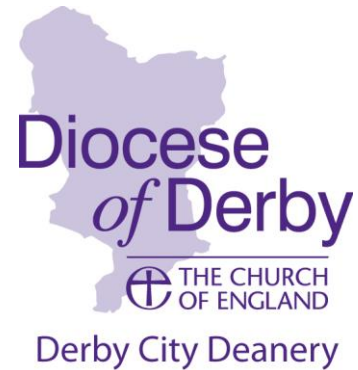


# Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

February 2017 /#004



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## From the Area Dean, Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor:

Dear friends,

May I wish you all a very happy New Year.

Looking ahead to what 2017 may bring for Derby City Deanery, there is a whole range of things ahead. Here are just a few possibilities for the coming year:

- Thy Kingdom Come events in the City
- Transforming Faith courses
- Another possible Festival of Life
- More Derby City Council Talking Points in the Deanery
- Derbyshire Community Bank (Credit Union) in Derby
- A new Resource Church opening
- A community of people working to support the victims of modern slavery
- A pilgrimage to Taizé
- Looking at how to engage with new areas of housing



A list like this can be daunting and it can be exciting. I'm sure there are things I have left off the list, and I know that there are things that individuals and churches will have on their own lists. The call of God to all of us is matched by the grace of God in enabling us to follow his call. So we can need to trust that God will give us all that we need to follow where he is calling us. And together we are called to root our lives in prayer, to serve the city in which we are set and to share the good news of Jesus Christ.

I look forward to working with you in all that lies ahead.

With my prayers and all best wishes,



*The information in this bi-monthly newsletter, focusing on Derby's support for refugees and asylum seekers and issues of modern slavery, comes from Derby City Deanery – the group of Anglican parishes which fall within the city boundary – and is for sharing around churches and communities.*

*Please see the back page for details of the next issue (deadline 2 March). Items for publication, and comments, may be sent to [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) .*

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## Deanery notices:

### DEANERY SYNOD – serving the Derby communities

The next meeting of the Deanery Synod will be on 21<sup>st</sup> February at St Augustine's, DE23 8BP. Deanery Synod is a vital link between parishes and the diocese. It's a gathering place for clergy and lay representatives to pray and take counsel together. Its meetings are concerned with seeking God's will for the mission of the Church locally, so it needs to be Christ-centred, prayerful and open to the Spirit speaking through all.

Derby City Deanery Synod comprises approximately 50 Deanery Clergy and 125 Lay Representatives. There will be a round of elections for Lay Representatives, who are elected within their parish to serve for three years, in early 2017. Please consider whether you could serve your church and community in this way – or encourage someone else?

### DEANERY WEBSITE PAGE and YOUR PARISH PUBLIC PROFILE -

<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/about-us/deaneries/derby-city.html>

Our page on the Diocesan site is now 'live' – please take a look – but it's a bit 'dry'! Maybe you have something more juicy to add? Please let me know at [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) !

You will see we have a list of parishes, etc. I would like to link websites and other social media to this list, so that people can see what is going on – please let me know the links for these – but NB: these should be sites which you regularly update.

Which leads me to a plea to all with responsibility for parish publicity:

'ACHurchNearYou' is the one of the main sites for people looking for an Anglican church, and it is also linked to the Diocesan website, so I would like to suggest this one be a priority for keeping up to date, and that you include a link to your other social media sites (web page, twitter, facebook, etc).

If you take a look at all the information which comes up in a search for your church, you may be horrified to see what old information is out there – which is very frustrating for a stranger who is seeking you! Maybe you can get out-of-date entries taken down and just concentrate on keeping AChurchNearYou current? If you would like some help with this, please contact me.

### TAIZÉ 'HIDDEN TREASURES' WEEKEND IN BIRMINGHAM



For those interested in Taizé but unable to commit to the pilgrimage away (detailed on the back page, with an invitation to find out more), maybe you would like to participate in the Taizé weekend in Birmingham over May Day weekend (28 April – 1 May). Find out more from [http://taize.fr/en\\_article20500.html](http://taize.fr/en_article20500.html) and look out for updates on <https://www.facebook.com/TaizeBirmingham> and <https://twitter.com/TaizeBirmingham> (you don't have to be registered for either to be able to see these updates)

There are various ways of joining in, but participation in the City Centre Prayers on the Friday, Sunday and Monday requires no registration or fee, see [http://taize.fr/en\\_article20934.html](http://taize.fr/en_article20934.html)

There is information about the forums and workshops at [http://taize.fr/en\\_article21023.html](http://taize.fr/en_article21023.html).

## City of Sanctuary – a movement about welcome and belonging:

*Maureen Priddin (City of Sanctuary Derby, Additional Chaplain Derby Cathedral) explains:*

City of Sanctuary is a widespread national grassroots network of towns, cities, villages and local communities across the UK and Ireland committed to creating a culture of welcome and safety, especially for refugees and asylum seekers seeking sanctuary from war and persecution.

Wherever people go we want them to feel safe and find people who will welcome them. We want this message of welcome and friendship to reach every part of society, such as faith communities, schools, colleges and universities, sports and arts centres, community groups and health centres. We know that refugees have a lot to offer and want to contribute, and we want to help release that potential for the good of all.

From my own experience, Derby is a city which should be proud that it has received, supported and helped many people seeking asylum from genocide, persecution and war to rebuild their lives and continues to do so. One refugee I know tells how a small act of kindness and a smile by a Derby person when she first came to the city made her feel like a human being again for the first time in many years. Many communities have been allowed to flourish and feel part of Derby. Our city has been enriched by their contributions to our life and the cultural diversity they have created.



*Sanctuary in Parliament November 2016: an opportunity for MPs to listen to refugees.....*



*.... six delegates from Derby went and had an opportunity to meet with Dame Margaret Beckett*



*Coffee and chat at a City of Sanctuary Derby event at the Derby Refugee Advice Centre*



*Bosnian dancers in the Cornmarket during Refugee Week 2016*

The City of Sanctuary Derby network supporting refugees and asylum seekers in our city was set up in June 2014 and has grown in strength since then with many groups and organisations affiliated to us, including all the organisations already providing refugee support in Derby.



Derby Cathedral became a Cathedral of Sanctuary in January 2015 and Walbrook Epiphany are currently working towards becoming Churches of Sanctuary. Other churches have affiliated including Chelleston Churches Together, Community Church Derby and New Life Christian Centre.

City of Sanctuary Derby works through gathering supporters from all walks of life and making the message of "Refugees welcome" very practical by:

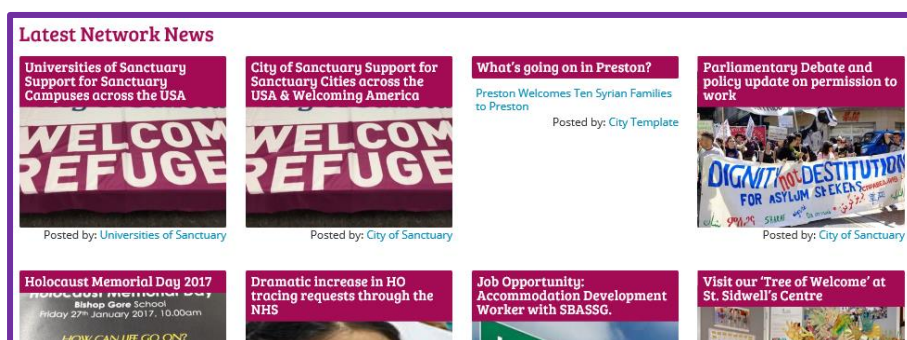
- creating opportunities for local people to meet refugees, hear their stories and understand why they need sanctuary. The Derby Refugee Advice Centre, the Red Cross and the Derby Multifaith Centre can all offer talks and information about asylum issues. There are a number of Sanctuary Arts events in Derby coming up in January and February which are listed below. Derby Refugee Week, this year June 19th – 25th 2017, is another opportunity to celebrate the contribution that refugees bring to our city.
- serving the everyday needs of those seeking sanctuary for befriending and help. Each community will have its own unique way of giving support. It could be by supporting local organisations already working in Derby: such as the Derby Refugee Advice Centre (DRAC) which meets every Tuesday and Thursday at the Bosnian Centre, Curzon St.; Red Cross Refugee Support (which meets Wednesday mornings at St Peter's Centre); Upbeat Communities at No 1 St Chads who organise welcome boxes and visits to newly arrived sanctuary seekers in the city. Details of all these and other organisations in Derby supporting refugees can be found on the Derby City of Sanctuary website. All welcome donations or volunteers. Important support is also given by befriending. If there are sanctuary seekers within your community, sharing a cup of tea or coffee or a meal together or inviting someone to a social event is a lovely way of building relationships.
- sharing positive experiences and stories in newsletters or church magazines and campaigning - working with others to ensure that the voice of refugees is heard and their potential realised. All current campaigns are on the City of Sanctuary national website.

City of Sanctuary Derby believes in the transforming power of friendship, understanding and small acts of compassion. Our lives have been transformed by meeting refugees, and if you are passionate about our values we'd love you to join us – either as a church community or even as Derby City Deanery!!

### Exciting Sanctuary Arts events coming up in Derby:

"Night Light" Derby Studio Theatre Friday 10th February. Tickets from Derby Theatre or on line. A drama from the Mandala Theatre group, Oxford, focussing on what happens to unaccompanied child refugees who come to the UK when they reach eighteen. Followed by a free post show talk with a panel of national and local City of Sanctuary speakers.

### See what other Sanctuary initiatives are happening elsewhere:



Take a look at the Latest Network News at the City of Sanctuary website at <https://cityofsanctuary.org/>

### ***PULL-OUT SUPPLEMENT TO KEEP FOR REFERENCE***

#### **Organisations providing support to those seeking asylum and refugees in Derby, and volunteering opportunities** *(mapping coordinated by City of Sanctuary Derby)*

There are a number of organisations in Derby providing support to asylum seekers and refugees. They include funded charities, faith groups, and some who are solely supported by voluntary effort. NB: This is not an exhaustive list. If you are or know of other organisations that should be included please get in touch at <https://derby.cityofsanctuary.org>

#### **Derby Refugee Forum and Advice Centre (DRAC) – a voluntary organisation with charitable status** [home.btconnect.com/derbyrefugeeforum/](http://home.btconnect.com/derbyrefugeeforum/)

Open every Tuesday and Thursday from 10.00am to 4pm and Monday from 10.30am to 12.30pm.:

- Offers one to one advice sessions, with an interpreter if necessary, to asylum seekers and refugees on issues relating to: Immigration, health,( physical and mental), destitution, accommodation, Home Office support, NASS benefits, mainstream benefits, education, form filling, travel documents, employment, national insurance numbers, voluntary return, disability, social care and child care, family reunion, discrimination.
- Refers service users to appropriate legal support and statutory and voluntary support services ie solicitors, local councils, housing associations, GPs and dentists, Red Cross and local and national charities.
- Liaises with the Home Office to ensure change in circumstances and other issues are followed up.
- Liaises, usually by phone, with the DWP and local Jobcentres to support the transition from asylum seeker to refugee status and to ensure benefit entitlements are met.
- Provides free English classes on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday to sanctuary seekers.
- Provides basic food parcels for those who are destitute and general food for all when available.
- Offers classes and workshops on a variety of issues: eg creative writing, dance, first aid, flower arranging, fitness.....
- Arranges trips and outings to museums, parks, historic towns, football, Cathedrals and places of worship.....
- Distributes clothes, shoes, bed linen, kitchen equipment when available.
- Encourages asylum seekers and refugees to become part of the volunteering team.
- Offers a warm welcome, cups of tea and coffee, TV and a place to chat

#### **British Red Cross Refugee Support Derby** [www.redcross.org.uk](http://www.redcross.org.uk)

“The British Red Cross helps people in crisis, whoever and wherever they are.” and is known as a global voluntary network, responding to conflicts, natural disasters and individual emergencies.

It enables vulnerable people in the UK and abroad to prepare for and withstand emergencies in their own communities. And when the crisis is over, it helps them to recover and move on with their lives. As part of this, the British Red Cross has a long history of supporting people who are seeking sanctuary in UK and have provided support and advice to asylum seekers and refugees in Derby for over the past 5 years.

Drop-in advice sessions are 10am-12noon on Wednesdays, at St. Peters Centre, DE1 1SN, and we hold appointments every day at our BRC office, excluding Fridays and weekends.

**The Bosnia – Herzegovina Community Association** [bihcommderby@hotmail.com](mailto:bihcommderby@hotmail.com)

Our mission is to provide support and a confidential service to alleviate the effects of poverty and distress to refugees from Bosnia-Herzegovina and from the Former Yugoslavia, regardless of their ethnic origin and background. We believe that all refugees have the right to live in a just and equal society, and aim to achieve this by providing information, support, training and educational opportunity for all of them

The Derby Bosnia-Herzegovina Community Association was established in January 1995 and was registered as a Charity in 1998. The Derby Refugee Forum and Advice Centre (DRAC) was established in 2000, registered as a Charity later, and has worked from premises of Bosnian Community ever since.

From the beginning the DBHCA has opened its services to the community, focusing its services on the people from the Former Yugoslavia. The Bosnia & Herzegovina Centre is run by the executive committee of the Derby Bosnia-Herzegovina Community Association. It is the only centre of this kind offering advice and information in the Bosnian/Serb/Croat language in the Derby City and East Midlands area. There are many services available to those seeking asylum and refugees via the Derby Refugee Forum and Advice Centre. We also give help to small new community ethnic groups, and offer many other services from our "One Stop Shop" volunteers. We are also members of the Bosnia-Herzegovina UK Network who operate nationally.

**Upbeat Communities** [www.upbeatcommunities.org](http://www.upbeatcommunities.org)

Upbeat communities was established in 2005 and exists to help refugees settle and rebuild their lives in the UK. We want to see strangers become neighbours. We do this through three main areas of work:

1. Welcome : Providing friendship, support and community to refugees newly arrived in the UK
2. Empowerment: Helping refugees to rebuild their lives through skills training and education
3. Awareness: Building understanding about refugee issues with the wider community and training others to respond.

We are currently delivering the following programmes:

- Welcome Boxes. Trained volunteers deliver welcome boxes to newly arrived refugees and help them settle into the local community and access the services they need. We visits schools and community groups to raise awareness of the challenges faced by refugees.
- Free English lessons – we provide 6 free classes a week to refugees and asylum seekers
- Activities as part of the Survive and Thrive project (delivered with the British Red Cross and Multifaith Centre). These include volunteering and employment skills, sports and cooking activities, Visits to free facilities in the city, like museums and library. Many local Derby people are involved in volunteering eg cooking, transport, ESOL support etc.
- A creative group teaching sewing and jewellery for women to give them skills and confidence. These are sold at local craft markets.
- Two houses for refugees when they have to move on from home office accommodation. We provide support to help them to move on with their lives.
- Syrian Vulnerable Persons Resettlement. Outreach into Derbyshire to provide resettlement support to 50 vulnerable Syrian refugees in family groups.

**The Hope Centre Derby** [www.hopecentrederby.co.uk](http://www.hopecentrederby.co.uk)

The Hope Centre in Derby offers support to people in need in four ways:

- Food bank: 3 day food parcel via referrals, mainly from Red Cross, DRAC, Upbeat Communities
- Hope Store: Clothes, toiletries, household & electrical items, via referrals and appointments only
- Moving Home: when someone gets their 'right to remain' we offer support in accessing furniture and other items
- Safe & friendly environment: a place where they can get refreshments and have someone to talk to socially or about issues

**Derby Churches Night Shelter** [www.derbycitymission.org.uk](http://www.derbycitymission.org.uk) >projects

Working together to meet the urgent need for safe overnight accommodation for homeless people in Derby, seven church venues in or near the city centre open one night a week every day from December 1st to March 31st. Volunteers provide a warm welcome and substantial meal for 35 guests. Paid overnight staff then take over while the guests sleep on camp beds in the different churches.

**Derby Central Library** <http://www.derby.gov.uk/leisure-and-culture/libraries/learning-in-libraries/>

Weekly drop in reading group to provide informal support for reading, writing and conversation skills. All adults welcome.

**City of Sanctuary Derby** City of Sanctuary [www.cityofsanctuary.org](http://www.cityofsanctuary.org) and City of Sanctuary Derby <http://www.Derby.cityofsanctuary.org>

City of Sanctuary Derby is part of the national City of Sanctuary network. It is a grass roots umbrella group supporting the network of refugee and asylum seeker organisations across the city to create a climate of hospitality and welcome for asylum seekers and refugees in Derby and around. It aims to make Derby a safe and welcoming city especially for those who seek sanctuary from war and persecution here. Wherever refugees go we want them to feel safe and find people who will welcome them

Our aims are to:

- develop a culture of welcome across the city by working with various voluntary and statutory groups, including community groups, schools, local politicians, health care organisations, the arts and faith communities.
- organize awareness raising activities in the community around the experience of those seeking asylum. In 2016 as an umbrella group we coordinated the events for Refugee Week in the city and are currently planning for 2017
- invite groups, organisations and individuals to pledge support for our aims in developing a culture of welcome in the city. For example, Derby museum and library have already pledged support and Derby Cathedral has become a Cathedral of Sanctuary.

**The Multi-Faith Centre at the University of Derby (MFC)** [www.multifaithcentre.org](http://www.multifaithcentre.org)

MFC exists to promote mutual understanding between people of different faiths/beliefs and none and to build respect between people as fellow human beings across cultures.

The MFC is working in partnership with the British Red Cross and Upbeat Communities on a four year Big Lottery Fund funded project called 'Survive and Thrive'. As part of this project the MFC is delivering awareness raising and advocacy around refugee and asylum seeker issues. This includes

but is not limited to awareness raising events, organisational training and action planning, as well as engagement with local services, community groups and politicians. A core part of the work the MFC is undertaking is facilitating a forum - "Derby Voices Forum"- for refugees and asylum seekers with the aim of their voices being heard on various platforms. Overall the MFC is seeking to achieve an increase in opportunities for refugees and asylum seekers to belong and find purpose within the community.

### **The Derby War and Refugees Forum**

The Derby War and Refugees Forum emerged from a meeting in May 2016 organised "because the refugee crisis is probably the most pressing event of the moment". Twenty-six people from 10 organisations attended; there was an opportunity for information-sharing and expression of concern about the refugee crisis and its causes and the interlocking work of each organisation.

There have been a number of meetings since leading to a focus for the Derby War and Refugees forum: to run activities and events about asylum and refugee issues with input from local refugee support organisations and those seeking sanctuary in Derby, including wider political campaigning on the issues than is possible for each organisation, many of which have charitable status.

The War and Refugees forum organised an event at the Council House, Derby on Friday, 14th October which saw a distinguished panel of local and national politicians, a specialist on the impact of conflict on children, together with speakers for City of Sanctuary and the Derby Refugee Advice Centre discuss the issues of conflict, refugees and resettlement in response to questions from a capacity audience.

This will be followed up with a meeting with Purjinder Gill from Derby CC and Cllr Asaf Afzal to explore our desire for Derby to become an officially-recognised City of Sanctuary.

### **Derby Student Action for Refugees (STAR) [www.star-network.org.uk](http://www.star-network.org.uk)**

Derby Student Action for Refugees has teamed up with the National STAR network to welcome refugees to the UK. The aims of the society are to

- coordinate students and local organizations for volunteering opportunities
- campaign to improve the lives of refugees and asylum seekers in the UK
- raise awareness and educate the community about the plight of refugees

### **Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity**

Formed in 2015 as a practical response to the refugee humanitarian crisis, DRS organises local donations of appropriate clothing, footwear, sleeping bags, food etc to provide "vital humanitarian assistance and aid to refugees fleeing and living in the most appalling of conditions" in camps in Northern France, Syria and Greece

### **Restore**

Restore is a Christian outreach and support agency working alongside vulnerable women and seeking to provide advocacy and help in overcoming barriers that oppose their freedom. This includes women who have been trafficked and become involved in prostitution. We offer encouragement and opportunities for change and support in regaining social responsibility and inclusion. We also offer further services for those facing exploitative circumstances.

*God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble. (Psalm 46:1)*



## MODERN SLAVERY – ‘one of the great causes of our lifetime’

### What is modern slavery?

Slavery did not end with abolition in the 19th century.

The practice still continues today in one form or another in every country in the world. From women forced into prostitution, children and adults forced to work in agriculture, domestic work, or factories and sweatshops producing goods for global supply chains, entire families forced to work for nothing to pay off generational debts; or girls forced to marry older men, the illegal practice still blights contemporary world.

According to the International Labour Organisation (ILO) around 21 million men, women and children around the world are in a form of slavery.

There are many different characteristics that distinguish slavery from other human rights violations, however only one needs to be present for slavery to exist. Someone is in slavery if they are:

- forced to work - through mental or physical threat;
- owned or controlled by an 'employer', usually through mental or physical abuse or the threat of abuse;
- dehumanised, treated as a commodity or bought and sold as 'property';
- physically constrained or has restrictions placed on his/her freedom of movement.

Contemporary slavery takes various forms and affects people of all ages, gender and races.



### What forms of slavery exist today?

- Forced labour
- Bonded labour
- Human trafficking
- Descent-based slavery
- Child slavery
- Slavery in supply chains
- Forced and early marriage

Many forms of slavery involve more than one element or form listed above. For example, trafficking often involves an advance payment for the trip and organising a promised job abroad which is borrowed from the traffickers. Once at the destination, the debt incurred serves as an element of controlling the victims as they are told they cannot leave the job until the debt is paid off.

### Legislation

Our Bishop of Derby, Rt Revd Dr Alastair Redfern, says:

“Although legislation has been put in place to provide a framework for the fight against modern slavery, that substantial achievement represents just the first stage in an urgent task.

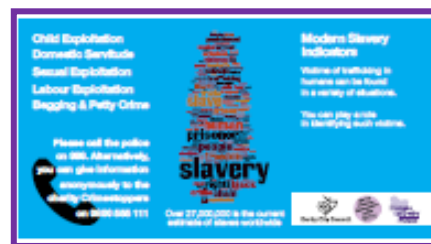
“The crime of modern slavery is becoming more widespread across the world – and is developing in our own City and County. The key to a successful response depends upon intelligence, effective support for victims and a coordinated response from the police, other statutory agencies, and those of us in the voluntary sector who can provide vital extra resourcing.



+ Alastair

“The key challenge is to channel our compassion and our commitment into a network that can provide an effective response to the crime, the identification of victims, the pursuit of justice, and the long term care of those who have been abused.”

A partnership between Derby City and Derbyshire County Councils, the diocese and the police has resulted in the production of this new awareness card, that you might have been given in your church recently. The pocket-size card contains information and advice to help people spot the signs of trafficking.



## Slavery – are you serious – in Derby??

More than one hundred people have been rescued in the Derby area over the last few years, and there are many more suffering in forced labour and other modern slavery situations, which include withholding of wages and/or excessive deductions; retention of ID documents such as work permits and passports; threats of, or actual, physical harm; restriction of movement; imposed places of accommodation....

You can help by deepening your awareness of key issues through the eyes of those caught up in this criminality and even doing a little intelligence gathering (very gently, sensitively, and in private, so as not to bring danger to the person you are worried about).

For example – the girl doing your nails, or washing your hair, the boy serving your meal in a cafe, or mixing cement for a building job – who are they? Where do they sleep and eat – do they have to ask permission? Are they free to leave, to get another job if they want? Do they feel safe living in Derby? Do they feel safe at work or at home (is there domestic abuse?)? Do they have access to their own money? Can they come and go as they please – is there a lock to prevent them going out? Do they have their own passport and work permit? Have they or their family been threatened? What are their working conditions like?

Businesses have a legal responsibility to prevent slavery in their supply chains. Do they know how the products they use or sell are produced? Do they pay their employees directly? Do they use an external recruitment agency?

Detective Inspector Harry Dick, of Derbyshire Constabulary, spoke about a case where two Slovakian brothers were jailed for a total of seven years and eight months for trafficking twelve vulnerable men from their own country and from the Czech Republic to the county. Having got them here, they sent them out to work and pocketed their earnings. DI Dick added: “People in Derbyshire also need to be aware that the food they’re eating, the clothes they’re buying and the toys they’re getting for Christmas, for example, come from a supply chain which may be connected to modern slavery.” (<http://www.matlockmercury.co.uk/news/modern-slavery-affects-hundreds-of-people-in-derbyshire-top-detective-says-1-7598925> )

You might also like to look at <http://www.saferderbyshire.gov.uk/our-priorities/ocg/default.asp> and <http://www.humantraffickingfoundation.org/derby-derbyshire-partnership>

Victims of modern slavery, or anyone with information about it, should call Derbyshire police on 101 or Crimestoppers on 0800 555 111. If you have any concerns about a person’s safety, please contact the police on 999.

## Transforming Faith



What is Transforming Faith?

Transforming Faith does what it says on the tin:

- It transforms a person's faith
- It takes seriously where people are in their journey of faith
- It is delivered where people are, through deanery learning hubs
- It is a learning programme designed for all disciples from different backgrounds

What are the benefits of Transforming Faith?

- It helps you explore your faith
- It helps you explore your discipleship and vocation
- It helps you grow in confidence

How does Transforming Faith work?

- Transforming Faith brings together a group of 8 - 12 people in deanery learning hubs
- The deanery learning hub is a place of learning and for worship together
- The discussions in the group are based on your experience, your understanding and what you're learning as a disciple
- Transforming Faith allows you the flexibility to learn together, to further your understanding through written work and to gain a certificate from the Bishop or from a university.

Groups meeting in Derby City Deanery:

1. St Edmund's Church, Allenton and Shelton Lock. Sundays 4pm-6pm starting Feb 12<sup>th</sup>. Contact Revd Trudie Morris (01332) 704226; [revtrudie@gmail.com](mailto:revtrudie@gmail.com)
2. Convent of the Holy Name. Wednesday afternoons 2pm -4pm starting 10<sup>th</sup> of May. Contact Sr Rosemary (01332) 671716 [rosemarychn@yahoo.co.uk](mailto:rosemarychn@yahoo.co.uk)
3. Derby Cathedral. Monday evenings, ongoing. Contact Cathedral Office (01332) 341201 [office@derbycathedral.org](mailto:office@derbycathedral.org)

For questions about Transforming Faith in general, please contact Mrs Fiona Bennett at Derby Church House (01332) 388670 [fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org](mailto:fiona.bennett@derby.anglican.org)

## Retreat in Daily Life

during Holy Week at Spondon, St Werburgh.

If you would like to take some time out, be guided in prayer and receive the fellowship and support of a retreat but cannot afford either the money or the time to go away this may be for you... go on retreat, at home!

It's simple: During Holy Week (the week before Easter) join a small group undertaking a retreat in daily life from Palm Sunday (9<sup>th</sup> April) to the Easter Vigil (15<sup>th</sup> April) – each day you meet to pray / talk with a retreat guide for half an hour or so at a time convenient to you and then we gather to pray together as a group and celebrate a quiet Eucharist in the evening - joining with the Parish for Maundy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil. There is no financial cost and it's open to anyone. For more information contact:

Fr Julian Hollywell 01332 673 573 [fatherjulian@btinternet.com](mailto:fatherjulian@btinternet.com).

## Deanery Events

### Dates for your diary:

**Deadline for the next issue:** Thurs 2<sup>nd</sup> March 2017, and the main content will focus on mental health and wellbeing. There will also be space for events and celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. **Items to:** [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org).

Mon 20 <sup>th</sup> Feb 8.00-9.30pm	<b>An invitation to explore a pilgrimage to Taizé</b> , from Simon and Trudie. Come along to discover more for yourself and/or to pass on to others in your parishes.	St Edmund's Allenton and Shelton Lock, DE24 9JA. Revd Trudie Morris - <a href="mailto:revtrudie@gmail.com">revtrudie@gmail.com</a>
Tues 21 <sup>st</sup> Feb, 7 for 7.30pm	<b>Deanery Synod</b>	St Augustine's Church, Upper Dale Rd, DE23 8BP.
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March, 10am-3.30pm	<b>City of Sanctuary: Central England Learning and Working Together Day</b> – free, inspirational event for all volunteers and partners, with many useful workshops – see link for more details.	The Riverside Centre, Pride Park, DE24 8HY <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-of-sanctuary-learning-and-working-together-day-central-england-tickets-31444598641">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/city-of-sanctuary-learning-and-working-together-day-central-england-tickets-31444598641</a>
Fri 3 <sup>rd</sup> March 2pm	<b>Women's World Day of Prayer</b> - prepared by the ladies of the Philippines - all welcome.	Osmaston Road Baptist Church, Charnwood St, Derby DE1 2GU
Thurs 11 <sup>th</sup> May, 7.30pm	<b>Archdeacon's Visitation</b>	St Matthew's, Darley Abbey, DE22 1EF, between Church Lane and Darley Abbey Drive.
Sat 27 <sup>th</sup> May – Thurs 1 <sup>st</sup> June	<b>Pilgrimage to Taizé (Sun 28<sup>th</sup> – Weds 31<sup>st</sup> May)</b> by coach and ferry.	Details from Revd Trudie Morris - <a href="mailto:revtrudie@gmail.com">revtrudie@gmail.com</a> – and see box below.
Sun 4 <sup>th</sup> June afternoon	<b>Pentecost – Thy Kingdom Come</b> event – in planning.	Cathedral and other venues in the city

### Derby City Deanery Pilgrimage to Taizé

Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> - Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> May



Coach from Derby departing pm on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> May  
Ferry crossing and overnight travel to Next Steps  
Arrival at 9.00am Sunday 28<sup>th</sup> May (in time for the Eucharist)

Depart Wednesday 31<sup>st</sup> late afternoon  
arrival in Derby Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> June, mid-morning

Provisional cost, inclusive of travel, meals and accommodation  
15-24 years: £160; 25-29 years: £180  
(camping or dormitory)

**An invitation to explore  
a pilgrimage to Taizé**  
*from Simon and Trudie*

Mon 20<sup>th</sup> February  
8.00-9.30pm  
St Edmund's Allenton and  
Shelton Lock (DE24 9JA)

*All are welcome to come  
along to discover more  
for yourself and/or to  
pass on to others in your  
parishes*