

Derby City Deanery

NEWSLETTER

September 2019 /#020



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



From the Lay Chair, Mrs Madelaine Goddard

Dear Friends

At the end of July we said farewell to Canon Simon Taylor. As I am sure you know, Simon was appointed Area Dean by Bishop Alistair just over three years ago following the reorganisation of the deanery structures. This created Derby City Deanery – an amalgamation of two very diverse deaneries together with parts of three others. It is a testimony to Simon's prayerful leadership and charismatic approach that the new deanery is now working in a missional and harmonious manner.

A tribute to that leadership was demonstrated in the gifts given to him by the laity at his last Deanery Synod, and by clergy at their Chapter BBQ. We will miss him very much but wish him and his family every blessing in their new ministry in Bristol. A new Area Dean will be appointed by Bishop Libby in due course, and we pray for that process.

Despite it being some years since I was closely involved with the academic year, I still associate September with new beginnings and there are a number of these, as you will read in the following pages.

- A team is busily organising this year's Festival of Life in St Peter's Chellaston on Saturday October 12th and I know they are arranging an exciting and varied programme – do try and come along for some or all of the day.
- The main speaker at Synod on Tuesday Oct 1st will be Revd Jason Kennedy, our Diocesan Missioner. He will be setting the scene for the visit to Diocesan Synod of Bishop Ric Thorpe (the Bishop of London's advisor on Church Planting).
- Breathing Space initiatives continue and we hope to have a dedicated website soon.
- A subcommittee which will be co-chaired by Phil Mann & Anita Matthews is starting work on the direction of the deanery over the next five years.
- There are a number of workshops and study days to help both with our personal faith and with assisting with Church administration.

Please will you keep all these initiatives in your prayers, as well as Jo (our Deanery Administrator) and Simon (acting Area Dean) as they deal with the day to day matters of the deanery over the next few months. With my love & prayers

This bi-monthly newsletter comes from Derby City Deanery. Please see the back page for details of future publications, deadlines, etc.

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STATS FOR MISSION:

On behalf of Diocesan Missioner Revd Jason Kennedy:

The system will be open for 2019 Statistics for Mission data entry at the end of September and to give you information about the returns for this year. I would be grateful if you could please pass the information in this email on to those concerned with submitting the returns for your parish(es).

Although in the past we have accepted paper forms, we have now moved to an online system.

Consequently, paper Statistics for Mission returns will not be accepted, and all returns must be made online. If you do not know who the administrator for the parish is returns system for your parish, or you cannot gain access to the system, please let me know as soon as possible (details below). If your parish is currently without a member of the clergy and you think you will struggle to submit your return online, please contact me so that we can find the best way of supporting you.

The deadline for submitting your 2019 Statistics for Mission return is the 31st of January 2020.

The Parish Returns website is at <https://parishreturns.churchofengland.org/>. If you or others in your parish need help in using the system, the user guide should give you all the help you need. If you don't have a copy, you can download one once you're logged on through the Users Menu.

Although we do not accept returns submissions on paper forms, you may find it helpful to use a paper form to collect the data in your parish before then submitting it online. If you would like to do that, you can download a copy from the home page of the [Parish Returns website](#).

It is possible to partially complete the return online without submitting, so you may wish to consider entering the data as it becomes available in order to spread the work and avoid a rush in January:

- Electoral Roll (reported at the 2019 AGM) and Easter Attendance can be entered now
- October Count data can be entered as you collect it over the next month

The remainder of the return will need to be completed after the end of the year.

If you need help and advice in completing the Statistics for Mission return, don't forget the [Statistics for Mission web page](#) on the diocesan website. It has a wealth of guidance, information, tools and resources to help you collect and use the statistics effectively in your parish, including an [Introduction to Statistics for Mission](#).

A note about finance returns. The online Parish Returns system will also be used for these returns; however, they are not due until the 31st of May 2020 in order that accounts may be audited and approved before final submission (although you can enter the data earlier if you wish). Treasurers will receive more information on finance returns nearer the submission time, but please contact the Diocesan finance director, [Martyn Marples](#), for more information.

If you need any help or support in using the Parish Returns website, or about your Statistics for Mission return, I'm here to help, so please get in touch. Contact details are given below.

Finally, do remember that although these statistics are vital in helping the diocese and the national church, their most important role is to help you with your own mission and ministry in the church. Do consider prayerfully as you collect the information what God might be saying through it, and how it might help your church to fulfil its own call from God.

With our thanks to everyone involved in this process.

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:

PILGRIMAGE UPDATE: PROGRAMME REVISION AND NEW PRICES

Since writing the article for July's newsletter, the dollar exchange rate has deteriorated and we have made some revisions to the programme to keep the costs manageable but retain as much of the original programme as possible.

Dates and costs: We are now offering an 8-night programme from Saturday 25th January to Sunday 2nd February, 2020. The price of £1300 (single supplement £320) is based on a group of 10. NB: If the group is 14 or more, the cost will come down to £1180. These calculations are based on an exchange rate of £1:\$1.2.

This includes: transport and a driver and interpreter and also a light lunch most days, and all tips. It does not include personal spending, donations for any speakers or projects visited, or flights.

Flights: We recommend the EasyJet flight from Luton, which costs around £200 return. (EasyJet from Luton at 11.45 on Sat 25th January arriving Tel Aviv 18.40; returning on Sunday 2nd February 15.10, arriving Luton 18.45). It is also possible to book an extra bag if you would like to bring clothes, books or other materials for projects and link organisations.

Itinerary overview: For the first four nights we shall be based at Taybeh (biblical Ephraim) in the West Bank, before moving to Jerusalem for the remaining 4 nights.

We shall join the various different denominational churches around Jerusalem for special services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each evening and visit communities and projects around the West Bank during the day. The theme for 2020 is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2) with resources prepared by the Christians of Malta.

We plan day-time visits to Sebastiya, Birkin, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Jericho, Bethany and Nablus to visit a variety of Christian communities, community projects and social enterprises.

There will also be free days on Thursday and Friday so that individuals may join local activities such as the 3pm Friday Way of the Cross walk along the Via Dolorosa – and we also have suggestions for various museums, etc.

On the final Sunday we shall attend the liturgy at the Crusader church in Abu Ghosh before going to the airport to check in for the EastJet flight to Luton.

We shall need your reservations as soon as possible. A deposit of £300 should be paid on booking. The balance must be paid by 31st December 2019. In the event of cancellation before that date, £100 administration fee will be retained. If cancelling after that date, the £300 will be retained as it will probably be too late to fill the place. Please email Jo if you have any queries.

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DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

THE ART OF SPIRITUAL ACCOMPANIMENT

Does your heart long for a little time and space to pray, reflect and consider what God might be wanting to say to you?

Do you find people open up to you and want to share something of their faith journey, prayer life and spiritual walk with you?

If the answer to those questions is **YES** then you might want to consider joining a small group of people exploring the art of spiritual discernment, direction and accompaniment together.

This is an experiential course for both lay and ordained people exploring listening, prayer, discernment and accompanying others in the Christian life, organized by Derby Diocesan Spirituality Group but open to all.

Is this course for you?

- Do you want to learn more about spiritual accompaniment?
- Do people seek your help in deepening their relationship with God?
- Do you want to explore the possibility of a call to spiritual accompaniment, otherwise known as spiritual direction?

What does the course look like?

There will be 12 one-day sessions and a 3- day residential retreat. Each day session runs from 10:00am until 3:30pm and includes space and silence, an exploration of different ways of praying, practical listening skills in triads, reflection time in small groups and teaching about spiritual traditions and good practice. Refreshments are provided but you need to bring lunch.

Dates:

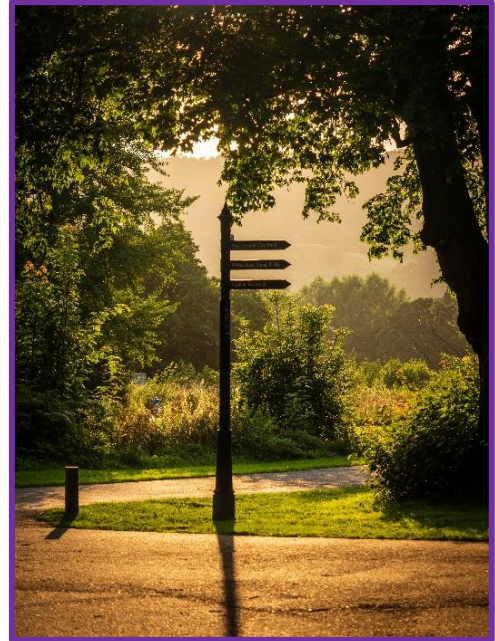
- Mondays :- Jan 13,27; Feb 10,24; Mar 9,23; April 20; Jun 1,15,29; Jul 13th
- Wednesday:- 6th May
- 2- night retreat at Willersley Castle, Cromford from 20th-22nd May
- *Attendance at all sessions and the retreat is a precondition of attending the course.*

By the end of the course you will have:

Grown in self-awareness and discernment about your own life and developed your ability to recognize the signs of God's prompting, calling, activity and movement in the lives of others that will enable you to travel alongside them as spiritual companions.

You will have learnt this by:

- exploring the practice of spiritual accompaniment
- exploring the relationships between personality, prayer, Christian growth and development



- learning how to apply the insights above to the lives of others
- Deepening your skills of listening and discernment

Cost of course:

£385 (including the 2- night retreat cost)

Discretionary grants are available and open to all applicants. Local churches, deaneries, circuits and denominational bodies might be able to support too. Licensed Anglican clergy may use their CME grant of £250 towards the cost.

There are various ways payment can be made once you have been accepted on to the course, unfortunately fees will not be refundable if you drop out:

1. £385 Lump sum up front
2. Or a monthly standing order over 7 months (£55 a month)
3. Or £200 in January and £185 in April

Venue

Darley Dale Methodist, Dale Road North, Darley Dale, Matlock, DE4 2FS.

This is on the A6 and buses running between Matlock and Bakewell pass it. There is plenty of green space for reflection around the church and in the adjoining Whitworth Park (pictured) and the journey to and from it from every direction passes through some beautiful idyllic Derbyshire countryside.

**How to apply**

For queries and to request an application form please contact:

Nicky Fenton 0781957913 nicky.fenton@derby.anglican.org

Closing date for applications is November 15th 2019 and interviews for all applicants will take place the first week in December.

NEW FUNDING OPPORTUNITY FROM ALLCHURCHES TRUST

Maybe you want to transform an under-used room or area of a hall into a chill out zone and café or spiritual space for young people? Maybe you need new books and toys for your children's corner or equipment for summer sports?

Growing Lives aims to help churches and Christian organisations to connect with children and young people and forge lasting links with families in their area. Grants of up to £25,000 are available. More at <https://www.allchurches.co.uk/growinglives>

[This info is from FIND newsletter (Faith in Derbyshire) – sign up at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/find-newsletter.html>]



Deanery

Saturday 12th October

**The Deanery Festival of Life is
a chance for Chellaston to
connect with people in the
Parish and Deanery and share
the love of Christ!**

**Story Corner -
with story-
telling and
drama
throughout
the day**

**Prayer
Space and
activities
Chat Zone**

**History Group
display about
St Peter's
Old Parish
Registers
available for
perusal**

**Workshops:
Flags
Singing
Flower
Arranging
Painting
Bellringing**

Please pray for the Festival of Life – that it will be

Festival of Life

10am – 6pm

The event will take place in and around the church and church hall, top and tailed with services of celebration and praise. We will need everyone's enthusiasm and help!



**Deanery
Quilt-making
Breathing
Spaces info.**

**Craft for
all**

**Refreshments
available all
day - as
plastic-free
as possible!**

**Wandering
'magician'
and
'ministrel'**

a time of great mission and ministry to Chellaston

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

CHRISTMAS LUNCH ON JESUS

Rev. Canon Paul Morris, St. Peter's in the City, Derby

I am a Jewish believer in Jesus, so let me begin with a Jewish saying, *"Many people worry about their own stomachs and the state of other people's souls. The real task is to do the opposite: to worry about other people's stomachs and the state of your own soul."* Or as Rabbi Israel Salanter (1810-83) put it: *"Someone else's material needs are my spiritual responsibility."*

I think of these wise sayings as we prepare for our 10th Christmas Lunch on Jesus, a project that is so important to many families in Derby. Over the years we have certainly fed the 5000 and more! As the Derby Telegraph headline stated so clearly one year, *"Food hampers will give festive cheer to needy families this Christmas."*

The facts about the acute need for food in many countries are devastating. One billion people, one eighth of the world's population, still live in hunger. Each year 2 million children die through malnutrition. This is happening at a time when doctors are warning of the spread of obesity. We are eating too much while others starve.

This is not just an economic and political challenge but a spiritual one as well. The Bible contains multiple provisions to ensure that no one would go hungry. The corners of the field, forgotten sheaves of grain, gleanings that drop from the hands of the gleaner, and small clusters of grapes left on the vine were to be given to the poor. Everything that grew in the seventh year belonged to everyone. And in the third and sixth year of the 7 year cycle, a tithe of all produce went to those in need.

One contemporary translation of these biblical imperatives is Leket (gleanings), Israel's national food bank, which rescues surplus food that would otherwise be destroyed from farms, restaurants, cafeterias and bakeries and gives it to the disadvantaged. We are now seeing this here, with supermarkets giving away surplus food to many organisations for distribution to those in need. Where there is a will, there is a way.

Today the problem is that the world produces enough food for everyone but not everyone has enough food, and if ever there is a time where the differences are at their most stark between the haves and have-nots, it is at Christmas, where some feast in abundance and others struggle to put enough food on the table.

Christmas Lunch on Jesus is a project that provides everything an individual or family needs for a Christmas Day lunch. Our hampers include turkey, vegetables, potatoes, gravy, Christmas pudding, crackers, chocolates, cranberry sauce, mince pies, (and alternatives for those with dietary requirements), a celebration candle, everything needed for an enjoyable Christmas lunch.

Last year we distributed 400 boxes for 1500 people on low income who otherwise would struggle to afford a Christmas meal. Nominations for boxes were received from Social Services, GPs, Women's Refuge, Housing Associations, Churches, Schools, British Red Cross (for migrants) and Derby City Mission.

To celebrate our link between Derby Diocese and Kolkata Cathedral, we donate funds enabling them to provide hampers for some of the poorest people in Kolkata's slums, containing rice, lentils, dahl, biscuits, sweets...a Christmas feast for those who live in poverty on a daily basis. They distributed 380 hampers and served lunch for 1400 people in the Cathedral!

Can you partner with us this year? We need volunteers to help pack the hampers on Monday, December 23rd, and if there are people in your parish who have been nominated to receive a hamper, then the added benefit would be that you can meet them personally as you deliver it! We also need donations, and this can be done in person at St. Peter's or online, where you can also see a video telling the story of how each hamper is filled!



Let me close with one of my favourite Jewish stories. Rabbi Shneur Zalman of Ladi awoke one night to hear his baby grandson crying. He went downstairs and found his son so intent on his Old Testament studies that he had failed to hear the cry. So the grandfather went into the child's bedroom and gently rocked the baby until it went to sleep again. Then he went to his son and said, "My child, I do not know what you are studying, but it cannot be the word of God if it makes you deaf to the cry of the child." Today, even in a world of plenty, too many of the world's children are crying. Let us not be deaf to their cry.

For more information, visit the St. Peter's in the City website at:
<https://www.stpetersderby.org.uk/project/christmas-lunch-on-jesus/>

FESTIVAL OF LIFE – see also the centre pages to display in your parish

This is going to be a great fun day!

A deanery quilt is in preparation and a strange shaped paper will arrive in your parish soon! Please have a think about how you would like to decorate it - these designs will be pinned to the backing sheet at the Festival and then transferred in stitchery etc afterwards.

A thousand Angels are in production for yarn-bombing, and three thousand are needed! They will appear at the Festival, and then go round the parish again at Christmas. There is a pattern which a knitting group are using already: contact BJ to join in.

There will be a Deanery/Breathing Space tent at which you can advertise your parish's activities – please prepare flyers in advance – and you might have items we could sell as well, especially items which contribute to wellbeing and the strengthening of faith. Helpers too.....

If you can help with a Fare Trade Stall, Children's activities (parents will be in attendance, so no safeguarding worries), Cakes and other baking and helping in the kitchen (if you have a Food Safety Certificates), leading a Prayer Walk (Routes will be prepared in advance), joining in Street Drama and being part of a Clear-up team, or to be generally helpful throughout, please contact:

BJ at bjfacey@btinternet.com and cc Sarah at revslwatson@gmail.com.

NOTICEBOARD



Nottingham and Derby Methodist District

Bible Festival

Life Lessons in Mission from Luke

Tuesday 22nd - Thursday 24th October 2019

@Littleover Methodist Church, Constable Drive, Littleover,
Derby, DE23 6EP



with The Rev'd Paul Smith

Evening Meetings, 8.00-9.30pm

Tuesday — The Calling of Disciples, Luke 5:1-11, 27-32

Wednesday — The Church in the Community, Luke 6:17-26

Thursday — The Commissioning of the Church, Luke 10:1-20

Lunchtime Meetings

Wednesday, 12.00-2.30pm — The Community of the Church, Luke 9:18-27 (Circuit Staff Teams and Employees and open invitation to District. Soup and Roll Lunch)

Thursday, 12.00-2.00pm — The Caring of the Church, Luke 10:25-37 (Civic, Community and Ecumenical Church Leaders. Buffet Lunch)

Information from
The Rev'd Chris Briggs,
District Mission Enabler
07851 749215

ARTS AND CRAFT DAY

Saturday 23 November 2019 10 am until 4 pm

Breadsall Church

Can you draw, paint, sew, weave, embroider, knit, cook, do woodwork, photography or turn your hand to anything at all? We would like to invite you to exhibit some of your work at an Arts and Craft day in Breadsall Church. It doesn't have to be at all professional, just done by you.

To register your interest or for more information please ring Jacqui on 01332831089 or email jacquieastwood73@yahoo.com

Church Supplies (and a discount) direct from The Sanctuary

The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral is your #1 option for ALL church supplies including candles, communion wafers and wine, incense, baptism cards, marriage and burial registers.

It also offers a **discount of 10% on all orders over £30.00** and invoicing options are available for all churches. Most items are in stock and available for immediate purchase. Delivery options are also available.

The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral is a great place to buy Christian books and a wide range of gifts, relax and enjoy freshly made food complimented with fine teas and coffees.



Order your church supplies:

In Person: The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral, Iron Gate
(opposite Derby Cathedral)

Phone: 01332 227660

Email: Office@derbycathedral.org

Derbyshire Churches Environment Network

21 century Franciscans: caring for Creation

Speaker: Brother Hugh, from Hilfield Friary.

Thursday 24 Oct 2019, 7.00 pm - 9.00 pm, Derby West Indian Community Association, Carrington Street, DE1 2ND.

Hilfield Friary is a Franciscan Community with an emphasis on living and promoting the Franciscan values of care for creation, working for peace and justice, and seeking respectful dialogue with people of other faiths. It is a Gold Awarded premises in the Eco Church scheme.

Arrivals from 7 for a prompt 7.30 start. Open to all, churches, people of faith, students, activists etc.

Cost: donations, if you can. [Booking](#) on Eventbrite.



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we are doing in*

ST. THOMAS' CHURCH

Pear Tree Road
Derby DE23 8NQ
(Opposite Pear Tree Library and
the Baptist Church)

**12noon-5pm on
Saturday 21st
September**

*You are most welcome to
join us at 4pm for
Evening Prayer*

- Treasure Trail
- Stunning stained glass
- Venetian mosaics
- Local history
- Family activities
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DATES FOR THE DIARY

Your opportunity to list events of deanery-wide interest

Deadline for the next issue:

Friday 1 November, to be available mid November

(covering Advent, Christmas and Epiphany activities).

Items to: Deanery Admin Jo Simister jo.simister@derby.anglican.org.

You can also list your event on the Derby Diocese website at
<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events.html>

Sept 25-Oct 2	Derby Peace week	Info at https://www.facebook.com/derbypeaceweek/
Thurs 26 Sept 3-5pm	A Church Near You workshop (see below)	Church House, Full Street, Derby, DE1 3DR https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/a-church-near-you-tickets-66902333681
Tues 1 Oct 7 for 7.30pm	Deanery Synod	St Werburgh's VA School, Spondon DE21 7LL

Sat 12 Oct: DEANERY FESTIVAL OF LIFE!

The Deanery Festival of Life will be at St Peter's Chellaston this year. Full details and programme in the September newsletter. (NB the Parish Profile on pages 12-15, about the church and its activities.)

Mon 21 Oct 7-9pm	Leading Worship at Short Notice	St Peter's, Chellaston, Derby DE73 6TB. https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-worship-at-short-notice-tickets-52860034787
Weds 6 Nov 7.15-9.30pm	Eco Church Event	St Wystan's, Repton DE65 6FH. Book at https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/eco-church-tickets-68165335353

More about the 'A Church Near You' workshop:

A Church Near You is the Church of England's website with information about ALL the churches in the Diocese (and in the country). It is used in many Church of England campaigns as a landing page for people to find out more about their local churches, particularly at Christmas and Easter.

But it does lots more besides and is a great way to let people know about your church and events. You can even use it as your church's main website! In this session, we'll look at how to make it work for you.

Important: in order to get the best from this session, you need to have your login to ACNY activated and working. See this page for more details: <https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/communications-office/social-media-guidance/become-an-editor-of-your-a-church-near-you-page.html> and be aware that getting access can take a bit of time, so please sort this at least a week before the session. Derby Church House cannot grant you access to ACNY – but the communications office can help you with the process if you're stuck – again, please let us know at least a week before the session.

What you need to bring:

- Notepad and pen
- Your laptop/tablet (optional – but you'll get more from the session if you bring it)
- Your ACNY login details
- A couple of good-quality digital pictures of your church (taken with your phone is fine)
- Details of one or two forthcoming events at your church
- Your church's contact details