

# July 2024

## Archdeacon Karen writes...



A couple of years ago, 2021 I think, we decided to do 'No Mow May' for the first time ... and yes, I know it's not May – but it stretched into 'No Mow June' and 'No Mow July'! We ended up with so much grass of such great length that we actually built small stacks of it across the garden to let it dry out for a few days. The last two years we have moderated the amount of grass we have left to grow across those 3 months (and even longer) by cutting patterns in it – this year it's like waves across the garden.

It still feels counter intuitive to not cut the grass, after all, we've always cut the grass even when we had a tiny patch in our back yard many years ago. And to my parent and grand-parents generation 'cutting the grass' was almost ritualistic as they pursued the dream of a lawn. I cannot in all honesty call anything we have ever had in our garden a lawn, but I hadn't realised how ingrained the habit of regular grass-cutting was.

It was the next year, in 2022, that we noticed something rather wonderful, something that took us by surprise. In one of the unmown areas, we found a common orchid growing! It was beautiful and completely nothing to do with us. Changing the way we did things had allowed us to be surprised by the unexpected.

We remembered where the plant was and last year it grew and flowered again. This year the same thing has happened but there is now a second plant, 3 or 4 metres away from the first Wow! Abundance.

Change is always challenging, as it will be for a new government, and large-scale changes can be extremely difficult and painful. We knew that environmentally this particular small change was for the best even if it took some adapting too. The new thing, the orchids, that have happened are to me testament to the glory of creation and the whole experience, (which makes me smile every time I come up the drive), has spoken deeply to me metaphorically of the faithfulness of God in times of change and of his eternal capacity to surprise us with his creativity and abundance as we dare to do things differently.

Maybe this month, we can be on the lookout in the apparently small for those reminders of who God is and of what He is capable of when we decide to dare to change. And maybe, just maybe, that can grow our confidence in Him for the changes that we need in us, in church and in society as a whole if we are truly to see His kingdom come.

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Archdeacon of East Derbyshire

# THE COMMUNITY

## JULY 2024



### Welcome to Summer!

Look out of the window and you may be mistaken - but we are in Summer! This is the perfect time of the year to relax and "click the reset button". It's a time to reflect on the past six months and plan ahead for the next six!

Thank you for your continued support of St Philip's - whether you regularly attend our services, groups, cafe, or if this is your first time here. Everyone is welcome, as the popular hymn reminds us:

*Let us build a house where love can dwell and all can safely live,  
A place where saints and children tell how hearts learn to forgive.  
Built of hopes and dreams and visions, rock of faith and vault of grace;  
Here the love of Christ shall end divisions;*

**All are welcome, all are welcome, All are welcome in this place.**

  
**Community BBQ**  
**Saturday, 27 July 2024**  
**3pm - 7pm**  
St Philip's church, community cafe & space  
[stphilip.co.uk](http://stphilip.co.uk)

### Eco-tip for July



Help hedgehogs in hot weather. Hedgehogs particularly need help in a heatwave, as their usual prey of slugs, snails and worms are often unavailable. Leaving out a juicy snack can help in sustained warm weather. If you have a garden pond, ensure there's always a way for hedgehogs (and other small mammals) to climb out if they fall in.

# July @ St Philip's, Chaddesden

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Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	Sunday
<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>
	9.30am – 11.30am Toddler Group	10.30am – 1.30pm Community café	10.30am – 1.30pm Community café			10.00am – 11.00am Café church
	11.00am – 2.00pm Gardening group	11.30am – 12.00 noon Midweek Communion	11.00am – 1.00pm Jubilee Debt clinic			<del>11.30am – 12.30pm</del> Parish communion
			1.00pm – 3.30pm Team Talk (DCCT)			
			1.30pm – 3.30pm Craft Group			
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