

# 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,

According to the *Healthy Churches Handbook*, “parties and thank yous make the world a better place, and more like the Kingdom of God”. Parties and thank yous have been an important part of the life of Derby City Deaneries in the past few years.

We began with a party - a Festival of Life, which helped the mission of one parish and enabled us all to begin our life together as a Deanery in celebration and in mission. When the Bishop came to launch the Deanery, he looked out onto a congregation in which many of the faces sported face paint. And that was just the clergy!



*At the Deanery Festival of Life 2016*

We have continued with Festivals of Life, in Mackworth and later this year in Chellaston. Coming together to celebrate, to support the mission of the parish and to have some fun. When Pope Francis wrote about evangelism, in a quite remarkable document, he called it The Joy of the Gospel. He warned that evangelists must be people who are joyful. Parties are important.

There are countless thank yous to say. Thank you to Jo Simister, whose patience with me has been boundless. Thank you to Madelaine Goddard, our Lay Chair, who has been clear sighted and tireless in working for the deanery. Thank you to Simon Cartwright, Assistant Area Dean, whose ability to make connections beyond the church is a real gift to the Deanery. Thank you to a Deanery Leadership Team who have worked well together, and been a place of challenge and of laughter. Thank you to the Deanery Synod, which has been a place of inspiration to me. Thank you to my clergy colleagues in the Chapter, who have graciously worked with me. Thank you to everyone who has supported Festivals of Life, Deanery services, and been part of what God has been doing here. It has been an enormous privilege and a great pleasure to serve as Area Dean of Derby City. I thank God for all of you.

Parties and thank yous - a good way to end. There is much to celebrate and to be thankful for, in the past three years and in the years to come. Be assured of my continuing prayers. Please pray for me during this time of change.

With my love, prayers and all best wishes,

*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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## ROLES DURING THE VACANCY FOR AREA DEAN

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*Lay Chair Madelaine, Area Dean Simon, Deanery Admin Jo*

### Deanery Synod

Lay Chair Mrs Madelaine Goddard to Chair

### Deanery Leadership Team

Lay Chair Mrs Madelaine Goddard to Chair

### Clergy Chapter

Assistant Area Dean Revd Dr Simon Cartwright to Chair

### New Housing Group

Assistant Area Dean Revd Dr Simon Cartwright to Chair

### Breathing Space

Revd Anthony Till to convene [anthonytill@virginmedia.com](mailto:anthonytill@virginmedia.com)

### Festival of Life

Host: St Peter's Chellaston

Co-ordinator Revd Sarah Watson [curate.walbrook@gmail.com](mailto:curate.walbrook@gmail.com)

### Church Planters & Pioneers Group

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### Resourcing Derby City

Deanery Representative: Asst Area Dean Revd Dr Simon

### Management Group

Cartwright

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### **SAFEGUARDING: Dates available for our deanery bookings in late 2019/20**

- All trainings are listed on [www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com](http://www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com).
- These below are the dates allocated to our deanery, and there are no trainings confirmed so far.
- Trainings can be arranged within your parish, however the Safeguarding team are not able to run a course unless there are a minimum of 20 people booked onto it at least one week before it is due to take place. Please let Jo know if you wish to book such a training in your parish\*, [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) :

Month: DEC 2019 – JAN 2020	Session 1 TIME:9.30-12.30 a.m	Session 2 TIME:1.30- 4.30 p.m.	Session 3 TIME:6.15--9.15 p.m.
Tues 10/12/2019			
Thurs 12/12/2019			
Tues 07/01/2020			
Thurs 09/01/2020			
Tues 14/01/2020	DV&A - tbc	DV&A - tbc	DV&A - tbc

## NEWS FROM AROUND THE DEANERY:

### BISHOP LIBBY IN THE DEANERY

We welcomed Bishop Libby to our Deanery with a two-day tour in early June – including this very soggy afternoon at Wilmorton Allotments. Other highlights included the Cathedral School, the 24/7 Prayer Room at St Alkmund's, tours of the city centre and new housing areas, and meetings about Breathing Space, with community leaders, and with Church Planters and Pioneers.



Bishop Libby's installation photos: <https://www.flickr.com/photos/diocesefderby/albums/72157708474097685/page1>

### ORDINATIONS

Please pray for all those who have recently been ordained to serve in Derby City Deanery, for their families, for the parishes and churches in which they will serve and for their Training Priests.



Lots more photos at <https://www.flickr.com/photos/diocesefderby/albums/72157709420820512/with/48195006612/>

#### Ordained Deacon:

- Will Eley to the Parish of St Giles, Normanton
- Dawn Knight, to the Parishes of St Nicholas, Allestree and St Paul, Quarndon
- Jenny Newman to the Bishop's Mission Order at St Werburgh's, Derby
- Anthony Till to the Walbrook Epiphany Team Ministry

#### Ordained Priest:

- Steve Boswell to the Parish of St Giles, Normanton



## DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER



### REFLECTION

*Some reflections by Canon Michael Mitton, who retired as Priest in Charge of St Paul's, Chester Green at the end of June.*

I arrived in the Diocese in the Spring of 1991 when I was Director of Anglican Renewal Ministries, a national organisation to encourage renewal in the church. Until 2003 I worked for a couple of national charities, but I wanted to be very much rooted in my local church (St.Alkmunds) and Deanery (then, Derby North). Although I was travelling much during these years, I felt closely connected with both Deanery and Diocese, and when in 2003 there was a job going in the Diocese as 'Renewing Ministry Project Officer', it seemed a logical step to apply for it. *Renewing Ministry* was a change strategy devised mostly by the then Bishop of Repton, David Hawtin, and in the view of most people I met it was viewed as a recipe for disaster!

However, I knew it was the call of God to offer for this work, and I suppose it was not surprising that there was not a flood of applicants and I was duly appointed. I felt clear in my own mind that this programme of change did have its shortcomings, yet I sensed God was calling it into being to challenge our tried and tested ways of doing ministry. I do believe it was a kind of divine shake-up to prepare us for the immense challenges and changes that the new millennium has brought us.

In taking up the new post, I discussed with Bishop Jonathan, whether he would consider my serving in St.Pauls, which had become vacant. I felt that part of the *Renewing Ministry* vision was to support struggling smaller churches, and to explore new ways of doing ministry. Jonathan happily agreed to appoint me as the self-supporting minister of St.Paul's as an experiment. I am so grateful he agreed to this, because I have found St.Paul's to be a most wonderful church, and it has been a great privilege to serve there.

During my *Renewing Ministry* work I encountered the emerging *Fresh Expressions* movement and I was hugely grateful to Bishop Alastair in appointing me to serve part time as the Fresh Expressions officer, and for several years I had the most exciting job of working with Pioneer Ministers and Fresh Expressions of Church, alongside my freelance ministry of writing, speaking and spiritual direction which was taking up the other part of my time.

Around the time I arrived in Derby, I started to take an interest in Celtic Christian spirituality. Exploring the early stories of faith in these isles and Ireland, and visiting many sites of early communities, I recognised that in this ancient history and ancient places there was a rich vein of inspiration for mission and ministry today. Whilst I retire from my work with the diocese and parish, my freelance work continues, and some of this involves co-leading pilgrimages to sites of early Celtic witness in the UK and Ireland. I have recently returned from leading such a pilgrimage in Cornwall for 16 South Africans, and marvelled yet again at the works of God in the lives and hearts of these pilgrims as we visited ancient wells and churches, and prayed together for vision, healing and renewal.

We are all aghast at the speed with which time has passed. It really does not seem long since I arrived fresh-faced and energetic in this diocese and deanery. Well the face is considerably less fresh, and the energy levels are lower, but I'm still up for quite a few adventures, and as Brendan of old found out, you are never too old to go on new adventures with God, and the bright breeze of the Spirit is always full of surprises.

*"I discovered a burning and evangelical love for the Bible ... a depth of spiritual life and stillness ... a radical commitment to the poor and to God's creation; and the most attractive expression of charismatic life that I had yet encountered. ... I am in no doubt that the Spirit of God is reminding us of the first expression of faith in these isles to give us inspiration for Christian ministry and mission today." (from 'Restoring the Woven Cord')*



### St Brendan's prayer

*Lord I will trust you  
help me to journey  
beyond the familiar  
and into the unknown.  
Give me the faith to  
leave old ways  
and break fresh ground  
with You.*

*Christ of the mysteries, can I trust you?  
to be stronger than each storm in me?*

*Do I still yearn for Your glory in lighten on me?  
I will show others the care You have shown me.  
I determine amidst all uncertainty always to trust.*

*I choose to live beyond regret, and let You recreate my life.  
I believe You will make a way for me and provide for me,  
If only I trust You, and obey.*

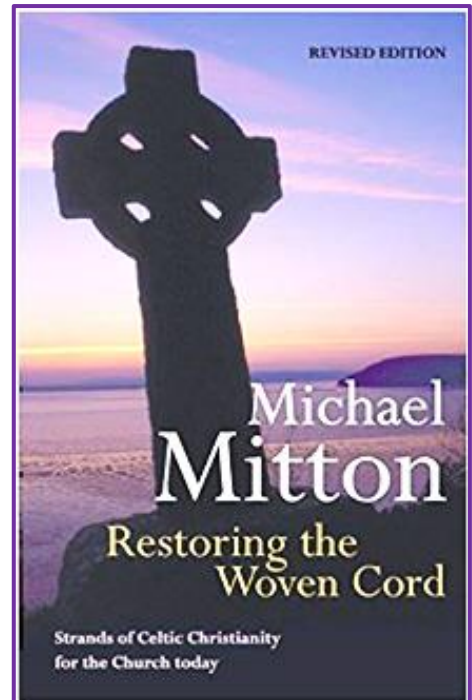
*I will trust in the darkness and know  
that my times are still in Your hands.*

*I will believe You for my future,  
chapter by chapter, until all the story is written.*

*Focus my mind and my heart upon You,  
my attention always on You without alteration.*

*Strengthen me with Your blessing,  
and appoint to me the task.*

*Teach me to live with eternity in view,  
Tune my spirit into the music of heaven,  
Feed me, and, somehow,  
make my obedience count for You.*



[Brendan is one of the early Irish monastic saints, c. AD 484 – c. 577. He is primarily renowned for his legendary quest to the "Isle of the Blessed", described in the Navigatio Sancti Brendani Abbatis ("Voyage of Saint Brendan"). <https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Brendan> ]

## DEANERY PILGRIMAGE TO JERUSALEM AND THE WEST BANK – JANUARY 2020

*Jo Simister, previously Vice-Chair (Outreach) for the charity Living Stones of the Holy Land Trust writes:*

I am very pleased to have been able to arrange a group visit to join in the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Jerusalem 2020.

This will be the seventh such group I have taken, and I know what a life-changing experience it can be! As a resident of Jerusalem for 10 years, working first with Quaker Peace and Service, then Save the Children, and various Palestinian universities, and networking international non-governmental organisation working in the humanitarian field throughout the Occupied Palestinian Territories and the wider Middle East, I look forward to sharing my knowledge of this special place and its wonderful people.

Despite the ongoing difficulties which the Christian and other communities are experiencing in Jerusalem and throughout the area, our presence during this Week of Prayer is greatly appreciated and eagerly welcomed.

We are planning a 12-day pilgrimage from Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January to Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February, 2020. However, we are aware that some prospective pilgrims may only be able to take a week away during term time, so it will be possible to join us for the core 8 days of the Week of Prayer itself, Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January to Sunday 2<sup>nd</sup> February.

**Itinerary overview:** The 12 days will begin in the Galilee at the Convent of the Beatitudes near Tiberias, from where we shall visit Nazareth and sites around the Sea of Galilee and other places associated with Jesus' ministry.

We shall then move south to Taybeh (biblical Ephraim) in the West Bank, where any 8-day pilgrims will join us.

We shall join the various different denominational churches around Jerusalem for special services for the Week of Prayer for Christian Unity each evening and visit communities and projects around the West Bank during the day. The theme for 2020 is "They Showed Us Unusual Kindness" (cf. Acts 28:2) with resources prepared by the Christians of Malta.

Our day-time visits will include Sebastiya, Birkin, Bethlehem, Ramallah, Jericho, Bethany and Nablus in the West Bank.

There will also be free days on Thursday and Friday so that individuals may join local activities such as the 3pm Friday Way of the Cross walk along the Via Dolorosa – and we also have suggestions for various museums, etc.

On the final Sunday we shall attend the liturgy at the Crusader church in Abu Ghosh before dropping the 8-day pilgrims at the airport.

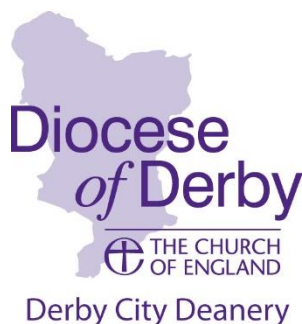
The 12-day group will return to Jerusalem for the closing service of the Week of Prayer, and then move to Bethlehem from where we shall explore the southern West Bank, including Battir, Hebron and the Tent of Nations.

On the final morning we shall visit Jaffa before going to the airport.

I hope you are enthused by this itinerary! Please email me if you have any queries.







*Invitation to join*  
**Jo Simister (Leader) and Revd Adam Dickens (Chaplain**  
**at Derby University and the Cathedral)**  
*for the*

## **Week of Prayer for Christian Unity in Jerusalem, 2020**

***Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> January – Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020***



### ***Come and:***

- ☆ *worship with many denominations (e.g. Greek Orthodox, Armenians, Syrian & Ethiopian Orthodox – as well as Lutherans, Anglicans and Roman Catholics)*
- ☆ *encounter Christians living in Galilee, Jerusalem and the West Bank*
- ☆ *visit community projects, institutions and enterprises in Palestine and Israel*
- ☆ *show support and solidarity with all the people of the Middle East*
- ☆ *engage in dialogue on the theological implications of justice and peace*

**12 nights based in Galilee, Taybeh, Jerusalem and Bethlehem:** £1700 pp in twin room (£450 single supplement);

**8 nights based in Taybeh and Jerusalem:** £1250 pp in twin room (£300 single suppl.)

**This includes:** transport and a driver and interpreter and also a light lunch most days, and all tips. It does not include personal spending, donations for any speakers or projects visited, or flights.

**Flights:** Jo recommends the EasyJet flight from Luton, which costs around £200 return. It is also possible to book an extra bag if you would like to bring clothes, books or other materials for projects and link organisations. *[If you have links with particular projects or personnel, please let Jo know so that we can include a visit if feasible, or invite representatives to talk to us one evening.]*

**Would you like to join us?** If you would like to know more, and for booking instructions, please contact Jo Simister: [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org).

## DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY



### BREATHING SPACE UPDATE

Revd Anthony Till\*, newly ordained deacon and serving as curate in the Walbrook Epiphany Team, will be contacting parishes over the next few weeks, to discuss the activities which might be registered as Breathing Spaces for the deanery, and be given a certificate, and publicised through a Breathing Space (Derby) facebook page.



A **Breathing Space** is an activity or opportunity that supports one or more of the recognised features that help to improve our wellbeing, i.e.: Connect, Be active, Take notice, Keep learning, and Give.

In essence, approval and registration of an activity as a Breathing Space needs a minute from your PCC or other governing body, and your activity must be open to anybody (for schools, this means anyone within the school), and must be part of a church or school that is intentionally developing a culture that is aiming to promote positive approaches to Mental Health.

There will be an opportunity to share information and publicise your activities at the Festival of Life at St Peter's Chellaston on Saturday 12 October, and also market anything your group produces, if you wish.

Please contact Jo Simister [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) for a Breathing Space registration form.

\* Anthony's profile is at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/hearing-god's-call/meet-some-ordinands/meet-our-ordinands-anthony-till.html>

### RED CROSS: DESTITUTION IN DERBY – REVIEW 2019

*Extracts from a sobering report which can be found at*

<https://derby.cityofsanctuary.org/wp-content/uploads/sites/19/2019/06/Findings-destitution-RASC.pdf>



#### Incidence of destitution

- In 2018, we saw 752 direct service users in Derby, with an increase of 30% from 2017 (576)
- A total of 271 people received destitution support in 2018 (35% of total service users)
- We completed 1761 destitution support actions, with an increase of 20% from 2017 (1419)
- A total of 143 people were destitute dependent beneficiaries.

#### Profile of respondents

- Our respondents came from 39 different countries. Main nationalities were Sudan (44), Iraq (42), Iran (38), Eritrea (25) and Afghanistan (12).
- 77 per cent were male. The vast majority did not have any dependents.
- In terms of status, there were asylum seekers (157), refugees (33), refused – no further submissions (31), refused – further submissions made (17), irregular (5), EU/EEA (1), and other (20).
- Destitution predominated among asylum seekers aged 24–34 years (126), 35–44 (51), 20–24 (39), and 15–19 years (16). Four were aged 55–64 years and one was over 65 years.



### Reasons for destitution

- The majority of those who received destitution support were at the end of the asylum process and were waiting for further submissions and for Section 4 support (36%).

### Impact of destitution on people's lives

- Fifty per cent of our service users reported worsened physical health, exacerbated by their material living conditions
- Almost all reported that homelessness, social isolation and uncertainty about the future worsened their mental health.
- Destitution was not a push factor for returning home for most of our service users.

### Our key findings include:

- Destitution implies a **crisis** and is most common among refused asylum seekers. The main reason is termination of asylum support payments. These are stopped when an asylum claim is refused, and there can be delays in new applications for support.
- **Newly recognised refugees frequently become destitute.** After being granted leave to remain in the UK, there is a 28-day period before all asylum support, including housing, ends.
- **Destitution is a chronic, recurrent and transitional condition.** Thirty-three per cent of our destitute service users have been destitute between six months and two years.
- There is **shortage of local provision** for refused asylum seekers with multiple and complex needs or who are female, including survivors of domestic violence.

### Our recommendations to Derby City Council:

- Allocate more resources to coordinate the local sector response on destitution issues for asylum seekers and newly recognised refugees.
- Improve the level of support and accessibility of information provided to newly recognised refugees to help them navigate the system.
- Consider developing an Integrated Communities Strategy to build capacity to respond to the physical, emotional and mental health needs of destitute asylum seekers.
- Develop a local approach to human rights assessments for people who need social care but have no recourse to public funds, to ensure a clear and consistent approach to human rights assessments which fits with the Human Rights Act 1998.

### The national British Red Cross society has called national decision makers to:

- Give end-to-end financial support to asylum seekers, up until they have refugee status or can return to their home country.
- Sometimes a person has their asylum application refused and cannot return to their country through no fault of their own. In such cases, grant people limited leave to remain in the UK.
- Give free health care to all asylum seekers in England, no matter what their status – as is the case in Scotland, Wales and Northern Ireland.
- Extend the move-on period for new refugees to 56 days and enable them to quickly open bank accounts.

## **MODERN SLAVERY AWARENESS TRAINING**

Derby City Safeguarding Adults and Safeguarding Children's Board are offering a training at Kedleston Rd Training Centre, 184 Kedleston Rd DE22 1GT, 10-12 noon on Fri 26 July, Thurs 22 Aug, Fri 27 Sept and Thurs 24 Oct.

Please book via [www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com](http://www.DerbySafeguarding.eventbrite.com), searching for 'Modern Slavery'.



## DERBY PEACE WEEK – SEPT 2019 – EVENTS

Sat 21 Sept 11am-4pm Palestine cycle ride including a Friends of Hebron Palestinian buffet and talk/workshop.

Sat 21 Sept 2-6pm Disarming women. Mandela Centre

Sat 21 Sept 7-9pm St Peters Centre Function Room Peace Concert. Lester Simpson, Peace through Folk choir and Sue MacFarlane (Ticketed Peace Concert)

Mon 23 Sept ArtCore Celebration of Peace. Experience creative canvas activities to share people's thoughts and expressions on what peace means to them. Delicious refreshments available to all the community to unite through connection, trust and togetherness. 3 Charnwood St Derby DE1 2GT

Mon 23 Sept evening QUAD film All Quiet on the Western Front with introduction and Q&A by Dr Schneider from the Remarque Peace Centre, Osnabruck

Tues 24 Sept QUAD 1-3pm Workshop on Promoting Peace the Osnabruck experience with Dr Schneider and Spike the Poet from Veterans for Peace

Wed 25 Sept Derby MultiFaith Centre Fairtrade lunch & Peace Concert

Wed 25 Sept 7-9pm WEA Sophie Sparham Creative writing workshop

Fri 27 Sept 8pm Word Wise spoken word evening at the Brunswick

Mon 30 Sept QUAD film Shadow World (film on the arms trade) with Q&A by Andrew Feinstein Executive Director Corruption Watch UK

Wed 2 Oct Derby MultiFaith Centre Faith & Climate change conference

### Supporting organisations

Derbyshire Refugee Solidarity, Derby Refugee Advice Centre, Derby MultiFaith Centre, QUAD, Alpha Pro Creative, Derby People's Diary, Derby Refugee Forum, Word Wise, Art Core; Derby branches of Amnesty, CND, City of Sanctuary, Friends of Hebron, Global Justice, Hope not Hate, Palestine Solidarity Campaign, Stop the War

# DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL

## DERBY CATHEDRAL TO HOST KNIFE ANGEL

Derby Cathedral will host The Knife Angel when it comes to the city later this year.

Derby has been chosen to be one of the cities across the country to host the National Monument Against Violence and Aggression.

The spectacular 27ft sculpture, made from around 100,000 bladed weapons collected in knife banks during police amnesties across the country, will be based next to the Cathedral on Irongate, for 28 days in October.



### Shoulder to Shoulder 10 August and 7 September

- Join us to make a real difference to lives in Derby - loving people with practical help; gardening, decorating, DIY, cleaning.
- Meet at 9am, St Alkmunds church car park, Kedleston road, to allocate jobs.
- Lunch provided, just bring your enthusiastic self and any tools and equipment you think might help (like strimmers, loppers, forks/spades, the usual).
- Reply or join the event on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/Alksmen/>
- to let us know you are coming (so we can get you lunch).



### Not only for pilgrimages, but also for all our journeying:



#### A Prayer for Setting Out on Pilgrimage

God of Our Pilgrimage, Thank You for Your Friendship.

Be the Fire Leading Us.

Be the Star Guiding Us.

Be the Good Shepherd Calling Us.

May the Spirit, Strengthen Us  
For All that Lies Ahead.

May Your Holy Angels, Surrounding Us:  
Watch, Defend and Protect Us Against All Evil.

Amen



## PARISH PROFILE Z-A: St Peter's Chellaston



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### The Community

Chellaston lies on the southern boundary of the city of Derby, 4 miles from the city centre and close to the A50, with easy access to the M1. There is frequent public transport into the city and elsewhere.

The village of Chellaston dates back to Anglo Saxon times. It is named in the Domesday Book as Celerdestune. Although it was an important alabaster centre in medieval times, Chellaston remained essentially a small agricultural village until it began to expand in the early 20th century. The village became part of Derby in the 1960s, since when it has developed into a large suburb as the result of an extensive building programme. The population is currently approx. 17,000 and is likely to increase significantly in the future.

The parish has a wide mixture of housing including older properties, privately owned houses and post-war council housing. There are three extensive new housing estates including some larger properties and some social housing.

The major employers in the city are Rolls Royce, Toyota, Bombardier and other industries related to the railway. Many Chellaston residents work for these and other employers in Derby while others work in Nottingham, Leicestershire and further afield.

There are four state schools within the parish, Chellaston Infants, Chellaston Juniors, Homefields Primary and Chellaston Academy, a senior school, which includes a 6th form college. These all have a high reputation and attract families into the parish. All schools welcome contact with St Peter's Church and all schools visit the Church as a part of their Religious Studies Curriculum. The ecumenical project, 'Open the Book', which enacts a Bible story with accompanying narrative, is a popular weekly event for the children at the Infant School.



Chellaston has two community playgroups and several private nurseries. One of the playgroups use the church hall all week and have close ties with the church. There are several shops, 5 public houses, all of which serve food and one of which includes hotel accommodation, a library, a dental practice, two medical centres, a residential home and a nursing home. There are several small businesses, a working farm, a riding stables and a cattery. There is a community centre and association and an active drama group, as well as Guides, Scouts, Brownies, Rainbows, Cubs and Beavers. Other active groups use the church hall and the community centre.

### **The Church Building and Hall**

Parts of the church building date from medieval times. The church is grade II \* listed, and it is well maintained and in very good condition. The Victorian bell tower houses a two dialled striking clock and a ring of six bells.

The main part of the churchyard is closed for burial, but there is a Garden of Remembrance for the interment of ashes. Burials take place outside Chellaston as the local Cemetery in St Peter's Road is now closed.

There is a separate Church hall (opened in 1965) which shares a car park with the church. It is very well used by local community groups, hirers and church groups and to a Leapfrogs nursery as the venue for their pre-school. The building is managed by an active management committee drawn from church members, and a part time caretaker.

### **Church Life**

Holy Communion is celebrated in the Lady Chapel of the church at 9.15am on Wednesday mornings (12-16 communicants) and on some major feast days. Palm Sunday and Ascension Day and other services are held jointly with the Methodist Church and alternate between the two churches. At Christmas there are two crib services on Christmas Eve, and two carol services on the Sunday before. Mission Prayers are held on the first Wednesday by the Churches Together Group.

The Ministry Team of the Vicar, NSM and 3 Readers offer a wide variety of styles of worship and work collaboratively to ensure that these are delivered to the glory of God. We also have a Worship Committee, the ministry team and 3 lay members of the church, that review, plan and prepare major festivals of the church's year. Members of the Ministry Team also run a Bible Study and a Prayer Group

Most services of Morning Worship are led by one of our 3 Readers, who also Deacon and preach at Holy Communion. Lay assistants administer the Chalice at Communion, lead the intercessions and read at most services. Vestments are worn when appropriate to support a variety of styles of worship. Most services use internally produced service books based on Common Worship, we also have Iona and Northumbrian style worship with the Book of Common Prayer Holy Communion Service once a month which is well attended and loved by those who come. Café Praise is celebrated on the 5th Sunday of the month with extra time during the service for refreshments and conversation.

A Reserved Sacrament for distribution to the sick and housebound by both clergy and laity is housed in an Aumbry in the Sanctuary.

An enthusiastic and active 11 strong robed choir led by a dedicated organist/choirmaster sing anthems and lead worship during the 10.30 Holy Communion and Morning Worship services. The choir attends Churches Together services and also organize choral events which coincide with major festivals.

Baptisms are held on 2 Sundays a month in the afternoon and in the main service if requested.

Weddings are few, around 6 a year. We think the reason for this is the very short and narrow aisle which doesn't give much room for a major bridal procession.

In the past couple of years we have noticed a sharp decline in the amount of funerals we are asked to conduct. We think this may be due to the rise in the number of celebrants being used by Funeral Directors. Between the Vicar and 2 Readers we still do at least 40 a year at Church and the Local Crematoria.

### **Congregation**

The congregation at St Peter's comes from a variety of Christian backgrounds and traditions. Most members come from the geographical parish of Chellaston itself, although a few live in neighbouring areas. Most age groups are represented. Several members of other denominations also worship with us on Wednesday or if they are unable to travel to their own churches.

### **Organisation**

St Peter's is fortunate to have 2 dedicated Church Wardens and 5 Deputies who care for the fabric of the church, help out preparing for services and keep the Vicar semi-sane! They are a very supportive team.

The different areas of church life are monitored by ministry committees that are sub-committees of the PCC with powers to co-opt non-PCC members. Standing, Finance, Fabric, Ministry & Mission, Social, Blue Door Family (children and youth work), Church Hall and Churches Together committees are led by members of the laity and make recommendations to the PCC.

### **Children**

All children's activities are run by our wonderful team The Blue Door Family. Named because the church has a big blue door!

St Peter's Poppets (for parents, carers and pre-school children) meets on the 1st Wednesday of the month and is a major source of contact for new Mums to meet others. It is also a great opportunity for mission.

Sunday School, (the Blue Door Gang) is held during the main 10.30am service and the children occasionally lead the service in place of the adults. Funday (Messy) Church began last year on the 1st Sunday of the month in the afternoon replacing the Family Service.





A successful Holiday Club is run in partnership with the Methodist Church in the first week of the summer holidays usually in the church hall with a final act of worship at the Methodist Church.

At present we are prayerfully considering how we can reach out to teenagers.

### **Other Activities**

Cake and Company which does what it says, Cuppa and Craft which offers the opportunity for company and a craft activity and the Luncheon Club which offers a 2 course low cost lunch are run once a month and well attended by the wider community. Recently Knitters United have tagged on to Cake and Company and Cuppa and Craft and are busy knitting scarves and blankets for various charities and angels (for a Christmas mission opportunity). We discovered during a recent survey of church members that everyone is involved in at least one non church organisation in Chellaston.

During Lent, the three churches in Chellaston hold a joint Lent course at a number of homes within the parish.

During the year the Social Committee organises events to celebrate Harvest and Christmas and annual fund-raising events for a chosen charity either local or national and also for church funds.

The church tower has a ring of 6 bells and is currently being used by Melbourne Church ringers as a training tower. They also ring for wedding and special occasions and have been a very welcome addition to our church family. Ringers from far and near come regularly and enjoy wrestling with the difficulty of ringing bells which are very light.

### **Community and Communications**

A weekly news sheet, containing service information and general church notices, is given out at all services.

The parish magazine, 'Outlook' is published bi-monthly and has a circulation of 150. A team of volunteers distributes copies around Chellaston, and copies are available in church and are given to people booking baptism and wedding services.

The Patronal Festival and Summer Fair and the Christmas Festival and Fair held in June and December, are a great opportunity to reach out to the local community and beyond. The children particularly enjoy having their teddies sent from the top of the tower on a zip wire at the summer fair.

### **Ecumenical Links – Churches Together in Chellaston**

The church has strong links with the Catholic and Methodist churches in the parish. In 1996, St Peter's signed an Ecumenical Covenant with the Methodist and Roman Catholic Churches in Chellaston. This is renewed every 5 years. Churches Together Services are held in one of the churches each month and at some Festivals, and the three churches work together on specific occasions including Christian Aid week and 'Open the Book'. At present the members of the Catholic Church are holding their Saturday night Mass at St Peter's while they wait for their new church to be built. CTIC has been part of church life for the past 40 years and is an important part of our collective mission to the people of Chellaston. We support our community especially our library, nursing homes and Spirit of Chellaston (nothing holy but about community cohesion) run by the Community Association.

St Peter's has a small but dedicated congregation most of whom are over 60. As with many churches we can only do so much so we try to do a few things but do them well.

***'To know Christ and make Christ known':***

***We live to know and show the love of Jesus to everyone we meet.***

## DATES FOR THE DIARY

**Deadline for the next issue:** Friday 30 August, to be available mid September (covering autumn activities, into Advent). **Items to:** [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org).

### **Sponsorship:**

Would you like to sponsor a newsletter? It's an excellent opportunity for promotion to all Church of England congregations in Derby City and beyond. Contact Deanery Admin Jo Simister at [jo.simister@derby.anglican.org](mailto:jo.simister@derby.anglican.org) for more information.

Sat 20 July 2pm	<b>Garden Party on the lawn.</b> Tombola/raffle All welcome	St John the Evangelist, Mill/Bridge Street, Derby. DE1 1DY
Sat 20 July 7pm	<b>Plenteousness within thy palaces:</b> Cathedral Choir Concert	Derby Cathedral, Irongate, DE1 3GP Tickets £10 available from The Sanctuary, or on the door
Thurs 12 Sept 10am – 4pm	<b>Mind Mapping Your Spiritual Journey.</b>	Church House, Full Street, Derby DE1 3DR <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-mapping-your-spiritual-journey-tickets-54697559874">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/mind-mapping-your-spiritual-journey-tickets-54697559874</a>
Mon 16 Sep 7-9pm	<b>Introduction to Church Warden Roles and Responsibilities</b>	St Peter's, Chellaston, Derby DE73 6TB <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-churchwarden-role-responsibilities-tickets-52711472433">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/introduction-to-churchwarden-role-responsibilities-tickets-52711472433</a>
Wed 25 Sep 7-9pm	<b>Occasional Offices and Mission 1: Baptism</b>	St Nicholas, Allestree, Derby DE22 2PF <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/occasional-offices-mission-1-baptisms-tickets-52704201686">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/occasional-offices-mission-1-baptisms-tickets-52704201686</a>
Tues 1 Oct 7 for 7.30pm	<b>Deanery Synod</b>	St Werburgh's VA School, Spondon DE21 7LL

### **Sat 12 Oct: DEANERY FESTIVAL OF LIFE! SAVE THE DATE!**

The Deanery Festival of Life will be at St Peter's Chellaston this year. Full details and programme in the September newsletter. (NB the Parish Profile on pages 12-15, about the church and its activities.)

Mon 21 Oct 7-9pm	<b>Leading Worship at Short Notice</b>	St Peter's, Chellaston, Derby DE73 6TB <a href="https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-worship-at-short-notice-tickets-52860034787">https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/leading-worship-at-short-notice-tickets-52860034787</a>
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## Breathing Space and Derby City Deanery at the Festival of Life at Chellaston Rec on Saturday 12<sup>th</sup> October



### **Information about Breathing Space activities:**

*flyers and posters about Breathing Space activities and locations*

### **Exhibitions and sales supporting Derby City Deanery and your Breathing Space:**

*upcycled and recycled wares, repurposed items*

*harvest produce, plants*

*books, music and art..... and more!*

**Full details in the September newsletter.**