

Welcome to Griffydam Chapel In the Valley



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

Sunday 1st March 2026 (2nd in Lent)
At 11.00 am with Cliff (Communion) and at
4.00 pm at Ibstock WR Church
with prayer time on Zoom at 9.30 am
And 9.00 am on Mondays

Genesis 12 ¹The Lord had said to Abram, "Go from your country, your people and your father's household to the land I will show you.

² "I will make you into a great nation, and I will bless you;
I will make your name great, and you will be a blessing.

³ I will bless those who bless you, and whoever curses you I will curse;
and all peoples on earth will be blessed through you."

From the cowardice that shrinks from new truth,
From the laziness that is content with half-truths,
From the arrogance that thinks it knows all truth,
O [Judge] of Truth, deliver us.

(Leslie Weatherhead 1893-1975)

On this Sunday, 1st March, Lesley has invited us to share lunch with her at chapel to celebrate her 30 years as a member of CIV. We in turn give thanks for her faithful ministry and look forward to more of the same!

Chapel In the Valley forthcoming events

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

February

Saturday 28th Prayer Day - 10am to 3.00 pm

March

Sunday 1st (Lent 2) Morning - Cliff, followed by lunch with Lesley
Evening (at Ibstock at 4.00 pm) - David Evans

Thursday 5th Ambler Ramblers meet at the Cross Keys Newbold at
10.15am

Sunday 8th (Lent 3) Morning - Cliff
Evening - tba

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

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 Jan and Judith P and John W particularly.
- For our prayer day - for open hearts, minds ears and souls as we seek diligently to honour God's plans for our church and as we come in gratitude and thanksgiving for all that He has done in days gone by.
- For governments; international, national and local; that they might find the source of true of inspiration and guidance for those who they seek to serve.

Following our recent church meeting, here are the details of the forthcoming
WRU General meeting

Saturday, 14th March 2026 at Rushden Mission Church and via Zoom.

which you might consider attending (or Zooming). Further details from Jan or Cliff

Bookings deadline – Friday 27th February

Programme:

10:00 am - Union Trustees meeting

11:30 am - General Meeting (the start of the main proceedings)

12.30 pm - Lunch

1.30 pm – Training Session

3.00pm - General Meeting

5:00 pm - Buffet tea (optional)

There will be a training session for anyone thinking of church membership, from 1.30 to 3.00.

This will be led by the Union ‘Pastor to the Pastors’ Rev Peter Norton, who will introduce the training material on Church Membership, titled “Privileges and Responsibilities of Church Membership”. This will include:

- A short account of why this was produced and the history of its inception
- A brief outline of how it could be run as a weekly study
- Followed by questions and answers and concluded with a discussion

Further details and relevant paperwork will be sent to all attendees closer to the time. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me. Thank you.

With blessings, **ALINA TAYLOR** | WRU Administration Manager

This Saturday (Feb 28th) is our Church Prayer Day (10.00am to 3.00pm). Please come and joint in for all or part of the day. No previous experience necessary!

Church Flowers for 2026

8th March- Jill

15th March (Mothering Sunday) - Helen

22nd March - Helen

29th March (Palm Sunday) - Church

Tintern Abbey

Here and there in...

February

Saturday 28th Ellistown Coffee morning 10.00 - midday

...and March

Sunday 1st New Swannington Service (John) 10.30am & Ibstock Service (David Evans) 4.00pm

Saturday 7th Ibstock Coffee morning 10.00 - midday

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

What Does the Bible Say About Being a Blessing to Others?

Throughout the Bible, even in the Old Testament, God tells us to look after one another and live lives of kindness and compassion.

By leading lives of love and being of service to others wherever we can, we are a blessing to others as well as in the eyes of God.

What's more, being a blessing to others is to also receive blessings in equal measure. We can live blessed lives by simply being a blessing.

For some inspiration and encouragement, here are some quotes from the Bible about being a blessing to others.

1) 1 Thessalonians 5:11

"Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing."

2) Proverbs 11:25

"A generous person will prosper; whoever refreshes others will be refreshed."

3) Matthew 10:8

"Heal the sick, raise the dead, cleanse those who have leprosy, drive out demons. Freely you have received, freely give."

4) Matthew 5:16

"In the same way, let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

5) Romans 12:13

"Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

6) Matthew 25:35

"For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invite me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me."

7) 1 Peter 4:10

"Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God's grace in its various forms."