

A big Thank You!

Dear Friends

In this past year there seems to have been warmer and more positive links between the Church and our School. I would like to thank the school community and parents for their very generous collection during December's Nativity Services—you gave £204.25.

Without your generosity the church would be unable to continue its work. So again, a very big thank you from all at St Mary's Church.

Thorny Issues in Christianity

This is an Ecumenical Study Course looking at various topics

which affect our daily Christian lives. They begin on Thursday 26th Feb (and run throughout Lent) at St. Helen's Church, Darley Dale beginning at 7pm and finishing at 8.pm.

It would be really great to see people who don't normally come to this type of thing. All are very, very welcome.

With my prayers and sincere thanks.

Rev'd Stephen Monk.



Could you be a school Governor?

Successful schools need effective governing bodies.

There are about 370,000 governor places in England, making them the largest volunteer force in the country.

There is a vacancy for a Parent Governor at South Darley CE Primary School and you may want to consider yourself for nomination.

The role of a school governor is to contribute to the work of the Governing Body in raising standards of achievement for all pupils. This involves:

- ensuring clarity of vision, ethos and strategic direction
- holding the head teacher to account for the educational performance of the school and its pupils, and
- overseeing the financial performance of the school and making sure its money is well spent

The individual governor has a responsibility, working alongside other members of the Governing Body, to the staff and pupils of the school and the school's wider community.

Governors must have an interest in our children's future, be willing to contribute and make a difference, respect the need for confidentiality and be able to work as part of a team. Governors must act with integrity, objectivity and honesty and in the best interests of the school.

Whether you're working or retired, if you have experience of team working, financial or business management we would love to hear from you.

An information pack has already been sent to all parents of children in the school. The pack contains further information about being a School Governor and information about how to stand for election. If you would like more information then please contact the school.

But be quick.....all completed nomination forms must be signed by another parent of a child at the school in support of your application and the school must have received your completed nomination form by noon on Thursday 26th February 2015.