



St. George's held their Christmas Tree Festival at the beginning of December. There were 25 trees on display from local businesses, organisations and schools. On the Saturday evening of the festival there was a concert in church given by Burbage Brass Band. Also included were mince pies and mulled wine. The audience enjoyed some great music and the event was a great success.

Michael Pool

St George's church, New Mills

The photographs depict what we call "Carols Round the Brazier". The service lasts about 1 hour (depending on the weather). We light a log fire in a brazier in the church yard, which we stand around and sing Carols. A (very) short address is given in the middle. There is very little format and those there choose the carols from the carol sheet. Music is provided by musicians from a local brass band. After the service we all retire in church for mulled wine and mince pies. This service has become something of a tradition here in Hadfield, this year attracting over 70 people and 4 dogs.

Ann Lucas

St Andrew's church, Hadfield



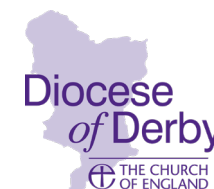
Eyam Village proved that it is not only 'picture perfect' but it is also 'good enough to eat'.

St Helen's Church provided the fitting back-drop to this amazingly inspired fundraising opportunity. Every building is a sugar decorated fruitcake.

It really did have to be seen to be believed.

# Our Diocese

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## Archdeacon Christopher writes...



### LEARNING FROM ANGOLA

Last Advent Sunday I had the privilege of being present at the inauguration of a new diocese. I was in Angola, on my fourth visit, to join the celebrations as the diocese of Angola became

a full diocese, having shown extraordinary growth both in numbers and its engagement with the pressing problems of Angolan society since it became a missionary diocese in 2002.

The inauguration service lasted almost five hours and was attended by nearly three thousand people in a, mercifully air-conditioned, conference centre. You can get an idea of the enthusiasm of the event from the fact that the Bishop of Angola was able to give an interview on national television during the offertory procession!

The new diocese is ambitious in its aspirations. Land has been secured for the building of a new cathedral and diocesan office, as well as housing, the rent from which will provide an income stream. There are also plans to build a theological college. As the diocese presently covers the whole of a country five times the size of the UK, with all the logistical problems involved, there is also an urgent need to multiply. The intention is to divide Angola into four dioceses within the next few years.

The diocese is equally ambitious in its vision. This is 'To have Angolan society evangelised and restored to human dignity'. We, in our rather timid church, have much to learn from

this forthright statement. For evangelisation and human dignity and flourishing are, or ought to be, inseparable. And it doesn't really matter where you start. At a conference about the Angolan churches' leadership in the campaign to eradicate malaria, we were reminded that the churches' involvement in healthcare is good in itself, rather than a device to get people into church.

The experience in Angola is that a church which engages fully and accurately with what people are most concerned about will grow. People come to the church through God's activity, rather than the other way round.

Please pray for the diocese of Angola and for its continued growth. To say that the challenges it faces in that country are almost overwhelming would be an understatement. But we can be inspired by the faith and courage of our brothers and sisters there as they continue to tackle them.

*The Venerable Christopher Cunliffe*  
Archdeacon of Derby

### Key Facts about the Diocese of Angola

- The Diocese was founded in 2002, but before that, from 1990, it was an Archdeaconry of Lebombo
- Bishop André Soares was ordained Bishop in September 2003.
- In 2019, there were 205 congregations with nearly 150,000 members.
- The Ven. Christopher Cunliffe serves as a trustee for MANNA (Mozambique and Angola Anglican Association).

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## Revd Carolyn Baker

The Bishop's office has announced that the Revd Carolyn Baker, Assistant Curate in the Dronfield with Holmesfield Team Ministry, has died.

She passed away on Saturday 4th January 2020, having lost her battle against cancer.

Revd Carolyn, 60, was ordained deacon in 2018 and as a priest the following year.

She leaves two sons, Aidan and Kiran.'

Revd Peter Bold, team rector for the ministry, said he was shocked and saddened at the news and described Carolyn as 'incredibly energetic and lively'.

He said: "She was passionate about sharing the Good News. She was particularly active in local schools and started a monthly service at a local Alzheimer's care home.

"People enjoyed her preaching and the way she led services and

she had a wonderful talent for rallying people and getting them involved."

He added: "One of the delightful things I remember is that, in preparing for her ordination and having been asked to think differently about herself, she dyed her hair blue!

"That reflected her lively and slightly rebellious nature – she always wanted to make people think."

He urged people to hold Carolyn's family and friends in their prayers.

Fellow curate Revd Julie Lomas was a close friend of Carolyn. She said: "I feel like I have lost my sister – we had been through a lot together.

"She was up for anything – any kind of experience – and she wanted to experience the love of God in so many ways.

"And she had blue hair!

"She was forever making soup and saying 'come over



for a bowl'. We had many conversations over soup."

Julie and Carolyn met at St Thomas Brampton in Chesterfield where, says Revd Julie, "She fulfilled her original calling – starting on the road to becoming a priest – which she had held since the age of seven.

"To me, she was everything a friend could be. I just think of her and smile."

## The Real Easter Egg campaign

Ten years ago churches and schools from The Diocese of Derby helped establish a mission project which has reached millions of people, crosses all denominations and offers individuals a simple way to share the Easter Story while supporting Fairtrade and charitable projects.

The idea began in 2008 when David Marshall, who worked for the Church of England at the time, was given a chocolate Easter egg. On the side of the box it read: 'Easter is the festival of chocolate and loveliness'. He searched for an Easter egg which mentioned the Christian story of Easter. It became clear that out of the 80 million eggs on sale there was not a single manufacturer who was willing to mention the religious aspects of the festival. So he asked churches and schools to help crowd fund The Meaningful Chocolate Company to manufacture the UK's first 'Real Easter Egg'. For it to be a 'Real Easter Egg' it had to reflect the Easter themes of hope and new life and do three things – have a copy of the Easter story in the box, be made from Fairtrade chocolate and support charitable causes. Many of the eggs are manufactured and packed in The Diocese of Derby. Ten years on more than a million eggs have been sold with over 750,000 sent through the post. The rest have been sold through retailers and supermarkets. Nearly

£275,000 has been donated to charitable projects with Fairtrade Premium fees paid to farmers allowing them to buy everything from school books and solar panels to providing fresh water.

For Easter 2020, there are five types of Real Easter Eggs available all with new content. Each egg has an edition of the Easter story included. There is a new 24 page version in the Original and Dark eggs with activities, biblical text and a prize competition worth £200. There is a poster activity version of the Easter story in the Sharing Box and Fun Pack and a simple guide version in the Special Edition. Both the Original and Dark 2020 eggs are plastic free and all our chocolate is Palm Oil free. Read more or order at [www.realeasteregg.co.uk](http://www.realeasteregg.co.uk)

The Real Easter Egg will be available to buy at The Sanctuary at Derby Cathedral.



## Dates for your diary

### February

Mon 3rd - Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)  
Wed 5th - North East Deanery Synod  
Mon 10th to Sat 15th - General Synod (Westminster)  
Thu 13th - Hardwick Deanery Synod  
Thu 13th - South East Deanery Synod  
Thu 27th - Mercia Deanery Synod

### March

Wed 4th - Together Magazine issue 8 published  
Sat 7th - Diocesan Synod  
Mon 9th - Diocesan Advisory Committee (DAC)  
Wed 25th - Peak Deanery Synod



**#LiveLent: Care for God's Creation** is the Church of England's Lent Campaign for 2020.

With weekly themes shaped around the first Genesis account of creation, it explores the urgent need for humans to value and protect the abundance God has created.

This year's #LiveLent challenge offers 40 short reflections and

suggested actions to help you, your family and your church live in greater harmony with God, neighbour and nature.

It has been inspired and informed by the Archbishop of Canterbury's 2020 Lent Book, Saying Yes to Life by Ruth Valerio (SPCK).

For more details, visit:

[www.churchofengland.org/livelent](http://www.churchofengland.org/livelent)

## Learning in Faith

Would you like to learn more about Instagram or Twitter? Or how to encourage families and children into your church? Have you ever thought about your vocation and what God is calling you to do?

Learning in Faith is The Diocese of Derby's programme of FREE courses to help you develop your faith, learn new skills and support your church to pray, learn, tell and serve together.

Why not take a moment to explore the courses on offer either online at [www.derby.anglican.org/training](http://www.derby.anglican.org/training) or in the booklet (available from your PCC). Booking is easy - either via the website or by calling 01332 388687.

## Thy Kingdom Come

**Thu 05 Mar 2020 2.30 - 5.30pm, Littleover Methodist Church, Derby**

**Thu 05 Mar 2020 7.30-10.30pm, St Barnabas Cathedral, Nottingham**

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement inviting Christians to pray between Ascension and Pentecost for more people to come to know Jesus Christ.

What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer.

Hosted jointly by the Nottingham and Derby District

of the Methodist Church and Diocese of Derby within the Church of England, this launch workshop shows you the resources and information for this year's event - 21st to 31st May 2020 - and describes how you and your church can get involved.

Attendees will have the opportunity to hear first-hand from the national Thy Kingdom Come team about the wonderful work God has done, and is doing, and how individuals, families and churches can get involved this year and the wide range of resources available to help.

To book please visit: [www.derby.anglican.org/training](http://www.derby.anglican.org/training)