

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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Derby City Deanery
*Rooted in Prayer,
Serving Derby,
Sharing the Gospel*

From the Area Dean, Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor:

Dear friends,

There is a lot happening at the moment, and this issue of the newsletter has much to offer in support of a whole range of things.

This busyness is important, and it is fruitful. Do take advantage of the resources and the training that you will find within these pages.



Palm Sunday with St John the Evangelist, Mill St, Derby

In the midst of this busyness, it is also important to remember what we are primarily about. As a Deanery, we say that we are to be *Rooted in Prayer, Serving Derby and Sharing the Gospel*. First there is Prayer, prayer for a new Diocesan Bishop and prayer for people to come to know Christ as part of Thy Kingdom Come. Do pray, and please pray for one another in the Deanery.

Second there is Serving Derby. Let me trail something called Breathing Space, which will launch at the next Deanery Synod in May. Breathing Space brings together what churches are doing that supports positive mental health and wellbeing. Look out for it from May onwards.

Finally, we are about Sharing the Gospel. Do come and join in prayer walks around areas of new housing. This is the foundation of sharing the Gospel with these new parts of the city. Pray for opportunities, and for the leading of the Holy Spirit.

As we come to Easter, may the Risen Christ bring us all healing and wholeness, and send us to share the good news of resurrection with Derby and the whole creation.

Please pray for me, as I pray for you.

With my prayers and every blessing for Easter,

This bi-monthly newsletter comes from Derby City Deanery – the group of Anglican parishes which fall within the city boundary – and is for sharing around churches and communities. Please see the back page for details of future publications, deadlines, etc.

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DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES: *Jo Simister at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org***TRAINING DATES AND OPPORTUNITIES**

We are endeavouring to provide the training requested in Deanery Synod last autumn, so here are dates for some of the session requests. NB: we still need venues for some of these – any offers? Please let me know!

Please also let me know if your parish is running any useful courses for which there are spaces you'd like me to help you fill.

SAFEGUARDING:

I have circulated an extensive range of dates and times to all parish safeguarding links and other parish contacts, so that trainings can be arranged to be convenient to parish groups. Two of these training dates are confirmed as C1 and one as C2. Please book through me:

- Tues 10 April: C1 training at Church House, Full St DE1 3DR, 1.30-4.30. 30 places available.
- Thurs 12 April: C2 training, venue tbc, 6.15-9.15pm. 25 places available.
- Thurs 19 April: C1 training at St Augustine's, DE23 8BP, 6.15-9.15pm. 15 places available.

Two further C2 trainings are confirmed, to be booked through www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com – queries to Tracey Dupeyron, Safeguarding Training Administrator, 01332 388681.

- Weds 25 April: C2 training at Church House, Full St DE1 3DR, 13.30-16.30 in meeting room 1.
- Weds 6 June: C2 training at Church House, Full St DE1 3DR, 14.00-17.00 in meeting room 1.

WEDDING ADMINISTRATORS:

On Saturday 12 May morning we have arranged a Wedding Administrators' Conference from 10am-12.30pm at All Saints, Moor Road, Breadsall DE21 5LA. Please let me know if you are sending a representative (it's helpful for catering and room planning.)

TWO PARISH SUPPORT CONFERENCES:

We have arranged two sessions to support members of church councils, and particularly those holding office as wardens and treasurers. They will probably be held in the mornings of these Saturdays and it would be helpful to know the names and email addresses of anyone interested.

- Saturday 23 June: Parish Treasurers' Conference – time tbc – VENUE NEEDED PLEASE!
- Saturday 29 September: PCC Members and Wardens Conference – time tbc – VENUE NEEDED PLEASE!

FOOD SAFETY:

I have a tutor and two venues offered. Please let me have names and email addresses of anyone interested and we will set up suitable dates.

Everyone who cooks for the public, including for regular or occasional parish events in church premises or in their own home, should have this certificate, the Foundation of Food Safety, which is recognised by the Chartered Institute of Environmental Health. It is the new governmental requirement for all those preparing food for groups of public functions.

Last time we were able to offer a very good price - £30 per person, covering tuition, lunch and the test with results on the day – and I hope we can arrange that again.

LAY TRAINING NEEDS SURVEY:

Diocesan Vocations, Learning & Formation Officers Ellie Ballard and Kat Alldread are seeking the views of church members regarding the training that lay people want and need to help them live out their Christian calling and develop ministry.

A survey will soon be sent out (online, but paper copies will be available) to all clergy, readers, churchwardens and PCC secretaries with the suggestion that PCCs have a discussion about the training needs they identify in their parishes. Responses will be collated and future training programmes will be designed and targeted based on the needs identified. Please contact Ellie or Kat with any questions (ellie.ballard@derby.anglican.org, kat.alldread@derby.anglican.org, 01332 388687).

EXPERIENCE PENTECOST:

Each 'Experience' pack shows you how to set up six "stations" in your church for Primary children to visit with their teacher. They are very much appreciated by schools – especially Easter and Pentecost which are sometimes thought harder to explain to children than Christmas.

Contact Sarah Brown, Children's Advisor, sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org if you would like a visit to explain more about how these events work.

FIRST AID:

Alistair Langton, Diocesan Youth Adviser, has arranged a training on Thursday 14 June at Church House, 7.00-9.30pm, costing £20 (payable on the night, cheques to Derby DBE no. 2 account or cash).

This certificated course will cover the essential elements of what to do whilst waiting for an ambulance to arrive. It will cover the aims of First Aid, what to put in a First Aid Kit, how to deal with an unconscious person, resuscitation, treating burns and bleeding, and what to do if a child suffers from asthma, epilepsy or diabetes.

On satisfactory completion of the course, an Emergency Life Support Certificate will be awarded, valid for three years. Please book with Alistair Alistair.langton@derby.anglican.org, 07976 212888.

If you are in a hurry to get someone trained for your church, I suggest you look at the Red Cross website www.redcross.org.uk and search for courses in your area – our nearest centre is Nottingham but courses are held in Derby as well. You can book an individual place for about £45.

Please let me know if you wish to join a Deanery group course. I would need 15 people to get the price down to about £20 each, but we could make sure the course answers our parish needs.

CYBERBULLYING:

Cyberbullying is far too common - nearly half of the young people The Children's Society surveyed have received intimidating, threatening or nasty messages online. Young people also reported that social media puts pressure on them, with two in five thinking that social media has a negative impact on how they feel about themselves.

They are calling for social media companies to take faster and firmer action as well as promoting positive mental health to young people. To find out more see <https://www.childrensociety.org.uk/news-and-blogs/press-releases/social-media-companies-%E2%80%98failing-young-people%E2%80%99-on-cyberbullying>

DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES/ TRAINING OPPORTUNITIES, continued:**BLACK, ASIAN AND MINORITY ETHNICITY – OUTCOMES IN CRIMINAL JUSTICE**

An independent review into the treatment of, and outcomes for Black, Asian and Minority Ethnic individuals in the criminal justice system (the Lammy Review), chaired by David Lammy MP, has now been published. "The Report makes 35 recommendations to help improve on fundamental principles of trust, fairness and responsibility which are key to addressing racial disparity in the criminal justice system." You can download / read a copy at

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/lammy-review-final-report>

CLIMATE CHANGE: 2 CHRISTIAN PERSPECTIVES

An article from a Christian evangelical and professional scientist

<http://www.wired.co.uk/article/katherine-hayhoe-climate-change-clean-energy-interview>

A one-day conference at Mirfield Centre 'How are we Shaping the Future of our Planet?' Sat 28th April, 10.00am-3.30pm, led by Ellen Teague and costing £21. <https://www.mirfield.org.uk/mirfield-centre/course-and-event-calendar/>

MENTAL HEALTH TOGETHER

Find out more about how you can play your part in shaping the future of mental health services in Derby and Derbyshire at the next local meeting on Weds 13 June at St James Centre, Derby. Arrive for meetings at 1.30pm for tea and coffee, ready to start by 1.45pm. For more info, please contact Stella.Collishaw@derby.anglican.org

CHURCH URBAN FUND RESEARCH: LONLINESS

The Church in Action report of Feb 2018, by Sefton and Buckingham, found that loneliness is the most widespread issue in our parishes. Mental health problems are increasing sharply. A highly significant proportion of the churches surveyed run and/ or support social action. 68% agree that community engagement has helped draw new people into the church. 80% say it helped members to live out and grow in their faith. See: <https://www.cuf.org.uk/church-in-action-2017> for the docs or contact Stella.Collishaw@derby.anglican.org for paper copy.



MAY DAY
A dynamic training session for youth leaders
One **ESSENTIAL** evening

HELP I've got a Young Person in my church/group with either:

- Mental Health Concerns, including Anxiety or Depression
- Autism or Asperger's
- Anorexia or Bulimia
- Self Harm concerns
- ADHD



This vital training session will help Church and Youth Leaders as they seek to respond appropriately to young people with these and other important issues. There will be input from experts and youth workers with experience in this important area.

Tuesday May 1st from 7.30pm until 9.30pm

St John's College, Chilwell Lane, Bramcote, Nottingham NG9 3DS

A unique evening with youth work partners working together to deliver an important evening for all youth leaders in Derbyshire, Nottinghamshire and the East Midlands. It's also a chance to peruse other resources and hear about future training opportunities. This session is FREE of charge. Refreshments provided.

Please register on Eventbrite www.eventbrite.com/e/may-day-help-ive-got-a-young-person-my-group-with-tickets-43654766582 (search Eventbrite for May Day & Bramcote)

For more information contact: Gill at mcym@stjohns-nottm.ac.uk
Alistair Langton on 07976 212888 or Angela Brymer 07887 530751



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PARISH RETURNS, FINANCE AND FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:

STATISTICS FOR MISSION SUBMISSIONS UPDATE: *FANTASTIC WORK!*

Thank you everyone, for working so hard to complete the returns before the extended deadline of 31st March. As I write, only three of our 35 parishes are unsubmitted. This is fantastic!

PARISH GIVING SCHEME:

In October, David Meredith and David Mundy, the two Diocesan Parish Resource Officers, launched the Parish Giving Scheme in the Diocese.

If your parish has not yet signed up to the scheme – which vastly simplifies your monitoring of standing orders for regular giving and the collection of Gift Aid and gets the proceeds into the parish coffers every month – we have arranged two dates, Tues 1 May morning and Weds 16 May evening – venues needed. Please let me know if your parish is interested to know more – and could perhaps host the meeting? (IT facilities are useful.)

MAP – MISSION ACTION PLANS: *(full article in the last issue of the Newsletter)*

MAP for Derby Diocese is a process to help us to become healthy and flourishing churches. It has been redeveloped to make it simpler. It has 3 principles, 3 core elements and 3 challenges to moving forward.

Go to <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/mission-action-plans-map.html> or speak to Jason Kennedy or any of the Mission and Ministry Team at Church House jason.kennedy@derby.anglican.org 01332 388691.

STRATEGIC BUILDINGS REVIEW: *PLEASE COMPLETE BY THE END OF APRIL!*

As many of you will be aware the data collection stage of the Strategic Buildings Review, has been extended in order to reach a point in each Deanery where the amount and quality of information the Review will use over the following months is robust enough.

If you or another member of the PCC have received the log-in details, but are yet to enter / update any building, treasures or ministry information, then please try to find a little time to get started over the next few weeks - Bishop Alistair has agreed that we should draw the data collection stage to a close by the end of April at the latest. If you have already filled in the mandatory fields, do remember that you can sign back in at any time to make further updates or add completely new content about your buildings.

If you have any support needs in this respect, please don't hesitate to contact the team at:

<mailto:DDSBReview@gmail.com?subject=Parish%20Data%20Provision>

DID YOU KNOW that from the SBR process we have found that:

- 1 in 4 of our buildings has no toilet of any kind?
- Only half have kitchen facilities?
- Only a few have broadband or wifi?

What to do? See next page!



What we know about toilets and kitchens from the data so far!

1 in every 4 of our buildings has no toilet of any kind
Of the 4 in every 5 that do have a toilet, also have at least 1 that is a fully accessible toilet
50% of churches have kitchen facilities of some description
Only a few have Broadband / Wifi facilities

DEANERY ADMINISTRATOR'S NOTICES/ FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES continued:**FUNDING OPPORTUNITIES:****The Raymond Ross Fund**

It is with great pleasure that we are now actively seeking applications to a newly established fund to enable parishes in the imaginative, mission focussed use of their church buildings.

Parishes will be able to make a single application during the life of the fund, with the focus on making church buildings fit for the purposes of mission in the 21st Century.

A simple application form is available for you to tell us about the specifics of your project, and the missional outcomes you are aiming to support. Assistance is always available from the Parish Support Office in working up plans and ideas, and will help you make sure your project fits the criteria.

The three categories for which the fund has been established are:

- Toilets
- Kitchens / kitchenettes
- Wifi / Broadband projects

The maximum grant a parish can apply for is £25k, and will generally require 50% match funding, either from the PCC, community or external funding body.

More information about the purposes and criteria for the fund will shortly be available on the Derby Diocese Website, and for any advice and/or an application form, you should contact:

Gareth Greenwood, Community Project Development Officer – 01332 388690;

gareth.greenwood@derby.anglican.org

Garfield Weston

Capital funds for charities – for village halls, church halls and play areas. Fund closes on 30th June 2018:

- One-off to support Capital projects to benefit local communities.
- Open to UK registered charities, places of worship and state schools only.
- Grants range from £30,000-£150,000.
- One application only accepted per organisation.
- If relevant, planning permission must be secured prior to 30th June 2018.
- Grants must be spent and projects completed by 31st December 2020.

<https://anniversary.garfieldweston.org/weston-anniversary-fund> / more details from <https://www.ruralactionderbyshire.org.uk/news/fantastic-one-off-funding-opportunity>

Smallwood Trust - Women First Innovation Fund – Deadline: 11th May 2018

Seed funding is available to charities to support projects which enable women on low incomes to access new skills, training, confidence building and employment opportunities. The average size of grants for this round is between £5,000 and £10,000. This round focuses on applications from women-led organisations from the East Midlands. Grants are for one year but successful projects may have the opportunity to subsequently apply for replication funding or Smallwood Trust continuation funding. See: <https://www.smallwoodtrust.org.uk/women-first-innovation-fund>

ADVANCE WARNING:**ARCHDEACON'S ANNUAL VISITATION: 26 June**

Every year parishioners elect Churchwardens to represent them and to work with their incumbent in enabling Christian mission and ministry in their parish. At the Archdeacon's Visitation service (usually held in one church per deanery) the Churchwardens are sworn in as officers of the Diocesan Bishop. As it's a legal process, there are representatives of the legal profession and civic dignitaries present too – it's an interesting (and very Church of England) combination!

Our Derby City Deanery Annual Visitation is at 7.30pm on Tuesday 26 June at St Nicholas Church, Allestree Lane, Allestree DE22 2PE.

ST JOHN THE EVANGELIST ANNIVERSARY AND FLOWER FESTIVAL: Sun 19 Aug

St John the Evangelist, Mill Street, Derby celebrates its 190th Anniversary on Sunday 19th August and has invited the Bishop of Lichfield to preach at the morning service.

They are planning to hold a Flower Festival over that weekend and would like to make the theme of this a celebration of the new Derby City Deanery by inviting any church flower ladies/men in the Deanery to provide an arrangement in St John's if they would like to. We probably couldn't accommodate every church and wouldn't expect everyone to want to participate but those who are interested should email Canon Elaine at canonelaine.stjohns@gmail.com to register. There will be a planning meeting on Sat 21 April, gathering for coffee at 10 to start at 10.30am.

BISHOP ALASTAIR'S RETIREMENT:**Farewell Service: Saturday 14 July**

Our Bishop Alistair Redfern will retire in the summer, and his farewell service has been arranged for Saturday 14 July at 3.30pm in the Cathedral.

Vacancy in See consultation meeting: Monday 23 April

As you will be aware, Bishop Alastair will be retiring as Bishop of Derby on 31 August 2018. When there is no bishop, the vacancy is known as a Vacancy-in-See. The process to appoint a new diocesan bishop will be led, on behalf of the Diocese, by a Vacancy-in-See Committee.

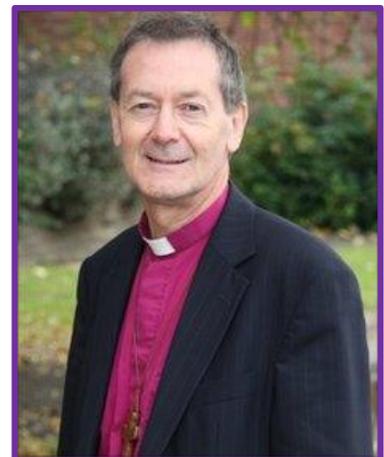
The appointment of a new bishop is quite a lengthy process. Public consultations have already begun across the diocese, and our local meeting is Monday 23 April 7pm for 7.30 in the Cathedral.

There is also a public consultation with the Archbishops' and Prime Minister's Appointments' Secretaries on 15 May at St Thomas, Brampton, and the Crown Nominations Commission will meet on 26 September and 1-2 November 2018.

An occasion for prayer:

Prayer:

Almighty God, the giver of all good gifts, guide with your heavenly wisdom those who are to choose a faithful pastor for this diocese: that we may receive one who will speak your word and serve your people according to your will; though Jesus Christ our Lord.'



DATA PROTECTION

We are all receiving requests now to confirm that we want our details to be kept by the membership groups we belong to, and the church is no different.

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) is already law, and will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation.



Basically, it is a matter of good manners. In essence, personal data must be (GDPR s5):

- a) processed lawfully, fairly and in a transparent manner in relation to individuals;
- b) collected for specified, explicit and legitimate purposes and not further processed in a manner that is incompatible with those purposes; further processing for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes shall not be considered to be incompatible with the initial purposes;
- c) adequate, relevant and limited to what is necessary in relation to the purposes for which they are processed;
- d) accurate and, where necessary, kept up to date; every reasonable step must be taken to ensure that personal data that are inaccurate, having regard to the purposes for which they are processed, are erased or rectified without delay;
- e) kept in a form which permits identification of data subjects for no longer than is necessary for the purposes for which the personal data are processed; personal data may be stored for longer periods insofar as the personal data will be processed solely for archiving purposes in the public interest, scientific or historical research purposes or statistical purposes subject to implementation of the appropriate technical and organisational measures required by the GDPR in order to safeguard the rights and freedoms of individuals; and
- f) processed in a manner that ensures appropriate security of the personal data, including protection against unauthorised or unlawful processing and against accidental loss, destruction or damage, using appropriate technical or organisational measures.

Here is a checklist of the tasks you need to do: <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/GDPRchecklist.pdf>

1. Every parish should start with a data audit.

What data do you collect? e.g.: Gift Aid; Electoral Roll; prayer lists; directories; consent forms..... there's a useful template at <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/dataaudit/>

Is it necessary to keep all this data? Are you collecting more than you need 'in case it's useful'? Have you explicit permission to keep that information? Is it kept securely by an identifiable data collection person?

2. Every parish should set up a Privacy Policy, including removal of data.

Publicise your Privacy Notice (on website, forms, a noticeboard in church, etc) – there's a sample at http://www.parishresources.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Sample-Privacy-Notice_18.docx

Make sure all future data collection complies – see sample forms at <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/consent/>

Your clergy are data controllers as well as your PCC and this should be clear on the consent form. Use a phrase on consent forms such as “By signing this form you are confirming that you are consenting to the Ministers and the PCC (The Parochial Church Council of such-and-such church of such-and-such town) holding and processing your personal data for the following purposes ...”

Make sure people know how to ‘unsubscribe’. NB: You will need to keep a secure list of people who have asked to be removed. Also, remember you HAVE A DUTY to keep records of any individuals with safeguarding issues, even if they have asked to be removed.

3. Set up a model of good practice

Beware (and be aware) of data collected without consent, or in a form not being used for the purpose for which it was collected. You will need to obtain consent or remove the data. Treat it as an opportunity to catch up with everyone! NB: the consent must be explicit, recorded consent, and you must explain what is being collected and why.

Use standard letters for funerals, weddings, baptisms – sample letters have been sent to all clergy, but please ask Jo at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org if you would like to have samples.

4. Set up secure storage and clear control

Storage should be password protected if electronic, and in locked filing cabinets, etc, if in hard copy. It should never be out in public.

Review your breach management procedures and ensure that you know what to do in the event of a breach. If you don't have any, you will need to develop them. See www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr .

5. Some special cases in the life of the parish

Parish registers: legal documents, and parishes have to keep data for a specific number of years. One parish has added this statement: *‘In compliance with GDPR regulations we will process your contact details in connection with Birth, Baptism, Burial, and Churchyard records and will pass these to the relevant records office. If you wish to be added to or removed from our mailing list for other items please advise us by return. Our data controller can be contacted at’*

APCM, electoral roll, elected officers.....: Publishing the electoral roll prior to the APCM does not need specific consent because it is a statutory requirement. So you should publicise names, but redact addresses from public display. Communicating the names of officers elected by the APCM to Church House does not need specific consent because that is part of the process of election. HOWEVER, if you want to use your electoral Roll for any other mailing or communication, you WILL need specific consent.

Prayer lists: Circulated prayer lists, however small the circulation, will need the explicit consent of those named on the list (which is probably best pastoral practice anyway). If possible, circulate a list of people being prayed for with the name but no personal details, and maybe note the informant and date – perhaps just initials and date – so that this information can be followed up, and removed once the need has passed.

Remember: The Parish Resources website provides guidance, templates and a checklist to help you. It will be updated from time to time – so please check back periodically.

<http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/> .

You can also contact Sue Griffin for advice. sue.griffin@derby.anglican.org, 01332 388659.

RETURN OF PARISH FINANCE FORM: Who, why, what?

David Meredith, Tel: 07917 182 294, pro.david.meredith@derby.anglican.org

About this time of year PCC Treasurers will be busy preparing PCC year end accounts and hopefully, the annual Return of Parish Finance Forms for Archbishops' Council.

Like the Statistics for Mission Forms, the Return of Parish Finance Forms can be completed online at <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org> and Deanery Admin Jo can help you log into this if you are having difficulty.

Who uses the Form?

Some parishes find the completion of the parochial returns useful for their own purposes; the information, when collected over a period of years, can give a useful insight into the continuing life of the parish.

They are used annually to assess, amongst other things, stipend support allocations to dioceses; to monitor charitable giving from the Church; and more importantly to present a broad picture of the Church's finances. For example, it is recognised that parishes are facing increased financial pressures, and if the Church nationally is to argue the case for government help (e.g. VAT relief on repairs) then a clear picture of how the expenditure is split over the various categories is needed.

Are they used for Common Fund purposes?

In our Diocese, only the attendance data from Statistics for Mission Forms is used to help determine the contribution the diocese is invited to pay towards the national church for the cost of training for the ministry and for other national church activities.

Surely a set of PCC accounts should suffice?

The use of standard format returns means that we can process the information much more efficiently. The effect of the Charities Act was that the Church had to ask its parishes to review the way in which they present their accounts. The Charities Act 2011 and the PCC 5th edition (available from <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk> or call 01603 785 925) provides a comprehensive guide to the workings of the Act as it applies to PCC accounts. Chapter 2 identifies the various items of income and expenditure and categorises them under certain headings. The finance form has been designed to be consistent with the language and the format set out in the guidelines. Parishes are asked to identify separately the restricted and unrestricted income as these figures must be shown separately in PCC accounts.

How confidential is the information?

Any member of the public has a right to ask the PCC for a copy of its annual accounts.

Do I need to bother making a return when I did one last year?

YES please! Failure to receive completed Forms every year delays the production of the results and detracts from their reliability and accuracy.

Filing information and where to find help

We hope that many of you will file information online using the Church of England Parish Returns. If you need further advice or support, please contact the Parish Resource Officers:

David Meredith, Tel: 07917 182 294, E-mail: pro.david.meredith@derby.anglican.org

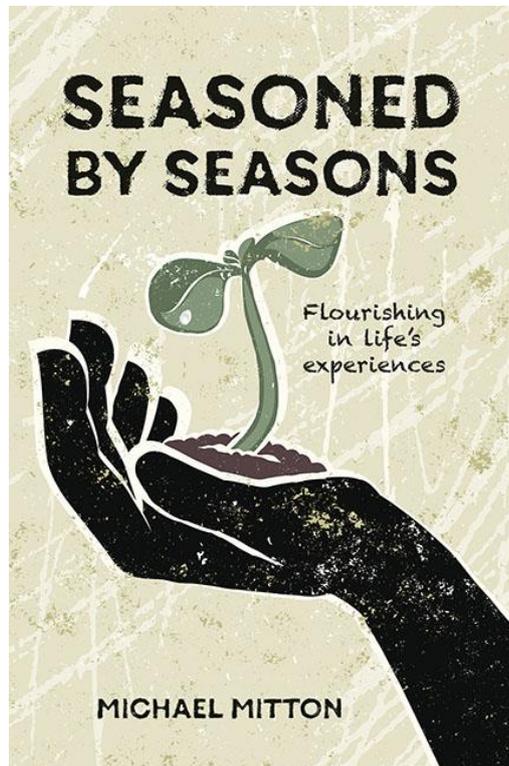
David Mundy, Tel: 07710 094 948, E-mail: david.mundy@derby.anglican.org

THANK YOU for completing the Form.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

Book Review: *Seasoned by Seasons: Flourishing in Life's Experiences*

Simon Taylor reviews this new book by Michael Mitton who is Priest-in-Charge at St Paul's Chester Green, (Bible Reading Fellowship, 2017) £7.99.



This is a book about change, and especially about the changes in life. Some change might be regular and predictable; some might be surprising and unexpected. Some change might be welcome and longed for; some might be feared and dreaded. But through it all Michael Mitton is a sure guide and a wise companion.

Michael offers four groups of experiences, arranged by the four seasons. Each group then comprises of seven experiences of change. Each experience is understood through a Bible story and leaves the reader with questions to consider and a prayer to offer. There riches to be discovered here. I loved the unpacking of the story of Ruth and Naomi, in which Michael looks at death and grief. Without ever denying the pain of that change, with Ruth as a companion there is hope and love to be found.

I heartily commend this book to individuals and to groups. It is a book of wisdom, of compassion and of hope. And it is a reminder of how lucky we are to have Michael ministering alongside us all in this Deanery!

Prayer thoughts:

“The sun gives forth light; it cannot help doing so. Animals breathe in and out; they cannot help doing so. Fish swim in rivers and the sea; they cannot help doing so. What, then, are the things which a Christian cannot help doing? First of all, a Christian cannot help praying. To be a Christian is to regard God as a loving Father, and it is natural to talk and listen to one’s parents”

(John Chrysostom, c.347-407)

THE COMMUNITY OF OBLATION workshop “PRAYER FOR TODAY”

MONDAY APRIL 30TH 10am-4pm at ST FRANCIS, MACKWORTH DE22 4FN

Led by the Revd Glenn Martin and Bishop Alastair

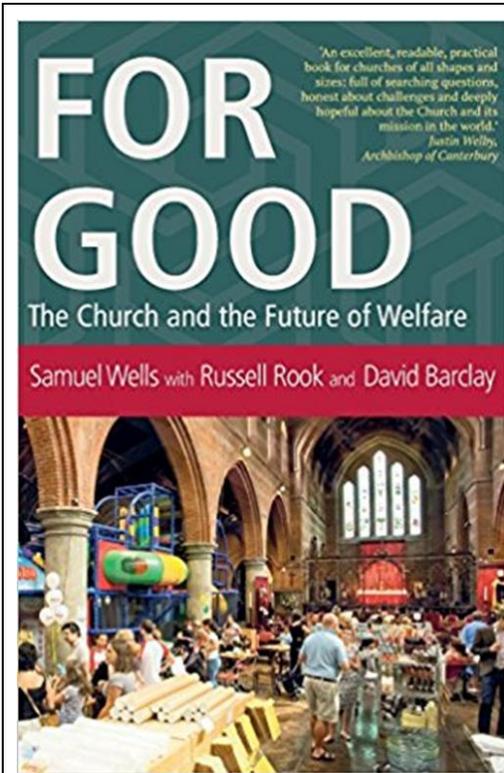
Join us for a day to explore and experience prayer in different forms and to introduce the Community of Oblation. An opportunity to renew and refresh your prayer life.

Lunch and drinks provided.

Book your place through the Bishop’s office by Monday 16 April via pa@bishopofderby.org

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

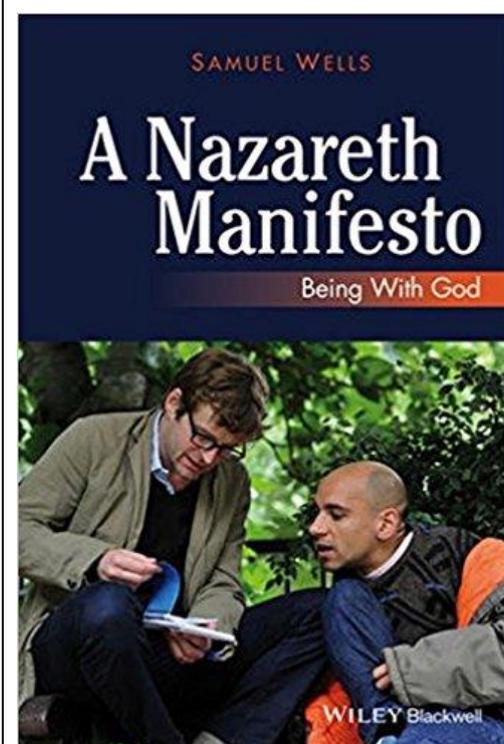
As we all ponder the challenges posed by the growth of our city, Ally Kay (priest-in-charge at St Francis Mackworth) recommends two books by Sam Wells, Vicar of St Martin in the Fields, London, who is the author and editor of many acclaimed books including *What Anglicans Believe*, *God's Companions* (shortlisted for the Michael Ramsey Prize) and *Power and Passion*, the 2007 Archbishop of Canterbury's Lent Book.



It is often claimed that local churches provide a significant proportion of social care today. This important new study considers the reality of the church's involvement to offer compelling and concrete recommendations for the future.

It proposes a transformational model of welfare that breaks free from the default approach of 'eradicating the five giant evils – squalor, ignorance, want, idleness, and disease'. Instead the authors focus on fostering five assets – relationship, creativity, partnership, compassion, and joy – and empowering people to regain control of their lives.

With bold and innovative practical recommendations for churches, civil society and public policy, and compelling theological reflection on welfare and poverty, this is essential reading for anyone interested in the church's contribution to society.



A Nazareth Manifesto is an eloquent and impassioned ecumenical proposal for re-envisioning Christianity's approach to social engagement away from working for the people to being with them.

- Questions the effectiveness of the current trend of intervention as a means of fixing the problems of people in distressed and disadvantaged circumstances
- Argues that Jesus spent 90% of his life simply being among the people of Nazareth, sharing their hopes and struggles, therefore Christians should place a similar emphasis on being alongside people in need rather than hastening to impose solutions
- Written by a respected priest and broadcaster and renowned Christian ethicist and preacher
- Supported by historical, contemporary, exegetical and anecdotal illustrations

"... reveals how the essential of the message of Jesus helps us all to construct a more human society, based on true and faithful relationships. Not doing for but being with.... Being with is healing." Jean Vanier

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL



Thy Kingdom Come 2018

Thy Kingdom Come is a global movement, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to encourage Christians to pray for others to respond to the Good News of Jesus, particularly during the period between Ascension and Pentecost.



'Thy Kingdom Come' is a focussed opportunity for prayer for our families, friends and neighbours. Covering the days between the between Ascension and Pentecost, it is the perfect opportunity to pray for the transforming power of the Holy Spirit in our lives.

It's world-wide and interdenominational – 85 countries take part, and many different denominations. Locally we hold joint liturgies and prayer with the Methodist church and the Roman Catholics, and groups such as City Vision.

Events:

- Beacons, ending with a City Beacon event at the Cathedral on Pentecost Sunday
- Prayer walks (four listed on the Diary on pp15-16)
- 24/7 open chapels
- Prayer for church leaders
- Prayer stations
- Pledge2Pray

Excellent resources are available on the Diocese and National website, and also in the Cathedral Bookshop. They cover all prayer traditions, and include:

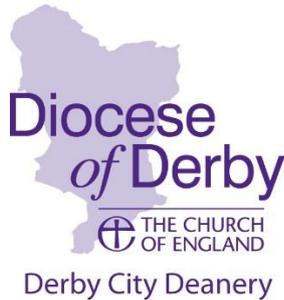
- Bright Prayer Ideas for your church – a compilation of lots of ideas, with something to inspire every congregation
- Family Creative Prayer Journal – family fun, with puzzles and activities
- Bright Prayer Ideas for families at home - some wonderful activities using familiar games and household ingredients
- A prayer journal, with straightforward starter ideas for prayer for each day
- A Pentecost Novena, 9 days of intercessory prayer
- Bookmarks and Pledge2Pray cards
- The Life: an account of the life of Jesus Christ according to Luke
- A booklet 'Evangelism for the Local Church' to encourage development of actions suitable to your parish's situation. *"Our task as the church isn't to convert people... but to allow God to use us in his constant desire to make Christ known to the world"*

Christian Aid Week coincides with the latter part of Thy Kingdom Come, and they have produced some combined resources – why not hold a Big Brekkie as one of your parish activities?

NEXT NEWSLETTER WILL INCLUDE DETAILS OF ALL KINDS OF EVENTS ACROSS THE DEANERY – DO LET Jo KNOW WHAT YOU ARE PLANNING! (DEADLINE FRIDAY 27TH APRIL, to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org)

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 Serving Derby,
 Sharing the
 Gospel*

Accessible Bible

God's Word is for all, yet for many reading it is a struggle. In the UK alone there are:

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Spiritual Freedom: the Gospel for the Parish and its Future Flourishing

Dates: 10, 17, 24 April; 1, 8 May

Venue: St Helen's Darley Dale.

Time: 7pm for coffee, for a 7.30pm start

For more information please contact chaplain@derby.anglican.org

Christian Aid Week: 13-19 May



Download many resources for prayer and activity, including video and song sheets, from <https://www.christianaid.org.uk/christian-aid-week/resources> . There are also resources for house-to-house contacts, Youth groups, congregations and events such as the Big Brekkie.

DATES FOR THE DIARY, *continued from the back page*

Sat 12 May, 10.30-4pm	“Women in the Bible” (the cause of all evil/the wily seductress/the obedient wife?) led by Sr Clara CHN	Convent of the Holy Name, Oakwood DE21 4TB. Donation £15, bring packed lunch. Contact 01332 671716 (ext 6) assistantprovincialchn@yahoo.co.uk
Mon 14 May, evening tbc	Prayer Walking for New Housing	As part of our Thy Kingdom Come activities, venue tbc.
Wed 16 May, evening	Parish Giving Scheme introductory session	VENUE NEEDED – offers to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org
Sun 20 May	‘Evensong of Fire’ tbc – Pentecost Beacon event	To conclude Thy Kingdom Come – at the Cathedral
Tues 22 May	Virtual Dementia Tour: medically proven and evidence-based training for greater understanding of dementia	G. Wathall & Son Ltd.’s premises on Macklin Street, Derby. Book a 2-hour slot for £25. Contact Joan on 01332 345268; Joan@wathall.co.uk
Thur 24 May 7 for 7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St Bartholomew’s Church Hall, 49 Addison Rd, Derby DE24 8FH
Weds 6 June, 2-5pm	C2 Safeguarding Training	Church House, Full St DE1 3DR; book via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/derby- diocese-safeguarding-team-11379402100
8-24 June	Refugee Week – 20th Anniversary – join the celebration with simple acts	See http://refugeeweek.org.uk/about-us/ and go to ‘Simple Acts’ tab for ideas
Tues 12 June evening tbc	Prayer Walking for New Housing	Venue tbc
Thur 14 June 7-9.30pm	First Aid Training Emergency Life Support Certificate	Church House, Full St DE1 3DR. Book with Alistair.langton@derby.anglican.org , 07976 212888
Sat 23 June, time tbc	Parish Treasurers’ Conference	VENUE NEEDED – offers to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org
Tues 26 June 7.30pm	Archdeacon’s Annual Visitation	St Nicholas, Allestree Lane, off Kedleston Rd, DE22 2PF
Sat 14 July 3.30pm	Bishop Alistair’s Farewell Service	In the Cathedral
Tues 31 July daytime tbc	Prayer Walking for New Housing	Venue tbc – fun family time
Sun 19 August	Dedication Service for Flower Festival, www.stjohnsmillstreet.org	St John the Evangelist, Mill/Bridge Street, Derby. DE1 1DY
Fri 21 – Sun 23 Sept	Autumn Retreat led by Sister Pauline Margaret	Convent of the Holy Name, Oakwood DE21 4TB, Contact 01332 671716 (ext 6) assistantprovincialchn@yahoo.co.uk
Tues 25 Sept, 7pm for 7.30	Deanery Synod	St Werburgh’s Primary School, Church St, Spondon DE21 7LL
Sat 29 Sept, time tbc	PCC Members and Wardens Conference	VENUE NEEDED – offers to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org
Sat 6 Oct All day	Festival of Life	All day event celebrating our deanery, venue tbc

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Deadline for the next issue: 27 April 2018, to be available for Ascension, covering Pentecost including Thy Kingdom Come events. **Items to:** jo.simister@derby.anglican.org.

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Contact Deanery Admin Jo Simister at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org for more information.

Weds 7 Nov, 7pm for 7.30	Deanery Synod	St Augustine's Church, Upper Dale Rd, Derby DE23 8BP
Tues 10 April	C1 training	Church House: contact jo.simister@derby.anglican.org to book
Weds 11 Apr 11am-2pm	Let's get together: networking event for community groups Light lunch provided	St Bartholomew's Church Centre 49 Addison Road, Derby DE24 8FH. Contact amanda@headhigh.org.uk ; 07534 503943
Thur 12 April	C2 Safeguarding Training	Church House – FULLY BOOKED
13-26 April	Arts Festival Events see www.stjohnsmillstreet.org	St John the Evangelist, Mill/Bridge Street, Derby. DE1 1DY
Sat 14 April, 1.30-4pm	Open Garden at Morley Convent: stalls, refreshments; parking available.	Convent of the Holy Name, Morley Road Oakwood DERBY DE21 4TB.
16-19 April	Biblical Fundraising Course: For anyone who wants to raise funds with integrity, develop skills, etc...	YWAM DERBY Overdale House 96 Whitaker Street DE23 6AP. 01332 362814. Book via seminars@ywamderby.org by 13 Apr
Thurs 19 Apr 6.15-9.15pm	C1 training	St Augustine's Church, DE23 8BP. Contact jo.simister@derby.anglican.org to book
Sat 21 Apr 10 for 10.30am	Planning for St John's Flower Festival – celebrating our deanery	St John the Evangelist, Mill/Bridge Street, Derby. DE1 1DY
Sat 21 April, 2-5pm	Worship with Variety Discover more about instruments, Taizé, the meaning of worship and access to music. 	St Barnabas Church, Radbourne St, Derby DE22 3HD. £8 (Children of school age, free); <i>Closing date 14th April</i> . Contact Michael Halls 01335 372064, mvaehalls@gmail.com
22-29 April	Derby Peace Week – musical and spoken word events promoting peace and social justice.	Details at www.derbypeaceweek.co.uk
Mon 23 Apr, 7.30 pm	Vacancy in See consultation	Cathedral, open event
Wed 25 April 1.30-4.30pm	C2 Safeguarding Training	Church House, Full St DE1 3DR; book via: https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/o/derby-diocese-safeguarding-team-11379402100
Tues 1 May morning	Parish Giving Scheme introductory session	VENUE NEEDED – offers to jo.simister@derby.anglican.org
Sat 12 May 10-12.30	Wedding Administrators Conference	All Saints, Moor Road, Breadsall DE21 5LA. Book via jo.simister@derby.anglican.org