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St John the Evangelist

In Partnership with All Saints Church in the Mickleover MMA
In Covenant with all the Churches Together in Mickleover

Devonshire Drive, Mickleover

Parish Magazine

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WHO'S WHO in ST. JOHN'S

CLERGY

Priest in Charge

Rev'd. Maureen Priddin

Maureen is not available on a Thursday and has Saturday as a day off. It would be appreciated if people could avoid contacting her on either of these days, except in emergencies.

Associate Priest

Rev'd Alan Ward (Area Vicar of Micklegate MMA)

Retired Clergy

Rev'd Jim Innes, Rev'd Michael Huggett
Canon John Warman Rev'd Sybil Wetton

LAY MINISTRY TEAM

Community Minister

Capt Sean Andrews
7 Onslow Road, Micklegate

Lay Readers

Mr Paul Pritchard

Mr Alun Rowlands

Mrs Joy Andrews

Churchwardens

Mrs Joy Templer

Mr Michael Vick

Parochial Church Council (PCC)

* These are also members of Deanery Synod

Dr Chris Priddin*

Mr Keith Godley

Mr Omid Samavi

Mr Andrew Templer*

Mr Adrian Shore

Mrs Elaine Pritchard

Mrs June Owen*

Mrs Pat Seager

Mrs Kath Ratcliff

Mrs Judi Witcomb*

Mrs Jenny Scrafton

Mrs Ann Haxell

Mr Paul Gribbin*

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Mrs Pat Seager

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Mrs Elaine Pritchard

Sacristans

Mr Andrew Templer

Mr Paul Gribbin

Mrs Dorothy Pickering

Mr Keith Godley

Mr + Mrs Alun Rowlands

Church Flowers

Mrs Eunice Upton

Hall Booking Secretary

Mrs May Walley

MAGAZINE: Editor

Mrs Joy Templer

Distribution

Mr John Walley

Advertising

Mr John Owen

Times of Worship

Sundays

- 8.00am Holy Communion - *Common Worship (said)*
- 10.00am Parish Eucharist - *Common Worship (Order 1)*
Parish Praise - *usually on the First Sunday in the month*
- 6.30pm Holy Communion (Taizé) - First Sunday of the month
- 4.30pm **“Teatime on Sunday”** - last Sunday of the month

In this issue: Harvest Celebrations and then a bit of quiet before
A host of activities in November and December.
But don't forget the opportunity to Dance on a Friday evening!

During the Week

Monday to Friday

9.00am Morning Prayer (said) in the church.

Fridays

2.00pm St John's Tots - for children and their Carers

Office Hour

For booking baptisms, weddings and other business,
please telephone Rev'd Maureen Priddin
(see the back cover for details of how to contact Maureen)
or call in at the church vestry from 7.30pm
on the **first Thursday** of any month

Mickleover Mission and Ministry Area (MMA) Mission Statement

The Churches of All Saints and St John's are in partnership
to inspire the people of Mickleover

-to come to Christ
-to grow in Christ
-and to share the love of Christ

to the glory of God

Thank you –

just a little word, sometimes forgotten, but so important.

Thanking is also an essential part of worship and prayer. Without it things can sometimes seem dull and heavy and we can get sucked into a kind of depression with all the problems that can be around.

It's said that there are always two sides to anything in life. As we think and pray about the needs of our world, we also need to give thanks for it and for one another. Every night I find it good to look back on the day that's just gone and think "What can I give thanks to God for today?".

The essence of giving thanks is also more than words but is an attitude to life. Many years ago the Punch magazine featured a cartoon in which a great long chain of slaves were building an Egyptian pyramid and were passing bricks along the line one at a time. One slave is saying crossly to the next one "For goodness sake, stop saying "thank you" every time!

Maybe even God might get fed up with repeated routine and the not really felt "thank yous" but surely rejoices in a thankful attitude to life. Sunday October 4th is our Harvest Festival to which you're warmly invited. Details about it are elsewhere in the magazine. Harvest time is very much an opportunity to give thanks to God for his goodness to us - and that can also be reflected in a thankful attitude to life 24/7.

Marron Pudding



Church Mouse reports on

.....the PCC



Twelve members of the PCC met (quite a few away on holiday enjoying the Indian Summer). Rev'd Maureen Priddin opened the meeting with a reading from Mark 10 and she led the prayers.

The minutes of the last meeting of the PCC were agreed, signed and authorised for publication. (They will be on the Library Table).

Brian Seager outlined the (slow) progress on the (new) Link project which is almost ready to send out to Tender. The PCC thanked Brian for his efforts to move things forward.

A new ladder will be bought with the help of Happy Hens egg sales.

The PCC divided into groups to the draft Parish Plan and the notes will be collated for consideration at the Planning Group.

Teatime on Sunday is proving successful In reaching people who are unable to come on Sunday mornings.

Alun Rowlands, chair of the Mickleover Christian Youth worker Trust reported that Heather hopes to speak to congregations soon about her continuing work at Murray Park School.

Members who attended the Mickleover Fun Day at the end of August commented that it was a good event.

Plans for an MMA Songs of Praise and BBQ are being made and we now have a regularly monthly update (MMA News) about events in both All Saints and St John's.

A 2010 calendar is about to go on sale in aid of the (new) Link Project, featuring pictures by Harry Bedborough. It will be available in two sizes.

Carol Peach and Omid Samavi will be replacing Dorothy Pickering and Helen Innes as Chalice bearers. We will also be restarting "Junior Church" during the 10.00am service for some of our young members. Volunteers to help would be most welcome.

We have received a donation of new Common Worship books in memory of Margaret Marshall for which we are very grateful. (Margaret is much missed - she was a long time friend of Church Mouse)

Alun closed the meeting with a prayer of thanks at 9.45pm

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Worship for Children at St John's

Sunday sessions: We have started a regular session for children alongside the 10 o'clock Sunday service.

This is in addition to *Teatime on Sunday* (tea, activities and informal worship for all ages) which this month is on *October 25th at 4.30 pm* and don't forget we also have St Johns Tots for the under fives and their carers *2pm every Friday in term time.*



Children and their families are warmly invited to any of these events .

Special Events in October - a few more details

Saturday 3rd October - "Paths of Prayer" - 11.00am to 4.00pm

At Our Lady of Lourdes Church

A day of reflection, open to all with Fr Ray Collier SSC and Libby Longhurst Columbian Lay Worker. Please bring your own lunch

Saturday 3rd October - Harvest Supper at St John's.

You may be just in time to get a ticket (£3 per person) to this celebratory meal. Contact Elaine Pritchard Tel:514530

Sunday 4th October - Harvest Festival.

Our 10.00am Family Harvest Praise service this year is a Guide parade service. Roger Hoskings from Happy Hens will be with us to share some stories from his remarkable farm.



Everyone is warmly invited.

If you would like to give a gift.....:

Donations of money are going to the Bishop of Derby's Harvest Appeal to help women and children in North India.

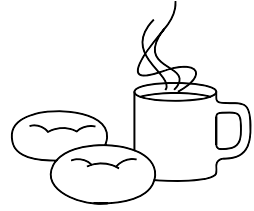
Gifts of basic toiletries or dried/tinned basic food items are welcome for the Derby Refugee Advice Centre.

Sunday 25th October - 10.00am Parish Communion

We look forward to welcoming and sharing our worship with the Archdeacon of Derby, Christopher Cunliffe

TEA PARTY for CHRISTIAN AID

Friday 16th October 2.30 – 5.00pm



Enjoy a cup of tea/coffee with a cake and a chat
at 12 Murray Road (the home of Michael and Margaret Huggett).

Come and bring a friend. All welcome.

TABLE TOP SALE

Saturday 17 October 2009

10.00 - 12.30

Methodist Church Centre, Station Road

£5.00 per table

To reserve a table 'phone 01332 510809

In aid of the Mickleover Live at Home Scheme

Registered Charity No. 1083995

Admission 50p

Refreshments

FISH require a new home! Can anyone help?

Cynthia need to close down her garden fish pond
in October and is looking for a new home for
several "home grown" fish - possibly 8 or so.

There's also a pond pump available
(donation to the Link project appreciated.)

Please contact her if you are able to help



VOLUNTEERS WANTED

Have you got some time to spare – or more probably can you fit even more into your already busy life? Can you help as a volunteer?



The **Mickleover Live at Home Scheme** offers support and friendship to elderly folk living at home alone. Our main activities are two Lunch Clubs – every Tuesday at All Saints Church Hall, when we also provide transport to and fro, and alternate Thursdays in St John’s Church Hall – giving our members not only a meal, but the chance to meet and chat with friends. For some of our members this is the only time they get out

of the house. We also arrange outings and take members on holiday when we can.

Some of our St John’s congregation are already involved: Doris Knowles and Kath Ratcliff are members (and I think they would tell you that they enjoy their lunches and outings), although Kath is very much a working member, and always sings for her supper; and Jim Collyer, Jan Jarrett and Mavis Stephenson help on Thursdays. I also help on Thursdays (once a month) and drive regularly on Tuesdays (and sometimes they let me drive the minibus!). It’s lovely to go and pick up a member who tells you how much they look forward to Tuesdays, or to take someone home who has had a good time and is so grateful for your help.

But we need more volunteers – either on a Tuesday to drive members to and from All Saints (for which mileage is paid) or on Thursday to help in the kitchen (preparing vegetables, serving or washing up) or laying and clearing tables etc.

If you think you can help, or if you’d just like to know a bit more, please have a word, or ‘phone me or Anita, the Scheme manager



Alternatively, let me tell you about my other voluntary job at the **Child Contact Centre**. We meet on Saturdays at Queen’s Hall Methodist Centre on London Road, to provide a safe place where separated parents can meet their children. Unfortunately not all couples

who split up are able to agree contact arrangements at home – for whatever reason – so without a centre like ours some fathers or mothers would not be able to spend time with their children. We do not know – and are not interested in – the reasons behind the split, or why one parent does not trust the other. We make no judgements, nor are we responsible for looking after the children while they are with us – that is their parent's job. We are simply there, putting out the games and toys and refilling the paint pots, finding lost balls and making cups of tea and, occasionally, just listening.

The Centre is staffed entirely by volunteers, who normally work one morning or afternoon shift every four weeks. As I've said we don't get involved in the disputes between parents, and can never be required to give evidence or go to court etc. (in case that might put you off volunteering). But, of course, we need more volunteers. It's not an ideal situation, and can be sad sometimes, but it is rewarding – especially when a family no longer needs us because they have moved on to a better arrangement.

If you are interested or think you can help I'd love to talk to you.

Thank you.

Geraldine Galloway

Fund Raising Events for All Saints Building Project
Both events are in All Saints Church Centre

GRAND AUCTION 7:30pm on Saturday, 3rd October

We already have a few fantastic items, but if anyone has anything they would like to give, please ring the number below.

Individuals have also offered to mow lawns, wash cars etc., these 'promises' will be auctioned on the night as well.

Contact Lindsay & Ian Nicklin Tel. 510648 for further details.

All proceeds to the Church Building Fund.

COFFEE MORNING

10.00am - 12noon on Wednesday 7th October.

Tea, Coffee & Biscuits £1.

All Welcome (Bring a Friend).

In aid of the Church Building Fund.



Latin American and Ballroom Dancing Classes



St John's Church Hall

Beginners 7.00 pm – 7.45 pm on Fridays - £1.50

Improvers 7.45 pm – 9.45 pm on Fridays - £2.50

Both classes - £3.50

Tea and Coffee available

2nd, 9th, 16th October 2009

NO PREVIOUS EXPERIENCE NECESSARY!

The beginners' class is a class in the basic steps;
it is suitable for anyone who has never danced before
or for those who want a bit more practice!

The improvers' class will be focussed on learning moves
for whichever dance was taught in the beginners' class.
That means that if you have not danced before you can
do both classes; the second lesson building on the basics.

You can simply turn up, either with or without
a dance partner;
just make sure you wear comfy shoes!

For further information, call Joy Templar

All proceeds to The (new) Link Project



Dates for your Diary - October

All events with a star* have further details elsewhere in the magazine

Fri 2nd	7.00 pm	Welcome Liturgy for Father Paul Chipchase at Our Lady of Lourdes.
Sat 3rd	11.00 am 6.00 pm	"Paths of Prayer"* at Our Lady of Lourdes Harvest Supper in the Church Hall
Sun 4th	Harvest Festival	
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Harvest Festival Praise* - Guide Parade Service with Speaker Roger Hosking
	6.30 pm	Holy Communion
Wed 7th	7.30 pm	Deanery Synod meets
Fri 9th	7.00 pm	Dance Classes* in the Church Hall
Sun 11th	Eighteenth Sunday after Trinity	
		Services as usual at 8.00am and 10.00am
Wed 14th	2.00 pm	Harvest Festival St Johns Friendship Club
Fri 16th	2.30 pm	Christian Aid Tea Party* at 12 Murray Rd
	7.00 pm	Note change of date - ends at 5.00pm Dance Classes* in the Church Hall
Sun 18th	St Luke the Evangelist	
		Services at usual at 8.00 am and 10.00 am Afternoon event to celebrate St Luke's Day
Thurs 22nd	7.30 pm	Churches Together in Mickleover meeting at Our Lady of Lourdes
Sat 24th	11.00 am	Autumn Plant Sale* - Church Hall
Sun 25th	Last Sunday after Trinity	<i>Note: **BST ends**</i>
	8.00 am	Holy Communion
	10.00 am	Parish Communion - Archdeacon of Derby
	4.30 pm	Tea time on Sunday
Mon 26th	2.30 pm	Monday Café– tea, coffee, chat and activities (half term)

Looking ahead to November

Sun 1st November All Saints Day

8.00 am	Holy Communion
10.00 am	Morning Praise
3.00 pm	Service of Remembrance & Thanksgiving (for details see below) followed by tea

Sunday November 1st - All Saints Day - 3.00pm

A service of **thanksgiving and remembrance** to remember our loved ones - for anyone who has been bereaved. Afterwards everyone is most welcome to join us for tea in the hall

Sunday 8th November Remembrance Day

Our 10.00am service at St John's will include an act of Remembrance but there is also the Parade - see below.

Remembrance Sunday Parade, Act of Remembrance + Service.



Starting at 10.30 there is a Parade through Mickleover by uniformed youth organisations and members of the Royal British Legion This culminates in an Act of Remembrance at the War Memorial in the grounds of All Saints Church. There are also services at All Saints and Our Lady of Lourdes Churches for parade participants.

Sat 14th November Alternative Christmas Market at St Johns

10.00am to 2.00pm If you would like to help,
please speak to Elaine Pritchard

Looking ahead to December

Sat 5th December - St Johns Fair - more details next month!

Sat 19th December 3.00pm - Mickleover Nativity

Starting at Our Lady of Lourdes and finishing around 5.30pm at St John's

Note from the Editor

The deadline for articles for the November issue of "Contact" is:
Monday 19th October

Risky Business

The more I think about it (and I manage a fair bit of thinking time on my walks around the estate attached either to a Tesco's carrier bag or to one or other of the various dogs that see me as a soft touch when it comes to begging for an outing) the more certain I am that living is about taking risks; and the more risks we're willing to take the richer our lives become.

My trouble is that every time I see an opportunity to take a risk – say, “Hello” to a fellow-pedestrian, crack a joke, drop a pound into the box of the charity collector outside Tesco's, voice my own opinion, write something for the magazine ... – I hear this little voice saying, “But what if it goes wrong?” or, “But what if you're misunderstood?” or, “But what if you run short of money?”. It's just so easy to reply, “Yeah, you're right, let's keep a low profile, act prudently, be cautious – avoid the risk of doing the wrong thing.”

If I avoid taking risks, I won't offend people; if nasty things happen to me they won't be my fault, and when I see the risks that others take backfire on them I can feel good in that it's not my face that's covered in egg. Even more importantly, if I make sure that others that I care about have less chance to take risks (always drive my children to school, never make a really hot cup of tea for visitors, constantly wipe my kitchen surfaces with anti-bacterial spray) then I can feel even better about myself while my life closes in around me.

I have come to believe that my reluctance to take risks always comes down to fear – and that the first emotion that I feel in any new situation is fear. In my view this is a sensible survival trait and I'm not at all surprised that human beings have evolved in this way – but I also suspect that it's too common today for us to simply feel the fear and back off – forgetting that it's only by evaluating, accepting and then taking proper risks that we can ever move forward from fear into the more positive emotions – happiness, satisfaction, joy, love – always, of course, with the risk that instead we may end up feeling embarrassed, distressed, sad, or maybe even hated.

Harder still is letting others that I love grow up and take their own risks. How many times in my life have I disguised interference in my children's lives as, “Wanting what's best for them” – having the arrogance to imagine that I can know better than they what they truly need, and

denying them the satisfaction and reward that comes from a risk successfully accepted and negotiated - simply because I've been unwilling to see them exposed to the negative experience associated with taking a risk and having it go wrong. While I am sure there's a place for us in helping those that we care for to evaluate the risks that they might be contemplating, is it ever our right to deny them the opportunity to take that risk? Isn't it only by taking risks that we grow?

This is where, for me, Christ's teaching of forgiveness has become the Great Enabler. For years and years I had the teachings about forgiveness precisely backwards – I thought that they were about forgiving when (while forgiving is, of course, an important skill to learn and practise, in Christ's teaching) it's actually about being forgiven. God gave me free will, but he also invented time, and he knows every stupid mistake I have made and will make in my entire life – and he's already forgiven me for all of them – so I am freed by him to move on, taking risks, learning from my mistakes and knowing that I need not feel guilt when things go wrong. (Knowing that, along with everybody else in the world, I'm a member of God's family and that God has already forgiven me is why, out of all the Eucharist, I have more difficulty with confession/absolution and humble access than anything else – the term, "God Botherer" frequently springs into my mind at these points - but I guess that's something to unpack on some other occasion.)

Perhaps I shouldn't submit this to the Editor for publication – somebody might misunderstand what I've written and think that I'm advocating leaving babies alone by unguarded fires or encouraging children to cross roads or speak to strangers without having first had the chance to learn how to do so safely ... but I guess that's a risk I'll just have to take.

Love

Paul G

Just a thought..... the old ones are the best!!

Remember:



Amateurs built the ark.
Professionals ... built the Titanic



St John's 2010 Calendar

**Available for Sale in October
(and November)**

Small (A5 opening to A4) £5.00 each
Large (A4 opening to A3) £8.50 each

**Previews of this beautiful calendar
designed by David Scrafton
with pictures by Harry Bedborough
have been on display in the Church**

To place your order:

Sign up on the sheet on the corner table
Or contact: David Scrafton
Joy Templer



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You are all welcome to
Sung Eucharist

in Derby Cathedral

11.00am on Saturday 31st October

Celebrant & preacher: Rt Rev'd John Saxbee
Bishop of Lincoln

With Derby Cathedral Voluntary Choir

The service has been organised by Affirming Catholicism (Derby Diocese)
with

The Modern Churchpeople's Union
Lesbian and Gay Christian Movement

The Society of Catholic Priests
Society of St Francis

Family Events - August

Birth - 18th August

We celebrate the safe arrival of Barnaby Seth Green
Son for Sophie and Warren
and 13th grandchild for David and Liz Williamson!

Rev'd Alan Ward concluded his sermon on 20th September with the following quote - you may be challenged by it as were many in the congregation that day:

"I simply argue that the Cross of Christ be raised again at the centre of the market place as well as on the steeple of the church. I am recovering the claim that Jesus was not crucified in a cathedral between two candles but on a cross between two thieves; on the town garbage heap; at a crossroads so cosmopolitan that they had to write His title in three languages; at the kind of place where cynics talk smut, and thieves curse, and soldiers gamble. Because that *is* where He died. And that is where Christians should be."

George McLeod, founder of the modern day Iona Community



Samaritan's Purse Shoe Box Appeal

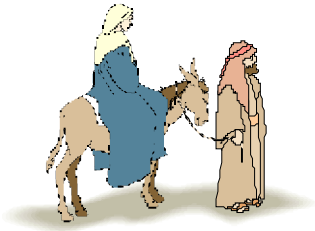
Once again we are supporting this Christmas appeal to send shoe boxes filled with small gift items to children who are unlikely to receive any other gifts at Christmas.

Leaflets with details are available on
The Corner table

Donations of suitable items (see leaflets), shoe boxes or money (either to purchase gifts or to cover transportation) are most welcome

DEADLINE for items is SUNDAY 8th NOVEMBER

For more details contact :
Sue Gribbin or Avril Peacock



Mickleover Nativity

Sat 19th December
Starts 3.00pm

The planning group have met again and things are progressing well.

Community publicity should be out after half term - but make sure it's in YOUR diary NOW.

We need people!

We now have a script for the event. We have had several volunteer narrators but we need a full compliment of people to *mime* the parts - wisemen, Herod etc - so do please get in touch with us!!

We are also looking for more volunteers to be **marshals** as well as people to help set up & serve the **refreshments**. (Only one volunteer so far).

Crafty bits!!

We have gone for the bulk buy option on safety pins as the size recommended is no longer manufactured!! **Donations of 30p** direct to us or via the Christmas Ted pot on Bob the Builder's windowsill would be much appreciated. There will be opportunities for you to help create the seasonal brooches during November and early December - keep an eye out for the details.

We also need cook-in sauce bottle/jar lids - pasta sauce, chicken tonite etc.- all those NOT supposed to go in the blue bin - which will be converted into musical instruments!! Place them in the white box by the church door and we will find them.

Banners etc.

Don't forget that if you are involved in a local school or community Group that there is the opportunity to invite Capt Sean along to help create a banner, musical instruments, lanterns etc. He has the materials - so contact him to arrange a session.

captainsean@btinternet.com

Hope to talk to you soon!!
Joy and Andrew Templer



“Exploring Faith Matters”

An international ecumenical Christian Discipleship Programme
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- enjoy learning in a group
- like a bit of a challenge
- are prepared to spend 2-4 hours per week in reading and reflecting, and have time for a seminar
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It is an in-depth programme designed to deepen knowledge of Christian tradition, in people with an interest in study and reflection.

It requires a year’s commitment at a time.

EFM presents the entire sweep of the Christian tradition from the earliest period to present time and, the full 4 year course (which may be taken in yearly stages) covers: The Old Testament, The New Testament, Church History and Christian Ethics.

For the two Testament study years, participants read a number of chapters of the Bible each week and a parallel chapter of course material (which is what you pay for). Then, weekly discussion groups provide a platform to examine and expand the learning.

Years three and four have reading based on material provided by EfM.

Each year contains 36 weekly 3-hour meetings, but without exams and other disincentives to working people and homemakers.

Those who complete the course are not expected to lead congregations or exercise pastoral skills, but to be informed about their faith so that they can share it in their own social and working worlds.

While the study group becomes close-knit as people work together over an extended time, it is not a substitute for involvement in the life of a parish or congregation, and EfM has functioned successfully as both inter-parish and inter-denominational groups.

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The size of EfM study groups are between 8 and 12 students and meet each week during school term. The time of meetings may be weekday morning, afternoon or evening, depending on the common time available between participants.

EfM offers a unique model of educational and spiritual growth for all Christians. If you join, then you will be one of many hundreds of students who have studied in the UK and countless thousands throughout the world.

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or go to the EfM (UK) website
www.efmuk.org.uk



Winter Plant Sale

Saturday 24th October

11.00am - 1.30pm

St. John's Church Hall

It would be appreciated if orders could be placed ASAP to enable John to order more precisely the amount of plants needed.

There will be some surplus which can be purchased on the day as well as other home grown plants - donations welcome.

Collection: of orders 11.00 am -12.00 noon on the day from the Hall.

Deliveries: By prior arrangement with John Walley

Orders: send to John Walley.

ASAP but by Sunday 11th October

(Cheques payable to "St John's Mickleover PCC.")

Help and Donations: Donations of plants for the sale would be very welcome. Please bring them to St John's Church Hall from 9.00am on the day. If you are able to help with the sale, raffle or refreshments - please let me know.

May Walley



ORDER FORM FOR WINTER BEDDING PLANTS

Your Name:..... Tel.No:.....

Plant	Cost per pot	Number Required	Total Value
Pansies	35p		
Polyanthus	40p		
Forget-me-not	35p		
Bellis Daisy	35p		
Winter Baskets	Approx £18.00		
		TOTAL	