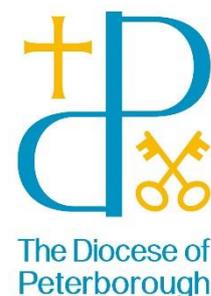


BISHOP'S BULLETIN No 54

To the Licensed Clergy of Peterborough Diocese

5 December 2021



Dear friends

Bishop's Chaplain and Canon Missioner

I am delighted to announce that Steve Benoy, currently DDO and Director of Vocation and Formation, is to become Bishop's Chaplain (60%) and Canon Missioner (40%). He will have a staggered start, to enable him to complete his work with those due to go to selection conferences in the spring.

On 17 February Steve will begin as my chaplain, commuting to Peterborough probably three days a week from his home in Wellingborough. He will step down as Director/Team Leader, but continue as DDO, working from Bouverie Court, until Easter.

In late April Steve and Alex will move to Peterborough, then on 1 May at Evensong he will be collated and installed as a residentiary canon of the Cathedral, and start his Canon Missioner role.

We will need to find a new DDO, which won't be easy as Steve has been outstanding in that role for over ten years. I am very much looking forward to his new dual role in my office and at the Cathedral.

Be Safe

I am sorry to hear of a few cases of clergy in the diocese being harassed or worse and feeling unsafe. My chaplain Tim (who will be greatly missed in that role) has been researching personal safety and security training. He reports that an organisation called SAFE runs free online courses on various aspects of safety. Below are some forthcoming courses, with further information available on their [website](#):

- 19 January 2022 at 7pm, **Personal safety and security for everyone** (How to keep safe in a dangerous world):
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3hwrm2ae>
- 26 January 2022 at 2pm, **Event security for your community** (Appropriate security measures to ensure the safety of large numbers of people):
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3ys2wb46>
- 9 February 2022 at 2pm, **Basic security** (An introduction to security for places of worship and faith communities):
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/2c8f984m>
- 16 February 2022 at 7pm, **Organising security** (Security and risk management, and how to develop a security plan):
Registration: <https://tinyurl.com/3wez995z>

Clergy Pastoral Care and Counselling

A reminder that Canon Nicholas Gandy is available to talk in confidence about issues around relationship difficulties, family matters, work stress, illness, bereavement or any concern that might have raised intense feelings and emotions which are proving difficult to navigate. He is not a registered therapist or counsellor but a priest of some thirty years' experience who can signpost people on to more specific professional services available to clergy and their families. Any recommended counselling service or individual qualified therapist will be funded initially by me, but is fully independent, confidential, and completely outside church structures. You can contact Nicholas on nicholas.gandy@btinternet.com

Cathedral Online Morning Prayer

During last year's lockdowns a number of people were grateful to join the Cathedral in saying Morning Prayer by zoom. This is still going, even though the Cathedral is now open for daily prayer as before. If anyone would like to join the zoom service, they would be very welcome. The service is 8.30 am Monday to Saturday. The zoom link is: <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89878972070?pwd=SVIHK1ExTHVvMDAwUHNuQmw3ZDZDNkdz09> Meeting ID: 898 7897 2070 Passcode: 467506

Alternatively, you can contact [Canon Tim Alban Jones](#), who would be pleased to help.

Gladstone's Library

You may well know of Gladstone's Library in Flintshire, which describes itself as both a haven for readers and researchers, particularly those from a Church background who may be interested in the library's extensive theological collection, and a hub for conferences and meetings. Clergy are eligible for a 20% discount on accommodation at the library. Details on discounts are available online [here](#). The library is also running several theological courses and events in the new year, which will be added to their events pages soon.

Christmas and New Year

I am not currently planning to write again before Christmas. I wish you joy, peace, and a good rest afterwards.

With love in Christ

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