

Derby City Deanery NEWSLETTER

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Derby City Deanery
*Rooted in Prayer,
Serving Derby,
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From the Lay Chair, Mrs Madelaine Goddard

Dear friends,

What strange times we are living in! I'm sure when we left the November Deanery Synod we could not possibly have imagined that our next Synod would have to be cancelled because of something so small we couldn't even see it with the naked eye!

Yet so much has changed (and indeed become almost routine) in such a short time – many of us who probably only used the internet to send emails and perhaps check the weather have now become quite competent with meetings, services, Bible studies – not to mention Keep Fit with Joe, ballet from Covent Garden and family quizzes on Zoom, Facebook & FaceTime!

In the following pages you will be able to read about some of the ways we have adapted over the last few weeks – exploring ways of keeping in touch, virtual Church, ways of looking after the wellbeing of ourselves and those around us, and very importantly the initial discussions about what will happen afterwards. Thy Kingdom Come will begin shortly and here is information on how to join in. There is also the latest advice about parish practicalities and a piece celebrating the 200th anniversary of the birth of Florence Nightingale.

We can be particularly proud of the cooperation between the Churches and the City Council in supporting food distribution and the use of some of our buildings for storage & distribution. A number of our clergy are involved with this, including our Acting Area Dean Simon Cartwright who is chairing the steering group of the Derby Food Forum Covid Community Response – very many thanks to him for doing this in addition to his duties in the deanery and his parish.

Another positive outcome has been the increase in the number who apparently are accessing the various services & prayers groups on line – many more than would have entered our Churches during an average week so in our planning for “ afterwards” this is definitely something which must be taken into consideration.

It has been a difficult time for all of us – many working long hours in stressful situations while for others there is the loneliness of isolation, but our thoughts & prayers are especially focussed on

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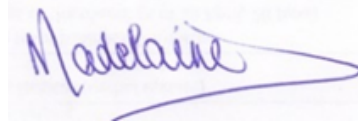
This bi-monthly newsletter comes from Derby City Deanery – the group of Anglican parishes which fall within the city boundary – and is for sharing around churches and communities. Please see the back page for details of future publications, deadlines, etc.

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those who have been directly affected by Corvid 19 – through sickness or very sadly through the pain of bereavement. As we meet with adversity we praise God that He gives us the strength and peace of mind to move forward with courage, and we give thanks that no situation is too difficult for Him to see us through. In the words of Martin Luther King: *Lord we pray that our faith will be greater than fear and be founded on Christ that we may be able to face with courage whatever lies ahead.*

With my love and prayers,



A Blessing For A Meeting on Zoom

In the place where eye contact is impossible
The silent lexicon of non-verbal cues extinct
May this not be the crowd without the wisdom
Despite our isolation, our social distance

May we give thanks for this awkward digital blessing
May we be admitted, May we not be muted
May our distorted sound and scrambled words
Finally align, May they catch up with our pixelated vision

May travelling this unfamiliar landscape
Neither lose us, nor completely exhaust us
And may our bandwidth always find room
For patience, gentleness and the peace
that bypasses misunderstanding.

May every meeting open and close with a poem,
A joke or a steadying moment of silence
Some brief transfiguration in time, to remind us
Of who we were, before all this,
And who we may be again

May our agenda always be kindness,
The waving hand, our ecstatic benediction
And may there never be any other business,
For ever and ever. Amen

Martin Wroe

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PARISH FINANCE RETURNS

Thank you to the parishes who have completed their entries.

As soon as your parish accounts have been independently examined/audited, they can be submitted to the Diocese via the portal and do not need to have been approved at the APCM which can now be up to the end of October. The link is parishreturns.churchofengland.org/ and the deadline is the 15th June. Please let me know of any difficulties, need for new logins, etc.

ENERGY FOOTPRINT TOOL

This is now an extra column in the Parish Returns system – it is easy to complete but you will need the past years' energy bills to hand. There is no specific deadline for the Energy Footprint Tool at this time. You can find more at <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/policy-and-thinking/our-views/environment-and-climate-change/energyfootprinting>.

DIGITAL RESOURCES AND ADVICE

The diocesan website has some useful digital resources for parishes to help engage more online, navigate the legalities and receive online donations. For example:

- Receiving donations online;
- Copyright and licence information – useful if you are live streaming worship music and want to stay legal;
- How to use Zoom for a church meeting, Bible study, prayer session or small group;
- Staying safe on Zoom;
- A beginner's guide to live streaming;
- the Diocese of Derby's Social Media Guidelines;
- How to create and invite to a WhatsApp group, and make WhatsApp group calls, or Skype group calls.....
- And most important: A Church Near You, your free website facility and the first place many people will look for a local church and its activities.

All this and much more at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/communications.html>

For further help or information, please contact the communications team: communications@derby.anglican.org or 01332 388680.

And you can download a pdf with all the links embedded at

https://derby.anglican.org/en/communications/download/3297_3ec06c14f506a80ae18f18d08527bbe0.html

NATIONAL CHURCHES TRUST – SURVEY OF THE IMPACT OF COVID-19



What impact is coronavirus having on churches and how will it change churchgoing in the future are questions being asked in a new survey from the National Churches Trust. The online survey is open to any church in the UK and consists of 18 questions which take around 15 minutes to complete. NB *Deadline 25 May*

You can find the survey at <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/DXHRGYR>

DEANERY QUILT

The deanery quilt was started at the Festival of Life event last year. Each parish was given a template of their parish shape and invited to submit a design relating to their church or locality.

The quilt is coming along slowly, and many parishes did not submit an individualised design, so now is the ideal chance if you'd like to send one in now! Please send to Rachel Harrison stpetersoffice10@btinternet.com



CLERGY ALLOWED LIMITED ACCESS TO CHURCHES:

Our buildings remain closed, however our clergy may now enter church buildings for the purpose of private prayer and the streaming of a service, but only if they wish to do so, and if it can be done safely. Another member of their household may also enter if this is necessary for streaming. Otherwise, we expect prayer and worship to remain a mixed economy across the diocese for some time, with some continuing to offer that solely from their homes.

All who do re-enter church buildings must closely follow the updated guidance at

<https://www.churchofengland.org/sites/default/files/2020-05/Advice%20for%20Clergy%20on%20Re-entering%20Closed%20Church%20Buildings%20v2.2.pdf>

FREE SOCIAL MEDIA WEBINARS from THE CofE DIGITAL TEAM

Enhance your gospel-sharing by learning more about using social media. There are several CofE webinars to choose from:

- Make the most of your A Church Near You page on Wed, 20 May - 10am
- Facebook groups: Keeping a church connected on Thu, 21 May - 12pm



See <https://www.churchofengland.org/more/church-resources/digital-labs/labs-learning-webinars>

DERBYSHIRE POLICE CYBER PROTECTION

Digital crime and fraudulent activity is becoming increasingly prolific, especially during the current times where many of us will be spending more time online. Derbyshire Police have launched a campaign and his link opens a Police Scam Protection Advice document:

https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/stories/download/3298_3fa91225e7deaa6e8b50127f3c089ec0.html

PARISH GIVING SCHEME – NEW TELEPHONE SERVICE

Parishes are going through hard time at the moment, with expenses continuing but no rental income etc. Whatever we can give is greatly needed. If your parish is part of the PGS, you can arrange/change your Direct Debit donation to your parish over the phone, on 0333 002 1271 (NB: you will need your parish's PGS code).

There are other ways of giving to your church – please see <https://derby.anglican.org/en/church-admin/parish-giving-scheme.html> or <https://www.parishresources.org.uk/giving/> for ideas.



BISHOP LIBBY MAKES HER MAIDEN SPEECH IN THE HOUSE OF LORDS

On 6th May Bishop Libby clocked up another of her 'firsts', being the first to make a maiden speech online.

Limited to two minutes, she drew particular attention to the disproportionate and detrimental impact income inequality and lack of sustainability has on children and their households, and the need to .keep all our children and young people safe, to support the mental health and well-being of our children, and to protect children and their families facing increased financial insecurity as a result of the current crisis.

"The inequalities that affect the more than 4 million children in poverty in our country run deep and are systemic, so solutions need to be long-term and sustainable. When asked about the Kindom of God, Jesus brought among them and said 'Of such is the Kindom of Heaven'.

Bishop Libby also made reference to the work of The Children's Society and praised diocesan staff, clergy and congregations for their work during the Covid-19 outbreak.

You can view her speech here: <https://youtu.be/o84qhUP2-qc>



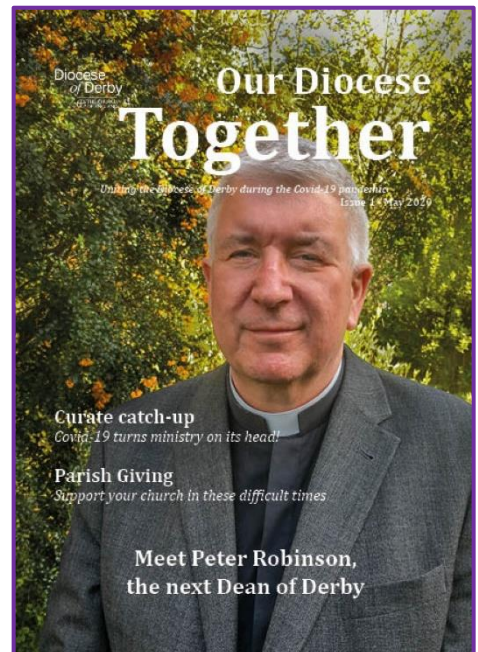
OUR DIOCESE TOGETHER

Due to the CofE recommended guidelines regarding the distribution of printed documents, the monthly "Our Diocese" and quarterly "Together Magazine" have merged as "Our Diocese Together", which you can access at <https://derby.anglican.org/en/publications/our-diocese-together.html>

The Communications team really encourage you to send in your good news (Covid-19 related or other) to share across the diocese. Please send news or stories to communications@derby.anglican.org.

The Diocese of Derby also produces a fortnightly eNews that brings the latest news, events and resources directly to your inbox. You can register to receive it by completing a simple online form at <https://derby.anglican.org/publications>.

Here is one article from the new 'Our Diocese Together' online magazine, and another on page 6:



DEANERY SYNOD

Our next Deanery Synod had been scheduled for Thursday 2 July, and was to have been the first of the new three-year Synod, with Eucharist. However, that plan has had to be set aside, and all Deanery Synod Representatives will be remaining in post for the time being. Nevertheless, we still intend to meet on that date, probably for a 'Deanery Gathering' on Zoom, so please keep the date in your diary.

DERBY CITY DEANERY: ROOTED IN PRAYER

RETREAT IN A TIME OF COVID-19

Fr Julian Hollywell, Vicar of St Werburgh's Spondon, St Philip Chaddesden & St Mark Derwent.

Last year I spent very nearly five weeks in isolation at the Sanctuary of Loyola in Northern Spain. Located in the heart of the Basque Country, in the municipality of Azpeitia, Loyola is both the birthplace of the great St Ignatius writer of the Spiritual Exercises and now home to one of the great retreat houses of the church. Those Thirty Days of isolation and guided prayer were in some ways pretty good preparation for lockdown and so when we realised COVID-19 had meant our Holy Week Retreat in Daily Life couldn't go ahead I wanted us to think again.

I had wondered if anybody would be interested in making a retreat as an 'online' experience, but in many ways the lack of gathering together physically meant the retreat focussed even more on our relationship with and experience of God.

Freed too from the liturgical trappings of Holy Week and the Easter Triduum, (definitely no washing of feet this year) our corporate prayer took on both an austerity and an accessibility that took us in a new direction. I don't think for a moment it was better, but all too often through this lockdown I have focussed on what I am not doing, what isn't possible and how things are what they were... no indeed but it is true to say that they are in some ways changed for the better.

I was particularly struck how our retreat this year was far more accessible to those differently abled. As one of the few churches in the Diocese who have signed up to the Inclusive Church Network this has really made us think. Our lack of physical gathering over the intense period of the retreat kind of levelled the playing field with regards physical access and as one example gave us all a profound insight into the reality of life if you are a wheelchair user. Whilst many of us felt the lack of meeting, some of us were overjoyed at the ease of taking part in bible study or morning and evening prayer via zoom.

This experience, taking place so early on in the lockdown, has profoundly drawn us together across Spondon, Chaddesden, Derwent and through the Journey Community in Wilmorton. Daily prayer has become a much more shared reality and perhaps although in profound physical separation we have all become less atomised in how we express our discipleship and through Zoom we are realising in new and profound ways that we are each one in another.... we just need to remember to turn off mute!

DIAL TO WORSHIP

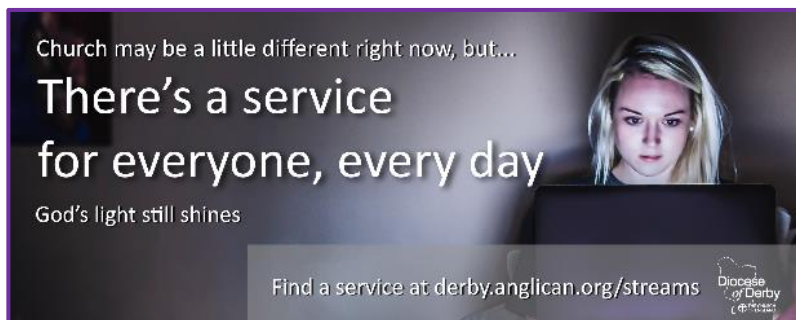
Daily Hope offers music, prayers and reflections as well as full worship services from the Church of England at the end of a telephone line - 24 hours a day.

The line has been set up particularly with those unable to join online church services during the period of restrictions in mind.

Callers will be able to choose from a range of options, including hymns, prayers, reflections and advice on Covid-19. Options available include Prayer During the Day and Night Prayer, updated daily, from Common Worship, and a recording of the Church of England weekly national online service.

An option entitled 'Hymns We Love', provides a hymn and reflection and is based on an initiative by the Connections group.





FIND A LIVE STREAMED SERVICE:

Clergy in the Diocese of Derby are streaming Holy Communion, services, prayer and reflections on social media., and there are lots of options listed here:

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/news/events-and-training/parish-events/derbyshire-church-events.html>

A DIFFERENT-LOOKING CHURCH

‘Church’ looks a bit different right now.

At the start of the year, who would have thought that priests would be swapping the Communion table for their kitchen table? And using cameras instead of pulpits? This is working from home in a way they never imagined!

Some of those initial online services were somewhat rough and ready but, since lockdown, literally hundreds of services, acts of worship and prayer meetings have been streamed (broadcast) by our churches on Facebook, YouTube and their websites. Clergy have adapted in a very short space of time - and magnificently so. Not all clergy and churches are streaming their services - nor should they be otherwise there would be far too many of them! There are plenty of services for you to choose from.

Congregations have adapted too. In fact, many churches have reported that the numbers of people joining in their virtual services are greater than the numbers they are used to on Sunday mornings.

Archdeacon Carol, who herself has streamed services and sermons from her home in Chesterfield, said: “It’s been hugely rewarding to see how many people have found that they have time to be part of online church. Maybe it’s because they don’t have to travel; maybe because they simply aren’t in the habit of going to church. But we do know that people are taking the opportunity to be part of the church community and are really appreciating this way of gathering with others and having some special time with God.”

If you would like to do the same, then you’ll find a list of service streams on the diocesan website – <https://derby.anglican.org/streams> - and you will be more than welcome to be part of any of them.

And if you don’t have internet access, there are phone numbers you can dial for prayers, sermons, services and hymns .

COLLECTING OUR IDEAS AND INSPIRATIONS

The Discipleship, Mission & Ministry team has set up the general email ideas@derby.anglican.org for people in churches to send ideas for creative prayer, worship, mission, community engagement and discipleship during the outbreak.

LOOKING TO THE FUTURE: RAYMOND ROSS SMALL GRANTS

As your parish begins to think about life after lockdown, there may be some small changes for which you need funding. Raymond Ross small grants scheme is still available – see <https://derby.anglican.org/en/resources/funding/raymond-ross-5k-funding.html>

THY KINGDOM COME

Thy Kingdom Come is a global prayer movement that invites Christians around the world to pray for more people to come to know Jesus. What started in 2016 as an invitation from the Archbishops of Canterbury and York to the Church of England has grown into an international and ecumenical call to prayer. Find out more at <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/>



This year's ten days of united prayer from Ascension to Pentecost starts next Thursday, 21st May.

Anna Mann, St Werbergh's Friargate, writes:

You may know that over the past 3 years we have celebrated Pentecost as the churches together in Derby. It's so good to gather together, to be united on this occasion, within the mix of our different expressions of faith, to be able to worship together. This year, we can't physically gather but we would still love to unite in prayer and worship online.

We've put together a trailer video that explains the ideas for Pentecost - this can be found by following this link - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3eTrjPF0mQ0> or by going to Youtube and searching for Citywide Prayer Derby.

We would love to see the 10 days from Ascension to Pentecost filled with an unbroken chain of prayer so we will be hosting an online 24/7 prayer room and would love people to sign up for an hour or more of prayer from churches all across the city. It would be great to have people praying from as many of the different churches as possible as a sign of our unity. As people sign up, they will receive information and guides to help lead them through an hour of prayer. To sign up for a prayer hour you can click on this link <https://www.24-7prayer.com/signup/ee7175>

We'll be hosting an online service at 6.30pm on 31st May, with contributions from churches across the city, to enable us to worship and pray together as one church in Derby. To join this service, head to Youtube and search for Citywide Prayer Derby on 31st May.

Recent research suggests that more people are turning to prayer and connecting with online churches at this time. So we want to continue to pray that we would see salvation and transformation within our city and as we remember the first Pentecost and the Holy Spirit poured out, we want to celebrate all that God has done and continue to pray that we would see God's kingdom come and his will be done here in Derby.

There is a great range of different kinds of prayer resources – for example for children and families: <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/resources/digital-family-prayer-adventure-map> and prayer journals, Prayer and Care packs etc - <https://www.thykingdomcome.global/stories/prayer-and-care>.



and finally:

PRAY A BLESSING OVER THE UK

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PUtlI3mNj5U>

FLORENCE NIGHTINGALE

Jo Simister has been finding out more about Florence Nightingale and her faith.

I don't think anyone in England, let alone Derby, can possibly be unaware that Florence Nightingale was born 200 years ago. You may have seen the docudrama about her recently – it's worth seeking out on i-player – <https://www.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/episode/b00c0ngz/florence-nightingale> .

Taken from information in her letters and diaries, the programme concentrated on the first part of her life: the well-known battle with her parents to turn aside from the expected role of wife and mother to follow a strong calling to nursing, and the crisis which hit her on her return from Scutari as she blamed herself for not achieving enough. But despite serious and debilitating illness, she picked herself up and began the challenge of reforming the army's medical services, pioneering a whole new approach to nursing training (both here and in the USA) and developing the design of hospitals, including in Derby, in correspondence with William Strutt of the Derby mill owning family.

Florence was a supporter of a statistical approach to viewing problems. She was one of the first statisticians to use diagrams to convey statistical information. Her most famous infographic is a polar area graph which shows mortality in the British army. For Florence, statistics were important because they helped in finding the root causes of problems and thus enabled prevention and not just the treatment of symptoms. Florence saw statistics as a way of listening to God's voice. "To understand God's thoughts one must study statistics," she wrote, because they are "the measure of his purpose." Florence saw God as a co-worker with human beings. This was rooted in her reading of the bible – in particular, she regarded the book of Leviticus as being about preventing evil more than removing it. This led to her approach of preventing disease, crime and poverty, rather than trying to fix the problems after they had arisen.

Florence's faith was very practical and she had little patience for romanticism that could not address reality. Even her understanding of prayer was influenced by her statistical approach: "it is against God's will to pray that the typhus caused by the foul drain should be removed without the drain being removed."

Florence's faith was clearly at the root of her care and her social action. Her call, which she often referred to as her "business", ran deeply within her. Throughout her life she read the bible, theology and devotional books. She annotated her bible extensively, showing her continuing interest and engagement with it. She saw God as a generous father who forgives, corrects and guides his children. Prayer, she wrote, requires "the highest exercise of the intellect as well as the deepest affect of the heart." It was co-operation with God, studying God's laws to see how and where to intervene in order to solve problems. And Florence saw clearly that women were also called to this co-operation with God. She understood the way that Jesus gave women a higher place than usual in the society of his time. She argued with those who would prevent women from preaching. And she regularly used feminine language for God. "Father to me thou art and mother too and sister dear."

Florence was the first female member of the Royal Statistical Society; the first female to be awarded the Order of Merit; the first recipient of the Royal Red Cross; a Lady of Grace of the Order of St John..... I am told there are six memorials and statues to her in Derby, I know five.

She was my selection for a balloon debate when I was about 12. I don't think I ever thought we would be celebrating her bicentenary in a global pandemic. We have much to thank her for: one fiery, determined lady.

Read more about her at https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Florence_Nightingale ; visit the local virtual exhibitions at <https://www.derbymuseums.org/whats-on/florence-nightingale-health-in-the-home>

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SERVING DERBY

COVID RESPONSE

In Derby

A major project is underway in the city to cope with the increase in families in need of support at this time for a variety of reasons. The Derby Food Forum is a working under the auspices of the Derby Covid Community Response Hub (DCCRH). The main contact for this project is Paul Brookhouse (dffcc2020@gmail.com). Five hundred families are currently being helped.

Planning is under way now to consider how this project will continue into the future – as lockdown eases there will still be many households in need – there may even be an increase.

The whole Covid Response project is a coordination between Derby City Council and the churches and other voluntary organisations. To ensure the safety of all involved in the Food Forum distributions, it is organised from a central hub as follows.

The drop-off point for food and other in-kind donations is in Pride Park (see below). The donations are then gathered at one central location for sorting and then distributed out to ten local satellite hubs, and from there to the recipients. The criteria for receiving help are constantly under review but please note that people should not go to a food bank directly, since they need a referral from the DCCRH.

People in need: If you know of people in need, make a request for food to the Derby Covid Community Response Hub (DCCRH) via covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk or 01332 640000 (choose option 5).

Volunteers are also being co-ordinated through the Derby Covid Community Response Hub, who can be contacted at covidsupport@communityactionderby.org.uk or 01332 640000. Forms and guidance are available so that volunteers can be directed to a relevant role.

Food etc donation drop-off: Fan Zone area of the car park of Derby County Football Stadium on Mondays and Thursdays between 10am to 2pm. To minimise travelling, ideally your journey should be part of an existing trip or on the way to/from work.

Financial donations: If you would like to make a personal donation to help purchase food please email Paul Brookhouse (at dffcc2020@gmail.com) with a number to call them on to discuss.

In Derbyshire

(From Stella Collishaw at South Derbys CVS: stellac@sd cvs.org.uk)

Some of our parishes are in South Derbyshire district. Stella Collishaw says 'We are running virtual Community Forums for group leads and offering small grants at an expedited pace. Information is going out in our free mailing [sign up to receive the SDCVS e-bulletin: <http://eepurl.com/dx1oZT>] and also on the Stronger South Derbyshire website : <https://strongersouthderbyshire.org/>

There will be a Community Forum at 3pm on Thurs 21 May, tickets will be available until 2pm on 20 May. For more information / to reserve your place visit: <https://www.eventbrite.co.uk/e/online-south-derbyshire-community-forum-tickets-105258434812> (after that, please see the e-bulletin at the link above).

Where you are supporting Covid response in your neighbourhood Stella would like to hear from you. (email stellac@sd cvs.org.uk .)

ST JOHN'S HOLY WEEK AND EASTER

(from Canon Elaine Jones at St John's Mill St, Derby)

Here are just some of the things we did during Holy Week and are doing continuously at St John's for the congregation and for the people of the parish.

Our Breathing Space Garden remains open and several copies of the Church of England suggested prayers - Morning and Evening and prayers for Coronavirus, were printed and left on the picnic tables for people to take away if they wished. They do keep being taken so they are helpful to some – we have also had comments on our facebook Page from strangers who wanted to say thank you. Some of the pictures attached were taken in the garden over the Easter Period. You will see that there's one taken of the church railings on Palm Sunday when palm crosses were tied to the railings for anyone to take away. And they did!



During Holy Week we set up the garden each day. We also sent all the children Messy Church packs, and many of them made Easter Gardens at home. Here are a few of the photos, which were sent to all congregation by email and uploaded to Facebook.

Each Sunday we also have our organist and his wife playing and singing on a live stream the hymns that we would have been singing at the Sunday Morning service.

We have a daily reflection with prayers on Facebook. We use the Prayer Diary where members on the electoral roll plus others are divided up alphabetically into the days of the week by surname – this has been sent to everyone so they can pray for one another and not miss anyone out. We are keeping people up to date with emails which include everything that we put up on Facebook. We have also set up a phone tree where everyone on our electoral roll is contacted by a member of the congregation every 7-10 days depending on their circumstance. These members then report back to me to keep me up to date with everyone.

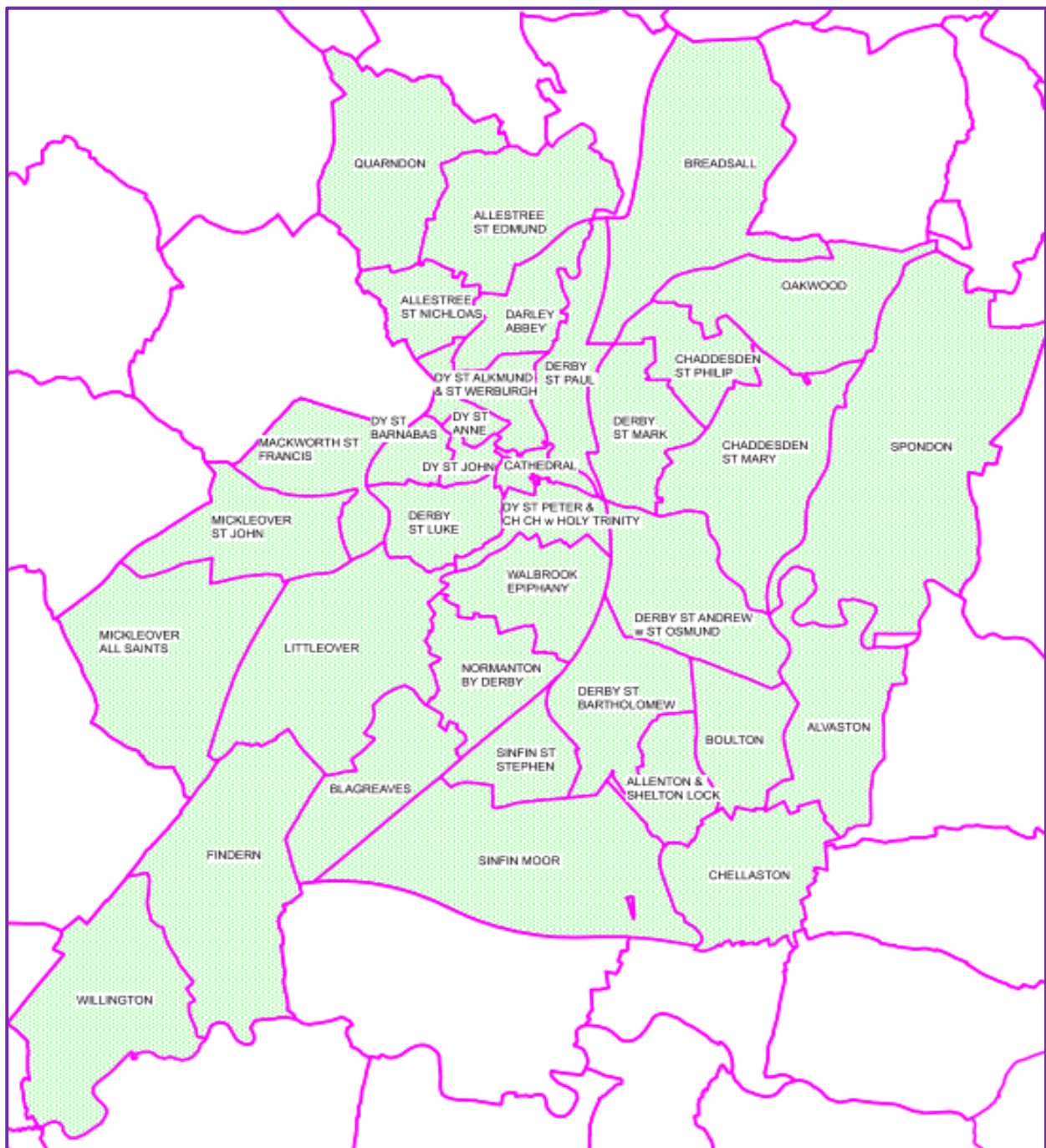


PRAYING FOR OUR PARISHES AND THEIR CLERGY

Here is a map of the deanery and a list of the clergy associated with each parish. Please support them with your prayers at this very pressured time when they are carrying many extra responsibilities and caring for the grieving and lonely and anxious in their communities.

Please also pray for the parishes which are in vacancy at the moment, where the responsibility is resting on teams led by one or two readers, wardens or safeguarding leads. Although some of these parishes will have clergy in place in the coming weeks, others will be waiting a while for a suitable appointment.

The parishes currently in vacancy are: St Francis Mackworth, St Osmund Wilmorton, St Edmund Shelton Lock, St Mary Boulton, Sinfin Moor, and St Anne Derby.



Incumbent/ Minister Responsible			
The Revd	Neil	Barber	St Giles Normanton
The Revd	Peter	Barham	St Edmund Allestree, St Nicholas Darley Abbey
The Revd Dr	Simon	Cartwright	Walbrook Epiphany - St Thomas
The Revd	Susie	Curtis	St Alkmund
The Revd	Neil	Draper	Church on Oakwood Local Ecumenical Partnership
The Revd	Alicia	Dring	St Peter Littleover & St Andrew Blagreaves
The Revd	James	Durrant	St Paul, Chester Green & St Alkmund
The Revd	Nigel	Elliott	St Stephen Sinfin
The Revd	BJ	Facey	St Peter Chellaston
The Revd	Cath	Hollywell	Journey Bishop's Mission Order
The Revd	Julian	Hollywell	St Werburgh Spondon, St Philip Chad, St Mark
The Revd	Beth	Honey	Derwent Oak Bishop's Mission Order
The Revd	Derek	Honour	St Barnabas
The Revd Canon	Elaine	Jones	St John the Evangelist Derby
The Revd	Martin	Knight	Haven Christian Centre Local Ecumenical Partn'sh
The Revd	Phil	Mann	St Werburgh Friargate
The Revd	Becky	Mathew	St Nicolas Allestree, St Paul Quarndon
The Revd Canon	Paul	Morris	St Peter, Derby Chaplaincy
The Revd	Kate	Plant	All Saints Breadsall, Smalley, Morley
The Revd	Susan	Starkey	All Saints Findern, St Michael Willington
The Revd Canon Dr	Elizabeth	Thomson	Cathedral Church of All Saints
The Revd Canon	Peter	Walley	All Saints & St John Mickleover
The Revd	Andy	Ward	Walbrook Epiphany - St Augustine
The Revd Dr	Jason	Ward	St Mary Chaddesden
The Revd	John	Whitney	St Michael & All Angels Alvaston
The Revd	Leonard	Young	St Bartholomew, St Luke

Associate Ministers/Other Clergy			
The Revd Canon	Richard	Andrews	Cathedral Church of All Saints
The Revd	Eileen	Bangay	Sinfin Moor Local Ecumenical Partnership
The Revd	Andy	Bond	St Werburgh Friargate
The Revd	Jenny	Cooper	St Andrew Blagreaves, St Peter Littleover
The Revd	Adam	Dicken	Derby University Chaplain
The Revd	Mick	Futers	St Philip Chaddesden & St Mark
The Revd	Jason	Kennedy	Diocesan Missioner / St Alkmunds
The Revd	Anita	Matthews	St Peter in the City St Werburgh Spondon, St Philip Chaddesden,
The Revd	Paul	Waters	Hospital Chaplain
The Revd	Jo	Whitehead	St Werburgh Friargate

Curates			
The Revd	Steve	Boswell	St Giles Normanton
The Revd	Paul	Desborough	St Alkmund
The Revd	Will	Eley	St Giles Normanton
The Revd	Dawn	Knight	St Nicolas Allestree, St Paul Quarndon
The Revd	Jennifer	Newman	St Werburgh Friargate
The Revd	Anthony	Till	Walbrook Epiphany - St Thomas
The Revd	Sarah	Watson	St Philip Chad, Derwent Oak, St Werburgh Spon

DERBY CITY DEANERY: SHARING THE GOSPEL



READER MINISTRY (LAY MINISTERS)

(Louisa Wass, Lay Warden of Readers, and Reader in Walbrook Epiphany parish)

Maybe you are wondering what you are supposed to do with your life. How God would like you to serve.

For me, my calling to serve God began with a desire to serve my local Vicar. As an ordinary punter, I could see that he was run off his feet and in need of some loyalty, some support and some practical assistance.

A book that was quite formative in my discernment of my calling was "Called or collared?" by Francis Dewar. I've always been a big fan of God but a runner from and a rebel against authority. The title made me ruminate with God on how I might, with God's help, find a place for myself, without becoming institutionalised.

I didn't want to have the Church of England as my paymaster. Plus I think God likes me in my day job – I work for a trade union. I fight against injustice. And I share God's love as I go.

I never leave my awareness of and devotion to God behind when I go home from Church on Sunday. And I serve God as much in my family and in my workplace as when I am working with Church.

I heard about Reader Ministry. This is where you can serve God in your church and local community. You can pray with folk, lead services, preach, visit the sick, lead house groups, work with kids, focus on sung worship, and provide funeral ministry. You can pioneer new stuff and develop fresh expressions. And you can do it alongside Priests who do the communion, the baptisms and the weddings. But you still live and work outside the church.

So I studied part time for four years and became a Reader in the Church of England. Licensed to love and to pray and to serve. I like Reader Ministry because we stand for and with every ordinary man and woman before Christ. We represent the ordinary disciple. And we serve alongside our ordained colleagues.

I am one of many Readers who work across our Deanery. We do a variety of things. We use our enthusiasms for craft, or kids, or misfits. We use formal liturgy, old and new and we make it up as God leads us. You will recognise us by our blue preaching scarves. By our individuality. Some of us by our agitation for change, and all of us with deep respect and love for our neighbour on the street and in the pew.

Why don't you talk to God about what you should be doing in the world to further God's Kingdom?

And talk to me, or your local reader or priest, or the vocations team at Church House if you would like more info on lay, or ordained ministry in the Church of England.

If this is stirring your curiosity, take a look at the Vocations page on the Diocesan website, <https://derby.anglican.org/en/faith-and-life/hearing-god's-call.html>. There are two dates to find out more – Tue 15 Sep 2pm-4pm, at Holy Trinity, Mapperley and Wed 18 Nov 7pm-9pm, in Church House, Derby.

This sessions will bring lay people together to explore the gifts they have been given, share their experiences, listen to how God is calling them to use their gifts in their lives (at school, work, home, in their communities) and encourage each other. There will be time for quiet prayer and reflection as well as group discussion. These sessions are open to all but booking is essential.



REFUGEE WEEK – 15-21 JUNE

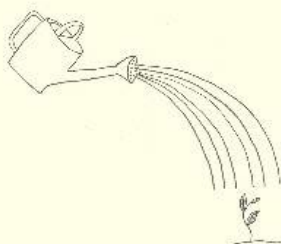
In light of COVID-19, Refugee Week will happen as a digital festival this year. We will also offer support to Refugee Week events postponed until later in the year, whenever they happen.

At a time when the potential for fear and isolation is great, Refugee Week online will be an invitation for us all to connect across borders, show solidarity and, together, imagine another world.

You can take part by doing one of eight Simple Acts, which are everyday actions we can all do to stand with refugees and make new connections in our communities (see sample below). More on these and other activities at <https://refugeeweek.org.uk/covid-19-and-refugee-week-2020/>

SIMPLE ACTS

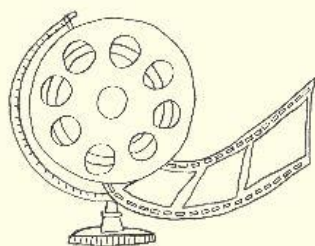
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Watch a Film



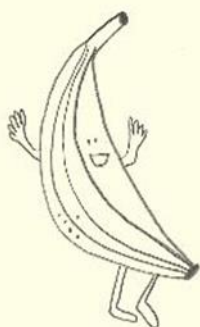
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Read a Book about Exile



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Tell a Joke



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Share a Song



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Join the Movement



BREATHING SPACE:

ON THE INNER MEERKAT

Jo Simister, Deanery Administrator, jo.simister@derby.anglican.org inspired by Will van der Hart's chat at www.youtube.com/watch?v=rIKdlrpAz4g

As a young child, I was taken to Twycross Zoo – this was in the days of the PG Tips chimps, before Twycross became a fully fledged zoo. I remember the prairie dogs and the way they perched on a rock, looking around.

Nowadays we are probably more familiar with meerkats, somewhat similar in their habits (but mongoose family rather than rodents). Twycross currently has both.



What is the purpose this rambling? Well, think about the meercats and their three modes of being: scrabbling around energetically, or stretched out in the sun, or being photographed playing sentinel. Whichever mode they are in, they seem to give themselves over to it completely.

We can think of ourselves as meerkats, having the same three modes: working energetically and productively to feed ourselves and keep the community going, recovering with periods of rest and relaxation, and taking a turn at sentry duty with our antennae on full twitch. It's the playing sentinel bit I want to look at more deeply.

It's perfectly natural to want to feel safe, to know what's happening around us, and to have a fair idea of what danger is lurking in the offing in order to be able to plan what to do next. It's basic to our survival. And the ways we respond are basic too – ancient and deep-seated instincts of fight, flight or freeze. In normal times, whichever way we deal with the danger, it's usually over quickly and we recover our equilibrium and carry on with what we were doing. Usually our periods of being hyper alert are quite short – we sense we are under threat, we pinpoint something that's wrong, we deal with it, we recover, and our body's stress hormones, heartbeat, and so on return to normal. If we have had a major trauma, our recovery may take more time and there may be tears and trembling along the way, and perhaps grieving and anger, but we will still be able to move on.

The problem at the moment is that we don't know and we can't plan and we, quite naturally, feel very stressed and threatened by this. We aren't in the normal cycle of sensing an alert and dealing with it and moving on. We just know that our whole lives have been disrupted and all our certainties and relationships are upside-down. We don't know whether and how we can recover. We can't see three weeks ahead, let alone three months. We are severed from all our support – friends, family, activity groups. It's all up in the air: work, family plans, holidays, financial security..... And this, naturally, is making many of us very anxious indeed.

If you are reading this newsletter you are a person of faith. You have a relationship with God. You can rage at God, you can howl, you can question, but at the end of that there is the certainty that God hears, will comfort, relieve, succour, strengthen, calm and give you peace. And maybe you will be able to reflect some of that serenity out to others around you.

Have faith. Connect with your inner meerkat. Whatever you are doing, do it wholeheartedly. Be alert, be afraid, be joyful, be despairing – but don't hug it to yourself, hand it over to God!

"He said not 'Thou shalt not be tempested, thou shalt not be travailed, thou shalt not be dis-eased'; but he said, 'Thou shalt not be overcome.'"

— Julian of Norwich, *Revelations of Divine Love*



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LOCKDOWN CYCLING WITH GOD

I mount my bike there is the trail to explore,
 The sound of silence greets me, deafening, like a roar.
 ASDA car park is first to cross, a queue is there so I must take care.
 Social distancing is being observed, toilet roll and hand wash, but the shelves are still bare.

On I pedal down the cycle track there is far to go and much to see, I am alone except for thee.
 Spirituality is stuck in my core, could the lockdown help me find the key to that door?
 Lost in my thoughts I continue on, runners, dog walkers, cyclists are but few are they all at ASDA
 stuck in the queue?

A horse rider approaches I slow right down, she waves me forward as I circle round.
 We say good morning as we pass, a friendly greeting but it feels really strange as we avoid each
 other like the plague.
 The sun is shining on our green and pleasant land and I marvel at the work of God's creative hand.
 The farmers are working, their tractors at plough for crops to be planted.
 Oh! How we take so much for granted.

I reach my usual break point by a busy road; the sound of silence greets me once more this is not
 the England that I knew before.
 Banana and drink are my usual fayre as I recite the Lord's prayer and think of the people in
 Intensive Care.

Off I go down a country lane, a Hare lopes towards me then thinks again; about turn and goes back
 whence it came.
 Social distancing for all to see, through the hedgerow to a field it is running free!
 Oh! How I wish it was me.

I reach the village that is my goal there is a silence; no one around not a living soul.
 The Church in the centre doors sadly closed, remains a beacon for all to see; I am happy that God is
 accompanying me.
 The local cemetery is a place I pass, a sobering reminder of the current death toll; So is there hope,
 yes, we must stay strong for that time when we can rejoice in song.

I turn around and head back home; the Lord is with me I am not alone.
 My route retraced I am back whence I came the queue at ASDA is as before, just different people
 on the same chore!
 In spite of my weariness I am blessed; I feel refreshed, my soul is cleansed, my mind restored, all
 thanks to our gracious Lord.

Geoff Parton
April 2020

A prayer for those who are anxious

God of peace, calm my inner storms,
 God of comfort, take my hand when I am sinking,
 God of faithfulness, hold me fast,
 God of hope, break the grip of my fear.
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
show me I am not alone.
God of love, cast out all my fear.

God of love, comfort me when I am lonely,
 God of wisdom, show me a way forward,
 God of strength, give me courage for tomorrow,
 God of light, lead me out of inner darkness.
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
show me I am not alone.
God of love, cast out all my fear.

God of all, you gave your Son to death for me,
 God of all, you raised him to eternal life,
 God my Father too, you promise life to me as well,
God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ,
show me I am not alone.
God of love, cast out all my fear.

(Diocese of Portsmouth)

A locked church

Ah my dear Lord, the church is locked
 but let my heart be open to your presence;
 there let us make, you and I,
 your Easter garden;
 plant it with flowers,
 and let the heavy stone be rolled away.

(Prayer Poems)

Please take a look at the Ideas, Information & Resources for Churches and Worshipping Communities Responding to Covid-19, where you will find more of these prayers and links.

<https://derby.anglican.org/en/our-mission/community-engagement/ideas-for-community-engagement.html>

WILD WORSHIP FIELD GUIDE

Most of Jesus' teaching was conducted outside... on hillsides, next to lakes, in boats; he filled it with metaphors, pictures and stories about the landscape around the people he was speaking too. And Psalm 19:1-4 and Romans 1:20 are just two of the scriptures that re-enforce this reality of creation's ability to communicate who God is and to help us connect with him and learn more about how to relate to him.

Download this excellent family resource and go on a nature hunt now that's it's possible to travel a little further afield.

http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/creative_prayer_idea_wild_worship_field_guide.pdf

<http://thesanctuarycentre.org/resources/prayer-stations-god-revealed-in-creation.pdf>

MAKING A MASK FROM A HEADSQUARE OR NECKERCHIEF

If you don't already have facemask but feel you need some protection, there is no need to worry – you can easily make a very effective one from items you have at home. You need a head square or other square of fabric, preferably cotton, and a couple of rubber bands or hair scrunchies.

Take a look at this video to get the method – no sewing involved! <https://youtu.be/1r2C1zGUHbU>.

The purpose of the mask is to protect you and to protect others. Remember to take off your mask without touching the outside, and to wash it in hot water (60 degrees C).

THE MARRIAGE COURSE

(<https://stwderby.org/marriagecourse>)

As we all adapt to a new normal, juggling life in lock-down, we want to help couples all over Derby strengthen their relationship.

For many of us we may not be used to being around our spouse all day, managing work, family, home schooling, financial difficulty, loss of income and freedom, but in times like these we really need each other.

Over seven sessions, the course covers:

- Strengthening Connection
- The Art of Communication
- Resolving Conflict
- The Power of Forgiveness
- The Impact of Family
- Good Sex
- Love in Action

The Marriage Course has been running for over 20 years and helped over 1 million couples. It's for anyone who is married or in a long-term relationship seeking practical support to strengthen their relationship, keep the spark alive and stay connected.



HELPING CHILDREN TO COPE WITH BEREAVEMENT

Sadly, it is probable that we will have to deal with bereavement in our communities over the next weeks and months. Here is a useful document (PDF) about having difficult conversations with children, produced by the Diocese of Carlisle: https://derby.anglican.org/education/wp-content/uploads/2020/04/Difficult_conversations_with_children.pdf

Winstons's Wish has useful resources for helping schools help children and young people who are coping with the death of a loved one. <https://www.winstonswish.org/coronavirus/>

There are more links at the Derby Diocesan Board of Education's webpages: <https://derby.anglican.org/education/>

FAITH AT HOME

Many young people struggle to make sense of the meaning of life in these troubled times, and are actively repelled by faith practices they see around them. And yet, a secure faith can bolster their self esteem and sense of security.

Faith at Home is new and growing campaign seeking to resource and support the faith development of young people. <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home>

There are sections of the CofE website for church leaders, school leaders and parents. There are also a weekly set of collective worships for both primary and secondary ages: <https://www.churchofengland.org/faith-action/faith-home/faith-home-videos>

These sessions are engaging and take the spiritual lives of young people seriously and will focus on themes such as hope, courage, love, vulnerability, patience and many others.


NOTICEBOARD


Climate Change Action Talks:
What do we know | What can we do

Are emerging diseases part of climate change?

Date: Thursday 20th May, 2020
Time: 7.30 pm to 8.30 pm
Sign up to the online event here:
<https://tinyurl.com/DerbyClimateDisease>
BYO refreshments!

What: Dr Richard Williams (University of Derby) talks about emerging diseases and whether changes in disease dynamics are related to global climate change.




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A prayer before silence, from Christian Aid

Loving God,
we seek your presence in the silence beyond words
looking to you for comfort, strength, protection and reassurance
breathing with gratitude holding on to hope
trusting with faith that you are still God in the midst of the turmoil
and that your love reaches to the ends of the earth.
Be present with us now.



Amen


HEADHIGH

Feeling low or alone?

Join our friendly volunteers for group chat or enter one of our quiet spaces for more personal support.

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During these difficult times we have adapted our regular Night Bus service to be more accessible for many at a time you may need support the most.

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Friday & Saturday Nights

www.headhigh.org.uk/virtualnightbus

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DEADLINE FOR THE NEXT ISSUE: 5pm on Friday 26th June 2020.