

ALL SAINTS, HASSOP (DE45 1NS) and ENGLISH MARTYRS, BAKEWELL (DE45 1DA)

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Last Sunday's collection: Envelopes £150.20 Loose Plate £100.76 Total £250.96

Retiring Collection for Christmas Flower Arrangements £92.99

White Gift Aid Envelopes are available in both churches for use by parishioners and visitors. Please use!

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturday evenings: Hassop/Bakewell: 5.30 p.m. Hassop/Bakewell on request.

Week commencing Sunday, 23rd December 2012

				Parishioners	4 th Sunday of Advent
Saturday	22 nd	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Mary Greensmith RIP (K H)	
Sunday	23 rd	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Patrick & Linda O'Connell	Advent Feria
Monday	24 th	9.30 a.m.	Hassop	Children's Christmas Mass	
		6.00 p.m. Bakewell 9.00 p.m. Hassop 9.30 p.m. Hassop		Carols Christmas Mass	
Tuesday	25 th	10.00 a.m. Bakewell		CSSp Intention	Nativity of Our Lord
Wednesday	26 th	11.30 a.m. Hassop		Maureen's Intention (A S)	St Stephen
Thursday	NO MORNING SERVICE				St John
Friday					Hoy Innocents
Saturday	29 th	6.15 p.m.	Bakewell	Billy Whelan RIP (M G)	Feast of the Holy Family
Sunday	30 th	10.00 a.m.	Hassop	Jaqueline Mason RIP (D M)	

The Advent Season draws to a close with the first Mass of Christmas on Monday evening in Bakewell when we celebrate the Children's Mass at 6.00pm. Over these four Sundays of Advent we have been invited to prepare in our hearts to celebrate again the birth of Jesus, born of Mary, and who comes to us as Redeemer. Some people ask, "Do we need a Redeemer? Why do we need a Redeemer?" The answer to such questions can only be understood in the context of our Salvation History. Christ's birth just didn't happen as a "fluke"; it is part of world history. Christ's birth just didn't happen haphazardly but it is, rather, the fulfilment of the plan formed long ago when God Eternal first entered the drama of living in the midst of human beings and becoming known to us as the **"I Am Who Am"**, the **YAHWEH** who is ever present in our different experiences. At the appointed moment in time, Christ (born of a woman St Paul says) comes as the final fulfilment of all these strands of Salvation History begun centuries before his own birth in time. Pope Benedict has often encouraged us to meditate on the true message of salvation and, then, perhaps, we will come to the conclusion that we do indeed need a Redeemer – One who eventually restores us to perfect humanness. The light of faith helps us to appreciate this plan that we call God's plan for us human beings.

Apart from the Liturgical celebrations in our different church communities, this is a special time for family and for friends. People will travel great distances in order to keep alive the bonds of family connection and friendship and this is a wonderful thing to do. Christmas reminds us of the Family of Nazareth and the little town of Bethlehem. Many of us will know of families suffering at this time in different parts of the world – Syria and Connecticut in the world news along with families closer to home who are grieving. We might feel quite powerless to help these situations and we are powerless **except** by remembering them and their sufferings, we know also our own vulnerabilities, our own fragility. It is good to put family and friends high on our priority list even though most probably there will be a heated moment or two or even three over the holiday period! It is **the bond** that matters just like it is our bond with Christ that matters. I wish you all a Joyous & Happy Christmas and thank you for all your help in the parish, Fr Hugh

Ministries for Christmas Masses

Weekend 29th/30th December

	Bakewell 6pm	Hassop 9.30pm	Bakewell 10am		Bakewell 6.15pm	Hassop 10am
E. Ministers	L. Elliot	M. Etchells, A. Shimwell	E. Hague		A. Shimwell	M&C Allsop
Readers	I & A Village	F. Palmer, V. Dooley	P. Greenhalgh, M. Trend		P. Greenhalgh	L. Brooks, J. Byrne
Welcomers	P. Greenhalgh	A. Lancashire, T. Clarke	V. Dooley		M. Hutchinson	Smith Family
Counters					This w/e GSS	Next w/e ASKS

Thank You Again for the support you gave to last Saturday's Christmas Fair in Bakewell. The Fair netted £2,018.78, which is exceptionally good considering the circumstances on the day itself. There was a lot of hard work involved and the Social Committee does indeed deserve our gratitude for producing such a wonderful result but gratitude is owed to all who supported the event in their own different ways through raffle prizes, donations, bottles and all the other things displayed on the tables. Thank you again for all that you gave and thanks to Sharon & Peter and Social Committee for their hard work.

Joan Coleman is fondly remembered by a number of parishioners: Joan died last Tuesday afternoon and her funeral will take place in Ireland and is being arranged by her family. We remember Henry (husband), Anne, Henry, Patrick and Seamus in our prayers this weekend.

Clergy Christmas Offering Envelopes are available as usual and the parish weekly envelopes can be used for this as well. Gift Aid can be claimed back on these offerings.

This Sunday after 10.00am Mass, there will be a rehearsal with the children for their Christmas Eve Mass in Bakewell. This is important especially for the participants. Visiting children and grandchildren are invited to join in if they would like to bring a toy animal with them.

January Dates to remember!

5-6th Feast of Epiphany first Sunday of the New Year – 6.15pm Vigil Mass in Hassop and Sunday morning Mass in Bakewell at 10.00am.

13th After 10.00am Mass in Hassop: meeting of Core Group to prepare the Mass of 27th January (see below).

20th Evening Service at 6.00pm in our Bakewell Church for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity. **We are hosting this service!** (Liturgy Group & Choir, please note!)

27th Sunday Mass at 10.00am in Hassop will be our first attempt to have a monthly Mass with our younger parishioners in mind. Music, Readings, Bidding Prayers, etc. will include our younger parishioners

31st Afternoon film show in parish rooms at 2.00pm: more details from Jane Horton and Mary Pickard.

Sick and Housebound: Jenny Lovett, Patricia Turner, Christina Gentis, Cliff Mann, Michael & Shirley Plant, Chris Holmes, Janet Smith and Joan Mason

Anniversaries: – We pray this week especially for Tony Furness, Margaret Everett and Edward Wyke-Smith.

May their souls rest in peace.