer time on Zoom every Sunday morning at 9.30 am and every Monday morning at 9.00am. If you want to join in please do ask to be added to the list.

And also (part 2)...

The Other Bible Study will be at the CIV at 10.30 am every Friday

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. We name Judith P and John W particularly.
- For outcomes from last week's prayer day - for open hearts, minds ears and souls as we seek diligently to hear and listen to God's word for us and for his mission in this place.
- For governments; that in these days of global hatred and violence the light of God's grace might shine through; for those who are caught up helplessly in the continuing violence, that they might find the greater peace; for those who are serving Jesus in and around these areas of conflict, that they might hear God's voice of assurance and grace.

Here and there in...

...March

Sunday 8th Ellistown Service 10.30am & Moira Service (Teresa Tilley) 10.30am

Saturday 14th New Swannington Coffee morning 10.00 – midday

Sunday 15th New Swannington Mothering Sunday Service (Jim) 10.30am

Saturday 21st New Swannington Men's breakfast (Davids) 9.00am

Sunday 22nd Ellistown Service 10.30am & Moira Service (Daphne) 10.30am

Saturday 28th Ellistown Coffee morning 10.00 - midday

Every Wednesday, "Ellistown Friendship Group" - 10.30am to 1pm

Church Flowers for 2026

15th March (Mothering Sunday) - Helen

22nd March - Helen

29th March (Palm Sunday) - Church

A Season for Singing: Welcoming Spring 2026

Dear friends.

The long shadows of winter are finally retreating. Outside our windows, nature is roaring back to life after its months of dormancy.

In the Church, we recognize that the physical shift from cold to warmth is more than just a change in weather—it is a powerful metaphor for the spiritual renewal we find in Christ.

As you notice the first buds on the trees, let them be a reminder of these three truths of Spring:

The Promise of Restoration: Scripture tells us,

Song of Solomon 2:11-12 says. "The winter is past; the rain is over and gone. Flowers appear on the earth; the season of singing has come"

No matter how a situation may seem, God specializes in bringing life out of the frost. Spring is His annual signature that He is in the business of making all things new.

The Need for Spiritual Deadheading: Just as gardeners pull away dead flower heads to encourage fresh growth, spring is a time for us to clear away the debris of past mistakes and old habits. We are invited to; forget the former things; and walk in the newness of life offered through the Resurrection.

Isaiah 43:18-19 says. "Do not remember the former things, Nor consider the things of old. Behold, I will do a new thing. Now it shall spring forth; shall you not know it? I will even make a road in the wilderness. And rivers in the desert."

Patience in the Planting: Real growth cannot be rushed. Whether you are planting seeds of faith in your own heart or in your community, remember that God is the Master Gardener. He provides the latter rains of grace to nourish what is beneath the surface, ensuring that your labour in Him is never in vain.

Hosea 6:3 says: "Let us acknowledge the Lord; let us press on to acknowledge him. As surely as the sun rises, he will come to us like the winters rains, like the spring rains that water the earth."

This month, as you enjoy the returning sunlight, take a moment to ask: "Lord, what new thing are you wanting to spring forth in my heart this season?"

Every blessing John Langford (Thanks to John and New Swannington church for permission)