

Wel come To Griffydam Chapel In the Valley



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

Sunday 29th March 2026 (Palm Sunday)
At 11.00 am with Cliff and at 6.00 pm with Lesley
with prayer time on Zoom at 9.30 am
and 9.00 am on Monday

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 sprits will find healing
in Jesus.

For the church in this country - large or small, rural or urban; that wherever
they are they may faithfully and generously share the gospel; that all who
hear might listen, and that all who listen might turn their hearts to the
Saviour of the world - *"Revive Thy work, O Lord, Thy mighty arm make bare."*

For governments; that in these days of global hatred and violence the light of
God's grace might shine through on hearts and minds.

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.

For those who are the perpetrators and perpetuators of so many conflicts;
that they might find that in Jesus there is a better way.

Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

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

April

Thursday 2nd	Ambler Ramblers
Friday 3rd (Good Friday)	Morning worship at 11.00 am with Rev A.Hodkinson
Sunday 5th (Easter Sunday)	Morning - Helen & Alan Evening - Ibstock with Rev M.Nicholls at 5.00 pm and at Griffydam at 6.00 pm with Adam and Lisa
Sunday 12th	Morning - Clare Evening - tba
Sunday 19th April	Morning - Cliff Evening – tba
Sunday 26 th April	Morning – Cliff Evening - tba

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 recommence on Friday 17th April.

Here and there in April

Friday 3 rd (Good Friday)	Ellistown (John) 10.30am & Griffydam (Tony) - 11.00 am & New Swannington (David) – 6.00 pm
Saturday 4th	Ibstock Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Sunday 5 th (Easter Day)	New Swannington (David) - 10.30am & Ellistown (John) – 10.30 am & Moira (Tony) – 10.30 am & Griffydam - 10.30am (Church & Zoom) & 6.00 pm & Ibstock (Maurice) – 5.00 pm
Saturday 11 th	New Swannington Coffee morning - 10.00 – midday
Sunday 12 th	Ellistown Service (Ian Relf) – 10.30 am
Sunday 19 th	New Swannington Service (John) – 10.30 am & Moira Service (Daphne) 10.30 am
Saturday 25 th	Ellistown Coffee morning 10.00 - midday
Sunday 26 th	Ellistown (Circuit service) – 10.30 am with George Phillips

How far is too far?

A few weekends ago I, along with most of my family, went to the Lake District to either take part in (not me) or support those who were going to run round Lake Coniston, a distance of fourteen miles. It was something I had done myself a number of times so I understood the effort required to complete it.

And that started me wondering why should anyone decide that running such a distance was worth training for and then doing? And that started me thinking if my Christian life is sometimes a bit like that. Wouldn't it make far more sense just to amble around the course (or my faith) until I got to the hilly bits and then leave it there?

If I was to apply this thinking with regard to the race I would say that the effort was worth it because of the satisfaction that I had challenged myself and succeeded, and also that I had a prize (a nice slate coaster incidentally) at the end.

And my spiritual life? Well, perhaps because I know Someone who has already done it, someone who cheers me on every step of the way, someone who understands when the hills really are very steep and the weather is extremely inclement and says "you can do this", and someone who, at the end of the race provides something even better than a lovely Lakeland coaster!

...and Jesus is His name.

Hebrews 12:1-3 (New Living Translation); *"Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a huge crowd of witnesses to the life of faith, let us strip off every weight that slows us down, especially the sin that so easily trips us up. And let us run with endurance the race God has set before us. We do this by keeping our eyes on Jesus, the champion who initiates and perfects our faith. Because of the joy awaiting him, he endured the cross, disregarding its shame. Now he is seated in the place of honour beside God's throne.*

"Think of all the hostility he endured from sinful people; then you won't become weary and give up."

Church Flowers for 2026
5th April (Easter Weekend) - Church
12th April - Linda
19th April - Linda
26th April - Jen

Sheep on Loughrigg