

Learning in Faith

7 Mar	Thy Kingdom Come - Praying for Mission	St John, Newbold
9 Mar	Prayer Course Saturdays (each week until 6 April)	St Helen, Darley Dale
12 Mar	"I'm not a Project Manager - get me out of here!"	Derby Church House
15 Mar	Eco Church	St Barnabas, Derby
18 Mar	Positive Promotion	St Thomas, Brampton
20 Mar	Positive Promotion	St Francis, Mackworth
21 Mar	Thy Kingdom Come - Praying for Mission	St Peter, Littleover
25 Mar	Registers and Churchyards	All Saints, Kirk Hallam

For details of these and all other 2019 Learning in Faith opportunities, please visit www.derby.anglican.org/training or look for the brochure in your church.

Reminder - New Electoral Roll

All churches must prepare a new Electoral Role in 2019. Full details and resources are available on the Diocese of Derby website under "Church Admin" and then selecting "Church Information".

The Church of England Parish Resources website has guidance information and all of the forms you will need:

parishresources.org.uk/pccs/apcms

Ashes To Go

Ash Wednesday, 6 March 2019, marks the beginning of Lent.



In Derby, teams will offer "Ashes To Go" to the people of Derby along Iron Gate from 12.00pm to 2.00pm.

Ashing may also take place in other towns around Derbyshire. Please let us know if you are planning to organise a similar event.

2019 Flower Festivals

Please let us know your flower festival dates before 31 March 2019 to be included in our 2019 Flower Festival leaflet.

Online:
bit.ly/parisheventform

Email:
communications@derby.anglican.org

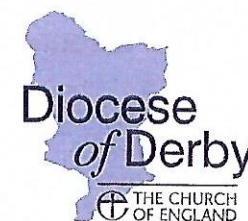
THY KINGDOM COME



Join the global wave of prayer
May 30th - June 9th

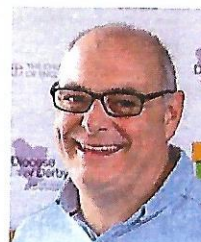
Our Diocese

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Revd Canon Matt Barnes writes...



You may have heard the story about the granddaughter who found herself in difficulty when visiting her grandparents; her hand became trapped inside a beloved vase. Despite copious amounts of

pulling and soaping and more pulling the hand refused to be released. It became clear to the grandfather that the only way to release the child from the vase was for it to be broken. A hammer was fetched and the vase gently tapped until it broke in two. The hand was set free only for the grandfather to be amazed to see his granddaughter's tightly clenched fist. When questioned as to why she didn't straighten out her hand and allow it to easily pass through the neck of the vase the young child sheepishly opened out her palm and revealed an old golden sovereign that had fallen into the vase years ago and had long been given up as lost.

There are many lessons we can draw from this simple story. The application that springs to mind as we each embark on our Lenten

journey is that very often we have to give up something valuable in order to lay hold of something of greater worth. I'm not talking about abstaining from chocolate or coffee or TV, what will lead us to deep personal (and ecclesial) renewal is a willingness to shed the comfort of the past and an openness to embrace the future trusting in God's presence and goodness.

In my role of leader of the mission and ministry team, I am almost daily surprised at exciting stories of growth and new life from our diocese ... these come about very often as congregations and individuals find the courage and strength to let go of something that has been valuable to them in the past in order to lay hold of something new.

Moses wrote "Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you." (Deut 31:6) let us hold this promise as we embrace an uncertain but exciting future.

Revd Canon Matt Barnes
Interim Director of Mission and Ministry

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Bishop Libby legally Bishop of Derby

On Monday 11 February 2019, at St Mary-le-Bow, London, the Rt Revd Libby Lane legally became the Bishop of Derby. We congratulate Bishop Libby and look forward to working together with her in the Diocese of Derby.

Before Bishop Libby takes up her duties in Derbyshire, she will pay homage to Her Majesty the Queen next month and she will be installed at Derby Cathedral in May. The date for Bishop Libby's installation will be announced after she has paid homage to the Queen.

As Bishop Libby won't be joining us until the end of May, the Archbishop of Canterbury has requested that Bishop Jan remains Acting Bishop of Derby until Bishop Libby is installed.

Parish Resource Office Roadshow

New for 2019, the Diocese of Derby is excited to announce the Parish Resource Office Roadshow which will be touring our Deaneries sharing news and highlighting the services and opportunities available to parishes.

Representatives from the Parish Resource Office will be available to meet you and talk about a range of topics from Safeguarding, Mission and Ministry, Vocations, Property, Finance, Communications and more.

This is a great opportunity to meet the diocesan officers and find out how they can best support you.

More details will be available soon on the Diocese of Derby website including links to book your place at the events:

Sat, 23 March 2019 - Mercia Deanery:
Pingle Academy, Swadlincote, DE11 0QA.

Sat, 8 June 2019 - Derby City Deanery:
St Nicholas, Allestree, Derby, DE22 2PE.

Sat, 21 September 2019 - Hardwick Deanery:
St Barnabas, Danesmoor, S45 9BU.

Sat, 26 October 2019 - Peak Deanery:
St Lawrence, Eyam, Hope Valley, S32 5QH.

Refreshments will be service from 9.30am, and the roadshows will start at 10am, finishing around 1pm. The events are free of charge. Booking is essential.

The egg that shares the Easter story

The Real Easter Egg was launched in 2010, and remains the only chocolate egg available with a copy of the Easter story in the box. It is made of Fairtrade chocolate and supports charitable projects.

The Original contains a prize competition and a super thick milk chocolate egg and a large 24-page Easter story activity book. The Dark egg contains the story book, plus a simple Easter guide, three dark chocolate Mini Squares (3x5g) and a luxury smooth dark chocolate egg (165g).

The Special Edition egg comes with a bookmark/keepsake made by disabled craft artisans in India, a simple guide to Easter, an orange milk chocolate bar (80g) and a luxury milk chocolate egg (200g).

Supermarkets turned down the idea of The Real Easter Egg at first. It was left to churches and church schools to place orders to fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to make The Real Easter Egg.

The success of The Real Easter Egg has meant that the production of Fairtrade chocolate has moved to the UK. Over £275,000 has been raised from sales for charitable causes.

The whole range can be ordered on line at www.realeasteregg.co.uk or you can buy the milk chocolate egg from the Derby Cathedral Bookshop, Tesco, Waitrose, Morrison's and Asda.

WIN A REAL EASTER EGG

Email Together@derby.anglican.org with your name and address, using the subject "Our Diocese - Egg Competition" before 31 March 2019. Good Luck!



From Our Deaneries

Derby City

Derby City Strategic Plan

As part of the Resourcing Derby City bid, we are committed to a strategy to bring growth and sustainability to the church in the City of Derby. This is a major piece of work, and needs to involve and hear voices from all parts of the city, all traditions of the church and all those with a care for the good of the church and Derby.

A consultation document was circulated before Christmas. This is not the strategy, but the first contribution to arriving at a strategy.

Please pray for the guidance of the Holy Spirit for us all, so that we can hear God's call for ourselves and for Derby.

Breathing Space

Breathing Space is an initiative of Derby City Churches to promote mental wellbeing. It focuses on the positive contributions that can be made to support the mental health of everyone, and not just those who have a particular diagnosis.

Churches are encouraged to participate in this initiative and register activities as a Breathing Space.

For more details, please contact:
Jo Simister, Deanery Administrator
jo.simister@derby.anglican.org

Learn more about your deanery and view deanery newsletters at: bit.ly/deanerynews

Clergy Conference 2019 update

Following consultation with Bishop Jan, the Area Deans and Hayes Conference Centre, the Conference will now be held on Wednesday 20 - Friday 22 November 2019, instead of 11 - 13 November as previously advertised. The change is in response to concern over clashes with Remembrance services and events.

Details of the Clergy Conference will be available in the coming months, however now is the perfect time to put the dates in your diary as it will be Bishop Libby's first conference and it would be great to give her a good reception!

Mercia

Mercia Deanery Prayer Afternoon

As we look forward to Lent, Mercia Deanery is holding a Deanery Prayer afternoon on Saturday 9 March from 2pm-4pm at St Michael & St Mary Church, Melbourne.

Providing times and opportunities for prayer is one of Mercia Deanery's priorities, and this is a perfect opportunity to pray at the beginning of Lent. There will be prayer stations available to help you to pray and will finish with a reflective service at 3.30pm. Cake and drinks will be served all afternoon.

For more details, please contact:
Debbie Patrick, Deanery Administrator
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North East Derbyshire

North East Derbyshire Deanery Day

A great day is planned for 2 March 2019 from 10am - 4.30pm at Newbold CofE School, Chesterfield. A great opportunity to network, discuss, share and learn alongside members of other churches in the NE Deanery. The day includes workshops, displays and exhibitions.

For more details, please contact:
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