

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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Derby City Deanery
*Rooted in Prayer,
Serving Derby,
Sharing the Gospel*

From the Area Dean, Revd Canon Dr Simon Taylor:

Dear friends,

Happy New Year, and happy new Deanery.

The Deanery of Derby City came into full legal being on 1st January 2018. Thank you to all those who have helped shape and supported the process to happen.

Structures are important, we need them to give us the scaffolding to work with. But they are not the work itself.

Looking ahead to 2018 there are important and exciting things to come. Bishop Jan is coming to address a 'Deanery Synod Plus' later this month. There are plans for Thy Kingdom Come to be a bigger event this year; we are working to reach new areas of housing in and around Derby; and proposals to support mental health across the city. I look forward to working with you in the coming year to shape and develop our new Deanery as it remains rooted in prayer, as together we serve this city, and as we proclaim the Gospel to the people of Derby.

Please pray for me, as I pray for you,

With my prayers and all best wishes for the new year,



PS - Bishop Jan is coming to address a special gathering of the Deanery Synod plus others (Wardens, Readers and anyone interested) at 7.30pm on Wednesday 24th January 2018 at St Alkmund's Church DE22 1GU. Do please make every effort to be there and to take part in what Bishop Jan brings to us. Thank you.

This bi-monthly newsletter 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 future publications, deadlines, etc.

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DEANERY NOTICES:

NOTIFICATION OF THE 2018 DEANERY SYNODS

The next Deanery Synod will take place on Wednesday 24th January at St Alkmunds, 40 Kedleston Rd, DE22 1GU. All Deanery Synod lay representatives and clergy should have received papers by email. It would be very helpful if you let Jo know if you intending to attend, for catering and seating arrangements, at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org BEFORE 17th January.

For representatives not on email, papers will be sent to clergy and the PCC Secretary, Parish Administrator or other contact, so it might be wise to alert them that you will need a print-out.

The dates and venues for the following Synods are:

- Thursday 24th May, 2018 at St Bartholomew's Church Hall, 49 Addison Rd, Derby DE24 8FH
- Tuesday 25th September, 2018 at St Werburgh's Primary School, Church St, Spondon DE21 7LL
- Wednesday 7th November, 2018 at St Augustine's Church, Upper Dale Rd, Derby DE23 8BP

Please note change of date for November. This is to avoid a clash with the Clergy Conference.

STATISTICS FOR MISSION AND PARISH RETURNS: Deadline 31st January!

Incumbents, wardens or treasurers in each parish will have access to the Parish Returns site within the CofE Portal and need to enter 'The October Count' and other end of year information on attendance, weddings, funerals and finances.

The deadline is 31st January 2018 and you can find guidance on the diocese website 'Mission' tab. Go to the 'Statistics for mission' button and follow the link under 'How we collect the statistics' – it's <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/statistics-for-mission.html>.

DATA PROTECTION: PARISHES AND THE "GDPR"

The General Data Protection Regulation (GDPR) will take effect in the UK from 25 May 2018. It replaces the existing law on data protection (the Data Protection Act 1998) and gives individuals more rights and protection in how their personal data is used by organisations. Parishes must comply with its requirements, just like any other charity or organisation. The Parish Resources website provides guidance, templates and a checklist to help you. It will be updated from time to time – so please check back periodically. <http://www.parishresources.org.uk/gdpr/>.

A CHURCH NEAR YOU UPDATED WEBSITE

'A church near you' website, part of the Church of



England information hub, has been updated and now offers people seeking information on services, weddings, baptisms etc an easy way to find their local church and to see at a glance what facilities it has and when services are. It also has links to contacts in the church and directions.

Someone in each parish will have login details to update the information with any special services and ensure details are correct. The website is already updated with any information entered by parishes via the buildings review data.

For churches without a website, it is an easy and free way to advertise your church's services and activities and a link can be added easily for those churches that have their own website. Take a moment to check what is written about your parish and to update if necessary.

<https://www.achurchnearyou.com/>

STRATEGIC BUILDINGS REVIEW

Please continue to liaise with Jo for this process: jo.simister@derby.anglican.org.

PARISH GIVING SCHEME

In October, David Meredith and David Mundy, the two Diocesan Parish Resource Officers, launched the Parish Giving Scheme in the Diocese through three events (Buxton, Chesterfield, and Derby) hosted by Bishop Jan and led by colleagues from the national church. Although there was a good representation of parishes at the events they are aware of a number of parishes that were not represented.

They would like to offer every Deanery the opportunity to have a smaller, local event so that as many parishes as possible are informed about the Parish Giving Scheme. These local events could be between mid-January and mid-March 2018. Jo will be arranging a meeting and if you have particular preferences about suitable days/times/dates, please contact her on jo.simister@derby.anglican.org.

EXPERIENCE EASTER, EXPERIENCE PENTECOST

Have you come across these packs? Each one shows you how to set up six “stations” in your church for Primary children to visit with their teacher. They are very much appreciated by schools – especially Easter and Pentecost which are sometimes thought harder to explain to children.

There is a small amount of information to be read at each one, and a thoughtful activity for the children to do. Then a final station links everything together. The Diocese has a resource pack for each one which you can borrow free! This means that the majority of resources you would need to set everything up are provided for you. You would need a team of at least 6 people to help on the day and a couple to set the displays up. It's a fantastic way of offering something good to your local school!

Contact Sarah Brown, Children's Advisor, sarah.brown@derby.anglican.org if you would like a visit to explain more about how these events work.

SAFEGUARDING TEAM EXPANSION

The safeguarding team at Church House has a new Team member. Nicola Dalby joined the Team as the Safeguarding Trainer in early November 2017. Since starting she has been working on developing a Training schedule for 2018 which will mean that it will be easy for everyone to see in advance what courses are available, when and where they will be delivered across the Deaneries. This should help with planning, prioritising who attends and should ensure a smooth transition through the different levels of training required.

The schedule will include dates for specialised courses such as Safer Recruitment, Domestic Violence and Abuse and a range of other topics which are being researched and finalised based on local priorities. Some suggestions received so far from colleagues are The Impact of Trauma on individuals, Supporting Victims of Abuse, Confidentiality – limits and boundaries.

Nicola is currently meeting with Area Deans and Administrators, and will also be working her way round meeting all Designated Safeguarding Leads and Parish Safeguarding Leads as well as delivering training courses. She will be collecting ideas during these meetings on what people feel they need training around to help develop safeguarding knowledge and practice, what forums and networks can be developed that people may find helpful and is hoping that in future the safeguarding team will be able to offer training on a diverse range of issues that people will enjoy. Nicola is happy to hear from you, discuss your ideas, or to come and visit your church/project, so please feel free to contact her on 07808 847433; via 01332 388681 or email: nicola.dalby@derby.anglican.org. (Nicola is part time but will get back to you.)

REGISTRATIONS OPEN FOR DERBY'S NEW CATHEDRAL SCHOOL

Derby Cathedral School, which was given the green light by the Department for Education to progress to the 'pre-opening' stage last year, has announced that the Education and Skills Funding Agency has secured their permanent site, having acquired the western half of the former Friar Gate Goods Yard site. There is more information at <http://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/>

Derby Cathedral School will open in September 2018 in temporary accommodation at Midland House (Nelson Street, Derby), before moving to brand new state of the art facilities located at the Friar Gate Goods Yard site. The development and construction of the permanent site and buildings is expected to take three years.

Admissions for Derby Cathedral School remain open and can be made via the school website: <http://www.derbycathedralschool.org.uk/apply/>

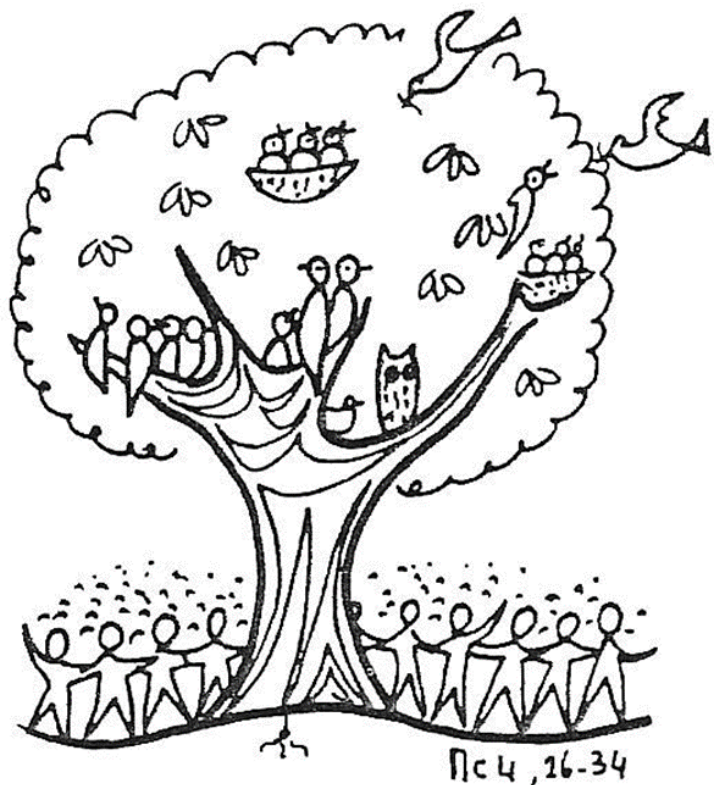
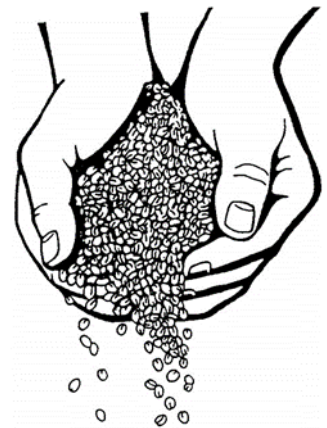
TOWARDS A HEALTHIER CHURCH

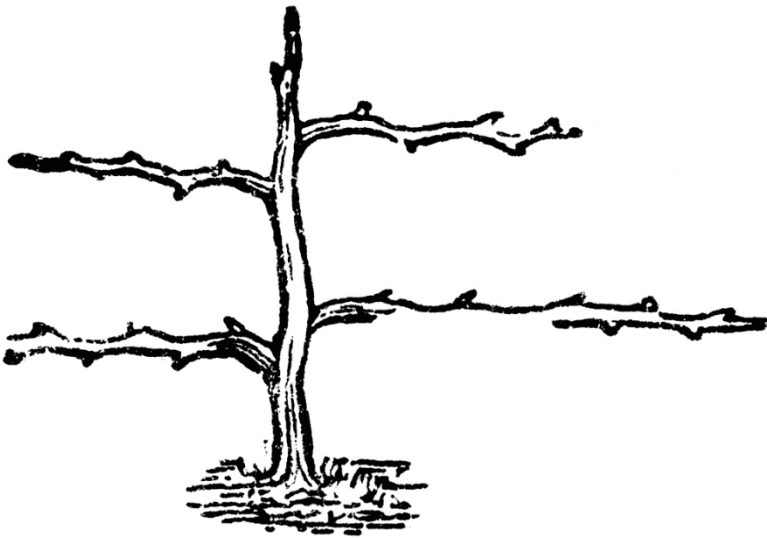
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If you ask many people today (including in churches), they will say that church decline is inevitable; yet, the natural state of God's Church is one of growth. The Church, for all her flaws, is the visible representation of God's Kingdom on earth, the growth of which was likened by Jesus to a mustard seed becoming a tree (Mt 13.31-32). In the early Church, it was God who, day by day, added to their number those who were being saved (Ac 2.47). God, through his Holy Spirit, gives increase to the Church. Of course, that's not to say that we should expect all individual churches to constantly expand in size. Jesus himself spoke of pruning in order to be more fruitful (Jn 15.2).

Although it is God who gives growth in his Church, we should still be concerned with it; not as a matter of survival, but because God desires the increase of his Kingdom on earth. It is the prayer that Jesus gave us: 'Your Kingdom come ... on earth as it is in heaven.' (Mt 6.10).

How do we do that? The gardener will look for growth in their garden, hope for it and expect it. However, they don't spend their days measuring the plants and anxiously willing them to get bigger. Growth is built in; they focus on the *health* of their plants, trusting that a *healthy plant* will *grow*. So, we should hope for, expect and pray for church growth; but our part is to ensure that our churches are *healthy*, trusting God will, in his time, give increase to that healthy church.





A healthy church is one that is faithful to the call of God to be his Church in character, purpose and priorities.

A New Map for Derby Diocese

The latest version of Mission Action Planning for Derby Diocese, just launched, draws on and learns from the heritage of our use of MAP; but it is also a major reworking. It is based firmly on the conviction that if we are faithful to God in his call to be his Church, then he will, in his time and by his Holy Spirit, grow his church.

MAP for Derby Diocese is a process to help churches respond to God's call to be his church by helping them to reflect his character, purpose and priorities.

We have produced MAP for Derby Diocese not to add further burdens on churches, but because we believe that it will be helpful and fruitful for them in responding to God's call. There are no timescales or reporting, and the decision to use it is entirely the church's.

So how is it different?

Firstly, MAP for Derby Diocese isn't about *doing* more things and starting more programmes. It is about helping the church to reflect God's desired character and purpose – to *be* his Church.

Secondly, every aspect, from the theology that underpins it to the language it uses, is faithful to God's call to his Church, rather than being over-reliant on business models and language.

Thirdly, MAP for Derby Diocese encompasses the whole of the life of God's Church, not just mission outreach, believing that to be healthy, every part of his Church needs to work according to his will and purpose.

Finally, MAP for Derby Diocese has just *three core principles* and *three core elements*, ensuring that God's work through the process will be lasting and fruitful, whilst allowing the church to adapt the process to suit its needs.

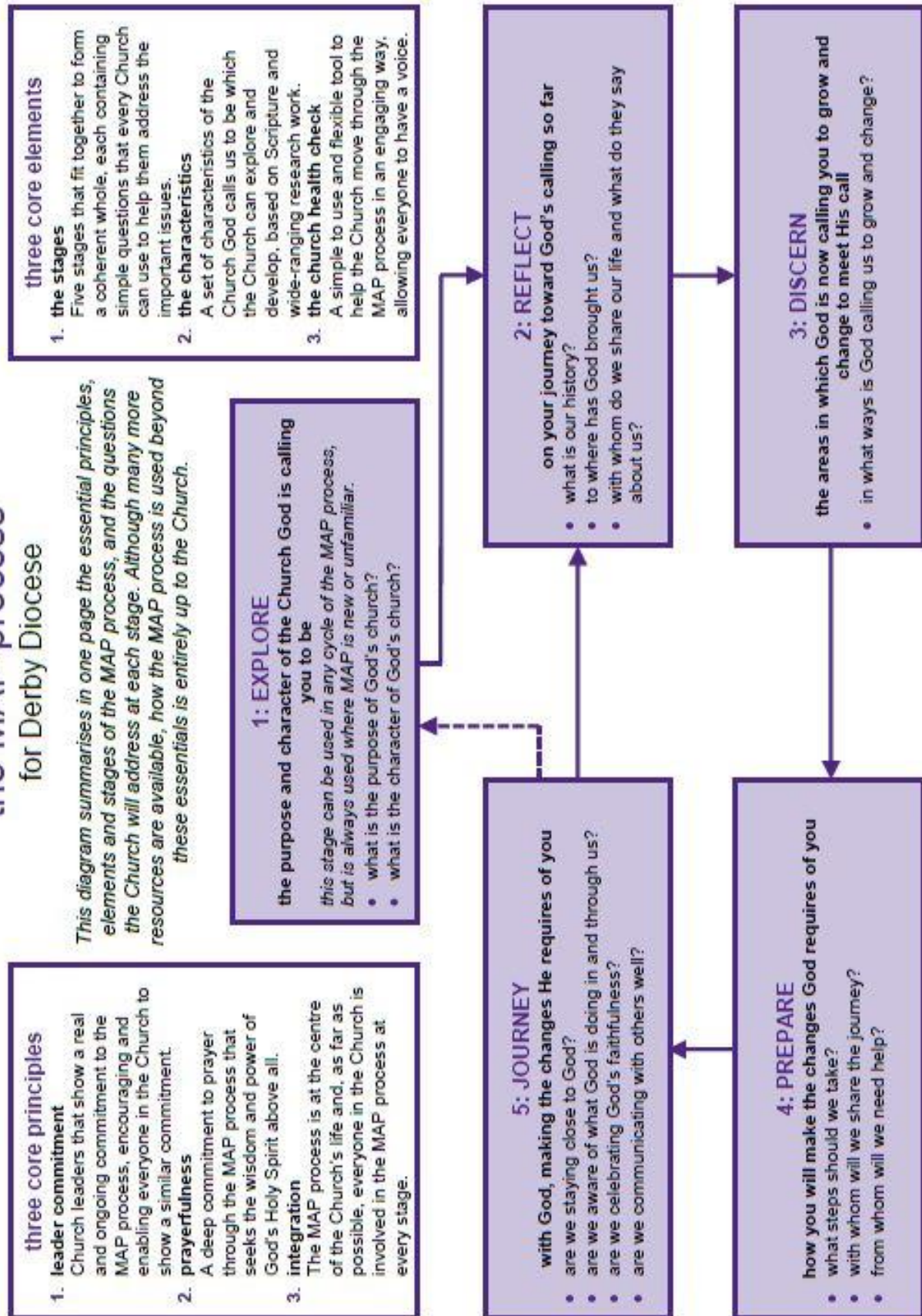
All these things mean that MAP for Derby Diocese can be used by churches of any context, tradition or size, at any level (church, parish, benefice, deanery or other groupings).

Like to know more?

If you would like to find out more, you can:

- Go to the Mission Action Planning section of the Derby Diocese website [click 'Mission' on the home page, and then scroll down and click the 'Mission Action Plans (MAP)' tile – the link is <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/mission-action-plans-map.html>].
- Speak to Jason Kennedy or any of the Mission and Ministry Team at Church House. We would be delighted to introduce you to MAP for Derby Diocese.

the MAP process for Derby Diocese



DEEPENING FAITH PRACTICE:

DAILY PRAYER & BIBLE READING AIDS

'Our Diocese' & Cycle of Prayer

'Our Diocese' is a monthly publication giving the latest news and information from the Diocese and is available to download at: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/ourdiocese-12.html> The Cycle of Prayer covers the whole Diocese over the year and we are encouraged to pray for a specific parish or ministry each day. Details are available at:

<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications/cycle-of-prayer.html> You can access all Derby Diocese publications and sign up for the e-news on the publications page of the website: <http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/publications.html>

God Soaked Life: Discovering a Kingdom Spirituality.

Chris Webb is a Benedictine Anglican Priest who studied Theology and Planetary and Space Physics and has ministered in a wide variety of churches before serving as president of Renovare USA. He is now Deputy Warden at the beautiful and historic Launde Abbey. Chris is an exciting new voice on spiritual formation and 'God-Soaked-Life' is written with verve, depth and uncontainable joy, inviting us to live in the reality of God's presence in our everyday lives.

Open the Book – resource for children

Have a look at this video to see the impact it can have. <https://www.biblesociety.org.uk/get-involved/open-the-book/> I'm aiming to help set up and organise training for new groups.

Prayer Apps: Time to Pray

Time to Pray presents everything you need for Prayer During the Day, with variations according to the day of the week and the season of the Church's year. The app is compatible with smartphones and tablets. (See <https://www.chpublishing.co.uk/apps/time-to-pray>.)

INDEX FINGER
FOR THE ONES THAT TEACH US
For those who instruct you and heal you. They need the support and wisdom to show direction to others.

MIDDLE FINGER
FOR OUR GOVERNORS
As it is the tallest finger, it reminds us of our leaders, the governors and those who have authority.

RING FINGER
FOR THE SICK AND WEAKEST
It is our weakest finger. It reminds us to pray for the weakest, the sick or those plagued by problems.

THE THUMB
FOR THE ONES WE LOVE
Start praying for those who are closest to you. They are the easiest to remember.

THE PINKY
PRAY FOR YOURSELF
The smallest finger-should remind you to pray for your own needs when you are done praying for the other four groups.

THE 5 FINGER PRAYER
BY POPE FRANCIS

SOURCE:
CATHOLIC.ORG - POPE FRANCIS' FIVE FINGER PRAYER
<http://www.catholic.org/prayers/prayer.php?p=3396>

CatholicLink

You can use Prayer During the Day on its own, as your sole act of prayer and praise, or you can use it alongside Night Prayer in a pattern of prayer at the beginning and end of the day.

- Access Prayer During the Day, together with full text of psalms and short readings from Common Worship: Time to Pray.
- Follow a simple pattern of daily prayer that varies according to the season and day of the week.
- Access Night Prayer, together with guidance on sustaining a pattern of regular prayer.

(Look again at Newsletter 9 for **Daily Prayer** and **Time to Pray**.)

THE HITCH HIKER'S GUIDE TO



Richard Palmer, Secretary to the Diocesan Spirituality Group

Someone said to me the other day that Spiritual Direction sounds very scary. I agree. And I believe that is mainly down to that word Direction. A Spiritual Director can conjure up a picture of someone with a soapbox manner telling us precisely what it is we should and should not be doing in our lives, the exact requirements God has of us if we expect to be a proper Christian, and how poorly we are matching up to these expectations. Well, think again, because that is not what this process is about.

In Derby Diocese, we call this process spiritual accompaniment, not spiritual direction. And that is a more helpful term of description. Accompaniment can be thought of as a walk together, in the presence of God, for a part of our spiritual journey. Soul friend is also a useful term of description

We all like to imagine our spiritual journeys will be a nicely ascending graph of steady progress in life. We will get closer to God, understand him more and become better human beings in the process. That may be true in the longer term but in between times, there are many peaks and troughs. And accompaniment can be helpful for the bumpy parts of the ride.

On the troughs side of the equation, we can all pick something out of a long list of things that are stumbling blocks in our spiritual journey – sickness, redundancy, relationship issues, stress, faith crises – to name but a few. It's called life. And in addition, we fail, we fall short, we can't be bothered, we lose any discipline we once had in our spiritual life. It's called being human. In such circumstances of trials and tribulations, Romans 12:12 exhorts us '*Rejoice in hope, be patient in tribulation, be constant in prayer.*' That may not be as easy as it sounds when the flow is against us and we face crisis. That's when an accompanier walking a part of the journey with us can help us see that God is still here.

On the peaks side of the equation, we may be looking for what to do next in our spiritual walk. What is God calling me to do? What are my gifts? Is this a time of waiting? Where should I be? How do I get there? Having a sounding board who will listen and help us tease out answers is an aid to our progress.

In all of this it is about seeking the answer with God from within ourselves. It is not at all about being directed. The accompanier may offer some suggestions – a book to read, a new way of seeing God, an insight on where to look and find him. But it's you and God that have the answer. The accompanier is just a facilitator who has the privilege to walk with you for a short distance, listening and encouraging.

If you are interested in spiritual accompaniment, you can find details of how to find an accompanier on the Derby Diocese website, Faith and Life tab, within the Spirituality section.

(<http://www.derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/spirituality-1/spiritual-companions-accompaniers-directors.html>)

"To receive spiritual direction is to recognize that God does not solve our problems or answer all our questions, but leads us closer to the mystery of our existence where all questions cease."

(Henri Nouwen)

FAITH IN ACTION

Ashes to Ashes: *From Elizabeth Thompson*

On Ash Wednesday (14th Feb, excitingly) there will be Ashes to Go in the city centre. This is to invite you to take part. If you've never heard of it, Ashes to Go is basically a way to encounter and pray with people in the street. St Peter's and the Cathedral have run it for the last three years with stations (two or three people) outside each church and along the street in between.



If you'd like to take part in the city centre:

- 11.30 onwards meet in the Cathedral cafe for coffee and to pick up ash and prayer cards
- 12.00 - 2.00, or some of that time, ash passers-by: stations outside the Cathedral, outside St Peter's, and along the street in between. We'll work in pairs or threes.
- Lunch/hot drinks available back at the Cathedral cafe afterwards.
- If you can't make it at the beginning, come along when you can and you'll find us in the street.

Ash, prayer cards to give people, and A-boards for advertisement will be provided. Last year some of us wore cassocks and cloaks, and some of us didn't: whatever you like (but keep warm!). The prayer cards will have Ash Wednesday on one side, and St Valentine on the other.

Please let me know if you can come. If you'd like to get a team together to do this in your own area instead, I'd be very happy to supply resources or talk about it. If you know someone who might like to take part and hasn't received this, please pass it on. Valuable experience for new curates, prospective ordinands...

Derby City of Sanctuary news: *From Revd Maureen Priddin*

1. City of Sanctuary Guardian charity grant awarded to Derby:

Derby City of Sanctuary have received a grant of £9,500 to deliver a 'Sanctuary Specialists' project in the city, aiming to develop the City of Sanctuary vision that the UK will be a welcoming place of safety for all which is proud to offer sanctuary to people fleeing violence and persecution, and that our city in particular will be a place of welcome and protection for those seeking sanctuary here. This project will have three main threads:

- Training sanctuary seekers as 'Sanctuary Specialists' to work with faith communities, local groups, businesses and organisations including delivering one-to-one sessions for groups pledging support, follow-up sessions to ensure actions have been carried out and to present Sanctuary Awards to groups that have successfully worked towards the three principles of 'learn, embed, share'. Derby Cathedral and Walbrook Epiphany are already "Churches of Sanctuary". If your church community would like to know more or become a Church of Sanctuary please get in touch.
- Raising awareness among City Councillors and key decision makers including arranging meetings, collecting letters of support for Derby to become a recognised City of Sanctuary and inviting key decision makers to Sanctuary Award events to meet sanctuary seekers and see support from local groups, businesses and organisations.
- Raise awareness of Streams of Sanctuary by running focus groups involving a Sanctuary Specialist, set up channels of communication for sharing information and good practice and collecting and sharing stories on social media to promote the work being done in the city and celebrate the contribution of sanctuary seekers.

2. Laverstoke Court – New Initial Accommodation Centre in Derby

You may have heard in the media that Laverstoke Court, Peet St, Derby will be opening in mid-January as an Initial Accommodation Centre for up to 225 newly arrived asylum-seekers. Urban Housing Services, acting on behalf of G4S, will be running the site and recruitment has been underway to staff the centre. It will be self-catering with residents receiving £5 a day on an ASPEN card to meet all their living needs. To ensure that people don't have to carry heavy shopping, Urban Housing will have an agreement with Pak supermarket, which is local to the hostel, where residents can purchase food and the supermarket will provide deliveries of the shopping three days a week. NHS England are visiting the site shortly and they plan to have a base onsite for health screening. Migrant Help will also be on site to complete asylum support applications.

The Centre will still be classed as Initial Accommodation and once Section 95 support has been granted residents will be "dispersed" (Home Office word) from the accommodation to cities all over the UK. The maximum length of stay for people at Laverstoke Court should be a maximum of twenty-one days. Given that the site will host up to 225 asylum seekers, G4S has agreed they will reduce the number of individuals housed in Section 95 accommodation in the ward where the centre is based.

A Volunteer Coordinator will be recruited who will engage volunteers to run activities in the centre and also work in partnership with local agencies who support refugees and those seeking asylum. Derby City of Sanctuary and partner refugee support organizations in the city are already in contact with Urban Housing and the City Council about the Centre and will be in touch with the Volunteer Coordinator at the Centre once he/she has been appointed, regarding how best to support residents.

If you or your community could offer welcome, support and friendship to the residents please get in touch directly with the Centre after mid-January or myself at Derby City of Sanctuary (c/o DRAC2@hotmail.co.uk).

Please hold in your prayers all those fleeing persecution and war that they may find sanctuary and welcome in our city.



"proud to welcome and support sanctuary seekers in Derby"



TELLING THEM BY THEIR HATS: INTRODUCING THE EASTERN CHURCHES

Jo Simister visited the School of Near East Theology in Beirut in September 2017; the first talk of the day was an introduction to the different Eastern Christian denominations.

It was our first morning in Lebanon, very hot, and our very first appointment was a masterclass 'Introduction to the Churches of the East', an explanation which usually extends over four months but which we romped through in 40 minutes. I thought I would share my notes as a whistle-stop tour of the complexities of the Eastern Churches with their confusing names. They are the roots of our faith and we in the west tend to be quite ignorant of their rich traditions and wonderful, spiritual prayers – except perhaps the Jesus Prayer.

Our lecture started with two points:

- Christianity has been in the Levant from the very beginning, it was not imported from Europe! The eastern churches are the original churches, born of the same culture in which Christ lived.
- Christianity was from the beginning diverse, spreading through diverse faiths and languages, and being received and understood in terms of each recipient culture and mindset.

At the point where Christianity became 'legal', this brought a number of organisational headaches as it became clear that a consensus on belief was needed: cue Constantine and the Council of Nicaea in 325AD, at which there were 'as many opinions as bishops', and from where we get the Nicene Creed and the concept of orthodoxy vs heresy.

An Age of Councils followed. We chiefly hear of the Council of Ephesus in 431 and the Council of Chalcedon in 451. The reasons for the various schism arose over theological interpretation. At Ephesus the debate centred on the question 'How is Jesus God?' – from conception? In which case, is Mary 'Theotokos' (God-bearer = Orthodox belief) or 'Christotokos' (Christ-bearer = Assyrian belief)? At Chalcedon the main debate was about the nature of Christ: both divine and human, but how do the two relate? Are they water and wine, intermixed? (non-Chalcedonian or Monophysite) – or water and oil, two natures without confusion? All fascinating..... but I retreat into 'it's all a mystery, we don't need to understand'.

The eventual result, pertaining to the present day, was a dozen different Church denominations which can be grouped in a number of ways:

- according to liturgical family/language (Syriac, Coptic, Armenian, Greek/Byzantine, Latin and the western Reformation churches)
- according to doctrine (Chalcedonian, Non-Chalcedonian or Monophysite, and Pre-Chalcedonian or Nestorian).
 - The Chalcedonian group: Greek Orthodox churches (Alexandria, Jerusalem, Antioch, Cyprus and Constantinople); the Catholic Churches (Greek Catholic or Melkite, Maronite, Syriac

Catholic, Armenian Catholic, Coptic Catholic, Chaldeans, Latin i.e. straightforward Roman Catholics as we know them) and the protestant Churches (Reformed, Anglican, Lutheran, Baptist, Pentecostal, etc).

- The Non-Chalcedonian group: Syriac Orthodox (Antioch and India), Coptic Orthodox (Alexandria) and Armenian Orthodox (Etchmiadzin, Cilicia-Antelias).
- And finally, the Pre-Chalcedonian or Nestorian family is represented by the Assyrian church.

I hope you are still with me?

From the nineteenth century, various western missions which were part of the west's empire building were added into the cocktail. So, there are a number of Anglican, Lutheran, Methodist and Baptist churches and offshoots in the area, and these often work together.

For the most part, relations between the various churches are cordial, if sometimes challenging. It's interesting, for example, to watch how the traditional patriarchal churches deal with women in clerical collars!

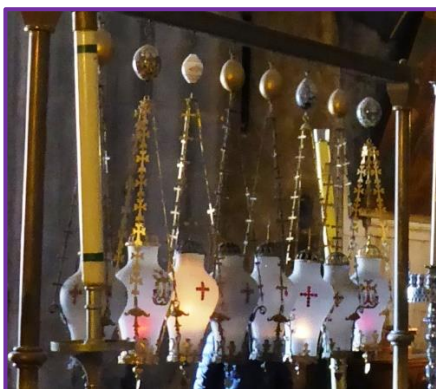


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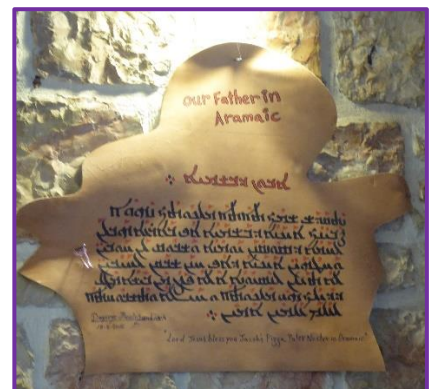
Lutheran pastors from Germany, Netherlands, Finland, Denmark, Sweden

But to be serious for a moment, what does it all mean, here and now? Wars still being fought for these differences, but the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity* brings an opportunity to lay all these trappings of tradition and practice aside, and to read the words of St John's gospel 'that they may be one' and to greet each other with a common faith in Christ which is from the heart and not from theologising. The future survival of Christianity in many parts of the world depends on finding common ground and valuing what each tradition brings to the whole Body of Christ.



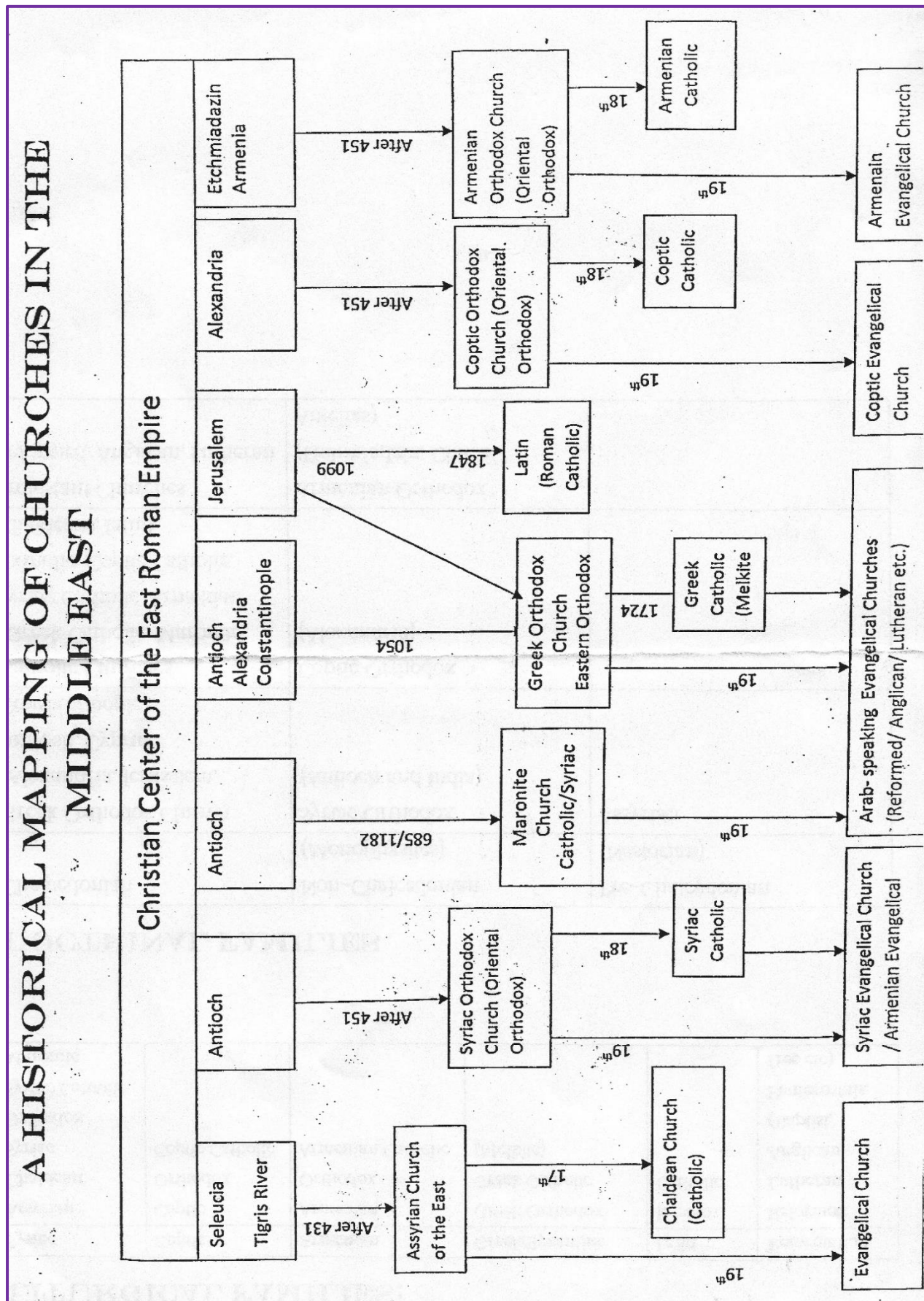
Lamps over the Stone of Anointing in the Holy Sepulchre Church (known to the eastern churches as the Church of the Resurrection), decorated with different styles of cross. Each lamp is the responsibility of a different denomination.

The Lord's Prayer in Aramaic, in a Christian-run pizza café. There is a great sense of the long history of these ancient churches.

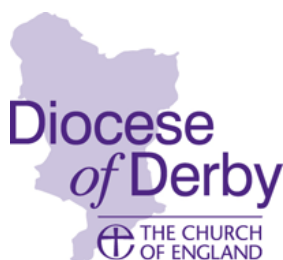


* This year the Week of Prayer resources have been compiled by the Caribbean Churches, and their issues of slavery and oppression are close to the hearts of many in Derby. The resources can be found at <https://www.oikoumene.org/en/resources/documents/commissions/faith-and-order/xi-week-of-prayer-for-christian-unity/2018/2018> .

I have included this chart from our lecture. It is not exhaustive I hope it gives an idea of the relationships in the 'family tree' of eastern churches. [thanks to <http://www.theonest.edu.lb>]



DATES FOR THE DIARY



Thy Kingdom Come 2018: Diocesan Launch Events



Thy Kingdom Come is a global movement, led by the Archbishop of Canterbury, to encourage Christians to pray for others to respond to the Good News of Jesus, particularly during the period between Ascension and Pentecost.

As in previous years, we'd love to encourage every church in the Diocese to get involved in any way they're able; to help churches to do that, we're running a launch event at three different times and venues:

Saturday 27th January 2018, 10.00am-3.30pm

Bath Road Church Centre, Bath Road, Buxton, SK17 6HJ

Saturday 3rd February 2018, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Alkmund's Derby, Kedleston Road, Derby, DE22 1GU

Saturday 10th February 2018, 10.00am-3.30pm

St Barnabas Centre, Pilsley Road, Danesmoor, Chesterfield, S45 9BU

At each event, we'll be outlining the plans for Thy Kingdom Come 2018 and offering ways that you can get involved. We'll be showing you the resources available and we're planning to have some of those resources ready for you to take away. We'll also be offering creative and imaginative ideas on encouraging the Church to pray – as congregations, as individuals and as families – that we can all use not only for Thy Kingdom Come, but to enrich our prayer lives and those of our churches.

The events are FREE and OPEN TO ALL; however, to help with organisation and administration, if you would like to attend please REGISTER by contacting:

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The church is open on Tuesdays, Wednesdays. Thursdays from 4.30pm - 6.00pm with evening prayer at approximately 5.15pm.

Most Sundays: 9.45am Family Eucharist. 4.30pm Choral Evensong

Special Services:

Sunday January 28th. 4.30pm Candlemas Eucharist - a candle lit service for all.

Tuesday February 13th 7.00pm Prayer, Praise & Pancake Party.

Wednesday February 14th 12.30 Ash Wednesday Eucharist with Ashing

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Holocaust Memorial Day 2018 in Derby

Holocaust Memorial Day was established in 2001 as an international day to remember the victims of genocides. In addition to the Holocaust during World War 2, the Armenian genocide, the Ukrainian Holodomor and the genocide of the Bosnian people at Srebrenica are also marked. The date was fixed on 27th January to coincide with the date of the liberation of Auschwitz in 1945. The theme each year is set by the national HMD Trust and for 2017 it is "The Power of words".

Derby has remembered the day since 2001, with a week of events surrounding the 27th January each year. This year the 27th January falls on the Jewish Sabbath and the 26th conflicts with the preparations for the Sabbath. In order to be fully inclusive the main events this year will take place on Thursday 25th January.

All events are open to the public and most are free.

- **Monday 22nd Film** at the Quad "**Bitter Harvest**" 6:30pm (tickets from Quad box office)
- **Tuesday 23rd Piano recital** by Damir Durmanovic, a young Bosnian international pianist at the Multifaith Centre, Derby University 7:30pm
- **Wednesday 24th Musical evening** Phil Tomlinson & his Klezmer group at the Multifaith Centre 7.00pm
- **Thursday 25th Holocaust Memorial Day:**
 - **Service of reflection and Act of Commemoration** Bridge Chapel 3pm
 - **Reception in commemoration of the Bosnian war and Srebrenica massacre** 4pm at the Bosnia Herzegovina Centre, 99 Curzon St DE1 1LN
 - **A Service of Commemoration, Remembrance and Hope** 6.30pm at Derby Cathedral
 - **An evening of commemoration and celebration** to include performances by communities that have found sanctuary and safety from persecution in Derby and including input from Bishop Alastair at the QUAD 7:45pm. Free event but you will need to book through the Quad box office 01332 290 606
- **Friday 26th Open evening at the National Sikh Heritage Centre** and Holocaust museum, Princes St DE23 8NT 6pm
- **Sunday 28th Jan** – 1pm a service to commemorate the 85th anniversary of the **Holodomor** at St Michael's Ukrainian Church, Dairyhouse Rd, DE23 8HP.

You will be most welcome to any of these events.





More information is available on the web: www.holocaustmemorialdayderby.org

Convent of the Holy Name, Morley Road, Oakwood, DERBY DE21 4TB

- **Saturdays 27th January & 3rd February:** Experiencing Prayer (Sister Edith Margaret)
- **Friday 9th February to Sunday 11th February:** Weekend Retreat: The Colour of Light
- **Saturday 17th February:** Quiet Day for Lent (Sister Pauline Margaret)
- **Thursday 22nd February:** (7-9 pm): 'Taking the lid off General Synod' (Sister Rosemary)
- **Tuesday 20th March:** Quiet day for Passiontide (Sister Rosemary)

Enquiries/ bookings for all events via the Assistant Superior at
Tel - 01332 671716 (ext 6); email assistantprovincialchn@yahoo.co.uk

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 <p><i>Singing For Fun</i></p> <h3>Singing for fun</h3> <p>is an opportunity to sing with others regardless of whether you can read music, or you think you can't sing. It's an evening when you can just enjoy being part of a group who like to sing.</p> <p>Please send your Name, Phone number and email address to frleonardyoung@hotmail.co.uk if you'd like to join. More information at: http://www.stbartholomews-derby.org.uk/singingforfun.htm.</p>	 <p>Join us in the New Year Beginning Monday 5th February 2018 7.30pm Monday Evenings St Bartholomew's Centre Which is at the rear of the church building.</p>
 <p>Holy Week Retreat in Daily Life.</p> <p>The Parish Church of St Werburgh Spondon</p> <p>An opportunity to make a retreat without going on retreat as part of daily life through Holy Week. An opportunity to prepare for Easter; reflect on personal issues with a retreat guide and to join with others in the pilgrim journey of Holy Week.</p> <p>For more info, get in touch through the contacts page on www.stwerburgh.com</p>	<p><i>Would you like to sponsor a newsletter?</i></p> <p><i>We publish 5 or 6 a year, and we are looking for businesses or individuals who would like to sponsor an issue.</i></p> <p><i>Forthcoming issues are planned for circulation in March, May, July September, November and January, and are an excellent opportunity for promotion to all congregations in Derby City and beyond.</i></p>
 <p>The Parish Church of St Werburgh Spondon</p> <p>Inclusion is Mission</p> <p>Heard about Inclusive Church? Want to know more? Thinking of joining the network as an individual or as a church? Tuesday March 13th 7.30pm at St Werburgh, Spondon. An evening Q and A with a short presentation by Julian Hollywell, Inclusive Church Ambassador in Derby Diocese and other members of Inclusive Church.</p> <p>For more info, get in touch through the contacts page on www.stwerburgh.com</p>	<p>Contact Deanery Admin and Editor Jo Simister at jo.simister@derby.anglican.org http://www.derby.anglican.org for more information.</p>

DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE:

16 March 2018, available for Easter, covering Easter to Pentecost.

Items to: jo.simister@derby.anglican.org