



# The Link

The Monthly Newsletter of Marehay  
and Waingroves Methodist Church

February 2026

Welcome to The Link which covers all the news and everything that's happening at Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church (MWMC) during February

MAREHAY METHODIST CHAPEL



*Village coffee*

COFFEE.TEA.SCONES.CAKE

LAST THURSDAY OF  
THE MONTH 10AM-12PM

MWMC (Waingroves)

COMMUNITY  
CAFE

OPEN  
FRIDAYS

10.00 am - 12.00 noon

ALL WELCOME



**The next meetings are:**

- 9<sup>th</sup> February – Chrich Council meeting 7.30pm at Marehay
- 12<sup>th</sup> February – Formal progress meeting for Sanctuary Annexe at Waingroves 10am
- 12<sup>th</sup> February Waingroves Planning meeting 7pm
- 25<sup>th</sup> February – MWMC meeting 7.30pm at Waingroves

**MAREHAY & WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH**

Stewards Ruth Beresford, Kath Brydon, Viv Walters, Mark Ratcliffe Margaret Storer, Christine Aldred

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# BEETLE DRIVE



Waingroves  
Methodist  
Church



**PICK UP A  
PANCAKE**

## PANCAKE RACES

Saturday 14 February – 11.30 am

Races for all ages and stages. All welcome.  
Followed by Soup Lunch for anyone who wants to stay.

### If you have a problem, Citizens Advice is here for you.

Our Outreach Adviser can help you find solutions.

Our advice sessions are available at:

**Waingroves Methodist Church**  
on **Friday mornings**.

Drop-in service. 10am - 12pm

24th October 2025	13th March 2026
14th November 2025	24th April 2026
12th December 2025	15th May 2026
16th January 2026	12th June 2026
13th February 2026	

For urgent advice call our  
freephone Adviceline

**0808 278 7954**

Open Monday to Friday,  
9am to 4pm



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Ripley Town Council

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**Ash** **Wednesday**  
**SERVICE**

**18 FEBRUARY,**  
**2026**

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**7pm**

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Marehay Methodist Church  
Warmwells Lane  
Ripley

**Stay and Play Goes Large**  
**at**  
**Waingroves Methodist**  
**Church 10-12pm**  
**Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February**

Come and Join us for a morning of love themed crafts and activities and a free lunch from 12pm onwards, All children must be supervised by a responsible adult.

**The Children's Society**

The Children's Society, Whitecross Studios,  
50 Banner Street, London EC1Y 8ST  
childrenssociety.org.uk

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Dear Mr Ratcliffe,

I want to extend my sincere thanks for your incredible support during this year's Christingle celebrations and for your amazing donation of £41.75. The money raised by everyone at Waingroves Methodist Church makes a significant difference in the lives of countless children facing abuse, exploitation or neglect. Together, we're bringing the warmth and light of Christingle to those who need it most.

I understand that organising and fundraising for your Christingle may have been both challenging and rewarding, I hope you felt the joy and community spirit that this special event brings. By hosting a Christingle service, you're sending a powerful message to children and young people across the country: they matter, and they are not alone.

Last year alone, Christingle services raised just under £830,000 for The Children's Society. These donations enable us to open new services like 'Time for young people' in Newham. This hub will give young people in Newham a place where they can drop in and meet trained staff one-to-one, without needing an appointment or a referral. They'll also be able to access group sessions, events, and a range of practical resources, as well as using the physical support space to relax and feel safe. None of this would be possible without the compassion of people like you.

We'd love to hear about your Christingle experience this year! If you have a moment, please do share your feedback with us at [christingle.org/survey](https://christingle.org/survey).

Once again, thank you for standing with young people, your support can be a beacon of hope and light during a young person's darkest time - so thank you.

Warm regards,  
  
**Andrew Moran**  
Head of Supporter Experience

We may contact you by post, and telephone, about how you can support children in crisis by campaigning, volunteering or providing financial support. If you do not wish to hear from us, or have a preferred contact method, simply let our friendly Supporter Care team know by calling 0300 303 7000 or emailing [supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk](mailto:supportercare@childrenssociety.org.uk).

**MWMC (Waingroves)**  
**ACTIVITIES FOR THE OVER 55'S**  
**January – April 2026**  
(every Wednesday morning)  
10.00am – 12noon

DATE	ACTIVITY/EVENT
7 <sup>th</sup> January	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
14 <sup>th</sup> January	Art & Crafts
21 <sup>st</sup> January	Quiz
28 <sup>th</sup> January	Film
4 <sup>th</sup> February	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
11 <sup>th</sup> February	Art & Crafts
18 <sup>th</sup> February	Quiz
25 <sup>th</sup> February	Games & Puzzles
4 <sup>th</sup> March	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
11 <sup>th</sup> March	Quiz
18 <sup>th</sup> March	Film
25 <sup>th</sup> March	Games & Puzzles
1 <sup>st</sup> April	Sanctuary Bereavement Group
8 <sup>th</sup> April	Arts & Crafts
15 <sup>th</sup> April	Quiz
22 <sup>nd</sup> April	Games & Puzzles
29 <sup>th</sup> April	Film

**For More Information Contact:**  
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# February Services

## **PREACHERS FOR WAINGROVES FEBRUARY 2026**

1st	10.45	Joint Service at Waingroves led by Martin Sykes
8 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	Service led by Rev Sheila Baldock
15 <sup>th</sup>	10.45	Joint service at Marehay led by Alison Wood
22 <sup>nd</sup>	10.45	Service led by Rev Helen Penfold

**All are Welcome**

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# MAREHAY AND WAINGROVES METHODIST CHURCH



## PRAYER WALK

Marehay

### About us

Marehay and Waingroves Methodist Church are aiming to walk Marehay, Waingroves and everywhere in between, in small sections, praying for the community as they go. Our

### Prayer walk

in February will be on Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> February at 10.30 am. We will meet outside Marehay Methodist Church

If you are unable to join us but wish to join in, here is a prayer you can use:

Lord God we place our community into your hands.

We pray for peace in its streets and in its homes .

We pray for healing where there is pain and hurt.

We pray for kindness between neighbours.

We pray that every child, woman and man will feel loved and accepted.

We pray that each one will know your great love for them and your saving grace.

Open the hearts of this community to welcome Jesus as Lord and Saviour

That our lives may be refreshed and transformed.

Today we place this community and our hopes into your hands.

Amen

For the month of December we will be praying for those who live and work on:

Warmwells Lane

Lathkill Drive

Milldale Close

Peakdale Close

Dovedale close

Derby Road

Bamford Street

Bamford Place

Swallow Court

**IF YOU HAVE ANY SPECIFIC PRAYER REQUESTS OR REQUIRE FURTHER INFORMATION YOU CAN CONTACT US AT:**



[mwmethodist@outlook.com](mailto:mwmethodist@outlook.com)



Message us on Facebook at Marehay Methodist Church or Waingroves Methodist Church



Or you can pop a note in either of the church letterboxes

<b>MWMC Church Diary February 2026 – December 2026</b>
<b>6<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Beetle Drive at Waingroves 7pm
<b>9<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Church Council at Marehay 7.30pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Formal site meeting for Sanctuary Annexe at Waingroves 10am
<b>12<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Waingroves Planning meeting 7pm
<b>13<sup>th</sup> February</b> - Citizens Advice session at Waingroves 10-12pm
<b>14<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Pancake races at Waingroves time 11.30am followed by a soup lunch
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Stay and Play goes Large at Waingroves 10-12.30
<b>18<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Ash Wednesday Service at Marehay 7pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> February</b> – MWMC meeting at Waingroves – 7.30pm
<b>26<sup>th</sup> February</b> – Citizens Advice session at Marehay 10-12pm
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Book Sale Waingroves
<b>6<sup>th</sup> March</b> - World Day of Prayer Service at Marehay 2.30pm
<b>7<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Book Sale Waingroves
<b>13<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Citizens Advice session at Waingroves 10-12pm
<b>20<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Circuit Film night at Waingroves Time TBC
<b>26<sup>th</sup> March</b> - Citizens Advice session at Marehay 10-12pm
<b>29<sup>th</sup> March</b> – Palm Sunday Walk of Witness Waingroves to Marehay
<b>1<sup>st</sup> April</b> – MWMC meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> April</b> – Good Friday Service at Waingroves Time TBC
<b>5<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Son Rise Service in Waingroves Woodland Time TBC
<b>8<sup>th</sup> April</b> – Stay and Play goes Large at Marehay 10-12.30
<b>24<sup>th</sup> April</b> - Citizens Advice session at Waingroves 10-12pm
<b>30<sup>th</sup> April</b> - Citizens Advice session at Marehay 10-12pm
<b>4<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> of May</b> – Well dressing preparation and Services at Waingroves
<b>13<sup>th</sup> May</b> - MWMC meeting at Waingroves – 7.30pm
<b>15<sup>th</sup> May</b> - Citizens Advice session at Waingroves 10-12pm
<b>27<sup>th</sup> May</b> – Stay and Play goes Large at Waingroves 10-12.30
<b>28<sup>th</sup> May</b> - Citizens Advice session at Marehay 10-12pm
<b>12<sup>th</sup> June</b> Citizens Advice session at Waingroves 10-12pm
<b>24<sup>th</sup> June</b> - MWMC meeting at Marehay 7.30pm
<b>25<sup>th</sup> June</b> - Citizens Advice session at Marehay 10-12pm
<b>3<sup>rd</sup> – 6<sup>th</sup> August</b> – Stay and Play goes Large at Marehay 10-12.30
<b>5<sup>th</sup> August</b> - MWMC meeting at Waingroves – 7.30pm
<b>5<sup>th</sup> September</b> – Marehay Show
<b>5<sup>th</sup>-7<sup>th</sup> September</b> - Flower Festival at Marehay
<b>12-13<sup>th</sup> September</b> Waingroves Show

## **MWMC Vision Programme – Update**

The MWMC Vision Programme is a series of initiatives to develop the work and witness of the Church and to make our buildings fit for purpose in the modern world. Although the strategy will be set and all decisions made by the Church Council, it's really important that everyone knows what's happening and feels comfortable expressing their views and contributing to the plans. With this in mind, we're going to publish a monthly update in The Link, starting with this one.

The Vision Programme is divided into 5 separate workstreams, and the majority of work at the moment is gathering information to enable the Church Council to set direction and make both strategic and financial decisions when it meets in October.

### **Workstream 1 – Waingroves Property Development**

Workstream 1 concerns our building at Waingroves. The church community there has met to determine emerging and future needs that aren't met by the current setup and ways to alleviate pressure as the building is used so much. This includes:

- Devotional space for when the worship area is in use in the week and on Saturdays.
- Increased storage to release areas for other use.
- Enhancements to the worship area (particularly the acoustics).
- Improvements to the lighting and security arrangements outside.

### **Progress Update:**

Building work for the Sanctuary Annex commenced on 19<sup>th</sup> January and great progress had been made. The foundations have been laid, and brick work has now begun. The build is currently on schedule to be completed and handed over to MWMC on 24<sup>th</sup> April and we are planning a dedication weekend and service on 11<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup> July.

### **Workstream 2 – Marehay Property Development**

Workstream 2 concerns our building at Marehay. The church community there has met to determine action to make the building fully accessible and fit for purpose in the 21st century in order that usage may be increased exponentially as we move forward as a joint church. This includes:

- Retaining the pulpit and organ as a focal point.
- Establishing a single level between and within the worship area and the school room.
- Replacing the pews and partition wall.
- Providing direct level access from outside directly into the worship area and school room.
- A ramp to allow access into the building from the pavement
- The removal of the garage in the centre of the garden which contains asbestos.
- An extension to the back of the Wesley room to store large items such as tables and equipment not used regularly and to include a toilet facility that is accessible to the community gardeners from the garden.
- Better storage in the School Room, Church and Wesley Room

### **Progress Update:**

The quantity surveyor has now sent through his budget estimate, and a meeting has been arranged for 31<sup>st</sup> January, 10am at Marehay to discuss how the scheme of work moves forward.

**Workstream 3 – Net Zero** Workstream 3 concerns the target to make MWMC Net Zero by 2030. It is envisaged that environmental features for heating, insulation, water capture, and energy generation and storage will be included in both Workstreams 1 and 2 once initial requirements have been confirmed.

**Progress Update:**

Work in this work stream is being incorporated into the schemes for work streams 1 and 2

**Workstream 4 – Community & Outreach Worker**

Workstream 4 concerns the requirement to employ more human resources to scope and then drive forward the mission and outreach of MWMC. Initial thoughts are this work will contain two major strands:

- Getting alongside, enhancing, and future-proofing existing work.
- Determining current and future needs of the community not currently being met by MWMC (both in existing settlements and new housing developments) and commencing work in these areas.

**Progress Update:**

An update from Alison Wood our CAMEO Pioneer Worker

General - These last few months have been exciting times as we have seen God at work. From a small start, both the Sanctuary Bereavement Group and the general CAMEO Sessions have grown in numbers and in friendship too.

I would like to thank all those from MWMC who have helped by volunteering their time, energy and gifts and skills to all that has been happening, this has been very much appreciated.

Thanks also go to Sarah who has sorted out a volunteer rota and also promoting the events locally and on Facebook. Advertising what we are doing is key to attracting more people. Our events are now registered and listed with Amber Valley CVS and we hope that more and more people in the villages will get to know what is happening and come along.

Sanctuary Bereavement Care - This group has been meeting in the upstairs room at Waingroves on the first Wednesday of each month 10am-12noon. When the new Sanctuary Room is completed downstairs we will then hopefully be able to move into that room. Although the numbers have been quite low, this little group has been very supportive and have valued the conversations and support found, and some new friendships have been formed which has been very encouraging and helpful.

I am hoping that this group may grow and flourish even more over time and new people find it a welcoming, comforting and helpful space.

Regular Events - Again, from small numbers, these events have grown and we are now regularly getting around 12 people to each session. The Christmas Party was a great success with the food, magician and pass the parcel. Also popular was the 60's/70's music event with Jean and David from St Andrew's Langley Mill who gave us a great selection of music to enjoy and join in with. The craft sessions have been good with people learning skills they didn't think they had, and also the games and quizzes have been enjoyed. The last quiz was prepared and hosted by Isobel and Jackie and Phil have also been great quiz hosts and bingo callers!

Chair Exercises - This is also proving popular and again opportunities are there with new people on the premises for us to share our faith journey and to give good hospitality and to maintain a friendly supportive group for those attending.

**Workstream 5 – Sanctuary Project**

Workstream 5 challenges MWMC to look beyond our traditional work and geographical boundaries to consider how our premises, funds, and other spare resources could be used to benefit the most vulnerable people in society.

**Progress Update:**

The new extension at Waingroves will be called the Sanctuary and so this element of the vision programme will form part of workstream one once the extension has been built.

	Marehay			Waingroves			Elsewhere
	Chapel	School Room	Wesley Room	Chapel	School Room	Foyer	
Su 1	10.45 Joint MWMC service at Waingroves led by Martin Sykes	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Joint MWMC service at Waingroves led by Martin Sykes	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 2					6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 3		10-12 – Liver Lantern Support Group 7-9 Musical Dimension		10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd 4		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 Box fit		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World	10-12 Bereavement Group		
Th 5			2-4 RCMG 6.15-8.15 Band	7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 6				7pm Beetle Drive		10.00–12.00 Community Café	
Sa 7							10.30 – Prayer Walk meet Marehay Methodist Church
Su 8	10.45 – Service led by Kath Brydon	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Service led by Rev Sheila Baldock	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 9		7.30 - Church Council			6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 10		10-11 CAMEO Chair based Exercise 7-9 Musical Dimension		10-30-11.30 Dance 1.30-2.30 Exercise Class 7.45 F&N			
Wd11		9.30-11 – Stay and play 7-8 – BoxFit exercise Class		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play 4-8.30pm Slimming World		10-12 CAMEO activities	
Th 12		2.30-5 WI	6.15-8.15 Band	7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis	10 Formal progress meeting sanctuary Annexe 7pm Waingroves Meeting	
Fr 13				6-8.30 Sound healing	10-12 Citizens Advice session	10.00–12.00 Community Café	
Sa 14					12 Soup Lunch		10.30 Prayer Call 11.30 Pancake Races
Su 15	10.45 Joint Service at Marehay led by Alison Wood	9-10 Sunday Club		10.45 Joint Service at Marehay led by Alison Wood	10.45 Sunday School		
Mo 16					6.30 Table Tennis	6.30 Table Tennis	

Tu 17		10-11 CAMEO Chair based Exercise		10-30-11.30 Dance <b>1.30-2.30 Exercise Class</b> 7.45 F&N			
Wd 18	<b>7pm Ash Wednesday Service at Marehay led by Rev Helen Penfold</b>	9.30-11 – Stay and play <b>7-8 – BoxFit exercise Class</b>		10-12.30 Stay and Play goes large <b>4-8.30pm Slimming World</b>		10-12 CAMEO activities	
Th 19			2-4 RCMG <b>6.15-8.15 Band</b>	7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 20					7.00 Table tennis Match	10.00am–12.00pm Community Café	
Sa 21							10.30am Prayer Call
Su 22	<b>10.45 Service led by Rev Sheila Baldock</b>	<b>9-10 Sunday Club</b>		<b>10.45 Service led by Rev Helen Penfold</b>	<b>10.45 Sunday School</b>		
Mo 23					<b>6.30 Table Tennis</b>	6.30 Table Tennis	
Tu 24		10-11 CAMEO Chair based Exercise <b>7-8 Musical Dimension</b>		10-30-11.30 Dance <b>1.30-2.30 Exercise Class</b> 7.45 F&N			
Wd 25		9.30-11 – Stay and play <b>7-8 – BoxFit exercise Class</b>		1.15-2.45 Stay and Play <b>4-8.30pm Slimming World</b>	7.30 – MWMC Meeting	10-12 CAMEO activities	
Th 26		10-12 Village Coffee <b>6.30-8pm Craft Club</b>	<b>10-12 Citizens advice session</b> 6.15-8.15 Band	7.30 Band	7.00 Table Tennis		
Fr 27						10.00am–12.00pm Community Café	
Sa 28							10.30am Prayer Call

**SATURDAY MORNING PRAYER CALL**

An invitation is extended to all to meet virtually at 10.30 am each Saturday morning to pray for common concerns across the community, country and world. (N.B. The first Saturday of Each month in a prayer walk at 10.30)  
We use Zoom to connect - you do not need any special equipment and can join from anywhere by dialling a number from your landline or mobile phone or using the Zoom app from your smartphone, tablet, laptop, or pc.  
Instructions how to join are issued each week. If you wish to receive details, please let Mark, John, Ruth, or Kath know.

Circuit Dates 2026

Saturday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 11.00am to 6.00pm  
Sunday 1<sup>st</sup> February 4.00pm to 6.30pm  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm to 3.30pm  
Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> February 2.00pm  
Saturday 7<sup>th</sup> March  
Sunday 15<sup>th</sup> March 2.00pm to 3.30pm  
Tuesday 31<sup>st</sup> March 7.30pm

Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April 7.00pm  
Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> April  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> April 2.00pm to 3.30pm  
Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> May 4.00pm to 6.30pm  
Sunday 10<sup>th</sup> May 6.00pm

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> to Sunday 14<sup>th</sup> June  
Wednesday 24<sup>th</sup> June 7.30pm  
Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> July 7.00pm  
Sunday 26<sup>th</sup> July 3.00pm  
Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> August 4.00pm to 6.30pm  
Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> August

Muddy DAY INN at Darley Dale Methodist Church  
Rooted at Wellspring Church, Wirksworth  
All Saints Church, Matlock  
Ash Wednesday Service at Codnor Methodist Church  
Sponsored Walk for 8-18 year olds on the Peak Wesley Way  
Muddy Church (venue to be decided)  
Holy Week Reflection followed by LWP Meeting at Belper Methodist Church  
Circuit Meeting at Wellspring Church, Wirksworth  
District Gathering including Synod at Uttoxeter  
Muddy Church (venue to be decided)  
Rooted at Ambergate Methodist Church  
Circuit Easter Offering Dedication Service at Horsley Woodhouse Methodist Church  
Muddy Church Campout at Lea Green  
LWP Meeting (venue to be decided)  
Circuit Meeting (venue to be decided)  
Circuit Celebration Service (venue to be decided)  
Rooted (date to be confirmed and venue to be decided)  
Circuit Coach Trip to Skegness

YOU ARE INVITED TO



FOOD|FAITH|FAMILY

*"deeply rooted in his love"*

**Theme:** Generous God,  
Generous Church, Generous  
people

**Food** 4pm- 4:30pm

**Worship:** from 4:30pm

**Speaker:** Grant Forrest  
-CEO of the Parish Giving

Scheme

Followed by - sweets treats  
and hot drinks. 6:30pm Finish

Our band led sung worship is supported by a Makaton  
interpreter.

**Parking:** There is a free public car park that can be accessed  
from Wood Street, as well as on street parking on a Sunday.

Sunday

01/02/26

4pm to 6.30pm

Wellspring,  
Wood Street  
Wirksworth,  
DE4 4DS



SCAN ME FOR OUR  
MOST RECENT  
WORSHIP PLAYLIST

# Circuit and District News