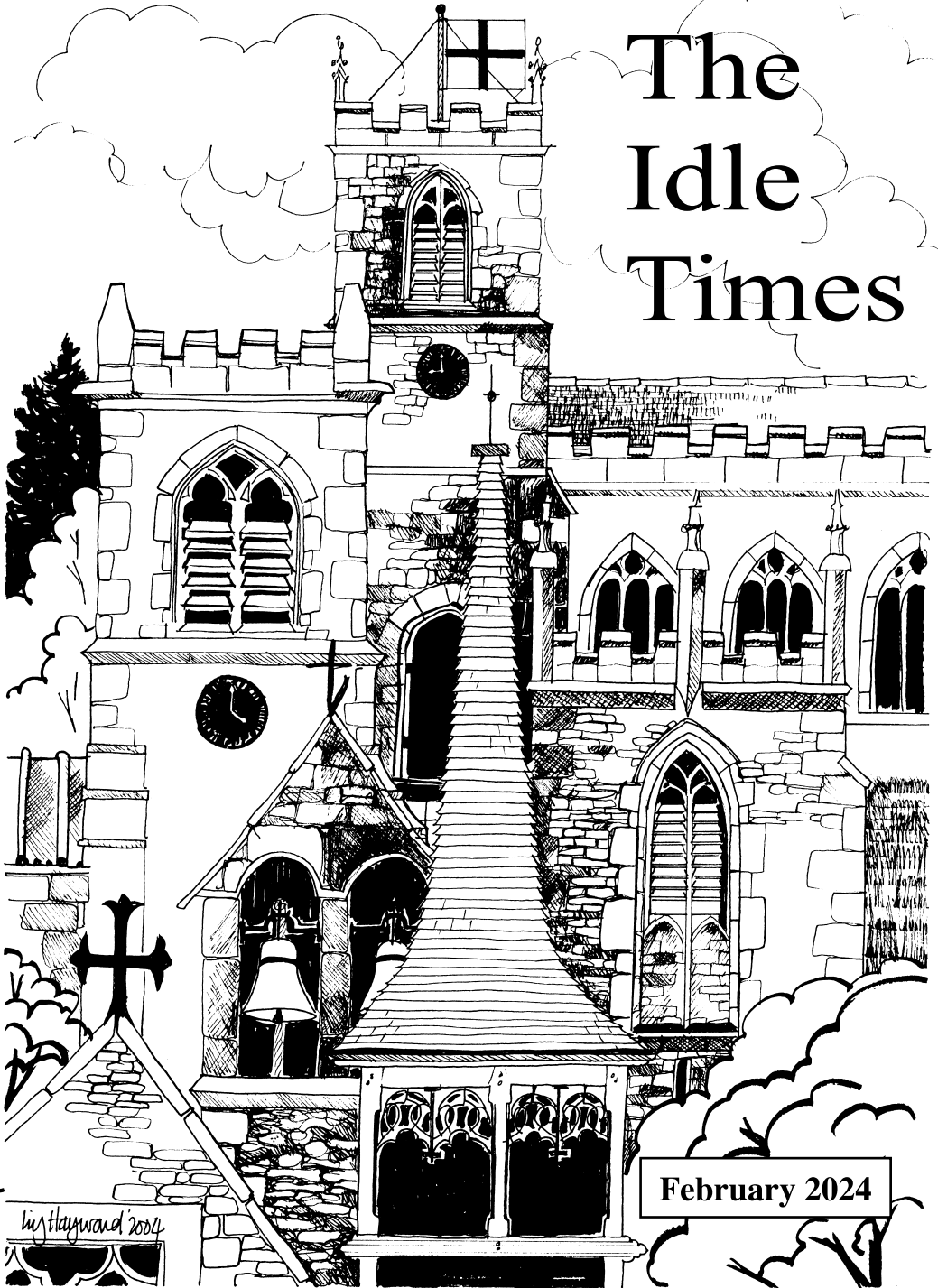


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<i>February</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Service</i>	<i>Venue</i>
<b>Sunday 4</b>	9.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Scofton</b>
	9.30am	Family Service	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Morning Worship	<b>Babworth</b>
<b>Sunday 11</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>West Drayton</b>
	9.30am	Songs of Praise	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Holy Communion	<b>Babworth</b>
	6.30pm	Evening Prayer	<b>Eaton &amp; Gamston</b>
<b>Sunday 18</b>	9.30am	Worship for All	<b>Sutton-cum-Lound</b>
	11.00am	Matins	<b>Babworth</b>
	11.00am	Family Service	<b>Elkesley</b>
<b>Sunday 25</b>	9.15am	Holy Communion	<b>Bothamsall</b>
	10.30am	Morning Worship	<b>West Drayton</b>
	11.00am	Songs of Praise	<b>Babworth</b>

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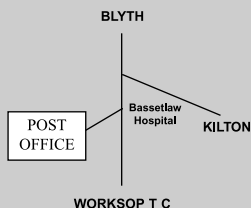
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## Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School News

Happy New Year to you all from the staff, children and families of Gamston St Peter's CofE Primary School.

We have had a very busy and exciting start to 2024 and we have lots of amazing things to look forward to!

At the time of writing, some of our Y6 children have just returned from representing Gamston at the Sportshall Athletics event at Retford Oaks Academy. Children competed in field events (including triple jump, javelin, wall jump, standing jump and others) with some impressive performances and results. They also competed in the sprint and relay races. The children all put fantastic effort into the events and displayed excellent behaviour throughout the day. The children's efforts were rewarded by qualifying for a place in the finals, later this month.

Another visit from Rev Craig Hunt saw our Nursery and Reception children visit St Peter's to learn all about weddings. Rev Hunt walked the children through a wedding service where we tried on the clerical robes, sung songs, recited the liturgical worship and discovered what it means to get married.

In school, we have revisited our whole-school values – Kindness, Hope & Resilience – through a series of collective worships. As we have reflected – as a school community – on hope (the belief that good things will happen & that we have the ability to make them happen), we have held close in our thoughts the communities around the world where there appears to be little hope at the start of 2024. We believe that with unwavering hope in the face of despair, resolute resilience when it would be much easier to give up, and unending kindness in a world of hate... that we really can make a difference.

As always, please do (continue to) follow the school's much-loved and well-followed X (Twitter) account @GamstonStPeters to see what is happening within the school.



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Please will you send any articles for the March 2024 edition of *The Idle Times* to **Francis Waite**, preferably by email to [fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk](mailto:fagrouting@tiscali.co.uk) by 21st February 2024.

The postal address for Francis and Alison Waite is: **6 Main Street, Bothamsall, Retford, DN22 8DT**  
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## ELKESLEY SCHOOL NEWS

We have a fantastic new club for our Key Stage 2 learners called Kids With Bricks where they get to plan and build creations based on set criteria which are then entered into national competitions! This is alongside our fantastic breakfast and after school clubs available every day for all children attending our setting.

Our high-quality music provision continues to produce some fantastic final pieces; with our music room boasting two drum kits, whole-class sets of guitars and ukuleles, a piano, keyboard and various other instruments! Our music teacher provides a full session of music per class every week and our music tutor provides 1:1 and small group music tuition - and we will be finishing the half term with a music concert!

We cannot wait for young voices too! Our children are practicing weekly for their big performance at the motor point arena in Sheffield! We look forward to seeing you there if you have tickets for the sell-out event.

Our new Little Acorns have settled in fantastically and are exploring the wonders of Early Years. We still have places available in our nursery. We can offer mornings or full days along with the option of breakfast and after school clubs. We take children from the first term after they turn 3. 15-hour and 30-hour codes can be used. Nursery places are managed by the school. If you are interested, please feel free to phone **01777838615** or email [office@elkesley.notts.sch.uk](mailto:office@elkesley.notts.sch.uk) for more information. Our Early Year's lead is Mrs Griffiths who would love to show you around our setting!

Remember to check out our Instagram: [@elkesleyprimary](https://www.instagram.com/elkesleyprimary) and/or our FaceBook: [facebook.com/ElkesleyPrimary](https://www.facebook.com/ElkesleyPrimary). For everything else, check out the website: <https://www.elkesley.notts.sch.uk/>



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