



With heartfelt thanks for your kindness and generosity as we start the next stage of our journey.

It has been a great privilege to work for the Gospel in partnership with people across the Diocese.

Every blessing,

+ Alastair

Caroline

our Diocese

September 2018

A monthly snapshot of Church of England life around Derbyshire

Bishop Jan writes...

Mind the Gap!



On 1st September we officially begin our Vacancy in See.

The 1st September is also Bishop Alastair's 70th Birthday so please do remember him in your prayers as he

celebrates this milestone and takes his first official day of retirement. We wish him and Caroline every happiness in their new life in Bath.

So what happens next? Well, pretty much business as usual! I will cover some of Bishop Alastair's duties and legal and pastoral responsibilities, and so will be sharing out some of what I might usually do with colleagues. But I trust that we will, all of us, continue to pray and to ponder and to grow in our discipleship and tend to our churches and reach out to our communities – business as usual – as we wait to see whom God will send to be our next diocesan bishop.

Please pray for the process and for our representatives on the Crown Nominations Commission (CNC):

Canon Mark Titterton
Kat Aildread
Molly Andrews
Revd Alicia Dring
Revd Julian Hollywell
Very Revd Dr Stephen Hance

They will be meeting with members of the national CNC at the end of September to draw up a shortlist of candidates, and interviews will take place at the end of November.

The chosen candidate will then have to go through a medical and a safeguarding check, get the Prime Minister's approval and pay homage to the Queen, and if they're not already a bishop, be consecrated. So it will be a good while yet before we plan the welcome services, and until then it's full steam ahead.

My hope and prayer is that we will support, encourage, challenge and love one another as we 'mind the gap' so that we are ready to greet our new bishop, on our toes with our lamps lit, ready and expectant of all that God has in store for us.

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

+ Jan

The Rt Revd Jan McFarlane
Bishop of Repton
(Acting Bishop of Derby)

THE BISHOP OF DERBY'S HARVEST APPEAL 2018



SARENGA: A hospital and community health project in Durgapur

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DE56 6BS. Cheques should be payable
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The Certificate of Higher Education in Theology, Ministry and Mission gives you opportunity to go further, deeper & broader in your understanding of the Christian faith.

The course is designed primarily for participants preparing for, or already involved in, licensed Christian ministry or service. However, the programme is equally suitable for all students wishing to learn at an advanced level for whatever reason.

This is a vocational award offered by the University of Durham (Common Awards) through the All Saints Centre for Mission & Ministry (ASC) in partnership with the Diocese of Derby. This part-time course is available in Derby & (subject to numbers) Chesterfield.

Entrance Requirements

Entry to the programme is flexible, depending on your experience and education.

Study towards the Certificate requires the preparation of assessed work. You are most likely to flourish if you already have study skills at 'A' level. That said, support and advice is available to all students and a passion to learn is clearly the most important requirement.

You will need to demonstrate your potential to benefit from study at this level.

There will be a low-key interview with ASC at the beginning of the course to help you decide which route to take: 'audited' (no formal assessment) or 'for credit'.

Only 'for credit' students will be awarded the Certificate, which is the first step towards a Bachelor's degree.

Credits earned through study for the Certificate can be used towards further advanced study that could lead to a BA.

Much of the learning material used in the course is available online and so basic IT skills and access to the internet would be a distinct advantage.

Learning Programme

Candidates for the Certificate need to attend learning hubs where facilitated learning is delivered.

These groups will be in Derby and, subject to the minimum number of participants joining the course, also in Chesterfield.

To gain a Certificate, you must complete 120 credits.

Termly modules follow the same format: a combination of online study through an e-learning site, discussion groups once a week, 'Study Days' (Saturdays) led by the Module leader, independent reading, learning and reflection and two written assessments.

You should be prepared to commit 100-120 hours of study per module.

Modules

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- Theology & Practice
- Introduction to the New Testament
- Call & Vocation

2019-2020 (20 credits each)

- Mission & Evangelism
- Introduction to the Old Testament
- Christian Doctrine and History

Apply

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